

LOST LETTERS

creative challenge #4

MISSING YOU

IT'S NOT
YOUR
BIRTHDAY
BUT...



As part of our Lost Letters project with Surrey History Centre, It's Not Your Birthday But... are inviting you to connect with somebody, by writing a letter to someone you are missing.

At the moment, we are all experiencing 'lockdown' and many of us are unable to see our friends or family. In the past, people were separated from their loved ones for different reasons, for example due to war, illness or exile.

The exert below is taken from a letter found in the archives. It was written in 1855 by Francoise d'Orleans, an 11 year old princess living in exile in Surrey at Claremont House. She writes to her friend Amely Spriggin who is in Brussels:

well, they miss you. The good
Doyen is arrived I have a new
piece of Don Juan with an other
duo. Good bye dear Amely
I miss you with all my heart.

"All my birds are very well, they miss you. The good Doyen is arrived, I have a new piece of Don Juan with another duo. Goodbye dear Amely, I miss you with all my heart."



TASK...

Let somebody know you are thinking of them

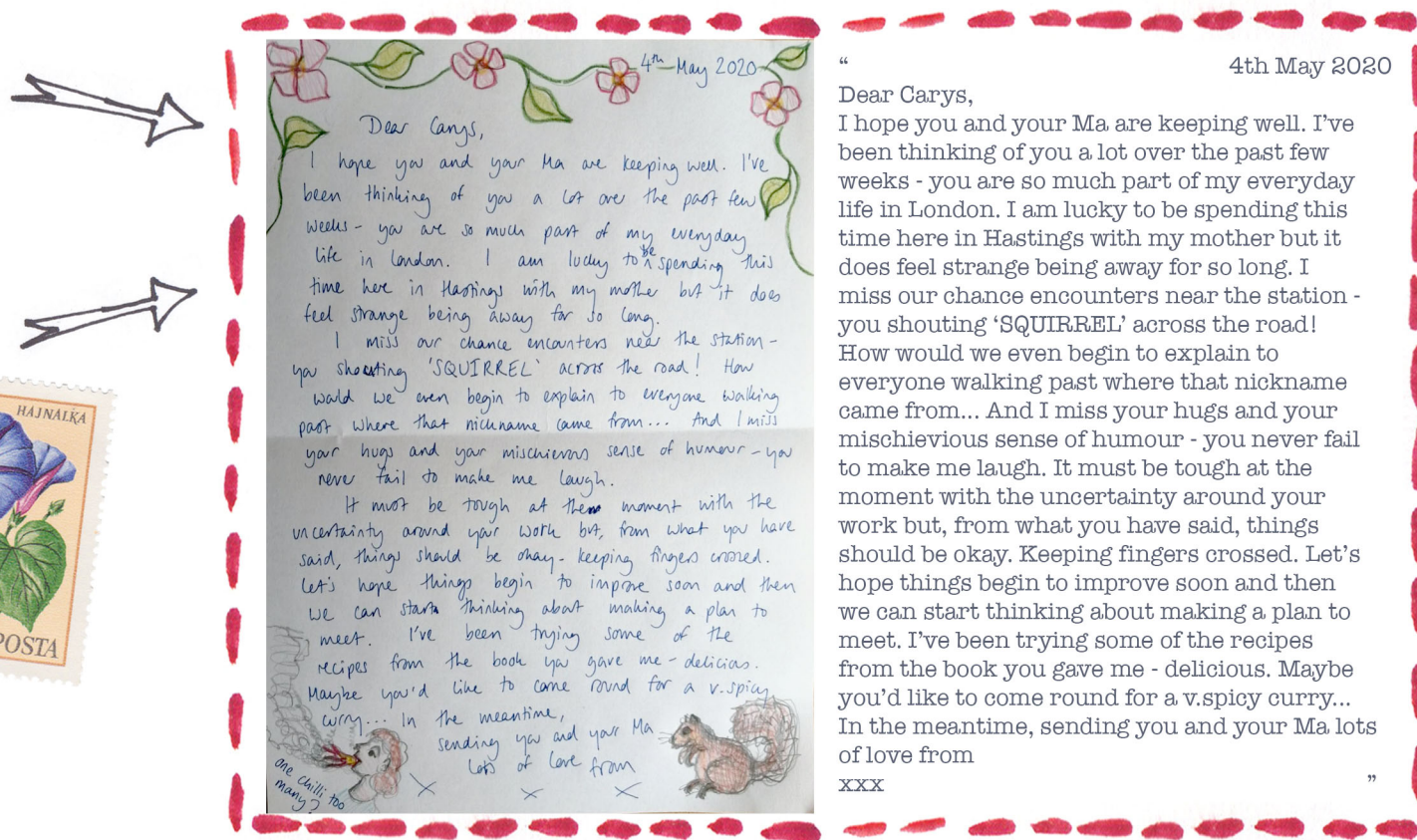
Missing You



Think about who you are missing at the moment. Write a letter to this person and share your thoughts with them. You might want to write with a pen, or you may want to type your letter.

What do you miss about the person you are writing to and what would you like to say to them? Perhaps there is something you can think of that might make them smile or laugh? What do you look forward to doing with them once lockdown is over?

Here is an example:



Why not add some decorations around your message?

Perhaps you could send a photo or a picture you've drawn alongside it?



SHARE...

Challenge created by: Alexandra Buhler
Design by: Nicole Cowan



Share your Missing You piece with us. By sending your work to us it may be shared online, in a touring exhibition, and/or donated to the Surrey History Centre to be stored in the archives.

The more original artwork we receive, the richer our collection will be. We would be grateful if you could take a picture of your Missing You piece and post it online using #missingyou :



itsnotyourbirthdaybut



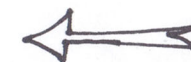
@INYBB_



It's Not Your Birthday But

or email it to:

itsnotyourbirthdaybut@gmail.com



and then post your original to us at:



INYBB, The Old Bank House, 26 Station Approach,
Hinchley Wood, Surrey, KT10 0SR



We recognise that not everyone can make it to a postbox or a post office at the current time, so if you are unable to post it, it is fine to just post it online or email it to us. If you need help with postage costs, please get in touch.



**HERITAGE
FUND**

Thanks to the support of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Lost Letters is a project working with people across Surrey, thinking about local history and letters. The Missing You letters will be stored in Surrey History Centre so that people in the future will understand what people were doing in 2020.