

## **BOSTON SPA FLAG DESCRIPTIONS- in order stories received note No. ref on flag photo**

**1 Anne Watts** - My happy job was to make the first prototype flags, and I chose a flower/plant based theme with a message of good cheer. I picked poppies for remembrance (and in honour of our canine best friend, Poppy), a 4-leaf clover for good luck, and a sunflower for joy – and because it symbolises longevity.

**2 Marcia Colledge** - **Flag 1** - Making a flag rekindled my love of sewing. I thought I had lost the motivation, but what I had lost was time! A good friend posted material and scraps. Symbols of home, garden, sunshine and the river = staying safe. **Flag 2** - I have greatly missed family and friends. Some aspects of lockdown have been positive, but not for everyone. I am acutely aware of those for whom Covid 19 has been an awful and extremely stressful experience. Same sea. Different boats.

**3 Viv and Jude** - The Tree of Life: Inspiration for our flag came from a visit to Alaska many years ago. Their illustrative style of art reflected a strong connection with nature, and we have tried reflect this by depicting land, sea and air and the animals that inhabit our world.

**5 Lui Heaton** - I had an immediate picture in my head for my flag... and a HUGE stash of remnants: dresses I've made for my granddaughters, curtains, my husband's shirts, felt toys... Lots of trips down memory lane! After 25 years I have returned to creative stitching - and loved it. It has been a real Lockdown-Positive for me!

**6 Mary Sergeant** - Our flag was a family effort - like other flags. This is especially comforting and reflects that "We are all in this together". Many thanks Boston Spa in Bloom team for organising the flags.

**7 Louise Hillcoat** - **Flag 1** - Just for Fun Flag - made from a t-shirt that Marion, a final year drama student, had worn whilst teaching drama to many local children. She wanted to give these children something colourful to look at to remind them of their friends and fun times. **Flag 2** - Jackdaw Crag flag by Louise Hillcoat - to show a favourite spot on our daily lockdown dog walk. Made from scraps from NHS scrub making, the flag depicts the view on a still spring day when the river gave a perfect reflection of the cliff and trees.

**8 Enid and Bill Spencer** - Oh no! A request to DO something! Make a flag? What could I do? Out came the old acrylics - bright colours definitely needed at this time - happy thoughts of sun, sea and hills. Done!

**9 Lynn Heaton** - I dedicate this flag to our daughter who, throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, has and continues to work in London hospitals, treating patients who need help with their prosthetic limbs and/or orthotic treatment. We are extremely proud of her and can't wait to see her soon.

**10 Ann Newton** - The inspiration for my flag... was the lockdown and staying at home. Looking out the window and seeing the sun coming out tomorrow.

**11 Julia Newman** - I hunted in my scraps bag, always a favourite with visiting grandchildren, had lots of free time, and hey ho produced two felt flower flags AND thoroughly enjoyed the process. Great idea - we are so lucky to live in this great village - huge thanks to the organisers.

**12 Pippa Sterne** - I used fabric scraps found at home, and about 800m of cotton thread to stop the edges fraying! A photo I'd taken of a peacock butterfly during lockdown provided my inspiration. As caterpillars, they feed on nettles. This seemed symbolic of this sting we are in, and I wanted to convey a feeling of hope and transformation.

**13 Catherine Thompson** - After 7 years, we feel very much part of our fabulous community – and jumped at the chance to create a flag. Our inspiration came from missing our 'freedom to roam' through the wonderful Yorkshire Dales in an old car. Cars are my passion, and my business (ChasingCarsUK.COM). Enjoy the journey!

**14 Sandra Turner - Flag 1** - I am a retired nurse, after 40 years' service, so this is for the frontline workers. **Flag 2** I completed City and Guilds in flower arranging 32 years ago .. just love arranging flowers especially wedding flowers ... Managed to put a flower together with the small materials i had on lockdown.

**15 Kate Kennedy** - Benefice of Bramham Flag - a team effort. Kate Kennedy and Emma Hunter had the idea of producing a flag for St. Mary's/Benefice of Bramham. Emma came up with a design, with advice and help in making the flag from her mum, Lynda Goddard. Emma put on the finishing touches.

**16 Hazel Clough** - My flag was fun to make, brightened a dull cold lockdown day. I've always loved the hanging baskets - so I made one! My neighbour donated the backing fabric and the rest was from my stash. I aimed for bright and cheerful and loved constructing it.

**17 Dianne McElwee** - The Gala team is small but perfectly formed! We thoroughly enjoy putting on the annual event for the village – but sad that it was cancelled this year. We wanted to add a little Gala essence, so we went with a cheery Gala theme of bunting and balloons.

**18 Diane Johnson** - I wanted my flag to acknowledge the reason there were no hanging baskets this year by thanking our wonderful key workers, especially the NHS, who have supported and cared for us whilst we have been in lockdown. They are all stars.

**19 Jane White – St. Gemma's** - In normal times I volunteer at St Gemma's charity shop, so I wanted to use their logo – and was inspired to create other pictures, having recently dusted down my sewing machine to make scrubs for Harrogate Hospital. I couldn't do what doctors and nurses do, but I can sew – so I did!

**20 Jennie Saynor** - Our flag was designed by my eldest daughter, who took inspiration from her younger sister's home-schooling project. The French knots in each country are the lights in everyone's homes.

**21 Janet McBride** - To create some flowers in a pot... I found some old Liberty fabric, formerly a skirt of my mother's (she had loved living Boston Spa), ladybird buttons from my daughter's childhood dressing gown, and backing material from my other daughter's curtains. A collection of very happy family memories.

**22 Catherine Thomson -Boston Spa Scouts**- When Croc learned about the flags, we jumped at the chance. A Cub and Scout helped create the flowers. A leader created a hanging basket using our necker, incorporating Beaver colours, activity badges that can be earned by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, as well as the district badge and Scout promise badge.

**23 Jean Collinson** – Made of material designed for the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts. The 1st Boston Spa Guide Company was formed by Miss Audrey Andrews in 1924. She was inspired by Lord Baden-Powell, who visited her family after opening the Scout's hut in 1921. The hut was in the field behind the Village Hall.

**24 Pauline Dickes** - With thanks to Grandson Arthur, who helped in creating the fish and the sun. It is always joyful seeing the heron and shoals of fish in the clear water of the river.

**25 Julia Samways** - I wanted my tapestry of a wisteria tree and garden to celebrate the magnificent efforts of many Boston Spa residents in their gardens, particularly those who open up their gardens. My husband and I have spent many happy hours visiting the Open Gardens and gaining inspiration from them. Long may it continue.

**26 Ruth Bond** - Spa Surgery Flag: I wanted to express thanks to the community for all your help in looking after yourselves and each other during the Covid 19 Pandemic. I also wanted to thank the team at Spa Surgery who have been working really hard behind the scenes to keep the surgery going.

**27 Helen Pearson** (Ruth Bond's mum) - 5 Union Jack birds: I wanted to make a flag for VE day which combined the image from the song 'There'll be blue birds over, the white cliffs of Dover' to evoke nostalgic patriotism and happy thoughts of when we'll all be together again after the pandemic.

**28 Christine Daley** - Flag by the Boston Spa Scrubbers, a volunteer group set up in April 2020 by Christine Daley & Robert Dee to work with Yorkshire Scrubs during the Covid 19 crisis. Over 50 of us (sewers, knitters, washers, drivers, coordinators) make scrubs, scrub bags & headbands for NHS and care sector workers. Working together to support our key workers.

**29 Gill Whitehead** Our flag is the St Marys C of E Primary school logo depicting St Marys church along with our school values of 'Love, Respect and Moral Understanding', words that demonstrate the way our village has pulled together and supported those in need during this very difficult time.

**30. Primrose Lane School** Our flag was designed & created by the children of key/frontline workers who have been attending Primrose Lane School throughout the epidemic. The earth represents the global pandemic, the rainbow represents our NHS & the flowers are to represent Primrose Lane's logo.

**31 Carol Thomas** The vase of flowers was created to represent the beautiful baskets of flowers that usually adorn our High Street during the summer months. The second flag, the cupcake, is a representation of my cake business, which I have run from home for many years.

**32 Lena Holdsworth Age 5 1/2**

With a black moon and thunder the rain is broken by blue skies and a yellow sun. A rainbow now looks over lovely green grass, a beautiful flower and a juicy pineapple under a blossom tree. The love heart is for kindness.