



Baby Bugle

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WEEK 4

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Get well Allan
- Learning new skills
- The great outdoors
- Timmy's transporter
- Keeping in touch
- Springtime

The big little things

It is hard to get away from the media bombardment, social and mainstream. On the one hand the endless facts, figures, projections and angry or confused voices. On the other, the self help advice and feel good quotes. It can easily become overwhelming. We manage our stress by adaptation, not wanting to be consumed by this entity. In lessening the impact we can become numb to it, and carry on obliviously; too easily forgetting the little things in life, those wonderful little things.

Sometimes it takes a simple gesture, a kind act of appreciation to wake us up again. At the weekend Gusta was

walking down the hill and something stopped her in her tracks. A card attached to the wooden fence, depicted on the card a fawn in a bed of flowers, a beautiful spring time theme. She opened the card, it was a Happy Easter card for the Easter Bunny.

This simple act of thoughtfulness, of appreciation, a gesture so pure and sweet it takes your breath away.

A card on a fence, restoring our sense of wonder, a card on a fence giving us time to appreciate the little joys in life. Kathryn Roberts we thank you, for this was more than a card it was a gift to each and everyone of us.



We don't have the answers to the common questions, when will the virus be over? When will I see my family again? But we can take a moment every day to appreciate the small wonders, to appreciate those around us and maybe in this, things aren't so overwhelming after all.



*A bumble inspecting
his new home
The little things.....*

Get Well Allan

Allan Moffett was admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital last week. He has had his surgery and is mobile. He has physiotherapy exercises he is getting on well with. The house, though unable to visit, are able to face-time

Allan, so he can keep in contact with everyone. He is no doubt with his quick wit keeping the spirits of Altnagelvin staff up. Good wishes Allan, get well soon, we want you home.



Learning New Skills



Above: Hannah enjoying Kristina's guitar lessons .
Right: Anna showing off her pig is proving to be quite the wood worker,.. Keeping the farm theme though!



Above: Alison in Riverstown.. Well if the weaver cant' go the weavery....
Right: Emma Jane with one of her paintings, increasing her skill level daily.

Changing of the traditional working day here in the Community does have its advantages. We needed to be more creative in how to use our time and engage in new activities. New workshops beckoned, new hobbies were taken on, a world of chances opened up.

Not that we want to lose contact with our workshops or lose our skills. For



in some houses the workshop came to the house. Riverstown conservatory is a mini weavery, the lean-to on the side of Rainbow is a woodworkshop. For every need there is a solu-



Michael joyfully working the clay into a rather splendid bowl.

tion.

Credit must be given to the flexibility and understanding of our wonderful community members. Accepting the changes in the day and embracing them, working together in true community spirit, we will be stronger on the other side.



Above: Kate learning how to weave and loving it.

Below: Peggy learning how to pat a calf or keep it at arms length???



The Great Outdoors

Whilst some are busy , hard at work others are having a more relaxed approach.

In fairness the weather is wonderful, the sun is shining , the birds are singing and sometimes the pull of nature wins over. We shouldn't judge.



Left: Paul spots the bluebells on the Riverwalk.

Below: Martin skipping lessons to soak up a few rays.



Above Thelma takes time to admire her brother in law's lovely tulips in the Columba garden.

Left: Amandos with her beloved Myra, as Prince photobombs.

Below: Katherine soaks up a few rays on her cool shades.



Alfons (above) and Caroline (right) enjoy Artaban's afternoon BBQ in the sun.



Meanwhile Neil (above) realises there is ice cream to be had inside ... like your priorities Neil!

Timmy's Transporter

Timmy Lerwill is the proud owner and operator of an all electric milk cart. This milk cart 'Timmy's Transporter' has replaced the old wagon and it's a high tech machine.

Timmy learnt how to operate his new cart in his home place

before bringing it to the Community to put it to work.

So now our daily milk deliveries come courtesy of high tech machinery and our ever efficient operator Timmy.



Keeping in touch

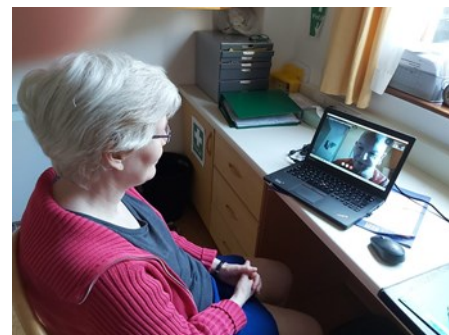
Keeping in touch can be difficult for us all now. We in the Community are experiencing that too. As houses are in isolation, there is no inter house mixing.

So it is hard for friends to stay in touch with one another.

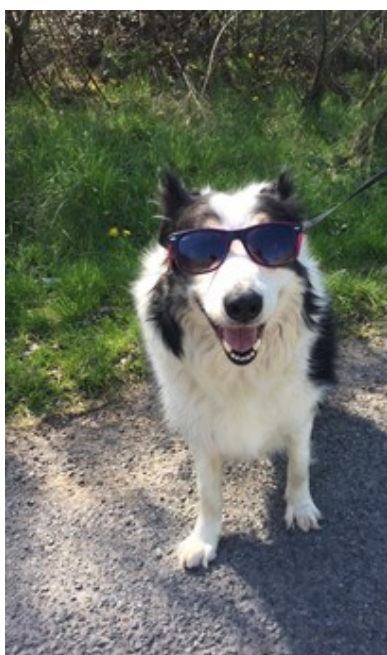
Fortunately there are always solutions.



David and Kathryn long standing friends in different houses using Skype to keep in touch.



Springtime in Clanabogan



*Above; Aoibheann with her new born calf., Adeline
Left: Prince convinced he is the 'Dog of Cool'...
and its hard to argue with him.*

*Right: Old and young on the river walk, as the new
spring flowers blossom under the protection of
the old gnarled tree.*

