



Sunday Snippets

28th July 2019

It's Summer

August is traditionally the month when news is in short supply, but for us locally, this is the case at the end of July. Nationally, there has been plenty to keep the airwaves busy and fill the newspapers.



Record high temperatures have caused excitement, consternation, concern and inconvenience, resulting in much speculation about climate change. Rail services have been chaotic as overhead wires fail and rails threaten to buckle. Although threatened strikes at airports have been averted (for the time being at least), problems with baggage



carousels at Heathrow resulted in thousands of travellers being separated from their suitcases. Of great surprise was the fact that the Irish bowlers toppled English wickets like ninepins in a Test Match at Lords.



And, whilst all this was happening, one Prime Minister offered her resignation and HRH Queen Elizabeth II invited Boris Johnson to form a Government.



There is not anything like as exciting to report locally. The Elmer Trail is proving popular, having captured the public imagination. Intrepid individuals and groups seek out the brightly and imaginatively painted elephants situated in forty different



locations throughout the City Centre, Barbican, Hoe and Stonehouse. An ideal school holiday pastime. With the delightful weather we have enjoyed for the most part, trips to the beaches and picnics on the Moors have been equally popular.

Here in Eggbuckland, in common with most of the rest of the country, we experienced a violent late night thunder storm last Tuesday which created some excitement and, pleasingly, watered the gardens and replenished the water butts.



A depleted Greenfingers team turned out last Saturday (a rare fine day for them) and tried to make some impression on areas of unwanted growth (brambles, etc) in the churchyard. The flower bed inside the entrance gates was freshly planted up once more and the recently planted



Mediterranean memorial garden outside the church hall is beginning to establish and look attractive.

The white lines have been painted on the hall parking areas and will hopefully assist in tidier parking. Martin Easton is making good progress with the overhaul and renovation of



the church clock – a labour of love that he claims to be enjoying – a far more comprehensive job than would be carried out by any firm employed to undertake the task.



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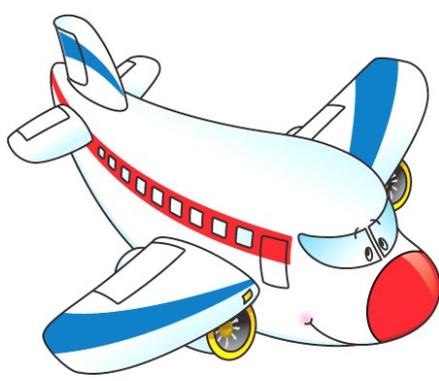
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We are promised weather that will be rather more comfortable for the week ahead and, although the Government is in recess, there will be great activity amongst those MP's and Civil Servants seeking to achieve a satisfactory outcome to the Brexit negotiations. There is, therefore, plenty for which to pray and plenty for which to give thanks.



Only Joking!

A Boeing 777 wide-body jet airliner was lumbering along at 500 miles per hour at 33,000 feet when a sleek F-16 fighter jet flashed by at Mach 2.



The cocky F-16 pilot decided to show off. On his state-of-the-art radio that is part of his state-of-the-art 3D and \$1 million headset, the F-16 youngster told the 777 pilot, "Hey Captain, watch this!"

He promptly went into a barrel roll, followed by a steep, unimaginable, vertical climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier with the F-16 screaming down at impossible Gs before levelling at almost sea level.

The F-16 pilot asked the 777 pilot what he thought of that.

The 777 pilot said, "That was truly impressive, but watch this!" The 777 chugged along for about five minutes at a steady 500 mph and then the Captain came back on the radio and said, "What did you think of that?"

Puzzled, the cocky F-16 pilot asked, "What the heck did you do?" The 777 Captain chuckled and said, "I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft, used the toilet, then got a cup of coffee, ate a cinnamon roll and talked to my passengers. And now I can look forward to spending the next three nights in a five-star hotel paid for by the Company."

