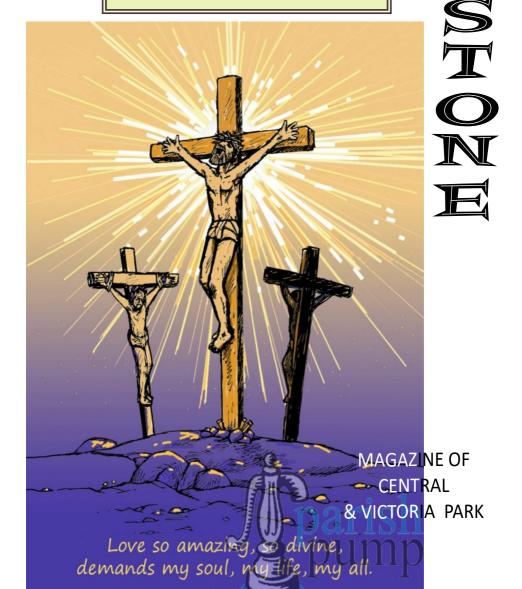
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A LETTER FROM OUR LEADER

I am very sorry that I am writing this letter, and for the reasons that I am doing it. I am sure I speak for all of you when I say that we wish Jon well and pray God's Blessing on him in the future.

In four weeks' time on 21st April, I have no doubt that Irene will be using the same words at the beginning of the Service at Victoria Park as I shall be using at Central.

The 21st April is Easter Day and Irene and I will be saying "The Lord is Risen" -- and the congregation will reply "He is Risen Indeed".

After all the preparation of Lent and the sadness of Holy Week, both of our Churches will be decorated with beautiful flowers, and the Cross which has been filled with all the symbols of Lent, will be transformed to a Cross of Triumph. And we shall be singing wonderful hymns which will reflect the Triumph of God's raising Jesus from death to life.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly. He was crucified. That death was the worst possible death anyone could endure. It was a time of humiliation and great pain. Why did He go through all that? Because of you and me. Jesus was sinless, and yet He hung on that Cross because WE were FULL of sin. Jesus bore our sin so that we could be forgiven and have a relationship with God. Fancy going through all that for us. But Jesus did.

Then when God raised Jesus from the tomb, Jesus opened up the way to Heaven for us.

You know the words "He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good, that we might go at last to Heaven, SAVED by HIS precious blood". And then we sing "There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin, He ONLY could unlock the gate of Heaven, and let us in".

This is why we call Jesus, our Saviour. And He died for us all. There may be someone reading this who doesn't go regularly to a place of worship. Just let me repeat that last sentence -- He died for us ALL. -- that means everyone who is reading this letter. And when we breathe our last breath, Jesus will be there waiting for us and welcoming us into Heaven where we shall worship around the throne, and meet all our loved ones who have gone there before us.

Easter is wonderful.

May God bless you all this Easter. Consider what Jesus did on Good Friday and rejoice on Easter Day that God raised Him and Jesus is alive. Let me close with words from another hymn – "He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way" May you feel Him talking and walking with you.

Margaret Newman.



EASTER (Acrostic poem where the first letter of each line spells the word EASTER)

Even though the darkness raged And all was still, the sun had gone Still they shouted their abuse Taunting Him –' you're not God's Son!

Elijah hasn't rescued you, Renounce your claim, you're just like me, Everyone can see you hang Arms outstretched, nailed to a tree'.

So it seemed that all was lost,
Their hopes their dreams forever gone –
Eternity had other plans
Resurrection Day was soon to dawn.

By Megan Carter

ANTHONY ZAPLE.

It was with a deep sense of sadness that we heard that Tony had died. He was very well known and loved by many.

Tony was a Torquay boy and he had a brother and sister. He went to school at Barton and later to Audley Park. After school Tony began his working life for a haulage firm where he was a driver and then for 26 years he worked for a firm dealing with automatic machines — he covered a large area in this work, and it entailed a lot of bookkeeping most evenings.

Tony was a member of the Youth Club at Union Street Methodist Church where he enjoyed time with other young people. It was at Union Street that he met Barbara. Her father was the caretaker and one day he invited Tony to the Harvest Supper where he met Barbara and so began a great friendship – they married 15 months later and it was a marriage that lasted with great happiness for 64 years. They were blessed with three children and over the years they had the joy of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Tony enjoyed football and watched Torquay United and would often take Jane and Mark to matches. He also supported Arsenal!

Tony and Barbara's great love was music and they became a very important part of the Torquay Operatic Society and many of us remember seeing them perform in various productions. Tony made many friends in his years with the Society. Of all the musicals he said his favourite was Carousel.

I'm sure the very important part of Tony's life was his involvement in Central Church. He was there when it opened and was involved in many events. He spent many hours with John Lawrence in the Print Room, producing the monthly magazine, the Sunday Notice Sheets and various other items. He loved his music and especially Clive's brilliant playing, and to the singing of the Choir.

Tony and Barbara enjoyed holidays especially visits to Ibiza — 12 visits there — and holidays in this country too. Tony enjoyed many things — he was a member of the Babbacombe & St Marychurch Probus Club which he attended whenever possible. He delighted in so many things when he was well, and brought pleasure to so many people, and we at Central loved him, and will continue to miss him, but we thank God for Tony and all he meant to so many.

We offer our loving sympathy to Barbara and the family at this difficult time, but thankful that Tony has been restored to newness of life.



CENTRAL'S FELLOWSHIP

On 1st April we welcome back Spence Kingdon with his 'Canadian Affair'. On the 8th Lynne Hookings will tell us of the wonderful work and support given by the League of Friends at our local Torbay Hospital. Then on the 15th we have an afternoon with the Rev Doug Rix from Brixham. No meeting on Easter Monday but a welcome return from The Griffiths Family with their musical talents on the 29th.

It was a joy last month to welcome back Barbara Zaple, also Sheila Lawrence following her operation.

Easter Blessings to all our members.

Barbara Lawton

CENTRAL FAMILY & FRIENDS

THANKS

- Michael Mann would like to thank all those who regularly ask after Beaulah and the encouragement they offer especially the flower ladies who take up the flowers to her in Mount Tryon. The love flows through the flowers which Beaulah has always been blessed with in this amazina way.
- Heather Bellingham would like to thank everyone who came before, on or after her birthday. Also she thanks everyone who phoned good wishes, sent cards, and most importantly for their prayers which are beginning to be answered. She also continues to pray for everyone at Central.



CORNERSTONE

By the time you read this, it is hoped that the magazine will once more be on the website. If you receive a copy by post, you might like to tell the person who sends it, that you will in future read online.

Just a little economy - every little helps!

PALM CROSSES

Every year the young people in the Kombo Western Circuit in The Gambia work hard producing 20,000 Crosses. This is their way of supporting their Circuit, helping to raise the finances to pay their Minister and to support the youth work in the Circuit. This is vital in an area where most people are subsistence farmers who can only make a nominal donation to church collections.

These dedicated young folk set us an extreme example of commitment to ensuring that the worth of God can be effective and that the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed in their area. As you hold your Cross in your hand, please pray for the person (unknown to you personally) who has made it, as their churches will be praying for those (equally unknown to them personally) who receive them. After all, we all belong to the family of God.

Your Crosses are not of uniform size. Like the children and young people who make them, and the congregations who receive them, there are small ones and big ones, light ones and dark ones, but each Cross serves an important purpose, reminding us of Jesus entering Jerusalem and of His wish to enter our hearts and minds and lives.



Pray for... BARNABAS CHARITY...working for persecuted Christians.

Please pray for the Lord's protection over Christians in Bangladesh particularly from a Muslim background, who are at most risk as they boldly share the gospel with friends and neighbours. Islamists try to harm Christians. Ask for God's blessing, guidance and protection for Barnabas Funds project to build simple brick homes for Christians since their wooden homes were deliberately destroyed.

MML

ACTION FOR CHILDREN HOME COLLECTING BOXES

Thank you very much to all those who contributed to the work of Action for Children by saving money in their collecting boxes and by donating subscriptions. The total raised was £430.95. This was less than last year, but still very much appreciated.

Linda Duckworth

- You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windshield that read: 'Parking Fine'. That was so nice.



VICTORIA PARK.

PRAYER BOARD

This is where we remember in prayer those friends who are not well, and those friends who are not able to attend church

This month we think of Joff & Family & Myra Wise

SPRING FAYRE AT VICTORIA PARK

Saturday 11th May 10.00am - 12.30pm.
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WAITING IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE LIGHT TO COME.

Arise!
Lift up your head,
lift up your eyes.
Do you not see?
I don't yet hold the prize
but as hope's dawning tints the darkened skies
and I press on,
Eventually
I will take hold of that for which He took hold of me.

By Helen Brocklehurst

APRIL 2019 CALENDAR Central Victoria Park

DAY	DATE	TIME	DETAILC/VP	
Mon	1st	2.30	Central's Fellowship: Canadian Affair –	
			Spencer Kingdom	С
		6.00	Brownies	С
		6.30	Flexercise Fun	С
		7.30	Guides	С
Tues	2nd	9.30	Midweek Prayers Clive Bastin	C
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	С
		10.00	Busy Bees	С
		2.30	Sisterhood – Easter Cards.	VP
Wed	3rd	10.00		С
Thurs	4th	9.30	Central Tots	С
		7.00	Finance & Property	С
Fri	5th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	С
		11.00	Belleplates	С
		7.00	Choir	С
Sat	6th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
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Sun	14 th	12.30	Church Meeting	С
			See separate page for Services all Churches	
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Mon	15 th	9.30	Prayers	С
		2.30	Central's Fellowship - with Revd Doug Rix	С
		6.30	Flexercise	C
Tues	16 th	9.30	Prayers	С
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	С
		10.00	Busy Bees	C
		2.30	Sisterhood - Irene Cochran	VP
Wed	17th	9.30	Prayers	C
Thurs	18th	9.30	Prayers	C
		7.00	Maundy Thursday Service.	
			Revd Val Price(HC)	C
Fri	19th	10.30	Good Friday Service. Margaret Newman	С
•		5.30	Service at Kingskerswell Methodist Church	
Sun	21st	7.00	See separate page for Services all Churches	_
Tues	23rd	7.00	New Life Housegroup	С
Wed	24 th	10.00	Faith Matters	С
Thurs	25 th	9.30	Central Tots	C
		7.30	Moors Housegroup	С
Fri	26 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	С
		11.00	Belleplates	C
		7.00	Choir	С
Sat	27th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
Sun	28th		See separate page for Services all Churches	
Mon	29 th	2.30	Central's Fellowship: Musical Afternoon	
			With the Griffiths Family	С
		6.30	Flexercise Fun	С
Tues	30 th	9.30	Midweek Communion Revd Val Price	С
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		10.00	Busy Bees	
		2.30	Sisterhood – Beetle Drive VP	

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 2019 Full information not available at time of going to press CENTRAL

DATE	TIME	MORNING	EVENING.6.30
7 th	10.30	Revd Jerry Cook	
14 th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Revd Valerie Price (HC)	CTT. Revd Paul Snell New County Ecumenical Officer For Christians Together in Devon
18 th			7pm .Maundy Thursday HC Service: Revd Valerie Price
19 th	10.30	Good Friday Service Margaret Newman	
21st	8.00	Holy Communion Revd Peter Williamson	Barbara Vond
	10.30	Margaret Newman to include Rise & Shine followed by Holy Communion with Revd Gerald Morris.	
28th	9.00 10.30	Rise & Shine Margaret Newman	(HC)

VICTORIA PARK (10.30)

DATE

7 th	Mr Leonard Mason
14th	Mrs Irene Cochran
19th	Mrs Irene Cochran – Good Friday Service
21st	Mrs I Cochran
28th	(HC)

CENTRAL'S WELCOME ROTA

DATE	10.30 am	6.30am
7 th	Barbara Gissinger & Sheila Lawrence	Paul Sherriff
14 th	Tessa Goodwin & Leone Tyas	Philip Kay
19th	GOOD FRIDAY – Philip Kay	
21 st	EASTER DAY – Sue Coatham & Barbara Lawton	Barbara Gissinger
28 th	Dorothy Barnett & Cynthia Arscott	Barbara Lawton



A Christian church is a body or collection of persons, voluntarily associated together, professing to believe what Christ teaches, to do what Christ encourages, to imitate His example, cherish His spirit, and make known His gospel to others.

R F Sample



!!! CATERING CREW CALLING !!!

Many times when catering for large numbers we have food left over, and those attending are inviting to take home 'goodie' boxes. This is good news. BUT could we PLEASE ask that you RETURN the boxes, so we have some for the next time!

A REFLECTION FROM CENTRAL

Are you in the middle of your Spring cleaning? No, nor me! When I was younger, I was an avid Spring-cleaner, but now I am -- no, not old, oldER -- I give that chore a miss.

However, sometimes I do need to sort out old papers. During each year I keep all the rotas that I am given for various jobs in the Church, and then at the beginning of January of the next year I get rid of them all and start another paper clip of the new rotas. I hoard letters that are written to me -- goodness knows what my daughter and son will think when they are dealing with my affairs when I depart this life!!

When I did do Spring cleaning, it was always nice to look at a tidy drawer, clean paintwork and smear-free windows.

During these last 3 weeks of Lent, I wonder if we should Spring clean ourselves. Perhaps we should do a bit of de-cluttering in our lives. What about the rubbish of pride; the rubbish of impatience; the rubbish of selfishness and jealousy. What about the rubbish of bad tempers and unkind words. Do we need to throw these things away? We all have some of this kind of rubbish in our lives. Sometimes I feel we aren't any better at dealing with the rubbish in our lives than we are at throwing away material rubbish.

Do our lives need to be tidied up? Do we need to clean up our hearts? Should we get rid of the smears that spoil our relationships?

In Psalm 51, King David wrote "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin". And further on in the Psalm he says "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation".

David needed to do a bit of personal Spring cleaning. And I would suggest, so do we.

So even if you have given up Spring cleaning your home, don't let's give up on Spring cleaning our hearts and lives. During these last three weeks of Lent let us repent of all that is spoiling us.

Jesus said that God rejoices over those who repent. So let's make God happy.

Margaret Newman

VISITORS FROM KOREA

I would like to thank those who have spoken and encouraged those lads from South Korea. They have been a pleasure to work with and I know they appreciate talking with us and taking part in Badminton, Table Tennis and Chess. They have won more than me!! {Chess} Christine Sherriff and Sue Coatham have been helping and we try to keep them speaking English and I know they have improved their understanding of our strange vocabulary.

Beaulah and I used to take in foreign students when we lived in Plymouth because we knew it would be good for our three children in helping them when we went abroad. They would stay for a month or six weeks in the summer. It was wonderful when they wanted to come back to us the next year and so on. We also visited their homes and made some good friends. That is probably why two of our children decided to live abroad! One went to Asia and one to America. That meant that we travelled abroad quite often. David our youngest has so far kept in England but goes all over the world when he can.

My grandfather was German and I have been there several times but mainly in connection with Dentistry because they were ahead of us technically. but we caught up with them. so I have foreign blood in my veins. Maybe that is why I still enjoy our visitors from abroad.

Michael Mann.



Exercise

With summer coming, I had to face the fact that my body was totally out of shape. So I joined a fitness club and signed up for the aerobics class. I got to the club, and there I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my clothes off and my sweats on, the class was over.

EASTER MORNING: THE OTHER' MARY

As the traditional Easter story is rehearsed again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus, but Mary of Magdalene, who stood by her at the cross and became the first human being actually to meet the risen Christ.

That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils' — New Testament language for some dark and horrible affliction of body, mind or spirit. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman' a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus but there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman' but the contrast is sublime, Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity. Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

The dark cloud from which she was delivered may have been sexual, we are not told. What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen — and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to Him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because his resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the male disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they couldn't believe her.

Her words – 'I have seen the Lord' – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.

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The bishop's visit

A bishop was visiting a small church in his diocese for Easter. He wanted the young people to understand what he had to say about the Good Shepherd, so he dressed up in his bishop's long, flowing robes and carried his crook. "Now," beamed the bishop, "do you know who I am?"

After a moment's silence, one child ventured "Little Bo Peep?"

BEAUTY IN AFGHANISTON

Conflict and drought have caused much internal displacement across the country. Mohammadi and his family from Faryab province were forced to move to the northern capital Mazar-i-Sharif. Pray for them as they seek to build a new life in difficult conditions with few resources.

Our partner is working with a local organisation to drill a well in Mohammadi's community, which has no regular water supply. Please pray for a good supply of clean water and for other key needs to be met in this vulnerable community situated in a parched area on the edge of Mazar-i-Sharif.

Taken from Tearfund prayer diary 1st/2nd April



YOU ARE WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT!

Negative thoughts can actually harm you, physically. In a recent study by the universities of Exeter and Oxford, it was found that if you listen to that critical inner voice, you will end up with an increased heart rate, consistent with feelings of being under threat and distress.

On the other hand, positive thoughts have the opposite effect. Those in the study who were encouraged to be kind to themselves when things went wrong, reported more self-compassion, connection with others, and had feelings of relaxation and safety.

No wonder that Paul urges us: "Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things... And the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4: 8,9)

APRIL 1ST – FOOLING AROUND by Canon David Winter

I was about six when I began to enjoy April Fool's Day. My older brother was very clever at appropriate hoaxes, not only deceiving me but also mum and dad. On the whole my childish efforts were encouraged. The day was full of laughs, even at school, where the teachers would try to trick us and all day long no one quite believed anything they were told. So it went on, year after year, though I think it all seems as a bit unsophisticated for the modern generation.

You couldn't say that, though, about probably the most famous April Fool's effort of all time. In the 1960's BBC TV broadcast a feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. Even those of us who bought our spaghetti in the supermarket from the pasta shelves began to wonder if we'd been wrong. Italian farmers explained their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants was carefully filmed, from planting to reaping. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner. It took a while to appreciate that this was Aunty playing games. Whatever next!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from March 25th to January 1st. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the spring equinox, March 25th. Either way a touch of hilarity at the end of Lent does not seem amiss. Go to Greece, where the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated with fireworks and parties to see how it might work.

OPEN DOORS

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Jesus despairing cry is echoed today by Christian women around the world who are suffering not only for their faith, but also for their gender. Open Doors' ground-breaking research has revealed that women are doubly vulnerable to persecution — persecution that is robbing them of their security, identity and self-worth.

Esther from Nigeria was kidnapped by Boko Haram as a teenager. "Each passing day, I hated myself more and more. I felt that God had forsaken me....but I could still not get myself to renounce Him. I found myself remembering His promise to never leave me or forsake me."

Thanks to your support, Esther has been able to attend trauma care programmes run by Open Doors partners. But there are many others like her who go unseen and unheard. Will you choose to **see** women like Esther, and empower them to fulfil their God-Given potential?

Esther says "God bless you! If I had not attended this programme, I think I would have developed serious health problems...I lack the words to say thank you. All I can say is: May God bless you and thank you so much.

If you would like to know more speak to Sue Coatham at Central Church



Tactful

There was once a minister who was determined that things should be done properly during each service, yet he had a great gift for being gentle and tactful.

The congregation often read the 23rd Psalm together. One Sunday before they started, he said smilingly: "Oh, may I ask the lady who always arrives at the still waters while the rest of us are in the green pastures, to wait for us this time?"

EASTER TRIVIA QUIZ

What was the largest ever Easter egg hunt?

The most-ever entrants for an egg hunt competition was 12,773. It was The Fabergé Big Egg Hunt, as part of World Record London, in London, UK in April 2012.

What was the largest-ever decorated Easter egg?

This was built in March 2008, by Freeport in Alcochete, Portugal. It measured 14.79 m (48 ft 6 in) long and 8.40 m (27 ft 6 in) in diameter.

What was the largest ever chocolate Easter egg?

It was made in Tosca (Italy) and weighed 7,200 kg (15,873 lbs 4.48 oz). It had a circumference of 19.6 m (64 ft 3.65 in) at its widest point. It was exhibited in a shopping centre in Cortenuova, Italy, in April 2011.

What was the largest ever Easter egg tree?

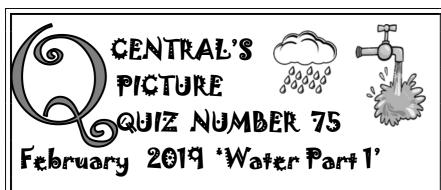
This was set by Zoo Rostock GmbH, Rostock, Germany, who decorated a tree with 76,596 painted hens' eggs in April 2007.

What about the most expensive hot cross bun?

This was baked in 1829 in Stepney, London, UK. It was bought by Bill Foster (UK) for £155 at the Antiques for Everyone show at the NEC in Birmingham, West Midlands, UK, in April 2000. Hot cross buns were originally made to hang in the kitchen to ward off evil spirits.

What was the biggest-ever (real) Easter bunny?

So far, the longest rabbit was Darius, a Flemish giant rabbit owned by Annette Edwards (UK), who was found to be 4 ft 3 in (129 cm) long when measured for an article in the UK's Daily Mail newspaper in April 2010.



This quiz was a bit tricky for me to mark, as there were a few alternative answers, and they were suggested by some folk. So I was extremely generous and accepted a 'stream' when it was a 'river', or vice versa. I even accepted 'precipitation' for the 'rain cycle'!! Must be getting too generous in my old age!!

As a result, of the 17 returned entries, 10 were correct, but only 2 were exactly correct according to my answer sheet. They were Sue & Steve Norman and David & Celia Bolt. Unfortunately for David & Celia, it was Sue & Steve's name picked 'out of the hat'.

Well done all four of you though, and commiserations to Celia & David!

Here are the answers to quiz NO. 75 'Water, Part 1'

- 1. MOSES IN THE BULLRUSHES. 2. THE FLOOD 3. RAIN
- 4. SHOWER 5. ESTUARY / RIVER MOUTH 6. SWIMMING POOL
- 7. RIVER 8. WATER MELON 9. (DUCK) POND 10. DRINKS (OF WATER) 11. WATER SKI-ING 12 TAP WATER 13 WATERFALLS
- 14. DUCKS 15. ICE 16. FISH 17. A BATH. 18. FROST 19 WATER 20. SHELLS 21. WATER CYCLE 22. STREAM 23. HAND WASHING
- 24. LOCH 25. SWIMMING.

The next quiz is, as you have already guessed, 'Part 2' of the same subject.. So keep the brain cells 'trickling' and good luck!!

