

VIRTUAL POST MONTE DINNER



Many thanks to those of you who joined us in our Post Monte Dinner on Saturday 28 March. Thanks for all the emails, photographs and menus.

June and I dressed up in the clothes that we were planning to wear to the Blythswood Hotel. June had bought a new dress and I got out my ACM tie. Here we are raising a glass to all our friends and wishing them good health.



Here are some photos of the best dishes.

This weekend June and I are having a 'film night' here at home with ice cream and popcorn. We are going to watch Populaire – a French film (with subtitles), which we haven't watched for a long time but is a favourite.

SELF ISOLATION ACTIVITIES

You might wonder what the Monte Start Committee are doing during this period of self-isolation. As you can see we are all keeping busy doing the jobs we have not had time to do and taking up the hobbies that have been on the back burner for a while.

Craig McGibbon has got down to decorating the house, starting in the dining room. He has moved on to the lounge. As you can see he is doing the most difficult job first – painting the ceiling. He says that although he loves doing practical jobs, painting and decorating is his least favourite activity, but now is the ideal time to get it done.



Serious case of decor8.20

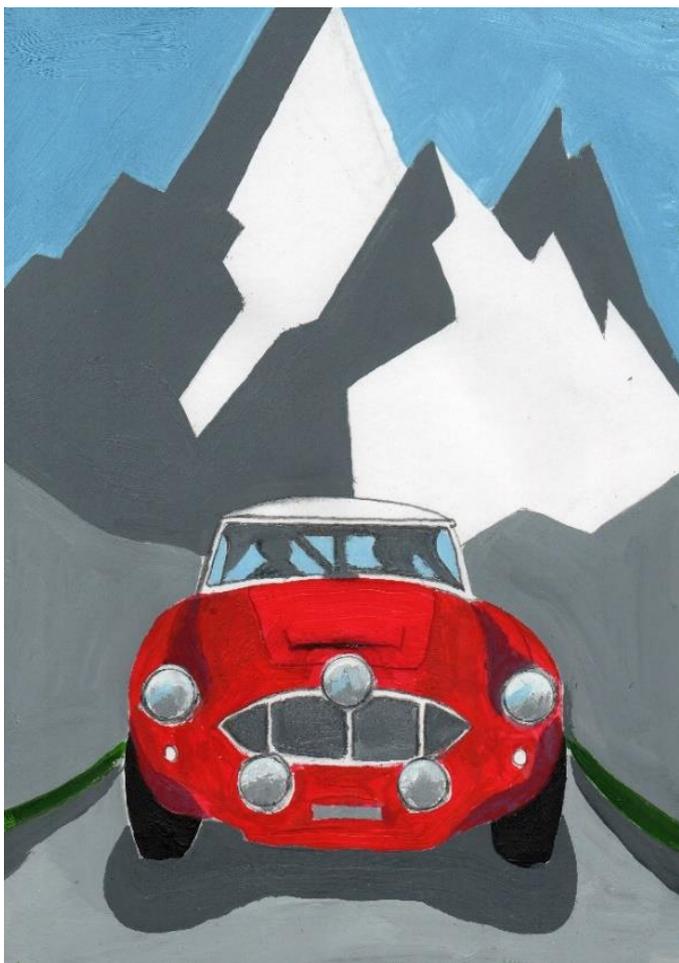


Jonathan Lord is a great reader and book collector. He emailed to say, “I’ve been using the enforced lay-off to tidy up some of my books. Even though shortage of shelf space means that many of them will still be on the floor, at least they’ll now be in alphabetical order! I

thought it might make a feature for your next newsletter to see what Monte books people on your mailing list have in their collection. This is a picture of what I’ve unearthed so far. Of course, the Monte is also mentioned in dozens of other rally books in my collection.”



June has been knitting Easter chicks for the children at our son's school. She does them every year but it looks as if the children won't be getting them until later in the year, when the schools re-open. When we were clearing out the cupboards during the first week of our self-isolation, she rediscovered bags and bags of unused wool, so she has also knitted a cardigan, a hat, mitts and is now onto a matching scarf.



I have been reading Hugh Merrick's famous 1958 book 'The Great Motor Highways of the Alps' and was inspired to paint an Alpine Rally poster. I got the paints out and created a poster which I might use for the 2021 Alba Alps Classic Road Trial.



Janet and Brian are both hard at work as usual. Like many of you, Janet is working from home. Their two dogs are very pleased to have her at home during the day. Unfortunately, Brian is still having to go into work. Let's hope that he is able to keep the required 2 metres away from his colleagues.

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