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PLEASE HELP FILL THIS SPACE

I just did a week's worth of cardio
after walking into a spider web



Chinese New Year – change of the zodiac sign
The year of the "Ox" falls on 12th February 2021. Oxen are honest and earnest. They are low key and never look for praise or to be the centre of attention. This often hides their talent, but they'll gain recognition through their hard work.

They believe that everyone should do what's asked of them and stay within their bounds. Though they are kind, it's difficult for them to understand persuasion using pathos. Rarely losing their temper, they think logically and make great leaders.

Did you know that 12th February this year 2021 was very special? It is a Palindrome (the same spelt backwards and forwards)
AND it is an Ambigram (the same turned around 180 degrees, and also turned upside down)

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Sweet quiz from Brian Starkey website

answers on the

As a child the highlight of my week was Saturday morning. It was pocket money day hurray!! So, clutching a whole sixpence I dashed to the local sweet shop only to find that all the

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| SW | 1. Lorry drivers snack | 11. Sly giggles |
| | 2. 100% au | 12. Money making royalty |
| | 3. Out there (look up at night) | 13. Dark occult |
| | 4. Even more out there! | 14. Various black items |
| | 5. Noisy insect | 15. Frankie Vaughan wanted it |
| | 6. One who wanders | 16. Good children get these |
| | 7. Lots of parties | 17. Garden flowers |
| | 8. Easily blown | 18. Arrange marriage partners |
| | 9. Toothless drink | 19. Gem orchard |
| | 10. Pub pins | 20. Spin around |

Molly's secret Valentine card by Susan Smith

Molly now aged 7 (going on 11) had a boyfriend called Michael whom she'd first met at Nursery school where one of her favourite toys was a large wooden rocking horse. One day though, Molly fell off and as the teacher rushed over, Michael was there helping Molly up, checking she was okay. From then on they were inseparable, always sharing their lunchboxes; he'd even given her a peck on the cheek. Her first kiss! Now however, they were at Primary school and Michael was more interested in 'hanging out' with the other boys in the class than with her, she felt ignored and abandoned.

The weekend before Valentine's Day which this year fell on a school day, Molly's 2 older sisters were going into town to buy Valentine's cards, Molly went with them with the idea of buying a card for Michael but finding nothing suitable plus the extortionate price of the cards, she decided to make one herself which she could personalise. With everything she needed including an old Toy Catalogue, she spent the afternoon cutting, pasting, and decorating the card. She wrote nothing inside but was just writing 'Michael' on the envelope when she heard her Mother calling and coming up the stairs, Molly quickly hid the card in her school bag. On Valentine's Day, Molly got to her classroom first and managed to put the card on Michael's desk, just before the rest of the class started arriving, including Michael and his friends. From the corner of her eye, she saw one of the boys pick up the card and laughing, hand it to the Wrong Michael. Horrified, she realised her mistake, there were 2 Michaels in her class identified by the initial of their surname, her Michael was Michael K, the other Michael B and now she remembered, in her haste to secrete the card from her Mother had omitted to write K after 'Michael'. She could hear the boys sniggering as they all looked at the card.

At lunchtime, still mortified with embarrassment, Molly headed for a bench at the far end of the playground and sat forlornly looking down at her lunchbox not feeling hungry. Unaware of someone approaching, she suddenly heard a voice, His voice, saying 'Thank you for the card, Molls'. Looking up she blushed as he continued 'I knew it was for me when I saw the picture of a girl on a rocking horse and the boy standing next to it'. Molly whispered 'Are we still friends?' Michael replied "Course we are Molls, now let's eat our lunch" as he sat down beside her. Molly smiled to herself, while inside her head she could hear her Mother's voice tutting loudly and saying 'Molls? Your name is Molly, not Molls, why does everything have to be shortened these days?' Tut!

Decimalisation 50 years on - Shillings and pence were replaced with 'new pence' on 15 February 1971, in what proved to be quite a complex process. On 'D-Day' businesses had to switch their accounting and pricing to decimal, banks had to adapt their part-computerised, part-manual systems and everyone had to learn the new system, including school children. Decimalisation made life much simpler, even if it meant saying goodbye to old friends such as florins, half crowns and ten bob notes.





SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE DAY

My boys had been learning about Shrove Tuesday at school, discovering that apparently it was a day of feasting when all eggs, butter and stocks of fat would have to be used up before the start of Lent. And that the word "Shrove" comes from the practice of being "shriven" meaning to confess one's sins.

Actually, that was completely irrelevant to us. It just meant Pancakes! Now remembered as "The pancakes. Oh the pancakes!!" and described by my sons (who are now very accomplished cooks) as thick, coloured discs that got tossed around the kitchen!

The eggs, milk and flour were brought from the pantry on to the kitchen table along with scales, a measuring jug, bowls and a whisk. Great care was taken to get the mixture measurements right, but we always managed to end up with large quantities of ingredients over the table and floor. Hair seemed to change colour as the flour got flicked around and much laughter ensued.

Eventually three bowls of mixture were formed, some batches rather lumpy, some extremely runny.

Little lumps of lard found their way into the frying pan to melt and we took it in turns to cook our pancakes. There was always a competitive spirit so it was important to toss them as high as possible to flip them over. High up in the air they went and yes, one or two missed the pan during landing but most caught on the side and were deftly flipped back in.

Next the filling went on – lemon juice and brown sugar – and then came the pleasure of eating our own individual creations.

My sons and I have recently been reminiscing about Pancake Day and they treated me to the highest compliment a Mum can be given – "You made it fun!"

Pat Noble



St David's Day

St David is the patron saint of Wales and he is celebrated on the 1st March each year, with many Welsh people wearing either a daffodil or a leek or both. He was born on the south west coast of Wales near the modern-day city of St Davids sometime between AD 452 and 515. There are many stories of miracles he performed, one says he was speaking to a large crowd and people were concerned they wouldn't be able to hear him, but the ground he was stood on rose up so he could be seen and heard by everyone.

4000 years later and we're back to the same language... 😬 😂



Cycled to the shop to buy a bottle of gin, but then I thought, what if I fall off my bike and the bottle gets broken? So cleverly, I drank it all outside the shop. Good thing I did too, I fell off my bike seven times on my way home



1st Battalion Welsh Guards

Spot the 10 Differences in the Bottom Photograph



Answers on the web



Young at Heart

How do I know my youth has been spent
Because my get-up-and-go, got up and went
But in spite of all that, I'm able to grin
When I think where my get-up-and-go has been

Old age is golden, I've heard it said
But sometimes I wonder as I go to my bed
My ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup
My eyes on a table until I get up

When I was young my slippers were red
I could kick my heels right over my head
When I grew older my slippers were blue
But I could still dance the whole night through

Now I am old, my slippers are black
I walk to the corner and puff my way back
The reason I know my youth has been spent
My get-up-and-go has got up and went

I get up each morning, dust off my wits
Pick up the paper and read the "obits"
If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed

Anon

Young at Heart from Graham Irvine



JOIN TIM EAST AND CAROLYN HUNTER

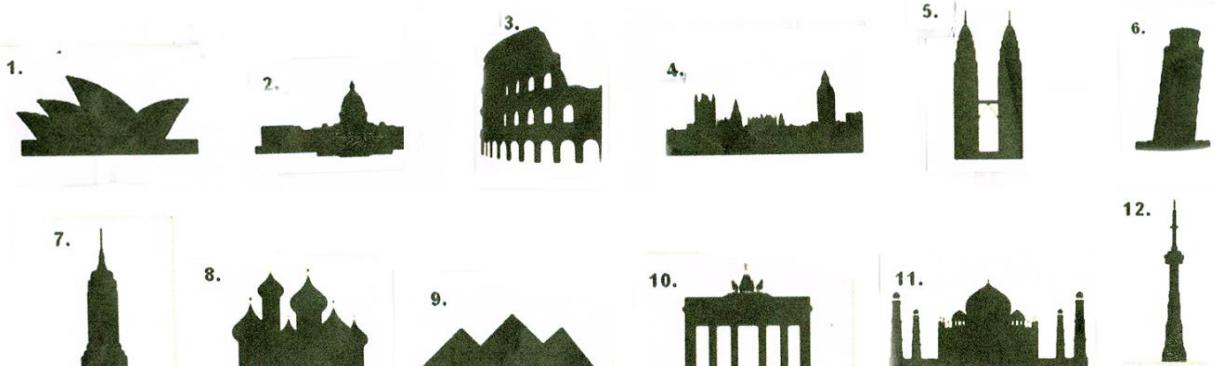
CONVENORS FOR OUR POETRY GROUP, ON WEDNESDAY
10TH MARCH AT 10.30 A.M. (ZOOM)

The talk takes the form of an imagined conversation between
Mary Leapor, Brackley Poet and her father, Philip.

To receive an invitation please email Ian Nixon
groupcoord.brackleyu3a@gmail.com



NAME THESE WORLD-FAMOUS BUILDINGS FROM THEIR SILHOUETTES



Answers on the web

Happy Valentine's Day



First trip booked for 2021
Hopefully off to Iceland in February.
If that goes well, probably looking at Asda in March and Tesco in April.

Mirthy.

Food of the Gods – A History of Our Love Affair with Chocolate by Sandy Leong

Mirthy talk Thursday 18th March 2021 at 10 o'clock. Lasting approximately 40 minutes. The talks are very much like when we have a speaker at our monthly meetings

The Aztecs believed cocoa seeds were a gift from the god of wisdom. The Spanish took the bean back to Spain in 1528. By the 1550's chocolate had arrived in England and the first Chocolate House opened in 1657. The Quakers were instrumental in making it popular, the Swiss refined it; and now we can't seem to do without it!

What is the gender of a computer?

Some adults were taking a computer course and the teacher decided to have a little fun with them, he split them into two groups, one all men, the other all women, and asked them to consider if computers should be referred to in the masculine or feminine gender.

The men said they must be referred to in the feminine because:

1. Only their creator can understand their internal logic.
2. When computers communicate with each other they speak in code that only they and experts can understand.
3. Every mistake you make is stored on their hard drive for later retrieval.
4. When you commit to one you then spend all your money on accessorising them.

The women said they must be referred to in the masculine because:

1. Before you can get their attention, you need to turn them on.
2. Despite having access to huge amounts of data they can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to be able to solve problems but half the time they are the problem.
4. When you commit to one you realise if you had waited a little longer you could have had a better model.

Maths4Fun from Ken Smith

Question

How many times in a day of 24 hours does the Hour Hand and the Minute Hand of a clock form exactly a Right Angle ?

Answers on the web



Happy Valentine's Day



Jigsaw Puzzle swap

THIS IS GOING WELL



If anyone likes jigsaw puzzles and would like to do a swap contact Pam Lynch on email: pamlynch9@hotmail.com



Making plans for the weekend?

Use this simple calculation to help you work out the ideal place or activity for you!

Choose a number
between 1 and 9

Multiply it by 3

Add 3

Multiply by 3 again

Add the two digit
number you get
together



- The number you get is where you will be going!
- | | | |
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| 1. Pub | 7. Out for dinner | 13. Football in the park |
| 2. Cinema | 8. Meet up with friends | 14. The Zoo |
| 3. BBQ in the park | 9. Stay at home | 15. Shopping spree |
| 4. Birthday party | 10. Round of golf | 16. Swimming |
| 5. Day at the beach | 11. Gym | 17. Road trip to Ireland |
| 6. Playground | 12. Long weekend away | 18. Theatre |

gflip.com

How are you using your quarantine? The Swish machine 70 step basketball found by Kathy Hodges

<https://uk.video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&ei=UTF-8&p=The+Swish+Machine+70+step+basketball&type=E211GBOGO#id=1&vid=83dcfff04ad42d5a0bab76cce93eb071&action=click>

Never sing in the shower!

Singing leads to dancing,
dancing leads to slipping,
and slipping leads to paramedics
seeing you naked.

So remember...Don't sing!

Subject: isolation / quarantine

This is very clever, and great lyrics!! Enjoy

https://enchantmentathamilton.org/20200601ForTheLongestTime.mp4?utm_source=sendfox&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign;if-you-want-to-dream-a-little



Many of our Groups (see below) are up and running using Zoom provided by the Group Co-ordinator, Ian Nixon. Why not find out what another Group is doing and keep involved.

Book Club / Digital Photography / Family History / Italian / Lace / Music Appreciation / Poetry One / Singing for fun / Traditional Dance

How about starting a Philosophy Group? (found by Ian Nixon)

Some important philosophical questions on life .

Why do supermarkets make ill people walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Fortune teller wins lottery'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Diana Lane

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that Diana Lane passed away in Katherine House on the 31st January 2021. Diana was a founding member of Brackley & District u3a and served on the Committee for several years. Our thoughts are with her family.

Steve Gees, Acting Chairman



Some remarkably interesting subjects available on your u3a main office website e.g.

"A Taste of Japan", "The Drifting Continents - a Lesson in Geology", "Wellbeing in Nature", "Springtime Treats".

Log in, click Events, then Online Events and away you go. Why not give it a try, I'm going to www.u3a.org.uk

Please support the March Coronavirus Times with items for others to enjoy. We have St Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday to celebrate and Easter to look forward to, tell others your memories

Our deadline for the next edition is Friday 19th March

We would love to hear from you

All items sent will be considered

Please send to newsitems.brackleyu3a@gmail.com
Many thanks. Please continue to take care. Editors