

# LOST LETTERS

creative challenge #8

## Notes for Newlyweds

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 send wishes to newlyweds far and wide.

Let's shower this year's newlyweds with joy, hope and words of wisdom. Throughout the current climate many people have cancelled their weddings, or had much smaller scale, low key weddings than they had originally hoped for.

Well wishes for newlyweds were found in the archives in the form of letters and telegrams. The letter below was written to Lily Ede who married Jimmie Ede in 1917. It's a reflection of the times that the sender of this telegram, Lily's friend Evelyn, highlights Lily being a good catch on account of her home-making skills:

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"I know one thing. That Mr Ede is lucky in securing one so well fitted for the making of a real home. God bless you dear and give you all the happiness it is possible to have. We know you will have a strong arm to lean upon. Will and I both wish you all joy and happiness, fond love."





# TASK...

Send celebratory greetings and words of wisdom in

## Notes for Newlyweds



Inspired by wedding telegrams and letters to Lily and Jimmie Ede, what words of advice or hope would you send to newlyweds in 2020?

This can be done as a written message, a simple postcard or even a tweet. You may even want to send your message in the form of a telegram as shown in the example below:

This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting Telegrams.

**POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.**

Delivery and Charges: Means..... Distance..... Collected..... Paid out.....

C. OR B. Prefix: 8 Handed in at: 10-15 Office of Origin and Service Instructions: Leicester 11. Words: 13 Received here at: 12-16pm

At..... M. Office Stamp: 14 No 17

To..... By.....

you've just begun...  
choose your battles  
laugh daily  
never stop listening

Received at: From: By: Charges to pay: a. d.



Try designing your own telegram format or develop your wishes into a decorative card. Are there people you know who have celebrated a wedding in 2020? Let us know so we can share your wishes with them.





# SHARE...

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Share your Notes for Newlyweds 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 Notes for Newlyweds and post it online using #NotesforNewlyweds :



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or email it to:

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and then post your original to us at:



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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.



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 Notes for Newlyweds will be stored in Surrey History Centre so that people in the future will understand what people were doing in 2020.