



INSPECTOR GENERALS' MISSIVE WEEK 5

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Week 5 now and Sally and I seem to be getting used to doing less - a quick sunbathe after lunch in this glorious weather has become very attractive but I do worry a bit about how depressing it might be if it was drizzling all the time – much, no doubt, as those without gardens are already feeling so we must count our blessings if we can get fresh air easily and safely. Do keep phoning those you know who are alone or who may be having problems getting provisions. And if you are alone or need any assistance, don't be too proud to ask for help – our organisation is full of people who are able and willing to assist.

It is St George's Day today so we have run a flag up our pole. Sally is still waiting for a flag to be delivered so we can put a banner up supporting the NHS. The bell-ringing and applause on a Thursday evening is widespread round here, yet another sign that communities can still hold together even in this dreadful adversity. There was a hint in today's paper that fishing, bowls and golf might be amongst the first activities to be encouraged once the lock-down eases, but I do worry a little that a graduated release may exclude the over-70s. I shall have to point out that I am not over 70, I am only 70 and hope I can get back to golf soon! Many of our members are over 70 though so our collective captivity could be extended by the need to avoid a "second spike" – not just to save us catching Covid but perhaps to stop us spreading it unawares. The claim that we ate enough dirt when we were growing up so we are resistant to many things from which younger, less lucky individuals suffer

could equally mean we have been exposed but not suffered and so might still spread it to others. Like the rest of the country we shall just have to wait and see.

Last week's quiz was answered quite quickly by Bill Parish and was very nearly perfect. Answers were as follows:

1. St Hilda, founder and abbess of Whitby Abbey where the Council was held.
2. Technically, it was to follow the Roman tradition of Christianity rather than the Ionian tradition (from Ireland). This changed the way monks wore their hair (tonsure) but King Owiu's decision also confirmed the way Easter was to be determined – we now use the Sunday after the first full moon after Passover.
3. Ephraim and Manasseh (sons of Joseph).
4. Judah
5. Simon was also called Peter, Cephas and Kepha, (Peter/Petros is English/Greek, Cephas is Aramaic and Kepha is Greek - they all mean rock or stone).

I haven't actually opened a ritual book for 3 weeks now but must get down to it. I can just see emergency meetings starting eventually and ending up with 3 installations to do in fairly short order to catch up. That said, it will be a great pleasure as and when we are permitted to meet again, even if our ceremonies are amended from what was the norm pre-Covid.

For this week's quiz I have gone secular and enclosed a quiz on golfers' names in visual pictures. I'm not sure where it came from originally and realise many of you aren't golfists but the code pictures are rather clever. I look forward to the first correct response!.....please see the pictures below or download the pdf.

Stay Safe and Stay Well

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