

Good evening,

There have been many contributions (33 to be exact) to this weekly letter since the start of the first lockdown, all are available on the website. See them here:-

<http://www.norwichljc.org.uk/friday-evening-messages/>

I've been reading through again and found much of interest - some are personal, a few political, many inspiring, some dark, light, long, short, some illustrated by wonderful photos, a few sermons even..

This one is short, light, furry and fluffy.

More time at home has meant that I can give attention to creative activities, my writing and my more recent passion, which is textile art. The latter has extended to a new interest - recycling of clothes, repairing and 'upcycling'.

Earlier this year I'd been attracted into a Charity shop by a beautiful coat in the window, it was unique, made of a gorgeous fleecy fabric with a leopard print design and an unusual silky lining with a shoe design. It cost £20, expensive for second hand, but in new condition, with a Japanese label, Missy, that I found out is popular in America as well as Japan.

Unfortunately the coat didn't fit me, but never mind, I have made out of it four items:



So now I don't have a new coat but I do have a fluffy comical cat, a fluffy cushion cover tied with ribbons and two new scarves - one is made out of the coat's sleeves, sewn together into a tube, the most gorgeous and comforting scarf I have ever worn. The other, is made out of the coat's lining, inter-lined with soft fabric, so it's light but warm.

Then I set to, repairing rather than throwing out, my old black coat, my 'fur' coat many of you may have seen me wearing. It has been in the wardrobe for several decades and comes out faithfully every winter. It's stood up to the years very well but the button holes are wearing thin, so with new found confidence I'm backing the button hole strip with grosgrain ribbon and plan to sew the button holes by hand. They can look so special if you know how...



...which I don't, yet, but I'm going to try anyway. You'll see that coat, when we can all be together again, and I may or may not be willing to show off the buttonholes.

Many members and friends have written these Friday night messages, but many have not. If we don't supply them the tradition will fade out, we can't expect Steve or regulars to provide them weekly forever. Gentle fade out may be the way to go, but if you don't want that to happen please feel free to line up to be next. Just email enquiries@norwichljc.org.uk.

Shabbat Shalom, to all and have a peaceful weekend.

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