



OATEN HILL & SOUTH CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION

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COVID-19: Some silver linings:

1. The numbers of deaths in the East Kent Hospitals are coming down, with 20 in the week to 7th June (according to government statistics as given in the Canterbury Society newsletter).
2. The Cathedral has reopened the South Precincts free to visitors (<https://canterburysociety.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3762bd110d82ab3709265602c&id=3bd5d23a3a&e=103e5991db>) and some gardens “on a limited basis to welcome small numbers of visitors” on weekdays between 16.30–20.00 and weekends from 10.00–16.00
3. Cathedral guides are creating a weekly series of audio podcasts (<https://canterburysociety.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3762bd110d82ab3709265602c&id=2e9b53d142&e=103e5991db>)
4. Canterbury City Council has delivered food parcels or medicine to nearly 3,500 vulnerable people in recent weeks from its community hub. The hub will continue to work until 4 July but with the focus on finding alternative ways to help the people it has been assisting.
5. A group of patients recovering from coronavirus has been getting specialist support with rehabilitation via videoconferencing, thanks to staff from East Kent Hospitals. The patients had common themes such as trouble sleeping, memory loss, changes to appetite, problems of concentration and tiredness.
6. It is good news that dental practices can now open, however there will likely be initial local differences as to how each dentist practice functions, and their priorities for the dental problems they can take on.

The Big Butterfly Count is from 17th July to 9th Aug: please get involved and encourage others to do so. You can send in your sightings online at www.bigbutterflycount.org or on the free smartphone apps for iOS and Android. Download the handy [identification chart](#) to help you work out which butterflies you have seen. Look out for S Canterbury garden butterfly information in the upcoming Summer Newsletter.

OHSCA Membership

Our association depends on its annual subscriptions to further the work on each member's behalf, for the benefit of the district as a whole. The Membership Secretary has asked the Bulletin to remind the fifty members who have not paid since 2019 that their 2020 £5 subscription is seriously overdue. Payment can be made by cheque made payable to Oaten Hill & South Canterbury Association or by direct transfer to our account: sort code 60-04-27, a/c 90612094. Please send cheques to Sophie Scott, 27 Ersham Road CT1 3AR. In normal times, payment can also be made with cash, though if people choose that method then they will need to observe social distancing and avoid risks because of COVID-19.

Archive Film Screenings

Tim Jones, Senior Lecturer at the School of Creative Arts and Industries, Canterbury Christ Church University, has made available the following:

- 'The Map' <https://vimeo.com/404046028>

This drama film was shot in 1924 at Higham, the mansion just outside Bridge owned by the racing driver Count Zborowski. It features the 15” private railway that circled his estate. The film was never completed but I have cut it together into a logical order, added inter-titles and had music composed. Enjoy!

- 'Seeking Sydney' <https://vimeo.com/403972225>

This is a documentary about Sydney Bligh, a keen pre-war amateur filmmaker who produced a newsreel of Canterbury each year in the 1930s. There are some fascinating clips of the local area and the film becomes quite moving by the end. The film shows the house in which he lived in South Canterbury Rd.

- Peter Watkins and the Playcraft Film Unit <https://vimeo.com/403970830>

This documentary looks at the amateur films made in Canterbury in the late 1950s and early 1960s by Oscar winner, Peter Watkins. The best known of these is *Forgotten Faces*, a news style portrayal of the Hungarian uprising, all shot in Canterbury. There is also footage of the making of a 'lost' film, *Dust Fever*, a western made in a sand quarry just outside Canterbury that was never completed.