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Open to new thinking?

The last month has seen our TV screens full of *Black Lives Matter* events and impassioned debates. We've seen shocking images of George Floyd dying. I'm sure many of us have debated with others our response to the very phrase *Black Lives Matter*. The kneejerk reaction of some of us that actually surely *All Lives Matter* has been countered with powerful images - for me the most relevant being Jesus leaving the 99 sheep which were safe, and going off specifically to search for the one lost sheep in particular danger. The beatitudes in Jesus's Sermon on the Mount also point to the idea that special attention is what God gives to those in particular need – so surely we should too.

It's only a year or so since school strikes for climate change were happening, and those dramatic Extinction Rebellion rallies were taking place demanding Government action for climate change and climate justice.

This time of Coronavirus restrictions and anxiety is forcing us to reconsider how our society values low-paid but highly important health service and care workers, shop and delivery workers, and the plight of many others still not able to work in hospitality and tourism, for example.

There's a huge amount for us to ponder and to be challenged about, and (I hope) to be willing to change our minds about if we realise we've been wrong or short-sighted. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow Jesus, and to be willing to learn from him, and of course learning involves being willing to look at things in new ways.

As I write, this week we are beginning to open our church buildings again, just for private prayer at the moment, but probably for worship before too long. It will be tempting for many of us for our minds to become fully-occupied with getting our churches going again with the large range of activities and services we're used to hosting. Many of these are of real value, but perhaps the way we can be so building-focused might be something God wants us to reconsider. The last three months have shown many of us that it is possible to be a community of Christians without any building being involved.

It's not easy for us to get this right, not least because among us are believers who first came to faith through a visit or connection to a church building. But let us not settle for simply carrying on as we always have, but rather continue to keep our hearts open to God's prompting - being willing to learn God's new ways and purposes for us.

***With my prayers & best wishes
Caspar Bush (Team Rector)***

This month, Rev Graham ponders Covid, Creativity and Community

Many of us, even locals to Redruth, might not have ventured out along Sandy Lane recently, but since the start of the lockdown in the middle of March, almost out of nowhere, a community allotment has sprung up. It was a grassed field on the outskirts of town, but over the course of several weeks so far an entire allotment has been dug, with many families and several generations all getting involved – observing social distancing of course – as together they contributed to the vibrant patchwork now covering most of the field.

In the midst of the chaos and tragedy that is this current season, there is a definite renewed move towards creatively nurturing community in the places where we live. I don't know about you, but I have found my local neighbourhood to be a real source of life and support recently. Perhaps it helps that we get to walk our dog in our local paths and parks, and have started to get to know fellow dog owners around the area. But there is so much that unites us within the places we call home, and this renewed sense of joyful activism and enjoying our communal spaces is one thing that the church can really get behind. If we have learnt anything from this crisis, it is that we really must redouble our commitment to one another and to 'seek the good of the city' (Jeremiah 29:7).

During the lockdown many people have noted the opportunity to reconnect as a society with the things we thought we'd lost over previous generations, including the importance to us of local places and connecting with the people where we live. So, in a nutshell, we are called to love our neighbourhood, just as we are called to love our neighbour. How could you get involved more where you live? Ask God in prayer what that could be for you. It might be chatting more with your neighbours, offering a helping hand, a listening ear or volunteering with one of our many community groups like Foodbank, your village or your local church. As all of our church buildings prepare to open up again in the not-too-distant future, we would love your support in building communities of care in every place where the church (i.e. the people) is found.

This month's cover picture comes from the annual St Andrew's Arts Festival – this year an online version, but no less wonderfully creative! Another vibrant sign of the creativity within this community, the whole festival is available on the Redruth Church website.

Fr Peter writes

THE FLAPJACK APPLE TREE

The First Sunday Event held on zoom on Sunday June 7 saw the planting of an apple tree to celebrate WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY. Luci Isaacson, the Diocesan Environmental Officer guided us through how to plant and care for things that will grow and provide food. Her daughter Lydia read beautifully, and offered the prayers whilst Jenny and Caroline Opie on an outside broadcast planted the tree on behalf of the young people of FLAPJACK. The whole event was backed by stunning images and hymns organised by Julia Knight-Bennet (with Perran making a guest appearance) The tree has found its way into Pencoys Primary School and will soon have a plaque that will read:

PENCOYS CHILDREN CARE FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENT.
THIS TREE CELEBRATES THAT CARE, AND THE CARE GIVEN TO EACH OTHER IN THE 2020 LOCKDOWN.



RED AND WHITE HAZARD TAPE AT CHRISTCHURCH AND PENCOYS

I did not know that the various colours of hazard tape indicate a different hazard:

YELLOW / BLACK: police or fire fighters present, keep out

RED / WHITE: barrier, keep away

MAGENTA / YELLOW: radiation alert

ORANGE / WHITE: traffic caution

BLUE / WHITE: defective machinery

GREEN / WHITE: safety through first aid

BLACK / WHITE: for household use

So, if you went into St Andrew, Penvoys, or, Christchurch to say your prayers you would be confronted by A LOT of red/white hazard tape.

The tape, together with the hand sanitiser on

the way in and out is there to protect you and others from the possible transmission of the COVID 19 virus.



So, as the tape was fastened onto pews, altar rails and other convenient fastenings I began to see another meaning for the tape. WHAT ARE THE HAZARDS THAT WE ARE FACING AS THE LOCKDOWN BEGINS TO BE RELEASED?

When the hazard tape is taken down, the churches will be open for services again, social distancing will either have been relaxed or reduced. So will it be back to everything just as it was, or have we learnt something whilst the churches were closed? Already the question is being asked WHEN WILL THIS SERVICE / THAT CLUB / THOSE EVENTS START AGAIN?

continued

The hazard is very real, that we will all just go back to how it was on Sunday March 15, the Sunday before Sunday March 22' Mothering Sunday' when for the Benefice the lockdown began. The hazard is that we will lose sight of all that zoom brought to the five churches as we gradually became ONE.

EIGHTEEN people came to the THY KINGDOM COME prayer stations and discussions. Prayers were offered for all of the communities that we seek to serve, and questions were asked about the future after lockdown. There is still time to reflect on where the church goes next, and how it gets there. The hazard tape is still blocking us falling into the old patterns.

MAY EACH ONE OF US GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PROPHETIC, TO DISCUSS HOW THE FIVE CHURCHES AND THE BENEFICE AS A WHOLE CAN REACH OUT ACROSS THE HAZARD TAPE AND BRING GOD'S LOVE AND LIFE INTO THE NEW WORLD.

FP July 2020

CHURCH OPENINGS

Christchurch, Lanner will be open each Monday/2.00pm - 4.00pm and each Friday/4.00pm - 6.00pm. THE COMMUNITY PANTRY REMAINS OPEN 24/7

St Andrew, Pencoys will be open each Tuesday/2.00pm - 4.00pm and each Saturday/4.00pm - 6.00pm

YOU are very welcome to come in, say your prayers, light a candle as you leave and see the hazard tape!!!

RIP: The Four Lanes / Pencoys communities were shocked and saddened to learn of the deaths of both MAVIS GOLDSWORTHY and VICKI POOLE. Mavis was a regular at all community events, spending generously and supporting whenever she could. Her graveside funeral was held on Thursday June 25. Vicki sang in the church choir several years ago, loved silver jewellery and all things bright and colourful. She leaves a dog, Lollipop and eight cats is there anyone who would like a cat?

Vicki's funeral was held on Friday June 19.

TEAM COUNCIL MEETING VIA 'ZOOM' TUESDAY 7 JULY 7pm

details to be forwarded to Team Council Members by Caspar at a later date

FROM THE REGISTERS GRAVESIDE FUNERALS

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Many congratulations to Prebendary Jim Vincent who celebrated his 90th Birthday on June 10th.

It is with great sadness I have to report the passing of three people with close connections to Treleigh Church. The thoughts and prayers of all at Treleigh go to Caroline and Mark and their families, daughter and son of **Margaret Weller** who passed away recently. Margaret was the wife of John Weller who served as Churchwarden at Treleigh from 1992 to 1994 and was a long serving member of Treleigh congregation. The Credence table was given in his memory. Both Caroline and Mark were members of Treleigh Sunday School.

The thoughts and prayers on the passing of Angela Mason are with her husband Stan and daughter Sarah and family. Angela, Stan and Sarah have been long time supporters of Treleigh over many years and were always very much in evidence at Treleigh Garden Fete. Sarah was a member of Treleigh Sunday School.

John Gendower passed away recently and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jill and daughter Sarah and her family. John, together with Jill, Sarah and her sons were great supporters of Treleigh.

We continue to thank Rev'd Caspar Bush and his team for keeping our church families together with the Zoom services.

As I write this the weather is still unbelievable and we have had the driest May ever. We may have been locked down but this wonderful weather has carried us through; as I said before definitely God given. As for the birds, they are marvelously uplifting, relax and listen to the birds they are a real tonic.

As we are in the Fete season here is another snippet....In 1935 Treleigh Garden Fete was opened by Dr. J. W. Hunkin, Bishop of Truro, being the first fete he had opened in Cornwall. Total proceeds were £30 to go to the heating system and electric lighting. The Vicar at that time was Rev'd J. Treharne Phillips. There followed displays by the 1st Treleigh Girl Guides and later evening entertainment in the church hall.

Stay safe everyone
Trish Rowe

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

First Sunday Event

The theme for June's event, which took place on Sunday 7 June, was World Environment Day. Thank you to Luci Isaacson who spoke passionately on the subject of the environment and the changes that we can make in our own lives to protect our world. The second highlight of the service was the planting of an apple tree by Caroline and Jenni. We have now raised enough money to buy a Shelter Box tent as part of their Tent for Lent fundraiser.

Christchurch Re-opening

We will be re-opening for private prayer from Monday 22 June. You can visit the church on Mondays between 2-4pm and Fridays between 4-6pm.

Community Pantry

The use of the community pantry is increasing, and we would like to thank everyone who has donated tins or jars of food. In addition to the daily pantry, members of the public can reserve a cake as part of the Bake Giveaway organised by Nathaniel Squire, a resident of Lanner. You can reserve your cake by using the Olio app.

Garden

Ken has been working hard in the church garden and there are now damsons growing on Sam's tree. The tree dedicated to Jason Walsh has sadly died, but Ken has exciting horticultural plans for it!

Julia Knight-Bennett

175th ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTCHURCH, LANNER

On July 15 the Festival of St Swithun, Christchurch, Lanner was consecrated (possibly by Bishop Henry Phillpotts, the then Bishop of Exeter) as a Parish Church. Prior to that event, the building was a Chapel of Ease with its foundation stone laid by Archdeacon Sheepshanks on April 20 1839. Christchurch celebrates its Patronal Festival in November each year as part of the events surrounding Christ the King.

Swithun was the Bishop of Winchester who died in 862 at the age of 62. The origin of the legend of rain which surrounds Swithun is lost in the midst of time. In 971, the decision was made to move Swithun from outside the cathedral, where he wanted to be buried, to a new shrine within the cathedral walls. As the move was taking place, there was a terrible rain storm!! Later in 1315 on July 15, the feast of St Swithun, there was a violent storm. Perhaps all this gave rise to the rhymes:

If on St Swithun's day it really pours,
You're better off to stay indoors

St Swithun's day if it rains,
For forty days it will remain.
St Swithun's day if it is fair,
For forty days it will rain no more.

Thanks to Pat Williams who remembered the day, and, whose late husband Fr Peter did the research.

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ST EUNY

There was a collective sigh of relief when we were advised that our churches could reopen for individual prayer from week commencing Monday, 15 June 2020. What this means in reality is still a little uncertain, as this must be 'supervised' and a risk assessment undertaken under the current Covid-19 situation.

I am always on the lookout for positives to come out of the Coronavirus lockdown of the past couple of months and this month is no exception, as more people have been exercising around the churchyards which has given us new supporters. One such is Paul who, having a stressful job working for the NHS, has offered his services to garden and tidy up around the church building. This he did for the first time in the torrential rain this week and what a difference his hard work has made. So, thank you Paul!

I had a wry smile when he said he wasn't in the prime of youth but was willing to offer his services as much for what **he** gets from working in the great outdoors, as for the church. My response was that compared to the four of us currently in the St Euny Gardening Club he is a spring chick!

As I write, we have a colony of honey bees in a grave in the churchyard, which hopefully will have a new home by the time this magazine goes to press! Two baby owls have also been spotted in the trees in the churchyard and no matter what we humans are going through, nature carries on and never lets us down.

The St Euny Volunteers continue to collect shopping and medication for those in the community who need it and it will be a great day when we can all join together to celebrate the sterling work they are doing, especially as we don't know everyone of them personally.

Our Diocesan Environment Officer, Luci Isaacson, has commented that the Redruth Benefice are 'shining lights' where environmental issues are concerned and is pushing us forward with regard to our churches becoming Eco Churches. If I thought getting the Green Church Kernow Gold Award was a top ask, this is even harder. However, knowing that Revd Deb is on board with all things 'green' will help us at St Euny considerably.

Although we hope it is not too long before we can open our doors fully and welcome everyone back, we do thank our Rector, Caspar, and his team for all the good work they've achieved with Zoom services, socials, Bible studies etc over the past few months. As well as our traditional ways of doing things, it would be fantastic to continue to use this 21st century technology for outreach. I, for one, was delighted that I was able to join a webinar taking place in Nottingham today via Zoom, as it is doubtful I would have travelled there personally. But in doing so from home I have managed to cut down on my personal carbon footprint by sitting at my desk with a cuppa. Perfect!

We had a most enjoyable 'Upper Room' led by Revd Margaret Saville today, again something that was achievable from one's own home. Although it is always enjoyable to be in each other's company, it has been really positive to see each other's faces and hear familiar voices. A real bonus during these uncertain times.

Thanks also to Naomi Smith for ensuring our wellbeing is catered for via the St Euny Yoga sessions each Tuesday morning, again on Zoom.

As ever all, please do take care, stay safe and know that you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Margaret Johnson

St. Andrew's Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church

'FLAPJACK'

Working, praying and worshipping together as 'One in Christ'

Following the decision that churches may open for supervised private prayer while exercising social-distancing guidelines, we are pleased to advise that St. Andrew's Church Pencoys will be open twice a week, from Monday, 22nd June, on **Tuesday** afternoons from **2pm to 4pm** and on **Saturdays** from **4pm to 6pm**. Please see the outside notice board for the safety guidelines for visiting.

We are delighted that the bell at St. Andrew's Pencoys has been repaired and was rung on Sunday evening, 14th June, to commemorate the third anniversary of the Grenfell Tower tragedy in West London, and to convey the message that "Every Life Matters" in the wake of the horrific death of George Floyd in the USA. Let us pray that peace will reign over the outbreaks of violence which have ensued.

Our **grateful thanks** continue to go to Caspar, Deb, Graham and Fr. Peter (and other named 'hosts') for enabling us to 'meet' weekly for a social chat and of course, to share our Sunday Benefice Holy Communion Service, via the wonders of modern technology. One of the most enduring features of these events is the knowledge that our Lord is constantly with us and that we can continue to be in touch with and support each other as his church, as we remain in partial lockdown during the current pandemic. We pray that common sense and self-control will prevail and that despite the gradual increase in personal freedoms, everyone will do their unselfish utmost to promote the health and safety of our local community by reducing risk wherever possible.

The recent week of "Thy Kingdom Come" presentations by Deb, leading to Pentecost, was very thought-provoking and we thank her for all her efforts to enable us to broaden our vision in our approach to prayer, tackling our Big Questions, improving our welcome, dealing with the rubbish in our lives and growing and maintaining friendship. We are also grateful for the ability to re-visit these sessions via YouTube; one of the many 'silver linings' of the clouds of our present situation. Thank you, Deb, for all your hard work, and Caspar, for the 'techy stuff'!

On Sunday, 7th June, we enjoyed our first 'Zoomed' LAMP First Sunday Evening Event to celebrate World Environment Day, led by Fr. Peter and Luci Isaacson, the Diocesan Environment Officer and a member of the congregation at Christchurch Lanner, with her daughter Lydia. Lydia read the Parable of the Sower, whilst some of us 'doodled' with colouring a humorous cartoon-style picture of 'Gardening', which Luci had provided as a download. During our 'virtual' Event, Jenny and Caroline Opie 'planted' a Red Windsor Apple tree in their front garden in Four Lanes which has since been transferred to the grounds of Pencoys School, to commemorate the Day spent in the unprecedented time of 'the Lockdown'. As we normally support a particular charity at these events, Fr. Peter has suggested that those 'attending' may like to reserve a small donation for the 'Tent' project, and contact him when we are able to do so. In the meantime we wish everyone continued good health and safety.

Jill Tolputt

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

LOCKDOWN WITH THE ROBINS FAMILY

We have spent the last almost three months together, just the two of us. We do the same thing most days – after breakfast we usually go for a walk (we have not yet ventured very far from home) just staying near the house. We have met many people, who have all been considerate and kept their distance, although they almost all say “Good Morning” and some stop to have a chat with us. Many of them who walk their dogs we see regularly and are getting to know them. The dogs are interesting; they chase balls, come to see who we are and have a wonderful time in a playing field near our house. After the walk we return and have a cup of tea together. Most of our time is then spent planning meals, doing housework, washing, ironing and the usual routine boring necessities.

It has been good to be able to use Jill’s computer skills – shopping for food on-line and arranging deliveries. Jill has also made some new and interesting cakes, although some have not turned out well as certain ingredients have been difficult to find. We have had deliveries of food from a supermarket and a local farm.

At times there is a lull in the necessary jobs and Ralph has had time to pursue his interest in Victorian Penryn. He taught for many years in Penryn Junior School and has been researching this subject for some considerable time. Over the years, Jill has typed about 800-900 pages for him, and he has continued his research in the lockdown. Jill spends her free time knitting, mainly for our granddaughter, or her dolls, but there has been time also to knit for premature babies in Malawi. Jill continues her hobby of card-making, although obviously, at the moment she cannot bring them to St. Andrew’s Crypt.

During this time, it has been wonderful to hear from many old friends and family members and to keep in touch by telephone or e-mail. We have heard from, or contacted, many people who in normal times we see very infrequently. We have certainly been so delighted for all the offers of help we have had from such a variety of people and especially neighbours who have collected prescriptions and posted parcels, etc. for us and we feel so grateful to them, especially the young people who are so kind.

The real high point of this time of lockdown for us, has been the opportunity of being able to see more of our seven-year-old granddaughter (who lives in Cambridgeshire). Her Dad has allowed her to Skype from her own I-pad so we get calls at various times of the day and spend time watching her play and chatting to her. Almost every day there is a new adventure for us with her. We watch schoolwork, cooking, regular decorating of cupcakes and, most interesting of all, we join in her pretend playing! Then she takes us into the garden where she makes sure we can see her on her swing and trampoline. Last week she had her seventh birthday and we joined in a Zoom birthday party. This is the first year since she was born that we have not been with her on her birthday. However, it was lovely to be able to watch her and her friends celebrate in an entirely different way. Yesterday, she showed us how much it was raining where she lives and said that the clouds were “crying Gummy Bears”!

Although we badly miss Church, it has been lovely to be able to join in with many friends from the various Churches for the Zoom services on Sunday mornings and recently we have been able to resume our Upper Room Group on Wednesdays, via Zoom of course. It was also good to be able to see the many and varied contributions to the St. Andrew’s Arts Festival online this year.

We send our love to our friends in the Churches of the Benefice.

Jill & Ralph Robins

I wrote this poem in 1991, and almost 30 years later, the message is the same.

Beyond the awful tragedy of this pandemic, it has achieved what all the protests and speeches could not ! Lets hope and pray it continues ?

MY DREAM

I had a dream, the world was new,
Untouched, with peace, serene.
I had a nightmare, man was born,
Destroying all he'd seen.

With open eyes, the dreams and nightmares end,
And all is clear.
The world would once again revive,
If man would disappear.

But No! That's not the way to feel,
With guidance from above,
We're learning to protect, this world we live in.
Now with love.

With open eyes, my dream is now,
Respect for all we see,
Then man will share, the world revived,
In peace and harmony.

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A Walk to Carnmarth

By Michael Tangye

With the relaxing of restrictive movement we are now able to enjoy short walks in our immediate areas. One such, close to Redruth, is to Carn Marth which can be approached from either the top of Lanner Hill or along Sandy Lane before ascending Cal Hill. Yet another route is favoured by this writer, that through Gambler Farm and along the field path to Gwennap Pit.

In the past we recall this route thronged with families on Whit Monday afternoons to attend the annual Methodist Service at the 'Pit'. They were met at one of the stiles by the late Mr Merrin playing his piano accordion and accepting pennies dropped into his receptacle. At that point, the sound of community singing emulated from the huge congregation gathering at the Pit, carried by a gentle breeze across the fields. With so many members of choirs present there the volume and beauty of the singing, and particularly those of so many bass voices, was memorable.

The walk to the top of Carn can be then either one or two ways. The first ascends the long hill to the west towards Sandy Lane, the other on the level road southwest leading to Higher Trevethan partially shaded with trees. Near to its beginning are vestiges of the former New Cathedral Mine where a new shaft was sunk in 1880 adjoining the older mine of 1836. Today its peaceful area belies the horror of the tragedy which occurred here in January 1881. Two miners when blasting underground broke into the water filled workings of the older mine a feature known as a House of Water. Water in dense volumes cascaded to the lower levels of the mine along with tons of loose rock. Six men and two boys died, their bodies not recovered for several months after the mine was drained. Seventeen mourning dependants were left. (The mine was named Cathedral Mine as it lay near Gwennap Pit, the 'Cathedral of Cornish Methodism'). The road continues past Higher Trevethan to Sunrise Hill which overlooks Gwennap, before the long straight lane ascends to the top of the Carne. The name Carn Marth is a corruption of the Cornish 'Carnmargh' meaning 'Horse's Carn. Even today, two horses are kept at the summit attempting to obtain a meal from the barren surface of their small field—this writer always feeds them with grass over the low hedge. There was once a story told to me by a Lanner resident many years ago of a man who also kept a pony there, its legs spragged to prevent it from straying. The curious neighbour asked him "ow ee cum sprage yer hoss up Carnmarth Sam? There isn much for un ate up there". "No" replied Sam, "not much for un ate—but ee got some ansome view" ('Un' is Cornish used in reference to a person or an inanimate object).

It is quite difficult now to believe that the now barren Carn was dominated with masses of granite, (moonstone) competing with Carn Brea in that feature. Each provided a source of granite for Redruth's pavements, buildings, its viaduct and granite rail setts for the Hayle Railway of 1834 and the adjoining Redruth-Chasewater railway of 1824. Granite workers swarmed over Carnmarth blasting and hewing huge boulders and crags, and on their exhaustion followed with the large quarries of today. Various boundary stones exist, each with the initials and numbers of numerous plot owners, all of which this writer has sketched as a record.

From the summit during WW2 we would see Falmouth Harbour protected from low flying German bombers by a ceiling of Barrage Balloons; and immediately before D-Day watched military gliders being released to land at Nancekuke air field in preparation for the invasion of France, There is so much more that one could write about Carnmarth, a hill that due to the limits of the corona virus is only now being 'discovered' by many of the present population.

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Here are a few unconnected thoughts on various aspects of life that have occurred to me recently!

“Do you want a receipt?” the assistant asks. Of course I want a receipt, it is proof that I paid for the article. A receipt is just that, something to say you have paid. What if I get to the exit and the alarm sounds? I can't wave my receipt and say “I've paid for this.” “Do you want it sent by email?” they ask. What use is that? I need my receipt now. Also what if I want to return to that shop later that day I am carrying something that I can't prove I've paid for? This is becoming increasingly the norm. Even the automatic payment tills ask you if you want a receipt.

It's like getting on a bus and saying you don't want a ticket, and then the bus inspector gets on and you can't prove you've paid! We have seen students get on the buses and immediately throw their tickets into the waste bin so if the inspector gets on the bus they can't prove they've paid, and he is certainly not going to turn out the rubbish bin!

Television in hotel bedrooms has put paid to the vibrant live entertainment we find. Over the years the entertainment has been supported by a packed and appreciative audience, in fact if you were late down it was difficult to find a seat. Where we stayed there was a TV room which was hardly used and there were no TVs in the bedrooms. The live shows were very high impact with Palladium style dancers, expert magicians, one of which performed unbelievable levitation, and very funny comedians, musicians, plus a whole line-up of other performers. Real high end performances.

Then....televisions were installed in all the bedrooms and the entertainment area emptied as people disappeared to their rooms to catch up with their favourite soaps, not us though as we usually went out for a walk after the evening meal! One very young couple refused coffee as they wanted to catch the next episode of East Enders!

Dog owners are another one of my foibles....Why pick up after your dog if you are only going to hang it on a bush or throw it on the ground? We've seen both, but after the event! It gets the poor dogs a bad name!

So, I'm off my soapbox now....



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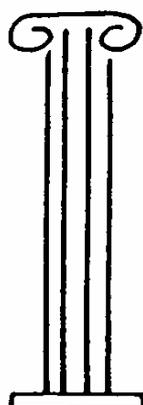
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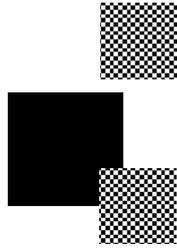
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