

The seventh month already, more than half way through the year. I'm not sure where this year has gone!

With the Covid restrictions still in place, I thought the year would drag, but it is flying by.

The weather has improved and the garden is looking beautiful, don't forget the sun hats and sun screen when venturing out into the garden, as the sun is really strong at this time of year.

The poems this month are about Summer and July.

Sizzling sidewalks, Umbrellas on beaches

Marshmallows roasting, Mom's in bare feet

Easy lazy days, Roads stretched out ahead.

Trips, tans and travel plans, Insects buzzing by,

My days for play, Every day's for fun.

By Kathleen Christopher Hardy Petersen

CHARMS

She walks as lightly as the fly
Skates on the water in July
To hear her moving petticoat
For me is music's highest note
Stones are not heard, when her feet pass
No more than tumps of moss or grass
When she sits still, she's like the flower
To be a butterfly next hour
The brooks laugh not more sweet, when he
Trips over pebbles suddenly.

My love, like him, can whisper low –

When he comes where green cresses grow.

She rises like the lark, that hour.

He goes halfway to meet a shower.

A fresher drink is in her looks

Than nature gives me, or old books.

When I in my love's shadow sit

I do not miss the sun one bit

When she is near, my arms can hold All that's worth having in this world. And when I know not where she is, Nothing can come but comes amiss.

By William Henry Davies

Special dates in July throughout the centuries

<u>1st 1838</u> Charles Darwin presented a paper to the Linnean Society in London, on his theory of the evolution of species and natural selection.

<u>2nd 1644</u> Parliamentarian forces defeated Prince Rupert at the Battle of Marston Moor, their first victory over the Royalists in the English Civil War

3rd 1996 It was confirmed that the Stone of Scone, the symbol of the Scottish nation taken by Edward 1 of England in 1296, was to be returned to Scotland from Westminster Abbey, where it has been used in the coronation of 30 British Monarchs.

4th 1776 Congress accepted the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson formally ending American links with Britain

5th 1791 George Hammond was appointed the first British Ambassador to the USA

6th 1535 Sir Thomas Moore was executed after refusing to recognize the King as the head of the church.

7th 1305 King Edward 1 conqueror of Wales dies on the way to Scotland to fight Robert the Bruce

8th 1822 Poet Robert Percy Shelley drowned in the Bay of Spezia, when his boat sank in a storm.

9th 1877 The first Lawn Tennis Championship was played at Wimbledon. Spencer W Gore won the Men's title.

<u>10th 138</u> The Roman Emperor Hadrian died. He was the man who ordered the wall to be built, to keep the barbarian Scottish tribes out of England.

11th 1690 King James 11 was defeated by William of Orange at the river Boyne in Ireland.

12th 1910 Charles Stewart Rolls, partner in the Rolls Royce company, died in a plane crash aged 33

13th 1823 Mp's pass a law banning the sale of alcohol to under 18's

<u>14th 1858</u> Birthday of Emmeline Pankhurst – Suffragette.

15th 1857 200 British men, women and children are chopped up by local butchers and thrown down a well at Cawnpore, as the Indian Mutiny continues.

16th 1557 Anne of Cleeves, the fourth wife of Henry V111 Dies of natural causes.

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<u>17th 1453</u> French troops defeat the English at Castillon ending the 100 year's war. Calais remains under English control.

18th 1920 750,000 war dead are commemorated with the unveiling of a new national monument in Whitehall, London.

19th 1545 Henry V111 looks on his newly refitted flagship the Mary Rose as it sinks in The Solent with the loss of 700 lives.

<u>20th 1588</u> The Spanish Armada consisting of 130 warships set sail for England from Corunna, a day later than expected due to a storm.

21st 1969 The Eagle lands on the moon.

<u>22nd 1946</u> Bread is rationed in Britain, The shortage is blamed upon a poor harvest and drought.

23rd 1940 The local defense volunteers changes its name to the Home Guard

<u>24th 1567</u> Mary Queen of Scots abdicates after defeat by the Protestants at Carberry Hill, East Lothian.

25th 1814 George Stevenson unveils 'Blutcher' a steam locomotive, Eight carriages and loaded with 30 tons of coal and had a top speed of 4 mph

26th 1978 Louise Brown, the first test tube baby was born.

<u>27th 1953</u> The Korean war is ended with a signing of a peace agreement at Panmunjom ending 3 years of conflict with the loss of 5 million lives.

28th 1540 Henry V111 has Thomas Cromwell beheaded and then goes on to marry Catherine Howard

29th 1588 The Spanish Armada is sighted off the coast of Cornwall. Charles Howard and Francis Drake set sail from Plymouth to establish the birth of British Naval supremacy.

30th 1966 England win the World Cup

31st 1667 The 2nd Anglo-Dutch war ends with peace in Breda. The Dutch acknowledge the loss of Delaware and New Jersey. New Amsterdam is renamed New York.

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday morning worship continues

6th July Down the Pub Theme Day from 11am

Diane Carter Entertains 3pm

13th July Communion with

Val and Irene in the Gazebo 10.30am