

# The Viral Times

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*This picture was taken in Dyke last September as they were setting up for the Scarecrow Festival.  
A rainbow is a symbol of peace and serenity. They are seen after a rainstorm when the sun breaks  
through the clouds.*

*It's a symbol of hope. Keep looking for a Rainbow!*

## From the Newsletter Editor

**In these difficult times the Bourne U3A committee hope that producing this new communication every couple of weeks will help to keep U3A Bourne alive and will hopefully provide some tips, some fun and some humour but most important of all remind people that they aren't on their own.**

**I want to thank all of the contributors who answered Malcolm's call, please don't be offended if it is not in this issue because it will be used. We have decided to limit the newsletter to a maximum of 4 sides to enable a distribution system to be set up for those members without e-mail who would normally collect their copies at the monthly meeting. If you could help with this please contact Gill Stoneman ( [speakers@u3abourne.org.uk](mailto:speakers@u3abourne.org.uk) ).**

**I would appreciate any and all contributions for this newsletter so please don't be shy. Put your 4 pennyworth in (to [paul.smith2000@talktalk.net](mailto:paul.smith2000@talktalk.net) ), let us know what you are doing to cope with this really difficult situation.**

## ***A puzzle for you***

**Can you find a way to have the spoon and fork balancing over the edge of the table?**



Solution in the next issue!

## **And now for a little bit of humour**

John Travolta went to his doctor as he suspected he may have contracted Covid-19, but it's OK it was just a case of Saturday Night Fever!

I have bought 30 mini pork pies and 50 bite sized sausage rolls - I misread the news, I thought everyone was picnic buying!!

Impact of Digitalization and automation... Lollll



## **From the Poetry Group**

Wendy Cope, we feel, might have become Poet Laureate at some point in her life, but didn't. She would have suited a lot of us young-at-heart U3A-ers. Here's one of the poems read at the meeting:  
'After the Lunch':

On Waterloo Bridge, where we said our goodbyes,  
the weather conditions bring tears to my eyes.  
I wipe them away with a black woolly glove  
And try not to notice I've fallen in love.

**On Waterloo Bridge I am trying to think:  
This is nothing, you're high on the charm and the drink.  
But the juke-box inside me is playing a song  
That says something different. And when was it wrong?**

**On Waterloo Bridge with the wind in my hair  
I am tempted to skip. You're a fool. I don't care.  
The head does its best but the heart is the boss-  
I admit it before I am halfway across.**

## How are you keeping yourself occupied ?

### Living History in Unprecedented Times

U3A members nationally are being asked to help craft a shared learning project where they create living history of this extraordinary time.

This project is a living history of members' experiences during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. See U3A website for details.

We would like to add Bourne's input to this, so please think about keeping a diary and as we get up to date with all of those jobs we kept putting off because we didn't have the time, please send in before and after photos of what you have achieved! Let us have examples of your poetry, novels etc.

## A visual Quiz

### Name the Disney pairs:



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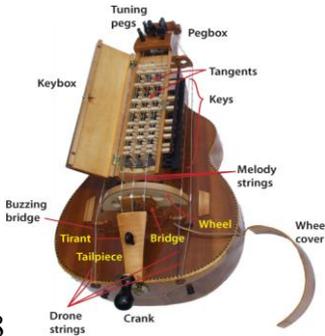
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### Name the Musical Instruments:



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**Answers & more questions in the next issue! (no googling!)**

### Some useful contacts

**From the Dyke Village Hall Newsletter (who also supplied the heading picture)**

**Dan, the Fruit and Vegetable Man—07427 165038**

**The Veggie Ladies: 01778 440889**

**Citizens Advice Bureau: 03444 111444**

**If you are able to access the internet please visit the U3A website as they have some interesting ideas for seeing this period of isolation through <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 will now be postponed.

As soon as we can we will advise all our Members of the revised date, but please be assured that the Committee will continue to deal with all official matters during the current virus pandemic.