

# The Viral Times

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*This picture was one of the top 3 in the Photography Challenge*

## From the Newsletter Editor

**I hope you all enjoyed issue 2, if you have any comments please let me have them. Thanks again to all who volunteered their time to distribute hard copies to those members without e-mail.**

**I 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.**

## **Cancellation of General Meetings and Postponement of AGM**

The Committee held a virtual meeting online on Monday 20th April and decided formally to postpone the AGM for the duration of the pandemic. The Trustees' report and accounts will be prepared in the usual way and circulated to members, but the formal meeting will have to wait until Government guidelines allow. Similarly, we have cancelled all General Meetings through to September to enable Gill, our Speaker Finder, to notify booked speakers that we will be in touch again when circumstances allow. These decisions will be reviewed in the light of any changes to Government guidelines. Malcolm Scriven

## **A Photography Challenge?**

The challenge was to take photos on the subject of "Spring" and the entries were judged by a member of the NHS. Entries were received from Angela Burke, Roger Robbins, Alan Douglas, Colin Avery, Malcolm Scriven & Vaughn Roberts. The top 3 are shown, well done to all entrants. **The new challenge is "Colour"**



## A little bit of humour

#Tech-Kid



## New Group 'Star' Flash

It has been suggested that we start an Astronomy Group. This is a great idea and we (the Committee) believe it is one that we could start even during the present lock down.

If you want to reach for the stars, please see our Web site <https://u3asites.org.uk/bourne/home> for further details. Pat Howes

## From the Poetry Group

### In the Time of Pandemic - Kitty O'Meara

And the people stayed home.

And they read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And they listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

**And now for something completely different!**

## “Self-Isolation!” (to the tune of Cliff Richard’s “Congratulations!”)

(with apologies to Bill Martin and Phil Coulter, lyricists)

Key: Don’t B Flat

Time Signature: 2 Metres

Self-isolation  
And consternation  
Co-ro-na virus has us fearing for  
Our lives  
Self-isolation  
And agitation  
Has built a wall between our husbands  
and our wives

Who could believe that I could be lonely  
Discontented  
I used to think that misery hadn’t been  
But that was in the good old days before  
This new ‘flu’  
When I felt blue  
And then stayed apart

Self-isolation  
And apprehension  
Co-ro-na virus has us staying in  
Our homes  
Self-isolation  
And nervous tension  
Has got us reaching for our papers and our tomes

I was afraid that maybe you caught that Covid-19  
That I was only fooling myself we were  
A dream team  
But then tonight, Matt Hancock said, “Please stay  
Together  
Might be for ever  
I just couldn’t say”

I just couldn’t say”

Self-isolation    Self-isolation    And agitation  
Has come between our husbands and our wives  
Has come between        Our husbands and our wives

### A Quiz

#### Answers to the quiz in the last issue

##### LEGO Landmarks, name the CITY.

19	<b>Berlin</b>	Brandenburg Gate	24	<b>Chicago</b>	
20	<b>New York City</b>	Guggenheim Museum	25	<b>Las Vegas</b>	
21	<b>Tokyo</b>	Imperial Hotel	26	<b>Washington</b>	Capitol Building
22	<b>Shanghai</b>		27	<b>Sydney</b>	
23	<b>Paris</b>	The Louvre	28	<b>London</b>	Buckingham Palace

### Twenty Questions

1. In heraldry, what colour is described as ‘vert’ ?
2. Zsa Zsa Gabor, who died fairly recently, was what nationality ?
3. Lombok, Sulawesi, Komodo and Flores are islands in which country ?
4. What do Americans call the bonnet of a car ?
5. Harry Lime was the central character in which classic film ?
6. What is the second lightest element ?
7. Which historical figure was executed at Fotheringhay Castle ?
8. What is the largest mammal found in the British Isles ?
9. Who painted ‘ The Fallen Madonna with the Big Boobies ‘ in ‘ Allo Allo ‘ ?
10. Lalique was a company famous for producing artistic objects made of what material ?

11. “ Was this the face that launched a thousand ships and burnt the topless towers of Ilium ? “  
What was the better-known name for the city referred to in this quotation ( ‘Doctor Faustus’ by Christopher Marlowe ).
12. Portugal is the world’s leading producer of which arboreal product ?
13. What was the Christian name of the famous potter Wedgewood ?
14. Who was the unlikely author of ‘ Chitty Chitty Bang Bang ‘ ?
15. Which newspaper was originally known as ‘ The Thunderer ‘ ?
16. What were the first two postage stamps produced by Rowland Hill in 1840 ?
17. Which ex- Formula 1 racing driver owns his own commercial airline ?
18. Porifera are what sort of animals ?
19. What is a naturally occurring resin used for French polishing and beginning with sh..... ?
20. The Dinosaur Era spanned 3 geological periods – the Triassic, the Jurassic and .....?

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

**How are you keeping yourself occupied ?**

## **Playreading Group**

This is just an update on The Playreading Groups solution to Covid 19. The Group has started to listen to a Radio Drama on Wednesday afternoons on Radio 4 from 2.15 to 3.00pm. Every member is encouraged to sit down with a cup of tea (somewhere the sun is over the yard arm!) or whatever beverage they prefer and listen to the Drama. Then comment on what they thought of it, was it something they would enjoy hearing again or possibly never.

This is the second week and the range of comments have been very interesting, not all have liked the plays, but at least it gives us something to think about, and form opinions on. We communicate via e mail or phone giving our views on the play for that day, although not ideal it does keep the group active until we can get together and read our usual plays. In the meantime, stay safe and keep listening and most of all keep being involved.

### **A Gardening Challenge?**

How are you getting on with the gardening challenge? Don’t forget to send in your pictures.

Please send all your entries to, Janet Blacoe. E-Mail - [janetblacoe@gmail.com](mailto:janetblacoe@gmail.com)

**If you fancy doing something a little educational at home have a look at the following websites which might keep the brain active.**

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/boredom-busters>

**If you like watching garden birdlife the following might be of interest**

<https://www.bto.org/how-you-can-help>

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