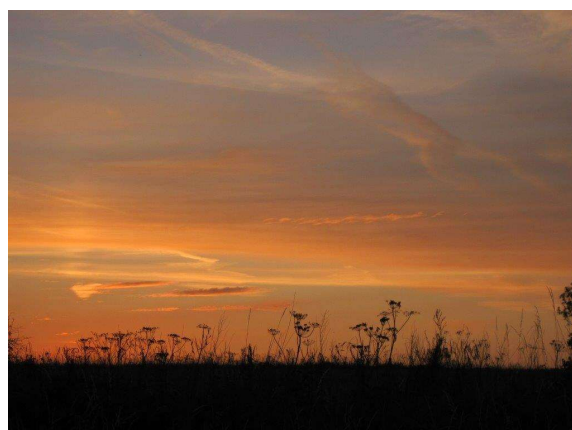


# The Viral Times

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*These pictures were the winning entries in the Photography Challenge "Summer"*

## 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](mailto: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.**

## A Photography Challenge?

The challenge was to take photos on the subject of "Sky". 10 Entries were received (thanks to all of you) and selected as the best 2 were those above from Alan Douglas and Diedre Carter

**The new challenge is " A Family Pet "** (entries by 27-7-20)

**The next challenge is " A Landscape "** (entries by 10-8-20)

Entries to :- [vasmroberts@gmail.com](mailto:vasmroberts@gmail.com)

## A little bit of humour



## **Breaking News**

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few further local businesses around our Town. The bra manufacturer has gone bust, the specialist in submersibles has gone under, the manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers, the suppliers of paper for origami enthusiasts has folded, the Heinz factory has been canned as they couldn't ketchup with orders, the tarmac laying company has reached the end of the road, the bread company has run out of dough, the clock manufacturer has had to wind down and gone cuckoo, the Chinese has been taken away, the shoe shop has had to put his foot down and given his staff the boot, the launderette has been taken to the cleaners! The pet shop has gone to the dogs. The butcher's had the chop, the Greengrocers in a vegetative state. The venetian blind shop has closed, so it's curtains for us all. The wall paper shops taken a pasting. the fish mongers been battered. The florists are now pushing up the daisies. The milkman's lost his bottle and finally, the bread man's toast.

### **Swimming Pools will reopen on 4 July.**

Due to continuing Social Distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3 and 5!

## **Lockdown Lingo**

This is good Lockdown lingo - are you fully conversant with the new terminology? I found they got funnier the further down the list you go!.

### **\*Coronacoaster\***

The ups and downs of your mood during the pandemic. You're loving lockdown one minute but suddenly weepy with anxiety the next. It truly is "an emotional coronacoaster".

### **\*Quarantinis\***

Experimental cocktails mixed from whatever random ingredients you have left in the house. The boozy equivalent of a store cupboard supper. Southern Comfort and Ribena quarantini with a glacé cherry garnish, anyone? These are sipped at "locktail hour", ie. wine o'clock during lockdown, which seems to be creeping earlier with each passing week.

### **\*Blue Skype thinking\***

A work brainstorming session which takes place over a videoconferencing app. Such meetings might also be termed a "Zoomposium". Naturally, they are to be avoided if at all possible.

### **\*Le Creuset wrist\***

It's the new "avocado hand" - an aching arm after taking one's best saucepan outside to bang during the weekly 'Clap For Carers.' It might be heavy but you're keen to impress the neighbours with your high-quality kitchenware.

### **\*Coronials\***

As opposed to millennials, this refers to the future generation of babies conceived or born during coronavirus quarantine. They might also become known as "Generation C" or, more spookily, "Children of the Quarn".

## Poetry

This poem was sent to me by Pauline Pickett

### Moving Home

We left the town, left the city  
I thought at the time it was a pity  
But then at my age, I thought it was due  
To see different horizons, to try something new.

What I hadn't considered, had taken for granted  
That over the years, the seeds of friendship I had planted  
People who knew me better than myself  
Friends who cared, in good and bad health.

It's true when they say, you never realise the cost  
Until the time comes when you feel the loss  
Of friendly voices that know you inside and out  
The companions who support you without any doubt.

There is no going back, life has to go on  
But the good thing is their friendship hasn't gone  
They are miles away now, and in a different place  
The friendship stays on, but in a different space.

There are new people now, that I see in the street  
Faces that become familiar and a pleasure to meet  
People who are willing to be friendly and kind  
And new friendships formed to content my mind.

We all move on in time and space,  
So I enjoy the moment and keep in life's race.  
Time can never be dull with people out there  
With laughter and smiles to show that they care.

How grateful I am to experience these things,  
Of making new friendships, and what it all means.  
There are dark days as well, when I am lonely and sad  
When no one sees me, I am in pain and feel bad.

But I go up to bed, in the warm down I lay,  
I'll be alright soon, and greet another new day.

## The Quiz Section

### Answers to the “Cryptic Crossword”

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### Now a Cryptic crossword, It's All Greek to me! (apart from the Latin!)

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## ACROSS

- 1 This sprite is mine (2,5)  
5 Unplaced Titan (3,1,1)  
8 Ceres' oppo beheaded twice (5)  
9 Fratricidal Roman twin (7)  
10 Likes horseracing by the seaside! (7)  
  
11 Firstly, it sounds like Tommy Steele's  
Sixpence! (5)  
12 Bee orchid (6)  
  
14 A Thane was woven into War (6)  
18 She has a blotchy nevus! (5)  
20 Tolerate (pro Ursa) (7)  
22 Rhymes with Nymphs, you see (7)  
23 Unhealthy drink of the Gods? (5)  
24 Said, "I'll go Monday afternoon",  
initially, to get this letter (5)  
25 Support us on radio for good vintage (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Confused me? Not me. Souvenir! (7)  
2 Olympian down for tennis fault (3,2)  
3 Might deliver parcel, or steal it! (7)  
4 Greek courier? (6)  
5 If the first ray doesn't get you, this third  
one will (5)  
6 Did a naughty god do this, de circuits  
overheard? (7)  
7 Makes a good fire, especially with  
Flanders (5)  
13 Artemis is in charge of this goodwill (7)  
12 Gift from Somnus (or Hypnos!) (5)  
15 A short dancer, she mused... (7)  
16 Flexible root sap becomes inflexible!(7)  
17 Said to be about parsley, sage etc (2,4)  
18 Some Cava gushing builds nerve! (5)  
19 Could split your nose, or your heart! (5)  
21 A follower of 3 and 18 (5)