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Dear Consett.

As things slowly go back to "normal" we wanted to bring you the last digital only issue of the Consett Magazine in July. We've been looking at the situation closely and we've decided to go back into print from August 1st.

With Government guidelines changing all the time we didn't want to take any chances as we know Consett has a large elderly population. We've had 100's of calls over the past few months from concerned citizens worried about missing an issue because of the lockdown. Don't fear! Digital Publishing is here.

Without further a due, let's take a look at what we've got inside the July 2020 Digital edition of Consett Magazine: Local historian Brian Harrison revisits a hostile encounter involving the miners. Lorriane Weightman as usual has been busy during the lockdown and brings us her memories of "The Wizard of Oz" as well as a bonus poem.

Rochdale is this month's place to go on pages 10 and 11.

Nancy Shaw goes "in with both feet" with an excerpt from her autobiography on page 13.

Joyce Shaw brings us two more fascinating stories on pages 16 and 20.

Puzzle corner is on page 21, where you'll find the July crossword and the answers to last month's crossword (June Consett Magazine - Digital Edition).

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The Colliery Band & the Candymen

In late 1885 at South Medomsley Pit, also known as Pontop Hall Pit, the masters and men clashed over pay and conditions, something that happened all to often in those days, the miners notices having expired on the 4th December. It was a hard time of year and the masters of the pit decided in their wisdom to force the men round to their way of thinking. So in a cold hard winter they closed the pit and enforced a Lock-out until the men would agree too all their demands. With no money and only themselves to rely on they banded together to ride out the winter. Things became hard and the men still hung on. By January 1886 the masters of the pit decided enough was enough and demanded the men return on the second Saturday of the month, but the men refused as their demands for pay and conditions had still not been met. At this point Mr Tyzack, the Manager intimated that if they did not return that steps would be taken to eject them from their lodgings. Saturday came and went and the men waited for eviction notices to arrive, normal a 4 week notice. However, a secret plan had been hatched by the masters, who without notice had arranged for the men and families to be evicted.

Like clockwork in the early morning of Tuesday 12th January the Police arrived in force with about 32 men from Consett under the command Supt. Oliver taking up position at the Pit houses at High Stables, about one mile from Leadgate. At almost the exact same time 20 to 30 "candymen" arrived directly off the train from Newcastle. The miners tried to explain that they had not been given enough notice or time which was granted them by law, but their pleas fell on deaf ears. A ring was formed round the two small rows of houses by the Police who then demanded the candymen to do their job and evict the miners and their families. However something strange then happened, they resolutely refused to carry out any action. The police asked a second time and once again the request was refused. The miners looked on in amazement. The candymen themselves had been deceived many believing they were there to shovel snow for 5 shillings a day plus food and lodgings, others had been told that they would be moving furniture. All stated that the idea of throwing families out on the streets in winter was the last thing they would ever want to do.

The termination of the eviction's brought not only the union men and miners the greatest of satisfaction but cheers went up from the entire village. An almost carnival atmosphere took hold and the miners and candymen paraded through the village and head onto the Black Bull Inn in Dipton, then the headquarters of the Miners Lodge. It snowed throughout the day with slight showers here and there but it did not stop the merriment. The celebration lasted throughout the morning and into the afternoon culminating in the candymen being escorted to Lintz Green Station by the Villagers and the Colliery Band for the 4pm train back to Newcastle. The police left a small contingency of men and returned to Consett. A happy reprieve for the miners and their families.

A major weather front hit the following day known as "The Great Snow Storm" which last from January 13th till February 12th without a break adding to the hardships of the people of the whole area. Although the first set of eviction's didn't happen it was on "Stormy Tuesday" 2nd March that the 2nd eviction's began which saw 60 miners and their families losing their homes.

Almost exactly 100 years later the great Miners Strike took place with similar events taking place throughout not only this area but the whole country, sharing echo's to the past.

If you ask most children now what coal is most wont even know. Coal the backbone of our area for hundreds of years ceased in 1990, with the exception of one small going concern. Country wide less than a handful of deep pits remain. A proud tradition blinked out by change.

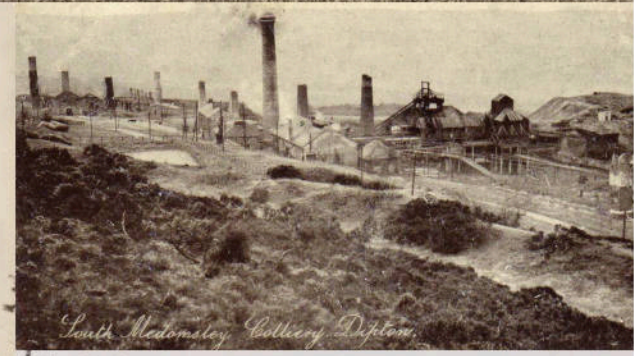


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High Stables -Dipton









Over the Rainbow

By Lorraine Weightman

I recall the very first time I saw The Wizard of Oz as a child.

I remember my Mam getting all excited telling me how good the film was. Always respecting her fine judgement and taste, I settled down on the sofa to watch it on television.

After the opening titles I felt a momentary wave of disappointment roll over me; as it was obvious the film was in black-and-white. Sensing my change of mood, my mother told me to wait, have patience and keep watching, as it would all transform very soon.

Seeing Dorothy's little house spin through the air in the typhoon I didn't hold out much hope. And yet, when it finally landed, and she opened the door to a whole new wonderful world of Oz, in vibrant 'Technicolor', I was transfixed for the rest of the film.

As the story progresses, we notice that Dorothy's friends are all focusing on the negative points about themselves. The Scarecrow bemoans his lack of intelligence, The Tin Man, the absence of a heart, and The Lion believes he has no courage. Luckily for them at the end of their journey down the yellow brick road, they overcome their fears, while realising and rejoicing in their own qualities and achievements.

During these months at home, the majority of families and individuals have had to find ways of modifying their lifestyles, learning to restructure daily routines, while adapting to restrictions on their freedom of movement. We have all been given time, to stop, think, and reflect on our situation, while assimilating ways to adjust to surviving the ongoing crises.

Focusing on the positive, some have learned to cook, master new skills, rekindle family time, attempted to home school, create new ways of doing things and, watch the earth heal; as the clean air gives the world a chance to breathe.

I wonder how many of us will be wishing right now we could tap our ruby slippers together three times and say: 'There's no place like home!', when we begin - as I write this - our 12th week there. However I believe we are the lucky ones, as the majority of our key workers haven't been given that choice, being instrumental in providing the life saving and important services that we all need.

Even though it was made in a studio in 1939, The Wizard Of Oz still holds as much magic for me today, as it did the first time I saw it. Reinforcing the message that although we are all wishing for a perfect world - which perhaps lies over the rainbow - for the vast majority of the time, we have the answers to our dreams deep inside us.

And just like Dorothy, we might just realise, that everything we ever needed, is right here, in our own backyard.

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Sir Bob Murray CBE makes generous donation to Learning for Life

Sir Bob Murray CBE and the Murray Family have kindly presented a specialist education and care provision for adults with learning difficulties, with a cheque for £1,000, to assist them with their "continued and much-needed community efforts".

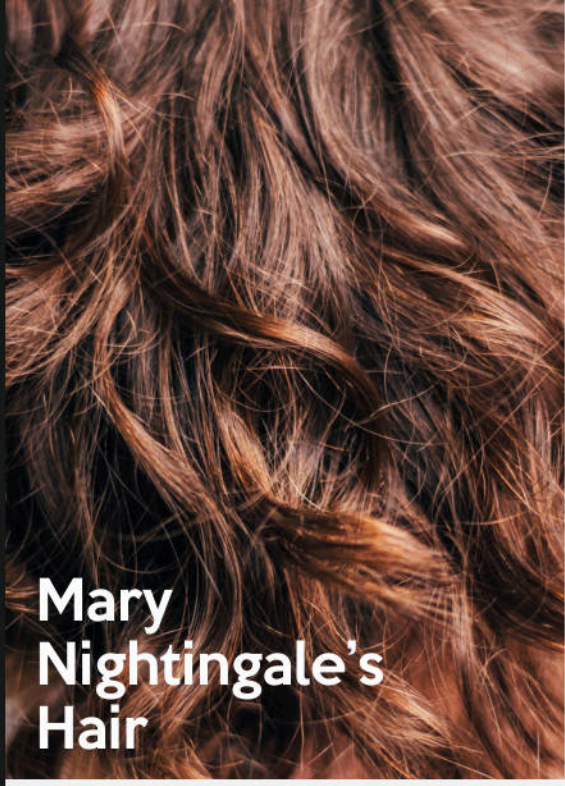
Sir Bob, a former chairman of Sunderland AFC, also personally wished Learning for Life "all the best in your good work".

Marie Matthewson, Principal and Head of Services at Learning for Life, stated, "We are so grateful for this generous cheque from Sir Bob and his family. This donation will be used for much- needed equipment and resources for our most profoundly disabled young people, many of which have been shielding during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the money from this donation will also be used to have a big celebration when all of our learners return!"

Sir Bob Murray's generous donation came 'hot-on-the-heels' of a handwritten card from Mrs Sue Snowdon, Her Majesty the Queen's Lord-Lieutenant for County Durham. Mrs Snowdon in her handwritten card, bearing the Royal Crest, wrote to Learning to Life to say, "Thank you most sincerely for the service you are providing during the current COVID-19 crisis".

Marie Matthewson said, "Learning for Life, is truly unique and it's¬ wonderful to see how the difference we are making to the lives of our learners is being officially recognised and applauded by such key members of our society and our country. It is a true recognition of the good work and positive impact that is being carried out by our directors, partners, managers, staff, parents and carers. Thank you for all your hard work!"

Anyone interested in making a donation or thinking of doing some fundraising for Learning for Life should ring: 01207 509936.



Mary Nightingale's Hair

I think it's bemusing and so unfair,
that Mary Nightingale, has such good hair.
At six thirty on the evening news,
she smiles, then reads her autocue.

There's no regrowth in her perfect parting,
as she moves her head, while she's remarking -
on the day's events, when the shops re-open,
she's not bothered, showing no emotion,

as she tells us, it's a month or more,
before the hairdressers open their door.
Has she a secret, that we don't yet know?
like Kenneth on loan from Blow and Go!

sleeping and staying in her garden shed,
with his highlighting kit, under the bed,
always ready, on the end of the phone,
to see to her roots when she gets home!

Perhaps I'm just jealous, that's what it is,
as I wear a big hat to cover my frizz,
So today I'll wish, or even say a prayer,
to have Mary Nightingale's perfect hair!

By Lorraine Weightman

Places to Go: Rochdale

My visit to Rochdale in May 2019 was something of an experiment. I was trying to see whether this Places to Go column could translate to the small screen as a video, and travelled there via Leeds, Bradford and Hebden Bridge with a talented film-maker Cole Robinson of FilmIt. We made two movies in two days in Leeds and Rochdale, the latter chosen as somewhere not generally thought of as photogenic but a gritty north west town that actually proved very interesting.

We stayed overnight in the Premier Inn a couple of stops out on the Manchester Metrolink, whose yellow trams give the town a continental flavour. With my luggage receipts for leaving the cases at the hotel safely in my back pocket we started off on the tram into town. We had arranged first to meet Bob Bonner of the Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum who let us sit in the cabs of retired engines and blow the horn. Their oldest exhibit dated from 1741, a full hundred years before the Rochdale Pioneers founded the international Co-operative Movement in the town. We explored the replica shops over three floors and learned much of the development of the movement over the years.



The Touchstone Museum and Art Gallery is a better than average town museum, featuring all sorts of specimens and stories about famous Rochdale people including Quaker politician John Bright, who was MP for Durham in 1843. His famous "Angel of Death" speech against war in the Crimea was re-used in the Gulf War of the 1990s. Another was singer Gracie Fields (1898-1979) who was a famous actress and singer, performing on stage and cinema. Opposite the museum is the grand and Gothic Town Hall which is open on some days for tours, but as we were filming we were only permitted to have a look at the impressive ground floor which can be seen in the video.

We had spotted the campus of the sixth Form College and Hopwood Hall College on the west side of the town, with an attractive training restaurant. Forget stories of inedible food and students pouring soup into your lap, this was actually a very well presented establishment, and TripAdvisor has it scoring 10th out of 146 restaurants in Rochdale area. For a training restaurant, that really is a good score. We enjoyed our lunch and set off for the railway station for our afternoon excursion.

Hollingworth Lake was a nineteenth century pleasure resort, roughly equidistant from Littleborough and Smithy Bridge stations. We took the train two stops to Littleborough for a quick visit to the Heritage Centre and Cherry Tree café, and then walked down to the lake which is an attractive stretch of open water with various forms of bird life. Alongside the shore until we reached the turn for Smithy Bridge station, we found - just before the station, and twenty minutes before our train - a charity shop and community café where a well-deserved cake and cup of tea was consumed. We walked down the hill to Smithy Bridge station and waited for the train. Noticing a commotion on the platform just as the train arrived, it appeared someone had found our luggage receipts back in the café and ran down to the station to reunite us. Something had made me turn out the contents of my back pocket. That saved a lot of explaining back at the Premier Inn where we picked up our bags and headed for the train home.

By Alex Nelson



There is still time to ask your MP!

Have you got any questions you'd like to ask your local MP?

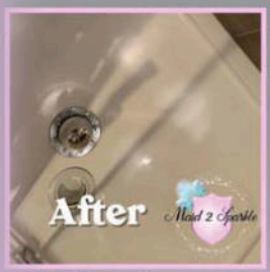
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- Barry Kirkham, Consett Magazine

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Nancy Shaw - "In with both Feet"

I've had unusual things happen to me while living in England, Australia and Canada and I wrote my life story for my two sons to learn how their mother, a second female born illegitimate in a small village of 'holier than thou' people during WW2, not only survived but thrived.

With encouragement from my family I published my book on Amazon and received my first review: An incredible book. Beautifully written.

Storytelling at its very best. Ms. Shaw makes the mundane magical, the everyday compelling and the ordinary nothing less than extraordinary. In reading "In with Both Feet" I felt I was sitting around the fire - on a cold winter evening - listening to a caring and compassionate person sharing her life's journey. What a privilege!

Excerpt from my book:

… So here we were, Brian and I, freezing our butts off trying to keep warm by walking briskly along the seashore and back, and we were nearly back to our hotel when I became desperate for the bathroom.

With Brian close at my heels, I ran up the stairs and into the bathroom trying to hurry because he needed to go also.

As I came out, I was re-fastening my coat as I walked so as not to hold Brian up, when a blood curdling, ear splitting, banshee-type wail erupted from the bottom of the stairs below me, "You Slut! You dirty rotten Slut! You're just like your Mother! I knew you were as common as muck from the first time I saw you.

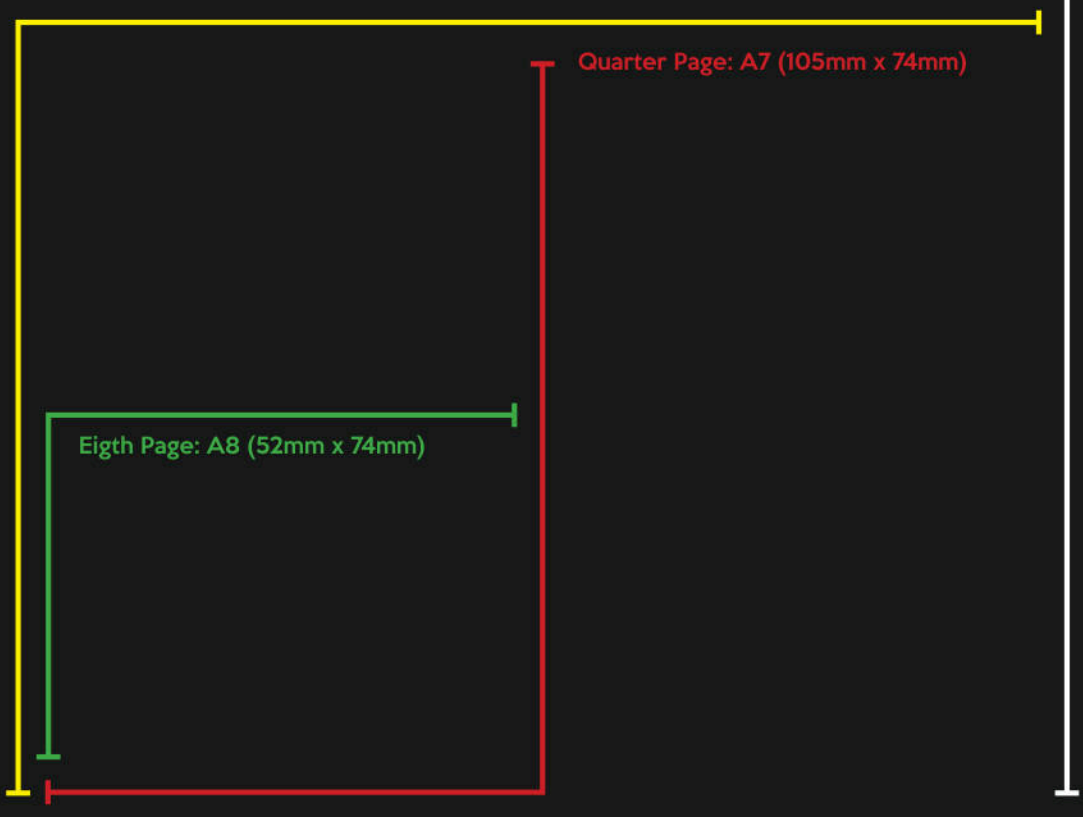
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Ever made a gaff? What a laugh!

By Joyce Shaw

When I travelled through the USA for a year with the African Children's Choir, I was often amazed and amused at the questions some folk would ask me…for instance.. (we travelled around on a bus) How did you bring the bus from Africa? How did you learn English? (they thought I came from Africa too!)

Then I considered the times when I have made a gaff, usually made in innocence but obviously amusing to others!!!

On a school exchange in Germany I was dancing with a German colleague and tried, in German, to say that I was enjoying the moonlight and the dancing. He burst out laughing and he had to leave the dance floor, as it was explained to me that I had told him I enjoyed naked dancing!!! I am always careful about pronouncing the German word for night…."nacht" now!!!

On a wonderful holiday in Cornwall, the party went to St. Michael's Mount and climbed up to the castle there. Among the interesting rooms, was a big display of Egyptian artefacts. I saw a fascinating item! It was a mummified cat and I exclaimed to everyone that it was so lovely that it had been called Cleo (a typical Egyptian name?). My friend burst out laughing when he read the name plate underneath …..it said Circa 2000 BC!!!!! I obviously need to wear my glasses when I look at the small print!!!

A few years ago I took a choir to the Arena for a massed singing event which involved a large symphony orchestra. One of the pieces to be performed was The Anvil Chorus from Il Travatore by Verdi. My choir sat behind the orchestra and so it was easy to see all the performers. The percussion section sat at the back, and among the instruments was the anvil!

I noticed that the musician had his music on the stand for the anvil, and I was fascinated by this, as I had never before experienced this tool as a musical instrument.

During rehearsals, there was a short break and so I told my choir that I was going to get down to the orchestral pit to look at the music for the anvil.

I was utterly delighted as I returned to the choir to tell them what I had found on the music stand…..a notice (not music !) which said "This anvil must be returned to the farrier by Wednesday evening"!!!

Lockdown Poetry - By Andrea Corr

Is the World still broken Mum
Has COVID-19 gone away
Is my Nanna allowed to come
Can we go outside and play

Can we go to the Park yet
Or to playgroup with my friends
It feels so long since we last met
Coronavirus never ends

If I put these Plasters on
Will Everything be Okay
Would that make the virus gone
Then we can see Gran today

I think they'll have missed me lots
Ten weeks is a long time
I picked them some forget-me-nots
Just to make them smile

Stay strong Mum 'cause I love you
You've kept me in a safe place
I've had fun at home with you
It's nice just to embrace

We've come so far together
It's amazing how you cope
And it's not gonna be forever
Just as long as we have hope 🌈





I wonder what you're thinking
Wondering why you can't go outside
Why aren't we at Jumbo Jungle
Sliding down the slide
Where have all your friends gone
Why hasn't Gran came round today
Why aren't we at Drama Tots
I really want to play
Why aren't you at work Mammy
You ask me everyday
I wish that I could tell you
That everything will be ok
We need to stay at home for now
And have lots of fun inside
I will come and seek you
If you just go and hide
Harvey's not at school today
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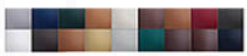
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Razzmatazz and all that Jazz!

By Joyce Shaw

In Oct 1985, the school in which I was teaching, was asked to send a bus load of pupils to visit the Tube in Newcastle to be the audience for The Razzmatazz Christmas Special programme to be put out by Tyne Tees TV in City Road for the ITV Network.

A double decker bus arrived on the day and we had to hand pick the pupils as it was obviously very popular. I made a deal with the disappointed pupils that the least I could do would be to get autographs of anyone famous, to bring back to school!

No one really knew what was in store, but the pupils needed to be dressed in their Christmas finery. When we arrived, we were ushered up the Tube entrance and the studio was decorated like a disco. A big black curtain came down, separating the teachers from the pupils… obviously we were too long in the tooth for discos!!! The staff were allowed into the Green Room but I hung around the door waiting for the celebrities to arrive so that I could get autographs before they were whisked away for interview by David Jensen who was hosting the show.

I got friendly with the doorman so that he could tell me when any star appeared! One of the first to arrive was Kim Wilde who gave me the brush off, but I do remember her long floor length cream coat with a nasty dirt mark all round the hem!

Then a cute little American appeared called Junior, and I asked him if he was famous…he was so generous to me saying that he was "not yet" and so he signed the book with those very words!!

Star of the show was Jennifer Rush who arrived to perform her "Ring of Ice" as she was a great pop star in those days. I was in fear of rejection from her, but she was magnanimous as she signed the book and stayed to chat…tall, with black hair and beautiful!

Spandau Ballet were being interviewed by David Jenson as I made my way to the Green Room for a welcome cuppa.

I sat down and realised that I was sitting beside members of Slade who were waiting to sing "Merry Xmas Everybody".

I am a people watcher, and so it was fascinating to see them relaxing in the Green Room. Dave Hill was on the phone all the time and I did wonder if he always wore those high heeled boots and tall hat wherever he went. Noddy Holder soon left the room to go for interview and so the only autograph that was lacking in the book was that of the drummer, Don Powell.

In those days, the group pursued an image of glam rock which was extreme then, and "attitude" was also part of the image. The drummer sat opposite me and looked quite formidable.

I couldn't go back to school without all the autographs as so many pupils would be disappointed, and so I timidly approached him.

How wrong can you be about first impressions??? He was the perfect gentlemen as he smiled and made me feel comfortable as we talked together and I was presented with a special signature and message for the kids back at school!!!

What a memorable day with unexpected close ups of the stars, even though the teachers were not allowed to be seen!

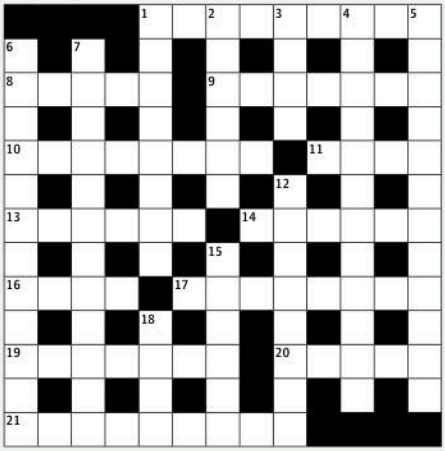
I don't think we Geordies appreciated how much impact this TV show had on the general British public, and how many big stars had actually come through those doors!!!

Answers for June

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Answers for this puzzle will be published on the same page next month.

Puzzle Corner



July 2020

Across

1. Suffering shame (9)
8. Berate — cook (5)
9. Floating wreckage (7)
10. Renounce (a throne) (8)
11. Sullen (4)
13. Artillery soldier (6)
14. Flinch in horror (6)
16. Patient and easily imposed upon (4)
17. Composer of Finlandia, d. 1957 (8)
19. Zilch (7)
20. European country (5)
21. Suffered from great heat (9)

Down

1. Perceived (8)
2. Freedom from danger (6)
3. Upper covering (4)
4. At ease in many different cultures (12)
5. Causing loss of hope (12)
6. Plans for a future event (12)
7. Where to buy plants (6,6)
12. Totally bereft of life (8)
15. Make of sewing machine (6)
18. Jaunty musical rhythm (4)



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