

CALDICOT & DISTRICT



Newsletter May 2020

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello to you all

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. These are testing times for anyone but I am sure you are all coping but looking forward to getting back to normal when this dreadful virus has decided to leave us.

The month of May we would have been celebrating our 25th Anniversary but this has been put on hold until next year. This is not to say that all the ideas and preparations which have already been decided upon are forgotten, they are only put in abeyance until we are up and running again.

Many of our Groups have been able to keep in touch with their members, which is good as we do not want you to lose the friendships that have been built up over the years. We know things will be different as and when we resume our meetings but it is to be hoped that we all return together and meet up again and continue increasing our U3A memberships.

I myself have been trying to keep in contact with people who I know are on their own but do not have access to computers and the like and rely on only telephones. They do like to have a chat and keep up with the outside world. I have been very lucky as some of my family live near and are able to get my shopping each week (including toilet rolls)!!! I have neighbours who are also on their own so we have got together over the garden fence, weather permitting of course, and at eleven o'clock every morning we have coffee and a chat. It's surprising how this helps and passes an hour. It also gives you a reason to get up in the morning, get dressed and something to look forward to.

As I said in the newsletter last month, if there is anyone who feels they would like a chat, then please feel free to telephone me. It's for sure I will be home as I am determined to follow the Government's advice to Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save the NHS, who are doing a wonderful job, so we can help them by keeping our distance. We will meet again, don't know where don't know when but I'm sure we'll meet again in the not too distant future. Take care everyone, stay safe. Missing you all

Pam Caines
Chairman

COPY FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome reports from all groups for inclusion in the Newsletter or forwarding to our website. Word doc is preferred and should be sent to: leechpool@talktalk.net or tel. 01291 424997 by midday on the 26th APRIL 2020

Typed or handwritten notes should be submitted a few days earlier if possible. Please try to limit reports to about 300 words. Angela Hodson-Hirst, Editor.

MEMBERSHIP

Should you change your address, telephone number or email address please let me know so that our records are up to date. Contact details: tel: 01291 424997 email: leechpool@talktalk.net

Angela Hodson-Hirst
Membership Secretary

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Membership subscriptions are due however because of the current situation subscriptions will be collected when groups resume their meetings.

Angela Hodson-Hirst
Membership Secretary

LINK SECRETARY

I would ask that if you hear of any member(s) who reach their 80th, 90th, 100th birthdays, Golden, Diamond, Platinum Wedding Anniversaries or even Marriages between members to please contact me so that I can send a Congratulatory card.

Also, if you hear of any member, in your group, or their family who are in hospital, sick or any other reason I would be grateful if you would please inform me. bettybun55@gmail.com

Tel: 01291 421484

Betty Waite

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations from all our members, goes to Margaret John, who celebrates her *100th* Birthday this month



Also congratulations to Beryl Lewis, celebrating her 80th Birthday this month.

THANK YOU

Dear Members and Friends

It meant so much to me to receive your get well wishes and support during my illness and post operative recovery. I am pleased to say I have recovered and doing great. Thank you!

With best wishes from
Rosemary Brown

CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED

In order for me to keep interest going in *your* Newsletter in this otherwise depressing time I am asking you for contributions.

Did you enjoy reading Betty Waite's story of how her parents met and married in Palestine and their moving to St. Arvans? If you did then others would be interested in your story so please, for future Newsletters, send me your contributions. I don't mind if you send handwritten contributions.

Stories, anecdotes, puzzles or what you feel about the Corona-19 crisis all would be welcome.

Angela Hodson-Hirst
Newsletter Editor

USEFUL INFORMATION

CLARKES BUTCHERS

Now also doing meat packs: BBQ, SUNDAY

Delivering twice a week Thursday & Saturday

Call 01291 420364

BRADBURY MILK

01291 421177

THE CASTLE INN

Vegetables, dairy, pantry, meat, lovely cream teas and Sunday lunch boxes

www.castleinn-caldicot 01291 430830 after 10am
Order by 2pm delivery same day. Order after 2pm
delivery next day

Free delivery Caldicot and Chepstow

FRATELLI

Online orders from 4pm – 9pm Wednesday -
Sunday

www.fratellicaldicot.co.uk/ 01291 408200

PICKLED PUMPKIN CATERING

Food boxes, meat, food boxes, pantry and
more, with competitions, for special treats, on
their Facebook page

[https://pickledpumpkincatering.co.uk/shop/product-
category/diy-kits/](https://pickledpumpkincatering.co.uk/shop/product-category/diy-kits/)

THE PORTSKEWETT INN

Take away for main meals and pizza Tuesday –
Saturday 12-1.45pm and 6-8pm

www.portskewettinn.co.uk for menu

01291 430505

THE HUNTSMAN

Wednesday: Curry night

Friday: Pie and Mash

Sunday: Lunch (chilled ready meal) £12 & £6
child. Desserts: £3

Open now: Market stall selling dairy, pantry
items and Cask Real Ale!

Text/ call Alli on 07766237915 or 641521

Take away meals. Sunday meal can be collected
Saturday or Sunday. With Phil delivering on
Sunday morning if needed.

For collection only

FACEBOOK

Magor and Undy Covid 19 community support

GARDENING

Hello everyone. I hope all Members are well and keeping safe. Many I have spoken to are making the most of this current situation and catching up with jobs indoors and in the garden.

How fortunate are those of us who are able to get outside in our gardens to enjoy the early spring sunshine. So much so, that my husband has made a vegetable patch of half of our "very Small" lawn. I am now left with a square of grass with the rotary line in the middle. I just hope the sheets do not get tangled in with the runner beans. I'm sure we will enjoy the fresh produce in the months to come – I hope!!

At present, we are unable to go on our planned garden visits that we look forward to. For those who have access to the internet, you may be interested in The National Garden Scheme website. They have a link on the website to enable you to view virtual garden visits. Alan Titchmarsh gives an introduction, with a visit to his own garden. There are six more gardens added every week. Also, on the website: rhs.org.uk/chelsea you can enjoy the Virtual RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Usually on our garden trips, many of us take photographs that we all enjoy viewing in the winter months. How about taking a few of your own gardens during these “lockdown” months, and maybe we can make a feature of the photos when we do all get back to our Meetings?

Things to do in May:-

1. Divide clumps of bulbs after flowering.
2. Feed the lawn, just before rain is expected, to save the need for watering in.
3. Prune Rosemary after flowering. An annual trim of stem tips will keep the plant compact. Just avoid cutting into old, bare wood.
4. Make soft wood cuttings from shrubs such as fuchsia and hydrangea.

Relax and enjoy your gardens.

Pauline Marx

SPECIAL EVENTS

JERSEY – CANCELLED

My band of Holiday Makers as I have spoken to many of you, those who have paid the balance on this cancelled holiday, please do not fret I haven't paid it to the holiday company all your monies are safe in the Special Accounts bank account in Chepstow. I am unable to write cheques to you to refund these as I need two signatures on a cheque and I am unable to get the other signature due to the Stay At Home directive. With regard to the deposits, it is very unlikely I would get them back but what I have suggested is that they be transferred over as deposits for the Jersey holiday for next May 2021 which they have agreed to do. Better this than lose the money. I know you may not want to go next year but we can sort that out when this virus has decided to leave us alone. I hope you all keep well and safe and are happy with the above arrangements. I am sorry about all this but as you will appreciate Coronavirus has a lot to answer for.

Please stay safe as I would like to see you all very soon.

Pam Caines

THE KING AND I - BRISTOL HIPPODROME - CANCELLED

Hello all you Theatre Groupies!!!

I have now had confirmation from ATG Ticket line that they will refund our money and I have sent them the information they need to be able to do this. This will take time obviously as we are not the only people requesting this so please bear with me and as soon as I receive the refund I will be in touch with you. As it is at the moment cheques cannot be paid to each individual as you are unable to pay into the banks until this pandemic is declared over. Be assured that when they pay the refund it will be straight into the Special Events Bank account and will remain there until we are able to pay you. Stay Safe and let's hope we will be back to normal soon.

Pam Caines

AMBLER'S UPDATE

Hope you are all keeping well during this period of self isolation. Most of you I hear are catching up on gardening and DIY jobs, but there are a few who are able to go for a long walk each day and have taken some lovely photos, some are going around Caldicot Castle country park, others are walking Rogiet moors and back, and a few are walking around Magor/Undy. We also have others who are receiving local walks, ready for when we can all meet up again, and of course there are

those of us who are walking our dogs daily. No matter what you do, I hope you are managing to stay occupied doing what you enjoy.

Quite a few of us are in touch by 'Whatsapp' but for those who are not keen on that idea but would like to stay in touch with the group, by all means please email or phone me, or if you would prefer someone to ring you for a chat that is no problem, just let me know and it will be sorted.

In the background the U3A committee are still busy planning ahead for the anniversary celebrations, and any news at all from the committee will be passed to you.

Hopefully we will get through this period safely, but if any of you find yourselves in need of any help, please don't hesitate to contact me direct or the U3A where details can be found on their website.

Keep in touch and stay safe and healthy.

Gaynor Pask

LIFE GOES ON



Down on the farm a new arrival 'Corona'

NEWPORT U3A

An email received from the Chairman of Newport U3A reaching out to our members.

Dear Angela

Although all of our groups in Newport U3A have inevitably had to stop meeting, we have managed to keep some of our groups operating by "distance" learning. Additionally I am producing a weekly magazine, "Desert island Times", consisting of contributions from a number of our members. The contents include stories, poems, articles, quizzes, jokes - and, indeed, anything that a member feels would be of interest to others. Generally we run to between 15 and 20 pages for each edition.

We would be very glad to share online materials with any of your members who have email addresses. At present this includes Desert island Times (all editions can be sent), cryptic crosswords, Classical Music Appreciation (notes and listening suggestions for those members with access to YouTube), Family History (members send their queries in for appraisal by others), French beginners, Gardening & Wildlife, Italian and Meditation for Health.

I attach this week's Desert island Times which is fairly typical - each edition has some things in common and other unique contributions. I would suggest that if anybody does want to have this I also supply numbers 1 to 5. I would emphasise that there is no cost implications for any of this material, all of which is supplied by email. Having produced the material for our U3A we are only too happy to share it with our neighbours!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Stephen Berry

Chairman, Newport SE Wales U3A

INTERNET

It is wonderful that we are able to keep in touch but have you ever wondered how the internet started.

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy (Dot for short). Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

HELPING THE NHS & LOCAL COMMUNITY

Michael Thomas from Caerwent has raised £3,680 through the JustGiving website to enable him to keep producing masks, using a 3D printer, for key workers.... Well done Michael.

I'm sure that by now most of you will have heard of the Magor, Undy and Rogiet Scrubbers who have been working tirelessly making scrubs and scrub bags for the Royal Gwent and those working in Care Homes, home care workers and Chemists.



AA & GREENFLAG

If you know anyone that works for the NHS the A.A and GREENFLAG are providing free breakdown service to and from work during the Coronavirus crisis. They do not have to be a member of either provider. Any problem with their vehicle call

Free phone: A.A 0800 072 5064
GREENFLAG 0800 051 0009



BUT WHAT DAY IS IT TODAY?

*What day is it? I do not know
It does not really matter though
Is it Monday when I wash?
And clothes do churn and spin and toss
Or Tuesday when we sometimes wander
Up hills and valleys and even yonder
Perhaps on Wednesday I should dust
But only if I really must
Each Thursday workers thanks we give
For care and love to help us live
Is it Friday? I will cook
No! I'll sit and read a book
Saturday it might just be
When friends we always try to see
It could be Sunday, I don't know
But to the church I cannot go
So here at home we'll smile and stay
And be thankful for another day.*

Bridget Evans

THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS WAYMARKS

The other day Dorothy and I were out on our daily walk when I spotted a mysterious waymark that I hadn't seen before.



It looked vaguely familiar and on closer inspection I saw that it had the Living Levels logo on it. The first one we saw was at the back entrance to the castle then, walking towards Deepweir, we saw another pointing to Pill Row.

Not one to leave a stone unturned I contacted Gavin Jones of the Living Levels Project and asked what they were. He replied that this was part of the 'Loops and Links' walks – a series of routes across the Levels that are being upgraded.

So, with that information there was only one thing to do and two days later we set off on an expedition to find where the arrows led.

From the Mitel roundabout the arrows point along the main road and then down Pill Road. After the industrial estate we crossed the railway and headed for the path that leads all the way to Sudbrook. It was here we found our first problem. We had two options and no sign. We could take the newly laid path to the left or go straight ahead across the camp. We took the latter option.

On the other side of the camp, past the Heritage Centre and over the disused railway there were two more arrows, one as we expected pointing to Black Rock and the other pointing in the opposite direction along the road.

At this point we decided to head home along the road as we may have exceeded the curfew. We didn't expect to see anything else but there were two more sets of signs, one at Southbrook Farm pointing to Portskewett station and the other in the centre of Portskewett pointing to Harold's Field. So now I had no idea where this path was going.

After 5¼ miles and two hours walking we arrived back home. Not sure that constituted a short walk!

I then contacted Gavin again to ask what was going on! His reply was:

*That's a good question and sounds like an interrupted job!
Take care and don't go following any strange arrows leading nowhere...*

Good advice but then I like following arrows!

Maurice Turner
U3A Strollers

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Hi, Rob Harry here. I'm the Vice Chair, you know that bloke with the bald head who stands in for Pam when she is off on a jolly.

The last time I contacted many of you was basically via the Convenors when we had to make the decision to temporarily close down our U3A, the groups and the meetings, because of the onset of Covid 19. That seems a long time ago and we are still in lockdown, both personally and within the context of the U3A. To be honest that was an awful task, because we had to postpone events and put a hold on some of the really excellent work that had been done by the Committee, Convenors and Sub-Committee members in the planning for our 25th Celebrations. Also, some of you may not know that I am also Joint Convenor of the Strollers Walking group and we had bus trips and a walking weekend planned, as well as a six month schedule of walks organised all cancelled.

Very disappointing, I thought initially, but get over it. Now it is time to look at what you need to do to keep in touch with the Strollers of whom there are almost 50 members in the group. My concern was that the majority of the group, were at best self isolating, some were being shielded because of underlying medical conditions and were being supplied by family or neighbours, notwithstanding that a large number of the group were on their own.

One positive factor was that all of the group were on email and that gave me the idea of putting together a Strollers Newsletter. So I broached the idea with the group and they came back with a positive response. What was I trying achieve? Well obviously to keep in touch with people so that we check if other people were ok and how they were coping with lockdown. However, what I did not want to do was send out 50 emails to keep in contact. Rather I wanted them to send their thoughts, experiences and information to me and so I designed the Strollers Newsletter with the following headings:

How are you?	That gives information on how Strollers are.
Birthdays or Special Occasions	Here we list all of those with a birthday that month and Lyn Howells sends them a card.
Notice Board	With useful tel numbers of local places that deliver food etc.
How are you Coping	Here group members send me information and examples of how they are coping with lockdown. Exercise, decorating, good books, gardening, jig saws.
We have a quiz	Sent in by a group member.
Poem of the Week	
Joke of the Week	

If you want to see a copy of The Stroller Newsletter just send me an email. My email is bobtheconvenor@gmail.com and for longer articles of interest we send out email attachments and these are called 'The Strollers News Extra.'

So far the group has really got into the spirit of the idea and we have published 2 Issues of the Newsletter so far. It really has been good fun and members have said that they have been amused by the contributions of their colleagues and have found the information on the Notice Board helpful. Interestingly people have taken what is in reality an awful time and used their skills, knowledge and humour to entertain us. Bill, my co-convenor has kept us amused with his brilliant stories of when he was a Sea Scout Leader and we have discovered talent in our group that we didn't know existed.

Surely that is what our U3A is all about and that gives me heart for the future when we will restart our U3A and can utilise the resources that we have in our Committee, Convenors, Treasurers and Members.

Best wishes and stay safe

Rob Harry

NEWS FROM U3A NATIONAL OFFICE

U3A DAY - 1 OCTOBER 2020

The decision has been made to postpone our first national U3A Day from 3 June 2020 to 1 October 2020 which is International Day of Older Persons.

Many U3As have invested time and energy into planning creative and informative events to raise the profile of the movement. We have a long lead-time for this new date so plans can be reviewed and rearranged including venues and guests.

As you are aware, U3A Day is planned to maximise the opportunity to raise our profile nationally. We will work towards signposting media attention to 1 October 2020, once that date is confirmed as safe and appropriate.

We will continue to update resources and advice on the national website. This helps us keep each other up-to-date with what is happening. The [U3A Day closed Facebook site](#) has a wealth of ideas and discussion points and is a very positive community.

Let's look forward to a time to celebrate the wonderful organisation that is U3A!

Although we are now all working remotely, we are still providing a full service. Our phone lines are open and have never been busier.

Our team in addition to our usual duties has significantly increased our written and telephone communications:

- Our Newsletters are being used as a more in depth means of communication, we would encourage members to register for this: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/email>
- We have introduced a regular Newsletter Express
- Our new [Facebook page](#) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2833125070105668/> has more than 1,400 followers
- There is support and advice on our website including on how to keep active, keep learning and keep connected with each other.
- U3A has launched a UK-wide Diary Project - where members are encouraged to diarise their experience of these times. You can see more on our website or contact us diary@u3a.org.uk
- Our legal advisers continue to support our responses to members especially in connection with cancelled trips and holidays.

DIARY PROJECT – LIVING HISTORY

IS ANYONE TAKING PART?

If you want take part - please read more on the TAT webpage [here](#). Or you can contact us at diary@u3a.org.uk

This project is a living history of members' experiences during the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic.

We are currently living through an unprecedented period, due to the Coronavirus and everyone's daily lives are being affected. The situation is impacting on people in lots of different ways and you will all have your own experiences, thoughts and reflections on what this time is like for you and how it is affecting you, both on a practical and on a psychological level.

We would really like to capture all of this as part of a UK wide living history project.

Why are we doing this?

The more members that undertake the project the more information we will have about what this period has felt like. As well as being an interesting and engaging piece of work, it could also add value to planning should this type of extraordinary situations ever face the country again.

What do I need to do?

Please write your contribution (or you are free to use other media such as pictures) and send it to diary@u3a.org.uk and we will use a selection on the website and via our communications channels.

Please let us know whether you are happy for us to get back in touch with you if we would like to discuss it further.

Many thanks for sharing your stories
Third Age Trust

FOR WHEN YOU ARE IN A WONDERING FRAME OF MIND.

Victor Borge used to say, "it is your language, I am just trying to use it".

For all of you who wonder why folk from other countries have a bit of trouble with the English language. This is a clever piece put together by an English teacher, who else?

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym. You think English is easy??

Read all the way to the end.....This took a lot of work to put together!

- 1) The bandage was *wound *around the *wound.*
- 2) The farm was used to *produce produce*.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to *refuse *more *refuse*.
- 4) We must *polish *the *Polish *furniture.
- 5) He could *lead *if he would get the *lead *out.
- 6) The soldier decided to *desert *his dessert in the *desert..*
- 7) Since there is no time like the *present*, he thought it was time to *present *the *present.*
- 8) A *bass *was painted on the head of the *bass *drum.
- 9) When shot at, the *dove dove *into the bushes.
- 10) I did not *object *to the *object.*
- 11) The insurance was *invalid *for the *invalid.*
- 12) There was a *row *among the oarsmen about how to *row*.
- 13) They were too *close *to the door to *close *it.
- 14) The buck *does *funny things when the *does *are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a *sewer *fell down into a *sewer *line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his *sow *to *sow.*
- 17) The *wind *was too strong to *wind *the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the *tear *in the painting I shed a *tear*
- 19) I had to *subject *the *subject *to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I *intimate *this to my most *intimate *friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese So one moose, 2 meese? One index 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why don't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

TIME FOR US GIRLS – by Pam Ayres

Several members have sent in this poem

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For 12 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!

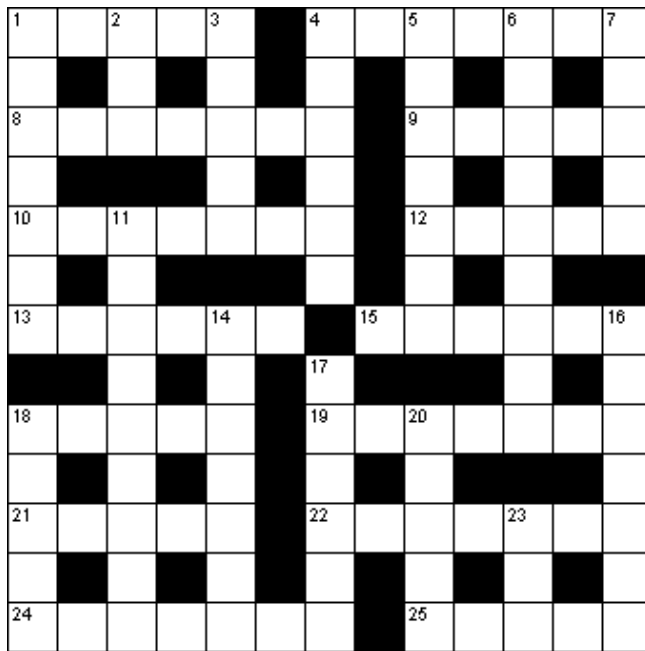
Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

MAY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Danger (5)
4. Percussion instrument (7)
8. Deliberated (7)
9. Molten rock (5)
10. Marine mollusks (7)
12. Similar (5)
13. Martial art (4,2)
15. Rigorous (6)
18. Assumed name (5)
19. Accumulated (7)
21. Similar to a giraffe (5)
22. Dizziness (7)
24. Perpetual (7)
25. Book of maps (5)

DOWN

1. Security device (7)
2. Bone (3)
3. Supple (5)
4. Plain (6)
5. Fortification (7)
6. Enlarges (9)
7. Astound (5)
11. Consortium (9)
14. Mode (7)
16. Irksome (7)
17. Wonder (6)
18. Repent (5)
20. Artery (5)
23. Unwell (3)

April's solution

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LET'S DO SUDOKU!

April's Sudoku solution

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1					6			
		2	7					1
		9	5					6
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	2	6	8	5			7	
	1			4				
	8	3	6	1			4	

6	8	1	3	4	7	2	5	9
7	2	9	8	1	5	6	3	4
4	3	5	9	2	6	7	1	8
1	7	3	4	6	9	5	8	2
8	5	4	7	3	2	1	9	6
9	6	2	5	8	1	4	7	3
5	9	6	2	7	8	3	4	1
2	4	8	1	5	3	9	6	7
3	1	7	6	9	4	8	2	5

Solutions next month

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