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## Chairman's Message

Hello Everybody

Good news at last! The new vaccines can at last give us hope that things are beginning to change for the better. Most of you will have had your first vaccinations by the time you read this and some may have received their boosters. It is amazing how quickly this has been achieved and good to know that Britain are amongst the leaders in achieving this.



One of the most difficult challenges during the lockdown has been how to keep in touch with our members, particularly those who prefer not to use the internet. We exchange phone calls with different members from time to time and it is good that we now have 63 members on our Facebook page. It would be really nice if a few more of you could join our Facebook group and keep us up to date with what you have been doing.

Unfortunately, we have lost some of our members since the last magazine was published, which is very sad and our thoughts are with their families.

One good feature of the lockdown for Rod and myself has been our walks on the beach where we have noticed that the beach landscape changes every day and we have also discovered lots of interesting birds, for example, I'm sure we have seen a curlew, lots of oyster catchers and some dunlin as well as our usual gull friends.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon at coffee morning and meanwhile look after yourselves!

Rod

## Club and Group News

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You will recall that in our last magazine, I informed everyone that for last year (2019/2020) members were not being asked to pay their annual subscriptions for obvious reasons.

We are now coming up to the start of our new year, and members are now required to pay their subscription of £10 each, or if you are already a paid up member of another U3A group, then your subscription will be just £6.50.

At the time of writing this (mid December) it seems that we may be able to get back together again around April time, when, by such time, we would all have received our anti virus jabs, and the confidence in meeting back up together again will, hopefully, be back with us all.

Therefore, we would ask you to *keep the application form which is in this magazine*, and bring it with you, along with your cash/cheque when we do eventually get back to our coffee mornings.

So please keep the form safe until such times as we get back to normality, as we may not produce another magazine for a few months.

For those of you who originally paid your 2019/2020 fee prior to the lockdown, will not need to pay, but we still need your application form for 2020/2021 for the U3A records.

Many thanks in advance to you all.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Barry

## Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to Ann Puddy's family for the kind donation from Ann's estate to the U3A of Highbridge.

## Table Tennis Group Update

A happier new year to you all.

I will advise members as soon as it is possible to start playing again.

New members are welcome—we play from 2-4 pm on Thursdays at the Community Hall in Highbridge.

I hope to see you all again soon. In the meantime keep safe and well.

John Ellis

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## **Members Contributions**

### **My Family and the Beatles by Alison Joyce**

Confession :- I have never met the Beatles and have always preferred the Rolling Stones! BUT ... In 1962 I left my Fish & Chip shop home in Taunton to go to college in Yorkshire. My college "mum" (a girl a year above me who introduced me to college life) was from Liverpool. Her sister was going out with Ringo Starr and the Beatles used to go round to their house for coffee.

In 1967 an old friend of my mum's and her cameraman partner came to visit my parents. My mum had a distinctive head of white hair (that I inherited). The cameraman worked on the film the "Magical Mystery Tour" with the Beatles. They needed to fill the coach and remembered my mum's white hair. She was invited to join the film and insisted my sister Pam and her daughter Nicola, age 5, join her. The coach with its very mixed bag of passengers toured the South West for 5 days.

John Lennon ran out of underpants and my mum went out and bought him a pair (which he never paid for!). There is a scene in the film with my niece, little Nicola, sitting on John's knee having a conversation. He says "I'm a walrus" and Nicola replies "oh no you're not".

On the way back they decided to call in at my parent's Fish & Chip shop. This is in the film with "Auntie Amy", my mum, serving in her white turban and overall. George used our toilet. By the time that they left around 300 people had gathered. Word had gone around the estate like wildfire. The dresses Pam & Nikki wore during the filming are in the Beatles Museum.

That December my sister, her husband and Nicola were invited to a fancy dress party at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London for the first showing

of the film. Robert Morley was Father Christmas. Lulu took a shine to Nicola, looking after her during the party. They all sat on the floor to watch the film. Nikki sat between Lulu and John. My brother in law sat next to John and George. He later wrote an article for Q Magazine.

For the 50th Beatles anniversary, a film was supposed to be made using the people on the coach. They paid Nikki £1000 plus all expenses to come over from America (where she lives) to be interviewed. I don't think the film was ever made?

If you are interested, there are several sites with the Beatles and little Nicola with photos of my family.

AND where was I while all this was going on — teaching at King Alfred's School!

## **Nature**

Do you like your garden creatures and nature? Have you spent time in the garden looking and listening to the wildlife? If you have answered yes to these questions you might be interested in some super video talks which are on You Tube from the Field Studies Council. They also have a website you can explore. The videos are following their live talks they gave on the subjects ranging from Solitary Bees, Butterflies, Moths and Ladybirds to Adders!!! Oh and hedgehogs!

Please try these words in google to find many wonderful talks. Youtube - FSC/VMU Bees (Field Studies Council/Virtual Meet Up)

Enjoy!

Mary Crowe

## Humour 😊

### ABBA

It was well over a week ago now when I found myself sitting on the platform at **“Waterloo”** underground station waiting for a Bakerloo Line train to take me to work at Charing Cross.

Mike, the regular early morning busker, was singing his heart out with his own rendition of **“Thank You For The Music”** one of Abba’s hits from the 70’s. I remembered the original, and although it was a popular song, it never did make the ‘Top 20’. Mike’s attempt at it that morning left a lot to be desired, but maybe, to be fair to him, the poor acoustics near the mouth of the tunnel could have had a lot to do with it.

Suddenly, I felt my mobile phone vibrating in my pocket, then **“Ring Ring”** it went. Yes I know, the most standard ring tone I could find, it had not been a difficult choice to make as I can’t stand all these modern ring-tones. I checked the cracked screen on my antiquated phone and saw that it was **“Chiquitita”** the Spanish girl whom I’d met for the first time only a few evenings ago.

“Hey!” I answered, “How you doing **“Angel Eyes”**”? for she had the most beautiful blue-green eyes I had ever seen, and I had used this endearment from the very first moment I’d met her. She sounded breathless.

**“Fernando”** she said, “Please help me, I’m in real trouble here and I’m so scared! I am **“Under Attack”** I have been chased and threatened by three men from the casino and I fell **“Head Over Heels”** almost into the path of a double decker bus after they pushed me into the road, so I am begging you to help me, a bit like an **“S.O.S.”** Please Fernando!

Now, being an ex police officer, I understood why it was me she had contacted, even though I hardly knew the girl. She had told me on our date that she had a gambling problem, but at the time, I paid little attention to it.

**“Does Your Mother Know”**? I quickly replied, for she was a **“Dancing Queen”** who worked at the casino where Chiquitita had obviously been

losing a lot of money. Her mum would also know the boss, along with the men who would have probably been involved in the attack.

"No, she's at work and I can't go back there, so she can't help me, I can only talk to you about it".

"Tell me what happened" I said.

"They grabbed me on my way home from work, all they kept saying one after the other, time and time again was **"Money Money Money"** or else". They also said **"Gimme Gimme Gimme, (A Man After Midnight)"** will come and collect it, and he wouldn't be best pleased if I didn't have the cash to give him".

**"Mamma Mia"** I thought, this is all I need. **"Why Did It Have To Be Me"?**

Having been stationed locally during my time as a police constable, I knew immediately who she was talking about of course. If you gambled in their casino and lost, then you had to pay up immediately, as that was **"The Name Of The Game"**. If you were lucky though, (and not many of the punters were), then **"The Winner Takes It All"** and you came out laughing.

"How long ago was it when you ran up this debt?" I asked, as she hadn't mentioned it the night we'd met in the pub.

"It all happened on **"The Day Before You Came"** to see me last week" she replied.

I knew at once that the debt *had* to be paid immediately and that **"One Of Us"** had to pay them off. I also knew it would have to be me, as I knew she didn't have any money, plus she was asking me for my help and this was the only way I could help her.

I said to her **"Knowing Me Knowing You"** then I am the only one with any cash right at this moment, so I will lend you the money and you can pay me back later. But don't forget, **"You Owe Me One"** for this!" She gave me her bank details and I transferred the money into her account straight away.

"Ah! you're a star, a real **"Super Trouper"** she said. "As a reward, I will text you my address and then you can come round and see me later and

***“Lay All Your Love On Me”***, would you like to do that Fernando?”

Since that day, almost every night ***“I Have A Dream”*** about this, because sadly it never happened, Why did it never happen you may ask? Because, just at that very moment, my phone started to play up again. I’d been having problems with it for some time now. Her voice became distorted, she couldn’t hear me and I couldn’t hear what she was saying, I decided to send her a message instead.

I started texting my reply; *“in answer to your question, yes I do*, but the words displayed on the screen just came out as ***“yes “I Do I Do I Do I Do I Do”*** and then my phone just died.

I’ve now got myself a new phone. I’d written her number down when I first met her, but where did I put it? . . . mmmm I have a head like a c**ABBA**ge I thought! So not knowing her number or even where she lives, then...?

Barry

(30 song titles)

## **The Wonder Years**

I’ve decided that I’m now in my Wonder Years:

I wonder where I left the car.

I wonder where my phone is.

I wonder where the car keys are.

I **wonder** what day it is.

## **Governmentium**

A new Element has been added to the Periodic Table, researchers at Melbourne University discovered this heaviest element yet known to science. This new element is

Governmentium (symbol Gv) has 1 neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic

mass of 312. These particles are held together by forces called morons, these are surrounded by vast quantities of leptonlike particles called pillocks. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact.

A tiny amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second to form, but 4 days to 4 years to complete. Gv has a normal half-life of 2 to 6 years. It does not decay, but instead undergoes a re-organisation in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each re-organisation will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that GV is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration.

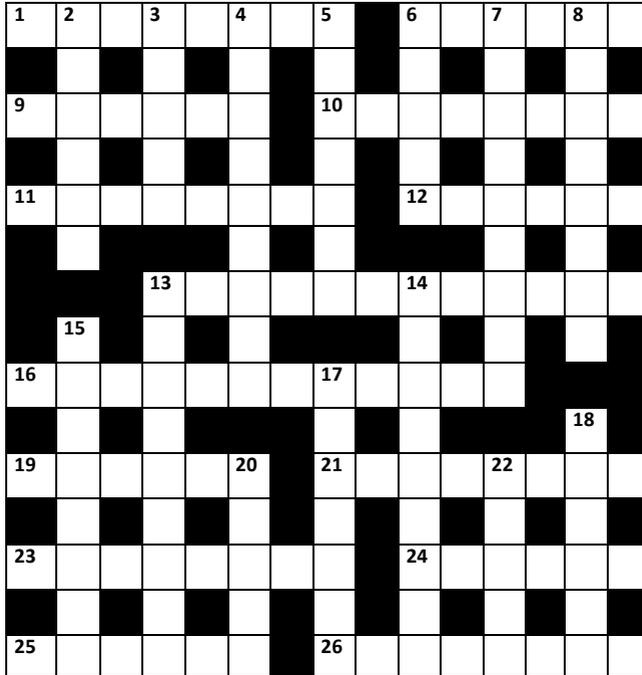
This hypothetical quantity is referred to as a critical morass.

When catalysed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium (symbol Ad), an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium, since it has half as many pillocks; but twice as many morons.

Ken Burston

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## Crossword #32 (solution on page 28)



<b>ACROSS</b>		<b>DOWN</b>	
1.	Consumed (8)	2.	Radar (6)
6.	Receive (6)	3.	Trajectory (5)
9.	Type of grass (6)	4.	Hunting weapon (9)
10.	Affable (8)	5.	Retainer (7)
11.	Barrier (8)	6.	Vigilant (5)
12.	Foot protector (6)	7.	Pottage (9)
13.	Pint or I react [anag] (12)	8.	Waffle (8)
16.	Great sighted [anag] (12)	13.	Sad (9)
19.	Flinch (6)	14.	Law it Dave [anag] (5 & 4)
21.	Complaints (8)	15.	Sports people (8)
23.	Mindset (8)	17.	Merchants (7)
24.	Alcove (6)	18.	Accustom (6)
25.	Escalate (6)	20.	Pester (5)
26.	Supports (8)	22.	Diminished (5)

## Quiz (answers on page 22)

- 1 What, using our numbering system, is the total of one of each of the Roman Numerals?
- 2 Who had a 1983 hit with "True"?
- 3 Complete the title of the Bob Marley song 'No Woman,....'
- 4 Who founded a theme park called Dollywood?
- 5 What green substance was discovered in a film of the same name starring Robin Williams?
- 6 Which English town is sometimes called 'The Gateway to the Lakes'?
- 7 What are the three cardinal virtues?
- 8 Who was the second wife of Henry VIII and mother to Queen Elizabeth I?
- 9 What nationality is rock star Bryan Adams?
- 10 Name the device that converts sound into electrical energy
- 11 Which year links Napoleon's retreat from Moscow and a Tchaikovsky overture?
- 12 For how many days does a typical mayfly live?
- 13 How many corners has a spinnaker?
- 14 With which sport is Reubens Barichello associated?
- 15 With which dance was the Moulin Rouge most associated?
- 16 Name William Shakespeare's wife
- 17 In which naval town was Charles Dickens born in 1812?
- 18 Name the bestselling book whose characters include Sophie Neveu, Bezu Fache and Robert Langdon
- 19 What colour is the wax covering on Edam cheese?
- 20 Which actress was covered in gold paint in the film Goldfinger?

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## Group Activities

### Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Card Making	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 to 3.30	Kurling	C.H.	Stan Vousden-White Sybil Tilley	781567 787054
4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Beading	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 to 11.30	Calligraphy	P.H.	Ken Burston	782529

### Tuesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Mosaics	P.H.	Alison Joyce	784633
Every	2.15 to 5.00	Board Games	G.H.	Pat Gray	786905
Every	10.00 to 12.00 2.00 to 4.00	Patchwork / Quilting	P.H.	Ann Lismore	787607

### Wednesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
Every	10.00 to 12.00	Coffee Morning	C.H.	N/A	N/A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Card Making	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906

### Thursday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
Every	10.00 to 12.00	Crochet	C.H. (4)	Alison Ridley	077071 46775
Every	1.45 to 3.45	Art	S.H.	Ann Lismore	787607
Every	2.00 to 4.00	Table Tennis	C.H.	John Ellis	685483

## Group Activities

### Friday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.30 to 1.00	Skittles	L.I.	Philip Buoy	783647
1 <sup>st</sup>	09.30 to ???.??	Walking	Varies	Audrey & Rod Downing	256895
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 to ???.??	Strollers	Varies	Self-Regulating	238526
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 to ???.??	Somerset Churches	Varies	Bernard Martin	787230

### Occasional

Weekdays	Activity	Contact	Tel
Wednesdays	Luncheons	Gloria Brown	785359
Thursdays	Away Days	Vour Orchard Carole Loveridge	788984 780060
Varies	Holidays	Christine Owen Diane Scott	784500 428422

Changes since last issue are highlighted in yellow.

### Legends

S.H. .... Southwell House	C.H. .... Community Hall (Room Number)
P.H. .... Private House	G.H. .... Gospell Hall
L.I. .... Lighthouse Inn	

**Should you wish to join a Group please first contact its Leader.**

## More Members Contributions

### 'On The Slate'

It was June 2019, a week holidaying in North Wales when it literally rained every day, not that the weather spoilt the holiday or the glorious scenery in that part of the world.

We visited as many places as we could, dressed in our wet gear and carrying umbrellas.

It was there that I bought a piece of genuine Welsh slate, cut and dressed

to form a place mat for the dining room table, it was exactly what I wanted for a project that I had had in mind for a very long time.



I have always had, in my head, a piece of poetry which I remembered from my childhood. My Mum had it. It was written on a wooden plaque and hung in our 'front room' as it was called in those days. A room which was used only at Christmas time or on special occasions.

As you can see from the picture, the wording relates to the garden, and my love of horticulture almost certainly

stems from my family genes. My Granddad (a market gardener) along with my Mother who could always be found in the garden once her chores were done.

So, seeing this piece of slate, my mind went into overdrive and I knew immediately exactly what I wanted to create.

I found the right script that I wanted to use on my laptop (as I am not adept enough to be able to produce it freehand). I then sellotaped the page to the slate, and using the page as a template after cutting out the centres of each letter, I then scratched each letter outline onto the slate using a scalpel.

This took many weeks and an awful lot of scalpel blades, but eventually I had the outline of the letters 'scratched' onto the surface of the slate.

The next thing to do was to very carefully paint in the letters using an enamel paint and a fine brush. This took many more weeks using a very steady hand, realising not long after I had started this part of the project, that I couldn't do it while sipping my glass of wine (which is probably why it took me so long!!)

Once all the wording had been painted in, I realised that it needed further enhancement to finish off my masterpiece. It seemed to lack that final touch.

I felt I needed to bring some aspect of working in the garden into it, something like everyday working tools.. Not being much of an artist myself, I was lucky that I knew someone who could and would help me and who lived not far away.

So I then took the plaque off to have a word with my sister Sheila. She kindly painted on all the sketches to give it that final touch. She made a perfect job of it as I knew she would, giving it a real garden feeling.

Now that it is finished, I have to say that I am very pleased with the way it has turned out, ending up just how I envisaged it at the start of it all.

All I need to do now, is to work out where, in the garden, I should place it.

Carole Loveridge

# The Pandemic Files

## Lockdown

My past year has been one I would not like to be repeated.

I only survived with the help of our Chairman and Secretary, Rod and Audrey, (my two bubbles) true friends. I wish I could award them with stars or badges.

I was due for a new knee in April 2020 (cancelled). Now with my other knee bad, I have been struggling. My bubbles came to my rescue, doing my weekly shop, coming to cheer me up and keeping me supplied with jigsaw puzzles.

Then, just after Christmas, I fell one morning and broke my hip. After 5 hours on the floor, Aud phoned for an ambulance. I was taken to Weston, two days later to Southmead, Bristol where I had surgery, then to a care home Taunton. One month later I was back home.

I am so grateful to members and friends for phone calls, cards and chats from the group.

Makes me realise how much friends mean to each other in these times.

My wish now is for us all to be able to meet up with a chat and cup of coffee, plus two new knees!

Daphne Lyon

## Stained Glass Work

A hobby I started a couple of years ago and which has kept me busy during both “Lockdowns” is the art of stained glass work.

There are two main methods for assembling these pictures, one is using lead strips to separate each piece of glass (usually for the larger, heavier designs – church windows for example)) or, as these pictures show, the edges of each piece of glass is covered with copper foil and then soldered together, (known as copper foiling).



The main criteria is to cut the glass accurately in order that all the pieces fit snugly together, glass is not very forgiving, so accuracy at this stage is paramount. This can only come from practice and then even more practice.

Soldering is an art form in itself, it looks easy when you see other people do it, but I still find it a bit tricky, again, it’s just practice, but I’m getting there slowly.



I belong to a U3A stained glass group in Cheddar, where we used to meet up each week for tuition, sadly this has not happened for several months.

It is not a cheap hobby, the average cost of a single sheet of glass measuring approx 12" x 6" is around £10, so wastage is something to be considered when deciding where to cut it.

The second most expensive item for stained glass work are the packets of plasters for the cut fingers!!



Barry

## Quiz Answers

1	1666 (I, V, X, L, C, D, M)	2	Spandau Ballet
3	No Cry	4	Dolly Parton
5	Flubber	6	Kendal
7	Faith, Hope & Charity	8	Anne Boleyn
9	Canadian	10	Microphone
11	1812	12	One
13	Three	14	Motor Racing
15	Can-Can	16	Ann Hathaway
17	Portsmouth	18	Da Vinci Code
19	Red	20	Shirley Eaton

## Trying to survive Coronavirus.



October 2020. **The Strollers** had started to go out again, as reported last time, no car sharing and no lunch afterwards but it was good to see my fellow walkers. Two weeks in and the “rule of six” came, so we had to split into two groups, which was a bit tedious, but better than nothing. We had

decided to meet weekly as little else was happening and to meet where we were planning to walk, this worked OK but sad for the non-drivers who could not arrange a lift privately. Somerset being in Tier 1, the rules were not too onerous. We managed Apex to Burnham, Baliol Hall to A38, Highbridge to Isleport Lane, Woolavington Nature Reserve and West Huntspill Sluice toward Highbridge. Our final walk before being locked up, sorry locked down, again was the Parrett bank opposite Combwich. We walked towards Dunball the weather was kind to us despite the forecast. Six weeks of enjoyable breaks.

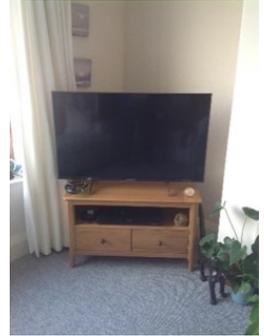
November 2020 I met a friend for lunch at Rich’s on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, we had ordered and been served our drinks when we were asked to leave as notification had been received that a customer had tested positive and the restaurant had to close. They put our lasagne, garlic bread and salad into take-away boxes and we hot footed to my place and had it there. That’s the first time I’ve been thrown out of a restaurant, (pubs are another matter). Two days later and we went into lockdown mark 2.

I found this one harder to cope with. I hate the dark, dank, gloomy days we get in November anyway and I did not have anything much left to do in the garden as it had been more or less put to bed. Also the shutdown was less stringent and many more people were working this time, thank

goodness, and I think that gave me a “left out” feeling. Nowhere to go, no-one to see and others going about their lives as usual. On the plus side there were many fewer people walking our narrow pavements so going for a solitary stroll on the rare nice day was an option eagerly grasped.



I am watching more TV than ever in my life, even daytime quizzes and adverts for stair lifts and funeral plans are a noise in the corner, so I decided to up-grade to a smart TV. This is all very well but jumping from a 32 inch to a 43 inch brings collateral problems. It



did not fit in the room! The unit had to be moved, this meant re-decorating behind it to match current colour. The TV table was not big enough so a new one had to be bought. My granddaughter donated a Netflix licence and I invested in Amazon Prime, more by accident than design, so I can watch a variety of rubbish now.

On one damp day I felled and shredded all the very tall top growth from my old Hawthorne tree and pseudo son-in-law assisted by my daughter took the trunk down to ground level. They then took the trunk away. I treated the stump with SBK killer in the hope that will be the end of it. My daughter and her partner continue to be my support.



Lockdown ended and stricter tiers were applied. Somerset is now in Tier 2 with yet another set of rules to follow.

## December 2020

Nationally things are going from bad to worse. Christmas is almost but not quite cancelled and for 48 hours the UK became a plague island, locked out of Europe and further afield. It certainly emphasised the amount of trade we do across the channel. At one point the report was 5000 trucks queueing for the ferry. Of course it includes European drivers going home as well as our exports to mainland Europe.

I have a friend living in Spain who was worried about her supply of mince pies for the festive season!

On a brighter note, homes are illuminated, some giving performances of Christmas songs at pre-arranged times, a float from Hillview Carnival Club



managed to do its rounds as it always does, though with Covid safe precautions and families everywhere have revised their Christmas plans. Even I entered the spirit enough to do a couple of sparkly arrangements for the house and put my customary wreaths on the door and the

gate.

Two days to go and yet more changes were announced. Here we move from Tier 2 to Tier 3 but many of us have family and friends who move into Tier 4. Indeed some are already in Tier 4.

Well that's the one day festive season done and dusted. I spent a lovely day at my daughter's home, so good to have a change of view and lovely company. Those of you of whom I have had news also seemed to make the best of a bad situation. Boxing Day and Tier 4 arrived within days of each other.

January 2021. The Old Year went out with more of a whimper than a bang, but 2021 and its vaccine roll out is most welcome. I've made an effort to dress tidily to greet it, I will celebrate alone as dozens of you are too. The weather is cold and any walk ventured is likely to be bracing. The days are lengthening and Spring is on its way, hopefully by then we can all meet again and enjoy our usual activities.

### Survival update

Well here we are into March and battling on. Last March only a few wise people expected to be locked down a year later. I have managed a stroll or two through the village, on one lovely day met another member also taking the air. We managed a chat, 6 feet apart of course, and it was good to know she was, like all of us, keeping well by keeping to herself.

I manage to keep in touch using the telephone and was hoping to get a new computer to replace this one that has dementia and so allow me to try "zoom" or video calls but my order, placed before Christmas, has been delayed as the company have had engineers off sick.

I think we have all had at least one dose of vaccine and the younger people are having them now, so there is hope.

I have completed another mosaic, thank you Alison for running that group and teaching me. I have coloured the grout on the pattern to tone (not as well as I would have liked) with the tiles and decided on black for the background. I found a



small quantity online that looked like just enough, £4.96, great, so I ordered it. The postage was £9.97! Still I have always said hobbies are expensive.

Since I started having holidays, I have saved odds and ends, tickets, leaflets, pamphlets and other rubbish with the intention of doing scrapbooks with them and the photos that didn't make the albums. The bottom of the wardrobe was very cluttered so I dug it all out and got started on China 2002 and worked my way through Cornwall, Madeira, Slovenia, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Yorkshire, Egypt, Evia Island, Tenerife, Cuba, Canada, Crete and currently Apulia, Italy in 2011. There are visits to the USA (twice), Namibia & Cape Town, Vietnam, Cambodia, top to toe of Italy and several UK ones to do. Doing it evokes very cheerful memories. The way the weather is at the time of writing, I may get them done before the call of the garden is too strong.

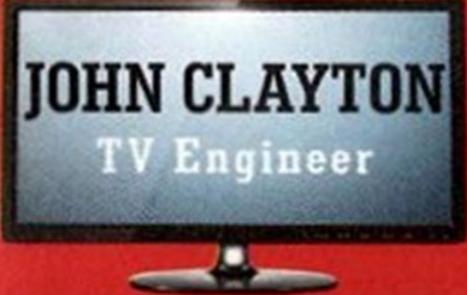
On the quiet sunny days at the start of March I washed greenhouse glass and staging, planted out some over wintered broad bean plants and loosened the soil on two veggie beds but it was too claggy to do much, still it's a start. The over wintered sweet peas are waiting to go to a forever home.

My very best wishes to you all. Paula

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## Crossword #32 Answers

<b>ACROSS</b>		<b>DOWN</b>	
1.	ABSORBED	2.	BEACON
6.	ACCEPT	3.	ORBIT
9.	BAMBOO	4.	BOOMERANG
10.	PLEASANT	5.	DEPOSIT
11.	FORTRESS	6.	ALERT
12.	TOECAP	7.	CASSEROLE
13.	PRACTITIONER	8.	PANCAKE
16.	STRAIGHTEDGE	13.	PLAINTIVE
19.	BLANCH	14.	TIDAL WAVE
21.	AILMENTS	15.	ATHLETES
23.	ATTITUDE	17.	TRADERS
24.	ARBOUR	18.	ATTUNE
25.	ASCEND	20.	HOUND
26.	STEADIES	22.	EBBED



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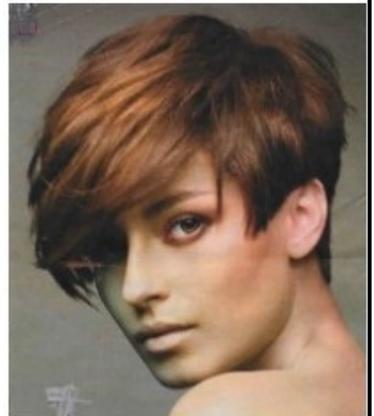
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<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2021—Provisional		
April	Symonds Yat / Ross-on-Wye	TBA
May	Eastnor Castle	TBA
June	Killerton House	TBA
July	River Exe Cruise	TBA
September	Poole	TBA
October	St Fagans	TBA
December	Cheltenham	TBA

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- a) helps to identify you on the passenger list, and**
- b) If a trip is cancelled you can be notified quickly.**

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