

# OS Limerick Competition

## The Trouble with Self Isolation – 31/03/20

### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize:

"The trouble with self-isolation",  
Said the wife on the way to the station,  
"Is I now know it's true,  
That it's being with you  
That's the cause of all my vexation!"  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

"The trouble with self-isolation",  
Say the Stoics, "are our expectations.  
Take things as they are,  
You'll be happier by far,  
By these means you beget toleration!".  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:

The trouble with self-isolation  
Comes with the grim realisation  
That when stuck in a house  
With your teens and your spouse  
It's the dogs who provide conversation!  
Allison Puranik (Current Parent and Staff)

### Other entries received:

A chap called Lancelot Brown,  
had developed a terrible frown.  
Designing a folly  
was all rather jolly,  
something to do in lockdown.  
Bill Graham (Bruce 76)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is bonding us all as a nation  
But the bonus of strife  
Is a man and his wife  
Can work on its re-population  
James Hopkinson-Woolley (Temple 84)

The trouble with self-isolation-  
Perturbation and much aggravation,  
Stagnation, negation,  
Privation, damnation,  
Vexation, no hope of salvation .  
Adrian Steel (Temple 59)

The trouble with self isolation

Is it leads one to excess libation  
But please bear in mind  
You risk going blind  
If you succumb to another temptation!  
Geoff Brown (Grafton 74)

The trouble with 'shelf isherlashion'  
Is the demand for frequent libation  
If you get up at six  
To imbibe your first fix  
You may end up in self-irrigation.  
Anthony White (Cobham 58)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is regretting your lone situation.  
Think, if you left your front door  
To toddle down to the store  
You might encounter a long lost relation.  
Anthony White (Cobham 58)

The trouble with self-isolation  
When Boris addresses the nation  
The news is not good  
So you eat more pud  
And your tum gets hyper-inflation  
Martin Perry (Grenville 61)

The trouble with self-isolation  
that is testing the health of the nation  
Boris thought it rather fun  
To set the Nation to run but I'd (far) rather walk to the station  
Nicholas Luddington (Chatham 78)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is the way it's entrapped the whole nation  
For while clearly on trial  
It remains in denial  
About how Brits adore masturbation.  
Michael Thomas (Chatham 71)

The trouble with self-isolation  
If you live in a large conurbation  
Is that some folks refuse  
To believe the real news  
And insist that it's misinformation.  
Charles Frean (Cobham 67)

They will skimp on their own sanitation,  
Put at risk the whole herd's situation.  
For there is no excuse  
If they play fast and loose

With our health and the lives of our nation.  
Charles Fread (Cobham 67)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is everyone thinks it's a system failure  
It's not a big deal, no worries mate here,  
Just come and live in outback Australia.  
John Lawrence (Temple 78)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is it fosters increased population.  
To avoid this disaster  
The thing you must master  
Is too much of your new recreation.  
David Connah (Bruce 53)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
is being closeted for the duration  
of this pesky new virus,  
which seems to want to retire us  
to eternal Hell and Damnation.  
Simon Searle (Temple 63)

The trouble with self-isolation  
For Boris: he's not at his station.  
He's reading a book  
And learning to cook  
Instead of inspiring the nation.  
Trevor Hobday (Chandos 54)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is that men throughout the nation  
Are making it hard  
Then covering it with lard  
For sessions of extreme masturbation  
Christian Hesketh (Chandos 89)

The trouble with self isolation  
as a limerick title verbatim  
is that it's quite hard  
with crudity barred  
to resist rhyming with masturbation  
Michael De Butts (Grenville 99)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is it tends to lead to deflation  
But consider it please  
You'll avoid the disease  
And possibly incarceration.  
John Rice (Grafton 86)

The problem with self-isolation  
Is boredom and the need for libation.  
A bottle or two  
Would probably do,  
Why stop there? We're all on vacation.  
Rex Birchenough (Grenville 60)

Rough draft & struggling to find rhymes with isolation!  
The trouble with self isolation,  
Is that no one remembers their station;  
His Lordship is bored  
While Cook has her hoard  
And Her Grace misbehaves on occasion!  
Nick Spencer (Grafton 93)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is one of self gratification;  
While beating corona  
I'm basically a loner  
And I'm sure you can guess what comes next!  
Nick Spencer (Grafton 93)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is dreaming about lost vacations  
But mooning about  
Needs to be booted out  
In favour of small celebrations.  
Emma Ackroyd (Current Parent)

The trouble with self isolation ,  
Is that one must consider some self education ,  
But despite all the hours ,  
Of sudoku one scours,  
It gets earlier and earlier for libation .  
D'Arcy Wyvill (Temple 93)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Varies from nation to nation,  
Italians moan,  
Ozzies still roam,  
Yet nowhere it leads to elation.  
Elisabeth Kern-Mulckey (née Kern, Nugent 94)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is that often it leads to frustration  
So get out of bed  
And get it into your head  
That it's time to do something amazing  
Hazel Brown (Staff)

The trouble with self-isolation,

Is the mess that it leaves in the car,  
Beer cans increase,  
Chips add the grease,  
'Til you really can't see very far.  
Adrian Laird Craig (Bruce 72)

'The trouble with self-isolation',  
Is that it's nine syllables long,  
So, to fit it in line  
With assonance and rhyme,  
Makes it tricky to turn into song.  
Adrian Laird Craig (Bruce 72)

The trouble with self-isolation"  
Muttered my dear old dad once to me,  
"Is that when you look out,  
There's nothing about,  
But police - to the shore if the Sea!"  
Adrian Laird Craig (Bruce 72)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
My neurosis becomes pre-occupation.  
Fears of ruin and shortage,  
Combined with "who'll pay the mortgage."  
Now supercede my self-agrandization.  
David Newton (Grafton 74)

The trouble with self-isolation  
And a cause of much tribulation  
Is that fruit of the vine  
And far too much time  
Lead to total loss of sensation  
Adrian Beney (Grafton 80)

The trouble with self-isolation  
If you live in a large conurbation  
Is that some folks refuse  
To believe the real news  
And insist that it's misinformation.

They will skimp on their own sanitation,  
Put at risk the whole herd's situation.  
For there is no excuse  
If they play fast and loose  
With our health and the lives of our nation.  
Charles Frean (Cobham 67)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is that now I'm into self flagellation  
I lost my old hooker  
'Cos I simply can't book 'er

And my girlfriend needs constant inflation  
Christian Hesketh (Chandos 89)

The trouble with self isolation,"  
Said the man in charge of the nation  
"Some people will die,  
But no need to cry,  
I don't care for your glum indignation.  
Christian Hesketh (Chandos 89)

The trouble with self isolation  
With long spells of slow masturbation  
Is that to bring out one's seed  
One oft has the need  
To use too much lubrication  
Christian Hesketh (Chandos 89)

The trouble with self isolation  
May entail food deprivation  
Learn t'eat like a bird  
And think like a nerd  
To write lim'ricks for self stimulation  
Ian Dowdeswell (Grafton 59)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is it's not a real vacation;  
confined to the house,  
as quiet as a mouse,  
and condemned without aspiration  
Christopher Honeyman Brown (Grenville 66)

The trouble with self isolation  
is you're stuck in one location  
to keep out the bug,  
no chance of a hug  
just to save the whole bloody nation  
Christopher Honeyman Brown (Grenville 66)

The problem with self isolation  
Is there seems to be no correlation  
Between Boris who's ill  
And Trump who's well still  
So Cummings will be leading the nation.  
Tim Kilpatrick (Cobham 63)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is getting a nice girl's attention.  
A kiss is taboo,  
A hug you can't do.  
You're left with polite conversation.  
Kim Cheetham (Grafton 56)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is it's part of a girl's education,  
But I think I'm a boy,  
So I cannot enjoy  
The same lovely gratification.  
Jeremy Burnham (Temple 50)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is it affects the whole nation  
But, Stoics, shed not a tear  
We've been doing it for years  
And made escape our top occupation!  
Andrew Mackay (Temple 74)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is it affects the whole nation  
It's a bit of a bore  
But we've seen it before  
Stoics know all about deprivation!  
Andrew Mackay (Temple 74)

The trouble with self isolation  
One engages in much er mastication  
While chewing the cud  
One's stuck in the mud  
Of self delusion and dire consternation.  
Timothy Hill (Bruce 53)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
Not to mention the total frustration,  
Is that travelling is dead,  
For some time it's been said;  
When next will we take a vacation?  
Colin Juneman (Former staff,1970-1979)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
Is finding a girl for flirtation,  
Houseparty won't do,  
Too public for two,  
When talking becomes masturbation.  
Sam Seccombe (Chatham 05)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
There's time for extended libation,  
But if all you've got in  
Is a half bottle of gin,  
Not much party - just ruddy frustration.  
Richard Guinness (Chatham 57)

The problem with self-isolation,

At Stowe, should cause no consternation:  
Whether inside or out,  
The beauty about  
Will lift soul to great contemplation.  
Anon (Temple 80)

The problem with self-isolation  
Is the lack of a good conversation.  
Social media just bores me  
But now it will force me  
To Tweet, post and Snap-chat the nation.  
Anon (Temple 80)

The problem with self-isolation  
Is men's urge to enjoy procreation;  
But alone in the house  
With no partner or spouse  
May now force them to more mas\*\*\*bation.  
Anon (Temple 80)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is the ever present temptation  
Of having a hunch  
For a rather large lunch  
Then abdominal extra inflation!  
Nigel Milne (Chandos 68)

The trouble with self – isolation  
When catering for the duration  
Finding only some peas  
With some left-over cheese  
When one's craving for a crustacean !  
Nigel Milne (Chandos 68)

The trouble with self-isolation  
With healthcare a major fixation  
Latex gloves and a mask  
Tend to liken each task  
To an intimate examination !  
Nigel Milne (Chandos 68)

The trouble with self- isolation,  
Life's all about anticipation,  
Real ale in the pub,  
Hot Indian grub,  
For now it is just constipation!  
Philip Graves (Grafton 77)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is Old Stoics who catch inspiration.  
Via an email or two,



One is told what to do.  
No peace! just poetic frustration!  
Chris Gornall (Grafton 51)

The trouble with self-isolation  
As it sweeps across this our nation  
Is you go round the bend  
A'fore it comes to an end  
When you're the source of your own irritation  
Craig Tranfield (Temple 75)

The trouble with self isolation  
And doing your bit for the nation  
Is the Ramblers and folk  
Avoiding the smoke  
All end up inside the police station  
John Bond (Bruce 58)

"The trouble with self-isolation",  
Said the boy to an elder relation,  
"If I give you a hug,  
You may get the bug,  
Like in that film of the Martian invasion!"  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

"The trouble with self-isolation"  
He said to the man on the mountain,  
'Is, Laotzu might be smart  
But it takes more than art  
To be able to live in this fashion!"  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

"The trouble with self-isolation",  
Said the man on a raft in the ocean,  
"Is that though you're my friend,  
Right up to the end,  
You're a football, who has no emotion!"  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

"The trouble with self-isolation"  
Said the boy with no span of attention,  
"Is though not at school,  
I can still play the fool,  
Just like I did in detention!"  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is that 'trouble' itself is negation.  
Instead, if you would,  
Just think of the good  
You can make of such limitation!

Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is some worries need relegation.  
As a Bhuddist might say:  
“Let it be! Come what may!  
Just relax and do meditation!”  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self- isolation,  
Is having to live with privation.  
With the last loo-roll on,  
And my options soon gone,  
My mind’s a discombobulation!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is in keeping our space designation,  
As we circle and prance,  
In this two-metre dance,  
To arrive at the same destination!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
As it seems in my estimation,  
Is you’ll probably find,  
People losing their minds,  
And climbing the walls in frustration!

Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)The trouble with self- isolation  
Is despite all of our best intentions,  
More often as not,  
The house goes to pot,  
‘Cause we’re learning our Latin declensions!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

“The trouble with self- isolation”  
Said the Moon to the solar-emissions,  
“Though we do as we please,  
We have nothing but cheese,  
...And a cow with Olympic ambitions!”  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
May depend on your brexit persuasion,  
But be you With or Without,  
There can be no doubt  
Where we stand on this new infestation!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation,

If I die from Natural Selection,  
Is though I've been good,  
I believe I would  
Not be chosen for self-resurrection!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Depends upon one's prohibitions,  
If you have water and soap  
You still have some hope,  
But the Poor have much tougher conditions!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is it could be a miscalculation.  
For If the zombie's inside,  
And there's nowhere to hide,  
Then all you can say is "Damnation!"  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is we're facing the same repetition,  
Like when that actor called Bill,  
And a groundhog called Phil,  
Were facing the same repetition!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
For the Cynic, was self-satisfaction.  
Diogene's plight  
Was: 'Get out of my light!'  
And the king moved his shadow a fraction!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self -isolation  
Was something Cyrano did mention,  
But his beautiful prose,  
Never mentioned his nose,  
So his comrade got all *her* attentions!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self -isolation  
Is a problem I'd rather not mention,  
For the last loo-roll's now gone,  
And it now won't be long  
'Til I'm practising anal-retention!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is that for some it's a minor disruption,  
With walks in the park,

And having a lark,  
While others are facing bankruptcy!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
When fencing at home in seclusion,  
Is your parry-riposte  
Is all but lost  
On your pets, who resent your intrusion!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is that things can become an obsession,  
You start off quite small,  
And in no time at all,  
You're suffering from manic-possession!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

"The trouble with self-isolation"  
Said the Earth to the far constellations,  
"Is that I think I've caught flu",  
(That's 'human' to you),  
'And it's giving me hot palpitations!'  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

"The trouble with self-isolation,  
Is in avoiding contamination,  
For three is a crowd,  
When sharing a cloud!",  
Saith the Lord from his high elevation.  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
Depends upon self-motivation;  
For as death tolls rise,  
It is hard to disguise  
Our concern, as we wait for salvation.  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is a lack of sword interaction.  
Which may sound rude,  
but for fencers its food  
For thought and improvisation.  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation,  
is when loo-rolls reach termination.  
So resist self-defeat  
Find leaves, rizlas, receipts,  
...And try to maintain sanitation!

Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self-isolation  
Is in having to last the duration.  
If too short, we might die,  
If too long, we might die,  
So to hell with this self-isolation!  
Colin Boardman (Grenville 87)

The trouble with self isolation  
Is from loved ones the long separation  
But in time it will end  
Then to all you can send  
An invite for great celebration  
Craig Tranfield

The trouble with self isolation  
Is dark dread and deep consternation  
Then starting to fear  
That your end may be near  
Recov'ry brings joyful elation  
Craig Tranfield

The trouble with being in lock down  
Is worse if you live in a big town  
Although cars are now fewer  
So the air becomes pure  
And global pollution is way down.  
Craig Tranfield

The trouble with self isolation  
Involves withdrawal from circulation  
Don't get too depressed  
Or otherwise obsessed  
Observing ec'onomic degradation  
Ian Dowdeswell (Grafton 59)

The trouble with self isolation  
is that usual bold animation  
sinks to levels unseen  
in the life of our Queen  
unless roused with perfumed irrigation.  
Lord Ampthill (Temple 64)