

The Viral Times

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This picture was taken whilst out walking our dog (he wasn't in the field with me of course)

From the Newsletter Editor

Thanks to all of the recipients of the first issue who sent messages of thanks after the first issue, thanks also to all who volunteered their time to distribute hard copies to those members without e-mail, if anyone knows of someone who didn't get a copy of the first issue please let Gill Stoneman know so that we can try to ensure they get this issue.

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), let us know what you are doing to cope with this really difficult situation.

Jackie Searl has some tapestry wools free to a good home! Let me know if you would like them.

I have an appeal from one of our members who is taking the present restrictions as an opportunity to make baby layettes for the tiny new borns in the neonatal Dept of Peterborough Hospital. If you have any wool of any size or colour please let me know and I'll pass on contact details.

A puzzle for you

Could you find the way to have the spoon and fork balancing over the edge of the table?



and the solution is

A little bit of humour



You're not old. You're chronologically challenged.

You know your old when :-

You get puffed out doing the crossword.

Grumpy is your permanent default mode.

When 'getting lucky' means finding your car in the car park.

From the Poetry Group

Home-Thoughts, from Abroad - Robert Browning (1812-1889)

(Written in 1845 while Browning was visiting northern Italy)

Oh, to be in England
now that April's there,
and whoever wakes in England
sees, some morning, unaware,
that the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
while the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
in England—now!

And after April, when May follows,
and the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows!
Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge
leans to the field and scatters on the clover
blossoms and dewdrops—at the bent spray's edge—
that's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over,
lest you should think he never could recapture
the first fine careless rapture!
And though the fields look rough with hoary dew,
all will be gay when noontide wakes anew
the buttercups, the little children's dower
—far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower!

A visual Quiz

Answers to last issues quiz

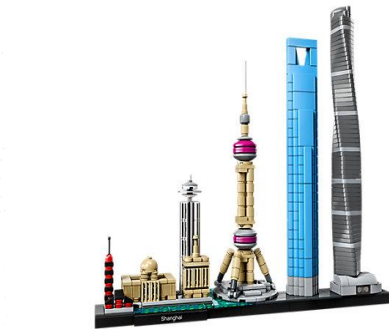
Pictures of Disney pairs

- 1 Jack Skellington and Sally
- 2 Pongo and Perdita
- 3 Cogsworth and Lumiere
- 4 Mary Poppins and Bert
- 5 Gus Gus and Jaq
- 6 Lilo and Stitch

Musical Instruments

- 7 Ocarina
- 8 Hurdy Gurdy
- 9 Laser Harp
- 10 Theremin
- 11 Vibraslap
- 12 Castanets

LEGO Landmarks, name the CITY.



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

How are you keeping yourself occupied ?

A Photography Challenge?

Dear U3A members, if you find that you have a little extra time available to you in the absence of our regular meetings and events, then why not dig out that camera? The photography group would welcome any photos which you would be willing to share. The challenge is to take them anytime in the next 2 weeks and then send them to me via e-mail to 3roberts@talktalk.net. The pictures will be reviewed by an independent person and the most favoured ones will be circulated within a future newsletter. The subject for this challenge is "Spring". If you have a digital camera but do not know how to download/send photos then please let me know and I may be able to offer some advice and support. Happy Snapping! Vaughan Roberts

A Gardening Challenge?

The idea is to pick a section of your garden that is looking a bit neglected and to send in a photograph, as it looks now, then as it progresses through the months with a short statement about who you are and the part of the garden you are using - e.g. south facing front border 6ft by 3ft.

As the time passes and you have done all that you can, without the benefit of supplies from the Garden Centre, borrowing or hiring of tools and only transplanting within the garden itself, you will have transformed your little plot and can send in a photo of the newly finished area. By that time we will hopefully be out of this crisis with the coronavirus.

The before, during and after photos will be judged and the best ones will receive a modest prize.

Please send all your entries to, Janet Blacoe. E-Mail - janetblacoe@gmail.com

If you fancy doing some exercise at home have a look at the following website from Sport England

https://www.sportengland.org/stayinworkout#get_active_at_home

Some useful contacts

Local Home Delivery Options (please only use if you cannot get to the shops)

The Butterfield Centre – 01778 421422 Butterfield volunteers can deliver a hot lunch or pack-up tea from Monday to Friday

Alec Day – Butchers 01778 422281 Meat, fish, fruit, veg etc – they will take payment over the phone on the day of delivery.

Peterborough Game Company – 01778 393813 Will deliver meat orders locally.

Wiltshire Farm Foods – 01427 666130 Can deliver meals ready to be re-heated

The Catering Crew - <https://www.cateringcrew.catering/> - 07706 157097

Event caterers based in Morton who will deliver bakery, ready meals etc. Free delivery to PE10 for orders over £20.