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These pictures were the entries in the Photography Challenge "My Teapot"

From the Newsletter Editor

I hope you all enjoyed the last issue, 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) and let us know what you are doing to cope with this really difficult situation. **I would like to put out a request for some more contributions as I am beginning to run out of copy. I still have a few quiz questions and funnies but "more serious" contributions are a bit thin on the ground so please let me have anything you would like to contribute.**

A Photography Challenge?

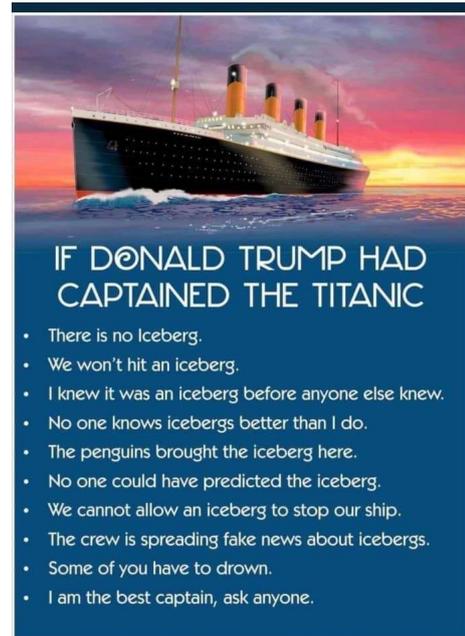
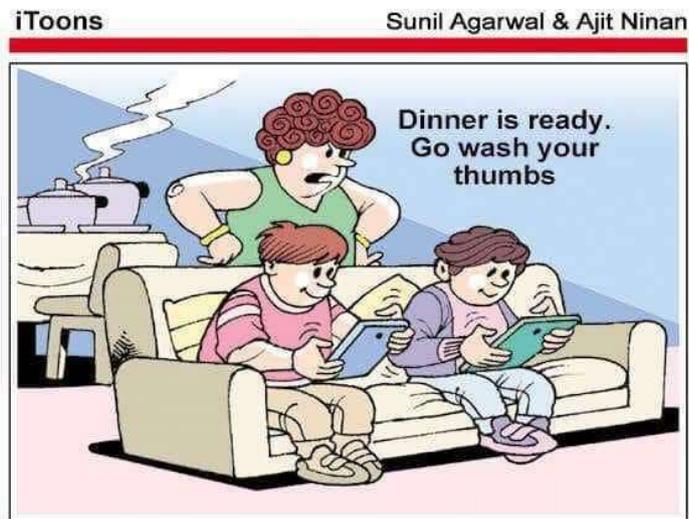
The challenge was to take photos on the subject of "My Teapot. Entries were received from Diane Hinchliffe, Alan Douglas & Vaughan Roberts, sadly only these 4 entries were received. To try and increase the number of entrants we will be issuing 2 challenges this time. The first one is for the next issue of "The Viral Times" the second is for the following issue which gives you a bit more time to get the pictures taken.

The first new challenge is " Wildflowers " (entries by 31-5-20)

The first new challenge is " A Souvenir " (entries by 14-6-20)

Entries to :- vasmroberts@gmail.com

A little bit of humour



From the Poetry Group

Name - Carol Ann Duffy (from 'Rapture', 2006)

When did your name change from a proper noun to a charm?

Its three vowels like jewels on the thread of my breath.

Its consonants brushing my mouth like a kiss.

I love your name. I say it again and again in this summer rain.

I see it, discreet in the alphabet, like a wish.

I pray it into the night till its letters are light.

I hear your name rhyming, rhyming, rhyming with everything.

A Quiz

Twenty Questions

Answers to the last quiz

1. Andrew Sachs. 2. Absinthe. 3. Chequers.. 4. Hops. 5. Scafell Pike. 6. Jennifer Rush.
7. A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 8. Wind. 9. Vienna. 10. Vermeer. 11. Mars.
12. Milan. 13. Planing, shaping and shaving linear pieces of wood e.g. wheel spokes.
14. Bridges. 15. Capulet. 16. North Africa.
17. Switzerland. 18. Original New Towns around London. 19. 32. 20. Beatrix Potter.

And now for the new one!

CAN YOU COMPLETE THE MENU?					
SOUP		Answers	VEGETABLES		Answers
1	Capital of Portugal		26	The Plumber's favourite	
2	A kind of Dove		27	Father's hair clippers	
3	A fly swatter		28	Revolve a penny	
4	Rest on mine		29	An athletic Harrier	
5	Edible fungus		30	A piece of crockery devoured nothing	
			31	From Scandinavia	
FISH			32	Could be a comedian	
6	A hen's resting place		33	Cool crib	
7	Not first in the race		34	Shoots grown in Belgium	
8	Cash on delivery		35	Miniature marrows	
9	Camp is re-organised				
10	Owned a ship's berth		PUDDINGS		
11	You can catch one while rowing		36	The sweet of a temptress	
12	You will find it on her finger		37	Not a Canadian one	
13	Good fun when ice is around		38	A fruity Australian	
			39	Star of the Russian stage	
MEAT			40	You cannot walk in it	
14	An English essayist		41	Sticky wash	
15	Cricketer's nightmare		42	Vintage cycle gear	
16	Meat of a wealthy bird		43	Don't blow in the week	
17	One pound and one shilling is disgusting		44	Pea prattle	
18	Swine cuts		45	The 49th in the oven	
19	Eastern country				

20	LT takes file				
21	Vegetables and insect still needs and 'H'				
22	Feast robe required for this meal				
23	No courage				
24	A bit of a mountain				
25	Grumble				

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

How are you keeping yourself occupied ?

In the spirit of U3A and our educational bias I wondered if a Q and A section might appear.

Here is the first question.

I remember from school science that the sunlight is being split by rain droplets to produce a single rainbow - but multiple rainbows occasionally occur. And furthermore why is the second rainbow below the first, with the order of colours reversed but no change in shape. And when there is a third rainbow, does the colour pattern revert to that of the first? I've seen such but it was very feint and I can't remember the colour pattern.

So, can anyone answer the above question, please let me have your theories!

From the drawing & Art Group

There may be budding artists out there that have never attempted to produce a picture of any kind. Although our group is completely full it does not stop you having a go at home. One suggestion is to try and sketch a still life scene.

When you have finished email it to me for inclusion in the next U3A bulletin. (petergillatt@sky.com)

A Gardening Challenge?

We have not seen much interest, come on folks lets see a bit of your garden!

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

An interesting site for those groups who like visiting art galleries, museums etc is:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/explore>