<u>5</u>

Dishonouring surviving.

Desperation and devastation, the uncertain sequel to a proud history, to freedom. Lockdown's legacy mars celebration with desecration that besmirches civilisation. Despair, inflamed by ignorance and indifference, invites hatred. Hatred that blemishes the sacrifices made by generations past and present. Dishonouring surviving.

Disguised as democracy virulence, violence and violations infest decency. History's symbols toppled, defiled, shrouded. Demolishing biography. Determined, unscrupulous, chaotic attacks infiltrate humanity. Dishonouring surviving.

Wreckage followed weeks of lockdown, months of suffering. Shattered lives. Unsightly, unjust, unfair. Unwrapped ugliness. Unbearable. Dishonouring surviving.

Life post-Covid: some novel normality? Not entirely confined. Constrained. Honouring surviving and dying?

Moyra Baldwin Ruthin and District U3A

18th June 2020