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**Hello Everybody**

**Many thanks to everyone who responded.  There have been lots of suggestions and I will include as many as possible.**

**First, a couple of contacts you might find useful.**

**RNIB will advise on the help you can get during the lockdown.  They also have a befriending telephone line.  Many of you will know about talking books, they also produce several newspapers and magazines from their ‘Newsagent’. At present they are promoting a three month free subscription.  To contact their helpline telephone 0303 123 9999 or email**[**helpline@rnib.org**](mailto:helpline@rnib.org)**. Their website is**[**www.rnib.org**](http://www.rnib.org/)

**Calibres also produce talking books on CD and memory stick.  This is a free service, their phone number is 01296 432 339 website**[**calibreaudio.org.uk**](https://www.calibreaudio.org.uk/)

**I would like to suggest that if there is someone in VIEW Craft you would like to keep in touch with; if   you let me know I will pass your details to them so they can contact you.**

**A message from Julie.  She says she was going to hold the balance of £15 for last term’s donations over to next term.  Because it is now uncertain when the lockdown will end, she will return this sum to those who would like their money.  This will have to be done by bank transfer for which she will need the name of your bank, account number and sort code.  She is sorry she cannot send a cheque but these have to be countersigned.  If you contact her by phone or letter (not email as this can be unsafe) she will make the arrangements.  Her details are:-**

**Julie Hathaway,****Henley Cottage, Western Road, Crowborough TN6 3EE**

**Tel: 01892 662590 Mob: 07817 893559**

**Now for what you have been doing.  Many people who are lucky enough to have a garden, like me, have been busy growing vegetables and flowers and generally keeping the garden tidy.  Some people have been knitting and doing other crafts.  Sally has found a pattern for making face masks, either knitted or crochet.  Doreen has found one for knitted head bands to wear under face masks.  Linda is painting by numbers.  Jenny Todd has been making tissue paper flowers which she found on the internet, the site is: .**

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Tissue-Paper-Flowers/>

**She has also sent a recipe for Irish Tea Brack if anyone would like to try it, if you can get the ingredients.**

**IRISH TEA BRACK**

**6 fluid oz (175 ml) warm tea**

**2 oz (60 gms) brown sugar**

**12 oz (350 gms) mixed fruit or sultanas & raisins**

**6 oz (175 gms) plain flour**

**1 level teaspoon baking powder**

**1 level teaspoon ground mixed spice**

**1 egg, beaten**

**Mix the tea, sugar and fruit in a mixing bowl and soak for 5 hours or overnight.**

**Preheat the oven to 160 degs C  (325 degs F, gas mark 3).**

**Add the dry ingredients to the fruit and the egg and mix well.**

**Beat for a minute, adding a little milk if it’s too stiff.**

**Put into a greased or lined 6 inch tin or loaf tin.**

**Bake for 1 1/4 hours or until a skewer comes out clean.**

**The cake keeps well and can be served with butter.**

**Another message from Julie.**

**Julie’s husband did the draw for the hundred club while Tina adjudicated via face time; the results are as follows:**

**March draw –**

**First prize, 33, Ray Goodger; second prize, 31, Sally Wallis and third prize, 73, Mark Radford.**

**April draw –**

**First prize, 68, Jill Moorey; second prize, 88, Pat McGann and third prize, 80, Keith Dickman.**

**As usual, the prize money is £20, £10 and £5.**

**Congratulations to the winners.  The team will make the next draw towards the end of May.**

**Elaine has a special message for those on the art table. Do you have paints, paper, brushes (if not brushes what about a sponge?).  I have some spare supplies that i am happy to send to you free of charge, so please let Jean know what you need and I will post out to you.**

**To anyone who is doing crafts during lockdown please let us know and bring items in when we return to VIEW Craft so we can all see what you have been doing.**

**Looking forward to hearing from you with any ideas for a future letter.**

**Keep well and keep smiling**

**With best wishes**

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