

## Julia's Jottings (March 21<sup>st</sup>)

Saturday If a 20 year old trainee paramedic thinks a 20 year old Welsh rugby international looks young, little wonder I thought him a boy!

Sunday Decided to avoid the by-ways on afternoon amble and hit the new footpath cum cycle route. Pleasantly surprised when a neighbouring cleric came from behind and complimented my outfit, good to know my Sunday best is still appropriately named.

Monday Actually tried on my "new dress", well...it's that age factor again, I mean it is new but it's not *brand new*, all the labels are still on but purchased it last year, in the pre-Christmas era when the shops were open, and...it was in a sale, but and here's the catch, it's summer wear, so well, with the sun shining I decided to try it on ....fortunately even after the Christmas binge and lockdown excess it DOES fit. Talk about a feel-good boost, now all I need is a warm day to wear it.

Wednesday Drinking tea boosts those little grey cells after all. I mean thanks to one of my favourite "posh" teas I was able to help cleric answer crossword clue- but a cup of Pekoe can't beat run-of the-mill Co-op 99 in a morning!

Thursday Lucrative exercise session around Gowerton, found a 'free to anyone' plant and then blow me a table with 'free to a good home pick a book' stall; feel benefits were greater than skipping in the Vicarage drive.

Friday Strolled around idyllic surroundings enjoying the blossom and shoots of Spring, all beyond beyond the five mile radius from home-and yet legal - the joys of the Covid jab and having to wait 15 minutes before driving back from Margam Orangery!

Sunday Traditionally -in our family- 21st has always been seen as the first day of Spring, well, it was 59 years ago and my historical instincts quite like it that way! My twin cousins catch me up again age-wise. I do feel this is perhaps not nearly as important to me now, but as a child, when they only lived a few doors away, my 15 days of being a year older and therefore (in my view) able to have authority had ended. Ah well at least hubby, myself and both cousins are now on an equal footing.....look out baby brother.....