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A Word from the Chair



It's getting to be a bit like De Ja Vu with these newsletters.

We are into another month and nothing seems to have changed, except some of us may be another year older. I know they have relaxed the rules a little for some people who have been shielding, who can now go to a bubble. As for the rest of us we can now go shopping. Who wants to go scrambling round

the shops? I'm sure I don't.

Having said all that, I hope you and your families are all keeping well.

I would like to thank the people who took the time to do the bird survey. I'm afraid the weather was against us that week as it was very windy and the birds weren't playing out much, however if you look at the bird chart you will see that there were quite a lot of different birds seen.

I'm afraid there was not much response to the poetry competition with only a few brave people sending in their entries. The committee decided that the winner was Val Dawes. Well done Val, £10 will be coming your way.

We would like some more short stories for the competition. I am sure the writing groups could come up with some interesting stories, but you don't have to belong a writing group as anyone can enter. Write a story on whatever subject takes your fancy.

If you have any other ideas please let us know and we will look into them.

Whatever you decide to do, enjoy yourselves, stay safe and well till next time. Sue

Note from the Editor

THANK YOU for all of your contributions for Issue 1,2,3 & 4, 5 & 6 Please keep them coming for Issue 7!

Also Don't forget to keep checking the rest of the U3A website! For group updates etc.

Latest News/Events

Poetry Competition

Sadly, our Poetry competition only attracted 4 entries but the committee members have judged the following Poem written by Val Dawes as the winner of the £10 prize

The nations been invaded by something unseen

It's often referred to as covid 19

I would look forward to a new week dawning

Then going to games on a Monday morning

Exercise in the afternoon but that I can still do

With moves I have learned from Linda and Sue

Linda's my instructor at my Wednesday keep fit

So I have no excuses in a chair to sit

A dartboard in the spare bedroom so that's OK

Gives a chance to throw some almost every day

Each third Monday of the month I missed exercise for craft

I give my work to charity and mostly I knit hats

I've done two jigsaws and a thirds on the table
But I can't work out why with this one I'm unable
To put the pieces together a picture to make
They're just spread out like a broken mosaic
My papers delivered every morning and I know it's not the same
But doing the puzzles makes up for missing games
In the afternoon I go for a walk
Sometimes see someone I know and from a distance we talk
I finished the book that I'd read before
The title of the book was 1984
I'm now so far through reading another
And this one doesn't mention big brother
When I finished this one only two more to go
After that what I'll read I really don't know
I'm not thinking of isolations negativity
As I know I can keep up all my activities
The difference is when doing them at home
I miss the company as I live alone
But I'll obey the rules without any fuss
If we all pull together we'll beat coronavirus.

Short Story competition

Still time to put pen to paper and enter the short story competition, A story of around 600 words on a subject of your choice could win you a £10 prize (you could spend it at Primark after standing in a very long queue)

Entries to be in by around the end of June. And the winning entry will be published in the next Newsletter.

Entries to Sue McPhee or Steve Roberts

Record Breakers

A new idea from Dave Bodecott, what records would YOU like to smash, never to be seen again?

Email your recommendations to Steve Roberts for entry in the next newsletter

Here is Dave's list for starters:

Deck of Cards – Wink Martindale

Light my Fire – Doors

Anything by Oasis

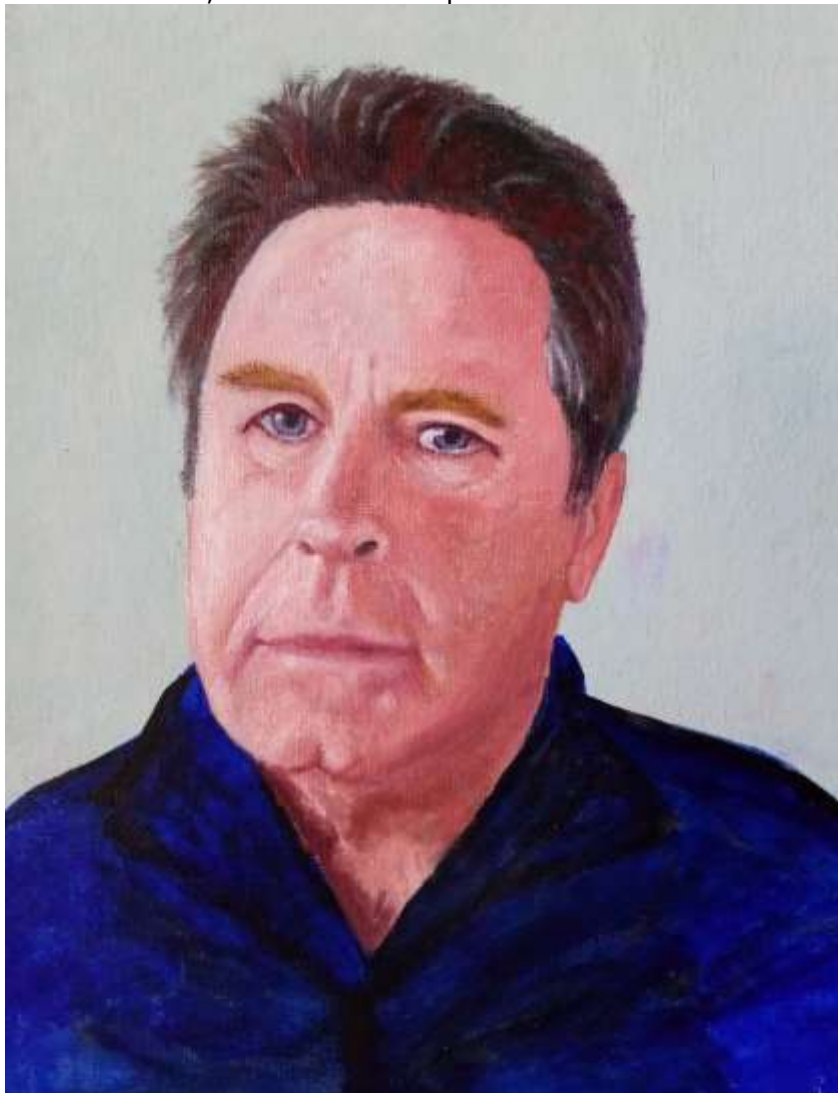
And two I have never heard of!

Camouflage – Stan Ridgeway

Teddy bear – Red Sovine

Portrait Gallery

Another self portrait from our very own Pete Taylor, an excellent effort, Pete but cheer up!



Recent Garden Bird Survey Results

Bird Sightings	18th May-24th May 2020					
	S McPhee	F Davies	R Daniel	S Roberts	L Reider	S Mawer
Blackbird	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blackcap						
Blue Tit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bullfinch		✓	✓			
Buzzard	✓					
Chaffinch		✓		✓		✓
Chiff Chaff						
Coal Tit			✓	✓		✓
Collared Dove			✓	✓		
Crow	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Dunnoek	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Feral Pigeon			✓			
Goldcrest						
Goldfinch	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Great Tit		✓	✓		✓	✓
Gr Sp Woodpecker			✓			
Greenfinch				✓		✓
Green Woodpecker	✓					
Grey Wagtail						
Gulls						✓
Heron						
House Martin						✓
House Sparrow			✓	✓		
Jackdaw	✓					
Long-tailed Tit			✓			
Magpie	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Mallard	✓					✓

Mallard Ducklings	✓					
Mistle Thrush						
Moorhen	✓					
Pheasant	✓		✓			✓
Pied Wagtail	✓					✓
Robin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Siskin						
Song Thrush			✓			
Sparrow Hawk	✓					✓
Starling		✓		✓	✓	✓
Stock Dove				✓		✓
Swallow	✓					
Swift						✓
Tawny Owl						
Tree Sparrow	✓		✓		✓	
White Dove	✓					
Wood Pigeon	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Wren		✓	✓			
Yellow Wagtail	✓					

A very enjoyable experience which taught us lots about identifying bird species and their behaviour, as a kid all we saw was Sparrows but not now!

Interest Group News

Digital Photography



What to play with first, a difficult decision for a young fox on Ann Burt's lawn



Who put THAT there!



**Far too much time on their hands in the
Chambers household**



Mr. Robin's entry into his nest in the Roberts shed



Mr. Robin exiting the nest in the Roberts shed



and off he goes for more baby food!



More output from the Bird Survey week





And on June 5th Winter returned!



And 30 mins later Summer was back!

U3A French conversation group

In the olden days we met fortnightly, but since the lockdown we have been meeting weekly on two Whatsapp groups. We have enjoyed chatting (mainly in French !), and I think we are talking more on Whatsapp than we did previously, probably because we feel obliged to join in when there are only 4 faces staring at you. We start the meetings with a translation, and these have included poems by Verlaine, the handbag scene from The Importance of Being Earnest and extracts from Agatha Christie and Georges Simeon – together with articles dealing with such upbeat subjects as euthanasia!

We may be able to have two groups when things get back to normal, so please let me know if you would be interested.

Michael Ebeling 653964

Pudding Club

Hello I'm Bob Jackson, and I do understand how difficult it has been for a lot of people during lockdown. I suppose I am one of the fortunate ones who has an allotment and on this allotment I have a few wonderful "crops" I can use. The first is a great crop of rhubarb. Not only is it great for pies and crumbles, (Yummy! Yummy!), but I use it to make a delicious cordial! It is so simple. This makes about 1ltr.

1.5kg rhubarb roughly chopped

Caster sugar

Lemon juice

Put the rhubarb in a large pan with 75ml water over a low heat and cook slowly until the juices start running. Then turn the heat up and continue cooking until completely soft.

Place a clean muslin (or a jelly bag) over a clean bowl and tip the rhubarb in. Gather up the corners and suspend the bag over the bowl and let the juices drain out. I usually leave this overnight Measure the strained juice and for every litre of juice add 750g

caster sugar and 75ml of lemon juice.

Then over a medium heat stir the mixture to dissolve the sugar.

Do not let it boil!

Pour into sterilised jars and seal. Serve 1 part cordial to 3 parts still or sparkling water.

To make it into a Bellini cocktail add it to a glass of Prosecco!

I also have quite a few Raspberries that I make into a sparkling Raspberry cordial.

You need:-

300g fresh raspberries

150g granulated sugar

Juice of 1 lemon

Chilled carbonated or soda water

Ice cubes

Put the raspberries into a large pan with the sugar and lemon juice.

Top this up with 500ml of water and bring to the boil.

Stir until the sugar has dissolved, lower the heat and simmer for about 6/8 minutes until the fruit has collapsed.

Turn off the heat and let it infuse for about an hour.

Once cool strain through a muslin bag squeezing as much juice out as possible.

Bottle in sterilised bottles and pop in the fridge until you need some. Should keep for about a week. (If it lasts that long!)

And my favourite cordial of all is an Elderflower cordial. This is delightful on a hot summer's day served with ice cubes and a sprig of mint!

You require approximately:-

30 heads of elderflowers

4 pints water

1kg sugar

2lge lemons chopped roughly

85g citric acid

(note, you should be able to get citric acid in a chemist, if not just add an extra lemon. The citric acid is to stop it fermenting, but adding extra lemon juice will have the same effect!)

Put the water and sugar into a large saucepan (preferably with a lid) and bring to the boil, making sure the sugar has dissolved. Then take off the heat.

Add the lemons and acid (if using) then all the flowers. Stir it all together well cover with the lid and leave overnight to steep.

In the morning, strain through a muslin bag and bottle in sterilised bottles.

Dilute with still or sparkling water or add some to a gin and tonic with plenty of ice. The trouble with that is, that one gin is just not enough!!! (or so I've been told...)



Big Bash

During lockdown where could you possibly find thirty-nine ukulele players strumming their stuff? On the Zoom platform of course and via the U3A Ukulele Big Bash held recently. All three AWAKE ukulele bands, Barely Awake, the Sunshine Strummers and Steve's Beginners Group joined a Mega Zoom session playing a range of well strummed favourites.

An excellent afternoon of strumming and singing was enjoyed by all and despite the technology we all managed to finish together at the end of Status Quo's Rocking All Over the World!!

Could thirty-nine Ukulele players strumming together on Zoom be a new world record? Probably not but it was an exhilarating event for all our U3A uke players and may now become a monthly event

Remember ukuleles make you smile so keep strumming!



Garry & Hazel Hughes

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP 1 (WAG-1)

The Group held another virtual wine tasting on 18th May, courtesy of Zoom and our Zoom organiser Bob Charlton. Some of the problems that arose at our previous meeting had been ironed out, and everyone had an enjoyable, virtual evening.

The tasting began with a prosecco (2016 Conegliano superiore brut, a 'taste the difference' wine from Sainsbury's) presented by Sheila Lines. This was followed by a sauvignon blanc from Isabel Estate, Marlborough, New Zealand, chosen by Enid and Alan Townshend. The last white wine was a Mocking Bird Hill Riesling, from Clare Valley in South Australia, 11% ABV, from Waitrose, recommended by Chris Watson. There followed two red wines. First up was Barbera d'Asti superiore, 14.5%, also from Waitrose, selected by Chris Coates, followed by Reserve Pierre, Nimes, Rhone Valley, a grenache – syrah mix supplied by Naked Wines to Maggie and Bob Charlton. All the wines were judged to be of high quality and which we look forward to real life tasting in the coming months.

Alan Townshend

Quiz Time, Folks, First of all, the answers from Issue 5

Answers to quiz from David Newman **Famous Matthews**

We've seen Health Secretary Matt Hancock regularly since lockdown, but how many other people called MATT, MATTHEW or MATTHEWS can you recognise?

1. aka George Dawes, who was the co-creator of 'Little Britain'?
Matt Lucas
2. Which Captain was the first person to swim the English Channel? – **Captain Matthew Webb**
3. Who created 'The Simpsons'? – **Matt Groening**

4. Who won four consecutive Olympic gold medals for the UK in rowing? – **Matthew Pinsent**
5. Who, with twin brother Luke, formed the 80s pop group Bros? – **Matt Goss**
6. Which English actor played Paul Temple for the BBC from 1969-1971? – **Francis Matthews**
7. Which Lincolnshire-born navigator and cartographer named Australia? – **Matthew Flinders**
8. Which American actor starred as Jason Bourne in films between 2002 and 2016? – **Matt Damon**
9. Who was the eleventh TV Doctor Who? – **Matt Smith**
10. Known as 'the man with the golden voice', who sang the theme song for the James Bond film 'From Russia with Love'? – **Matt Monroe**
11. Which footballer, born in Saint Peters Port, spent his whole professional career at Southampton and won 8 England caps? – **Matthew Le Tissier**
12. Three celebrities called Matt all came second in Strictly Come Dancing between 2006 and 2010. Who were they?
Matt Dawson, Matt Baker & Matt Di Angelo
13. What was the title of Cat Stevens' highest charting single in the UK? – **Mathew & Son**
14. What are these the first words of? "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham". **The gospel according to St. Matthew**
15. Who played Joey Tribbiani in 'Friends'? – **Matt LeBlanc**
16. Which radio broadcaster presented 'Saturday Club' and 'Sound of the 60s'? – **Brian Matthew**
17. Who presented both 'Game for a Laugh' and 'Stars in their Eyes' on ITV? – **Matthew Kelly**
18. Which group had a UK number one single with Joni Mitchell's 'Woodstock' in 1970? – **Matthews Southern Comfort**
19. Who has reported on and presented BBC's 'Watchdog' since 1997? – **Matt Allwright**

20. Who sold "bootiful" Norfolk turkey products? – **Bernard Matthews**

21.

A walking quiz for all of you daily exercise freaks, devised by Sue & Les McPhee to give a purpose to your daily stroll (I think I will stick to my daily routine of a lockdown Lie In prior to lunch and a strenuous lockdown lounge in the afternoon)

A Short Walk Starting at the Willerby Square Roundabout and Finishing towards the end of Main Street.

1 1 How far from Willerby Square to Southport on two wheels? **195 miles**

2 How many arched brick windows can you count in these two buildings? **21 chapel and school**

3 Six black half baskets on the corner, where? **5 Main Street corner of Southview**

4 These fairies like to be at the front of which garden? **2 Main Street**

5 Who owned the buses here? **Binnington's buses**

6 Don't expect to get your "grannies" from here. **Appletree Mews**

7 Strictly no parking here and stand to look up at the camera to gain entrance. **Conservative Office**

8 Where does Joanne Fogg give "careful" training? **Burlington Care**

9 Where can you stop for an Illy and an Ice cream? **Zachary's**

- 10 Which Robbie Williams song is appropriate here? Where?
Angels. No 43
- 11 Where do we honour our fallen? **The Library Garden**
- 12 Could this be a racecourse? I don't think so. **Chepstow**
- 13 Does the "Lady" lodge here? **Manor Gate Lodge**
- 14 You can be sure of a good welcome here. **Greetwell Cottage**
- 15 What Amsterdam greeting's on this door? **Tulip Wreath**
- 16 Ring Amanda, to find out about what information? **Pre School Movement to Music**
- 17 Which house gathers a lot of this on their furrowed one?
Moss Brow
- 18 Where do they wear their hearts on a tree, not on their sleeves? **Fern Cottage 160 Main Street**
- 19 A camel keeps watch on the front door here, but the entrance is round the back. **Grange Farm**
- 20 The name's hiding away when you look through this leafy archway? **Castlebank House**
- 21 Do not cold call up here. You may get Elba'd off.
Luthers Rise
- 22 Somewhere over the rainbow is seen on the corner of where? **Corner of Southview**

Holmes & Watson Poser No. 5

Sharing the Horses

At the police stables one of the horses had gone lame, leaving only 17 horses to cover the local football matches. The instructions left for the mounted officers were as follows. Team A could use one half of the horses: Team B could use one third of the horses and Team C could use one ninth of the horses.

The three team leaders scratched their heads and couldn't see how they could possibly share the horses by 2, 3 or 9. Then the Officer in Charge of the mounted section arrived on his horse to see what the problem was and in no time at all he had divided the horses as the instructions had been given.

How did he do it?

Answer

The Officer in Charge lent his horse to the mounted officers, meaning they now had 18 horses.

Team A took half of the horses i.e.9

Team B took one third of the horses i.e. 6

Team C took one ninth of the horses i.e.2

This totalled 17 horses so the spare one they gave back to the Officer in Charge.

Problem solved

Now for the new stuff!

A Rare, Rollicking Quiz from David Newman

R is the Answer

We all know that it is crucial to stay safe and look after the 'R'. Here, R=1, as the first letter of every answer is R!

1. What word represents the letter R in the NATO Phonetic Alphabet?
2. Who was the 40th President of the USA?
3. Which pop/rock music TV programme was broadcast by ITV on Friday evenings from 1963 to 1966?
4. What is the capital of Latvia?
5. Which singing cowboy was born Leonard Franklin Slye?
6. Where would you have seen Zippy, George and Bungle from 1972 to 1992?
7. Which 2019 musical film told the story of Elton John's breakthrough years?
8. Who painted 'The Night Watch'?
9. Who co-starred with Paul Newman in 'The Sting' and 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid'?
10. What was the title of Del Shannon's only UK number one single?
11. In which famous novel of 1719 did the title character say, "Had I the sense to return to Hull. I had been happy."?
12. Which fictional sportsman first appeared in The Tiger in 1954 before starring in his own comic?
13. In films, what were Robby, Gort and Marvin?
14. Who presented 'Points of View', 'Ask the Family' and 'Call my Bluff'?
15. In which group was Bryan Ferry the lead singer?
16. Who manufactured the two Eagle engines which powered Alcock and Brown's first flight across the Atlantic?
17. Who or what was rescued from a World War I battlefield and went on to appear in 27 Hollywood films?
18. Where did King John sign the Magna Carta?
19. Which Mutant Ninja Turtle wears a red eye mask?
20. In what story, filmed twice thirty years apart, did Jenny Agutter play a child then a mother?

21. Which fictional creature (Rangifer Tarandus species) was created in 1939 and gave Gene Autry a number one hit in the US?
22. In Norse mythology, what is the name for the cataclysmic destruction of the cosmos and everything in it?
23. Which American girl group had hits with 'Be my Baby', 'Baby I Love You' and 'Walking in the Rain'?
24. What is the former name of Yangon, the largest city in Myanmar, formerly Burma?
25. In English football (the top four divisions) what are the three teams in the 2019-2020 season whose names start with R?

Holmes & Watson Poser No. 6

Hello Everybody again. Hope you're all keeping well. We realised the last 'poser' was a bit too easy so this one may need more use of your 'little grey cells' (sorry, that was Poirot!).

A Day at the Races

Their menfolk may all be banged up inside, but it doesn't stop the Willerby WAGS enjoying a day out. It's a trip to Beverley Races and the ladies are there decked out in their new finery. Barbara Black, Betty Brown, Gill Green and Wendy White have, keeping social-distancing, gone as a group of four friends. An Inspector from Humberside Police has kept a close eye on this group. She knows that each lady buys a new hat, new dress and new shoes for this outing and that the colours of the items are black, brown, green or white in colour. Each lady wears three different coloured items. No lady wears a colour that matches their surname. The Inspector has heard that Betty bought a black hat and Gill had purchased white shoes for the racing trip.

A valuable cup vanishes on race day. Reports say that a lady in a green dress was seen leaving the tent where the trophies were stored. The Inspector was not on duty on the day of the races but she knew who she was going to bring in for questioning. Who was the lady in the green dress?

A picture quiz for you around the Willerby area provided by Les McPhee



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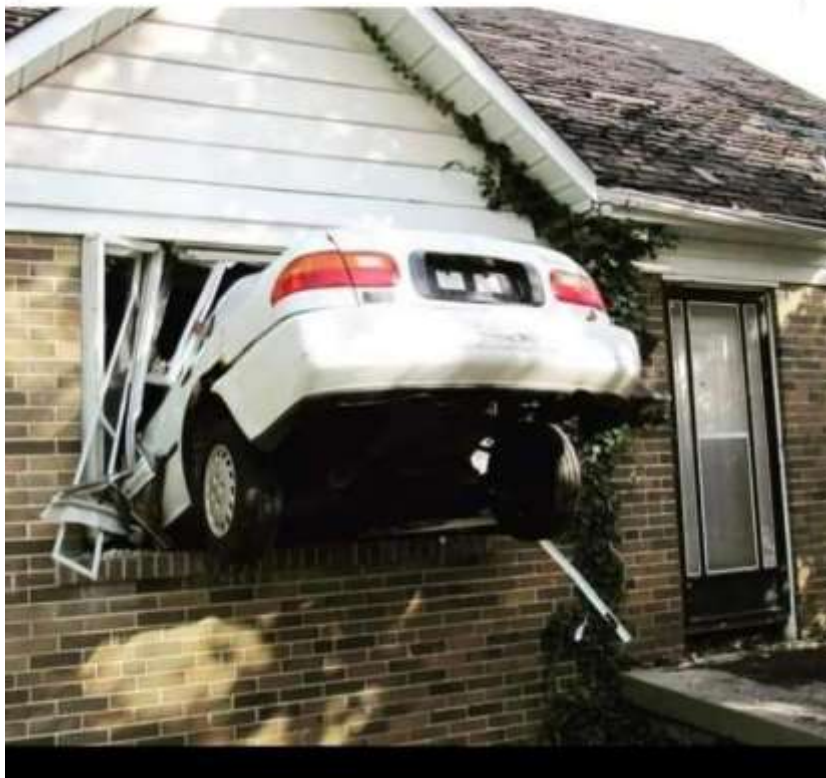
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Your funny Articles & photos

Apparently you can now visit
friends... But you must stay
in the car

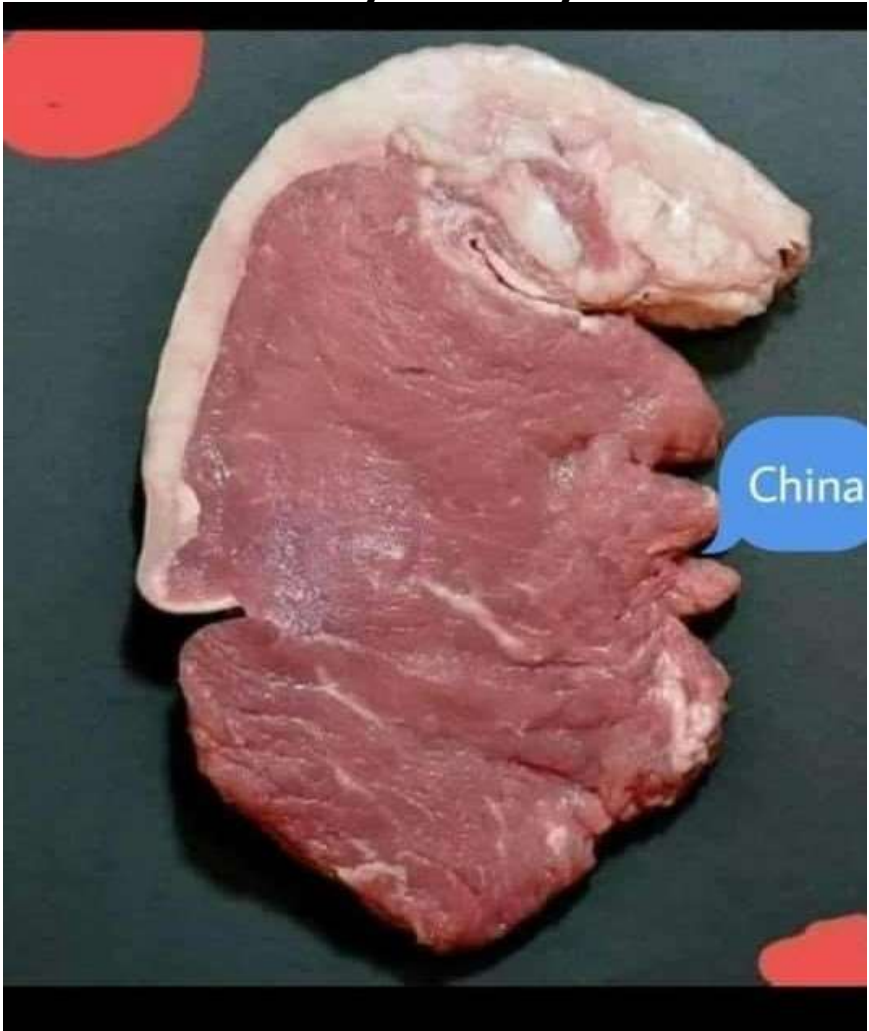


**Who'd have thought
that 6 weeks of uncut
hair would weigh a
stone, but who am I to
argue with the
bathroom scales**



New Dr. Who Alien?

Remind you of anyone?



America's biggest Mis-Steak!

AAADD - Age activated Attention Disorder: this is how it manifests itself:-

I decide to water the garden. On turning on the hose, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I head over to the garage, I notice post on the porch table. Think I'll go through it before I wash the car.

I put car keys on the porch table, put the junk mail in the recycling

box. I notice it is full. I put the bills back on the table and take the bin out for collection. But then, I think, I will be near the post

box so I may as well pay the bills. I get my cheque book and see that

there is only one cheque left. My extra cheque book is in the study.

When I get to my desk I find my cup of coffee (cold). Looking for my

cheque book, I think I will go and make another coffee. As I head into

the kitchen, I notice the vase of flowers need more water. I put the

cold cup of coffee on the worktop and discover my reading glasses which

I had been searching for all the morning. I decide I had better put them

back on my desk but first I must put more water in the vase. I fill a

container and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone had left it on the

kitchen table so I was going to put it back where it belongs but first I

will water the flowers but I upset quite a bit on the floor. So, I went

for a towel to mop up the spills. Then I head down the hall, trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day -- the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a cold up of coffee on the worktop, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only one cheque in my cheque

book; I
can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, don't remember
what I
did with the car keys. Then, when I try to figure out why nothing
got
done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all
bloody day
and I am really tired. I realise this is a serious problem. I will
check my e-mails but I can't remember who the hell I've sent e-
mails to.

Don't laugh - I am sure this is you as well!!!

(it Certainly is Renee!)

Renee Bell

All In a day's Work for A Policeman (Les Holmes)

When I was a detective and working from Beverley as a Scenes
of Crime Officer I often had to drive to Goole and in doing so I
would cross the Beverley Westwood lots of times. There were
days when it had been pouring with rain and the sheep had
been sheltering under the trees. Yet a little way along there
were groups of men braving the elements and playing golf.

Each to his own but I have never seen much point in the game.
I know that a lot of people will be outraged by that but it has
just never appealed to me. I tend to agree with Mark Twain
and Ian Fleming who both said something like 'Why spoil a nice
walk by taking a bat and ball with you?'

On the way back from Goole to Beverley one day in the
summer time I was crossing the Westwood and I was driving
the unmarked police van. I was aware that there were a
number of people standing about on the grass on my nearside
who appeared to be chatting. There seemed to be no problem
in them standing there so I continued
on my way. As I got closer I saw that one of the men was a
little separated from the others and seemed to be bending over.
I was not aware at that time that the clubhouse and the last
hole on the course was on the green to my right. Closer still
and I could see that he was holding a golf club and was looking
down. Foolishly I thought that he would wait for me to pass

before he played his shot so I drove on. Silly me! As I drew level with him he hit the ball and there was a loud clang as the ball hit the side of the van.

I have to say that my first thought was for the van. If there was any damage to it I might find myself suspended from driving police vehicles pending an investigation. I pulled to the side of the road and got out to look for the damage. I was examining the side of the van when I saw that the golfer was walking towards me. The rest of the group stayed where they were.

I thought that the man was going to apologise for his untimely shot. Silly me!!!

I had not taken into account the concentration, the dedication and the all-exclusive focus of the golfers in general and this one in particular. He stopped in front of me, put his hands on his hips and said "I suppose you realise that I shall have to take that shot again".

Not a word of apology for any damage he might have caused. I explained to him that the vehicle he had hit was a police vehicle and any damage would be down to him. He was a little deflated but not apologetic. Happily I found no damage.

Many of our Ladies will currently be practicing new Crafting skills – The manufacture of Face Masks!

Here is Ann Dixey's account of her mask making experiences (it could only happen to Ann!)

My brother David asked me if I could make him a mask as he suffered from hay fever and was getting funny looks. I had no pattern but thought I would give it a go so only with remnants of material and very gentle elastic to hand, I made what I thought would do the job, just a long strip with loops for the ears. He was quite pleased and proudly wore it until the elastic

went loose and it ended up as a chin strap! But undaunted I soldiered on and John finally got a super fitting mask with pleats from a pattern from the internet. My daughter bought two cotton double bed flat sheets plus 150 m extra strong knicker elastic from the internet, all arriving at my doorstep. These masks are an excellent fit are only 16" x 8" and require two loops 7" long elastic. I think I shall now be a one-woman factory or maybe she thinks I am a cottage industry.

Bank Robbers or Interest Group Leaders **The culprits revealed**



Brenda Stapleton



Liz Pickering



Sue McPhee



Denise Roberts



Steve Roberts



Dave Bodecott



Chris Gibbs



Stewart Mawer

POETS CORNER

More Freedom

A bit more freedom has come at last!
We can travel much further than in the past.
A visit to the garden centre is allowed,
But only go if there is not a crowd.
You can have a run around the park,
And even exercise and have a lark.
Don't all go flocking to the beach,
The locals would like it to be out of reach.
Toilets won't be open if you want to spend a penny,
So think before you go if you will you need any!
The car showroom is open if you want to spend money,
You must be joking, are you being funny?
The market stalls are where we'll be,
Maybe pick up some bargains that we see.
Shopping centres and stores next on the list,
But which ones have we really missed?

Dare we enter all these big places?
Not allowed to touch in many cases.
Still can't have a coffee or a tea,
Will there be anywhere to have a P.
Maybe we could sit each end of the bar,
And tell our lockdown stories from afar.
I hope it soon will settle down,
It's been a long time since we went to town.

Sue McPhee

Time to go out

You've plucked up the courage, it's time to go out,
It's been a long time since you were out and about.
You wondered if you really dared,
It's been so long you're a little scared.
You think about what you may find,
Will people be considerate and kind?
You've done as your told and worn a mask,
To make you feel safer while doing this task.
Last time you were out, the trees were bare,
Now there's leaves and blossom everywhere!
Eyes wide open and looking around,
At the other changes that are to be found.
The buses are empty and the cars are less,
More people out walking for their fitness.
It's certainly changed since you were last out,
This thug of a bug is what it's about!
You've kept your distance in the street,
Still a bit wary of the people you meet.
All these queues and waiting at the shops,
You've decided to keep your shop and drop.
So now you know what it's like to be out,
To keep yourself safe whilst this virus is about.
You won't feel so scared the next time you go,
Just follow the rules and go with the flow.

Sue McPhee

Final Thoughts from the Editor

The flat earth society are concerned that the 2metre distance rule... is pushing some of their members over the edge!!!

As if 2020 couldn't get any worse. A thief has removed all road signs in West Yorkshire. Police are currently looking for Leeds!

I keep getting text messages saying "wash your face"" "clean your teeth" and "comb your hair"
I think someone is trying to groom me!

**That's All for now Folks see you
soon with No. 7!**