

KATIE'S
PRIDE

EDITION 109

Hi and Welcome to this Week's Katie's Pride!

Quick apologies that there was no paper edition of newsletter 107, it has gone mysteriously missing, if you would like an online version, you can email me at katiespride3@gmail.com I still came around and saw some people but I was a bit lost to be honest.

I have written a letter to my birth mum, she won't ever get to read it, but this is about me and for me. I should imagine that it's all connected to my addictive and obsessive personality.

LETTER

It's a bit of an effort to write this letter. Not because it's hard, but because part of me can't see the point. It all happened a long time ago, I'm 55 - life has been a struggle, I carry an inner pain around, but don't really think about being adopted on the whole.

I think or I know that it's come out in other ways, I've learnt through my therapy that I've got separation and attachment issues, and almost certainly identity issues.

I wonder how you feel? What would you like to hear? I don't feel any bitterness or resentment towards you, I'd be lying if I said that it hadn't damaged me, because it has.

I had a lovely Mum and Dad, I was very fortunate- things could have ended up a lot worse.

I found out that a year after I was born that you had another baby, and called it the same name as what my parents had changed my name to. I wonder if that was a coincidence.

My Mum said that she always thought of you, on my birthday. I would ask her if she thought that you remembered me, and she always said "Yes, you wouldn't forget something like that!"

My Mum was like that, always thinking of other people, I hope that I've inherited some of those traits.

You'd think that as the years passed by that things would get easier, but they don't. Obviously when this happened, I was too young to remember, but subconsciously you must do.

It affects the person that you become, you might not even realise it. In my case you become a people pleaser, you want people to like you.

I don't know if I'd call it an ache or an emptiness, it can vary between the two. The best description that I would give how I feel, is like a deep, deep scar or wound that is still open, even after all these years.

I think that I'm lucky, because I'm aware of my behaviour. I think that lots of people, turn to drink, drugs and other things - as a way of escaping the pain that they carry around with them.

You probably feel guilty and maybe upset after reading this, but I would hate that.
Best wishes Katie x

I've sent a letter to The Comet asking other people who have been adopted to contact me, if they feel that it might help and those who have put babies up for adoption as well.

I'm going to write letters to everyone that I've lost, my Dad, my Mum, my Nan and Grandad and even my brother who I don't see anymore. (I have done this before). Writing is such a powerful way for me to express myself, possibly even more so than dressing as Katie.

LOCAL PRIDE NEWS

I have done an article questioning whether the Churches are doing enough when it comes to the LGBTQ+ community. I have had nothing but good experiences when I go to Church as Katie. I feel a bit bad in some ways and it is in no way meant to be a criticism, more of a challenge. I would like to see more visual signs on display that would send out a strong message. PRIDE flags, a PRIDE cross or maybe one day even a PRIDE pew.

I can contacted several Churches in North Herts, with the idea of forming a North Herts PRIDE Praise committee, with the intention of sharing thoughts, having an event and taking ideas back into their individual Churches.

It looks like I will be starting a course at my local college, so I will have a couple of weeks off from doing the newsletter and am going to leave doing the strictly sweepstake.

WORLD PRIDE NEWS

For Amal – not her real name – who lives in a rural part of Lebanon, the rise in anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric in the country has filled her with fear for her own safety and that of others. The increasing wave of hostility in the country has included an attack on a Beirut a gay bar by Christian extremist group Jnoud El-Rab (Soldiers of God), homophobic speeches by the country's leaders, the banning of board game Snakes & Ladders banned, for apparently having rainbow colours, and the censoring of the Barbie movie. (Pink News).

ORIGINS OF SAYINGS: CROCODILE TEARS

Meaning: Tears or expressions of sorrow that are insincere.

Origin: Written in the 14th century, a book called "The Travels of Sir John Mandeville" recounts a knight's adventures through Asia. In the book it says that crocodiles shed tears while eating a man they captured. Even though it is factually inaccurate, the phrase 'crocodile tears' found its way into Shakespeare's work and became an idiom in the 16th Century, symbolizing insincere grief.

TOP 10 FROM 108

1) The Cars 1984 2) Split Enz 1980 3) Pat Benetar 1983 4) Men at work 1983
5) Jefferson Starship 1986 6) Chicago 1989 7) Kim Carnes 1981 8) Debarge 1981
9) Salt-Pepa 1988 10) Foreigner 1981

LAST WEEKS QUIZ ANSWERS (108)

CONUNDRUMS	Footprint, pregnancy, Circulant
WHAT COUNTRY AM I	Sweden
COMBINED AGES	188
WHO AM I?	Holly Willoughby
NAME THE YEAR	1922

FOOTBALL GROUND ANAGRAMS

1) Stamford Bridge 2) St. James Park 3) Falmer Stadium 4) London Stadium
5) Goodison Park 6) Kenilworth Road 7) Selhurst Park 8) Tottenham Hotspur Stadium 9) St. Mary's Stadium 10) Craven Cottage

THIS WEEK'S QUIZZES

WHO AM I?

I was born in 1948, to find who I am, just repeat it twice and powder your nose?

COMBINED AGES

Add Ian Wright, Sue Barker and Ed Sheeran's ages together.

NAME THE YEAR

The phonograph is patented by French typesetter Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville. It is the earliest known device for recording sound.

NAME THESE 3 SONGS (First initials of lyrics)

INIL, SDFI, IJASPIGT, AJB, ICYU, DGMW, DTYGIM, INIL, NNIB
O, IGUANGMD, YGIT, ISTRAAIK, B, JHYF, Y GTRWTPTGTWR
HI, TAND, IANCCE, TIL, AIWDIHALFBID

CONUNDRUMS	Tsnusomor, Naadgaevt, Toenrsshed
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Thanks for reading, have a great week!

God Bless.

Kate Wilson

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