

THE THURSDAY CLUB NATTER



EDITION 31

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WHERE ALL THE GOSSIP CAN BE FOUND

Need advice, help, or just a chat - phone Peter
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Welcome to the 31st edition of the Natter. Who would have thought that we would be producing so many editions when we started in March 2020? As we hopefully approach “the beginning of the end” and look forward earnestly to “the end of the beginning” of the lockdown, the number of requests for help has diminished. I wondered whether this is the result of our contacts getting more familiar with the lockdown system or whether those with issues are just hanging on until social interactions can commence. Please do not hesitate to contact us, it is even more important now that we discuss how we feel, take opportunities to share with our friends. Please make that call to a friend as often as you can. The Hub is planning the restoration of smaller groups so that our seniors can safely return to face to face experiences after April 12th. Until then please continue to use the highly responsive service offered to all. If you know of someone who might need our help, then let us know.

*At the recent Zoom meeting the group shared Penny's kitchen as she prepared soup.
This is one of her famous recipes*

Orange and Tomato Soup

This is a simplified version of a cordon bleu recipe which required fresh tomatoes, fresh oranges, shallots, etc., and took over an hour to make! This version takes about 15 minutes. It will be enough for three or four helpings.

Small onion diced
Half a small carrot grated.
Half a cup of stock made from a vegetable or chicken stock cube
Level tablespoon of flour for thickening
One 400g tin of tomatoes mashed or liquidised
100g of orange juice
teaspoon mixed herbs
A little ground pepper
If you happen to have a lemon or orange, grate a little peel and pop it in.

Soften the onion and carrot in a pan with a little oil.
When soft, add the flour and make a roux, then add the stock and stir until it starts to thicken.
Add the tomatoes to the pan.
Continue to stir until the mix is boiling.
Add the orange juice, herbs, pepper and salt.
Bring to the boil again.
Serve and enjoy. Penny

Sophie's Positivity Corner



Sophie is moving house this week end and has been very busy we hope her popular articles will resume next week.

HELP FOR GETTING THERE.....

Transport available to take you to your vaccinations
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Nature Notes

Spring is nearly here! I expect to hear the first Chiffchaff any day now (it was March 13th last year). Listen out too for the first Willow Warbler, similar in appearance to the Chiffchaff but with a strikingly different song and later arrival, as they must fly about 1000 miles further to reach here from South Africa.



It has been a good catkin year with the common **Hazel**, usually the earliest to flower in January, being abundant. Alder catkins appear in February and March and like the Hazel both male and female catkins appear on the same tree.

Hazel catkins

Alder The female cones, on the right, remain on the tree all year. They are a favoured food for Siskin and Goldfinch. Alder trees have water resistant roots and grow happily by rivers and lakes where they can help reduce soil erosion.



Other common trees with both male and female catkins on the same plant (monoecious) are Oak, Beech, Birch, Hornbeam and Sweet

Chestnut. Trees that have male and female catkins on separate trees (dioecious) include Elder, Holly, Ginko, Juniper, Bay, Yew, Willow and Poplar. You need both trees for fertilisation. The **Balsam Poplar** is a fast growing but not long lived tree and the male produces attractive red catkins. You can see some if you take the public footpath to the, now closed, Henley Golf course where some tall Balsam Poplars line the car park. The emerging leaves of these trees in spring are said to produce the scent of balsam, hence the name of the tree.



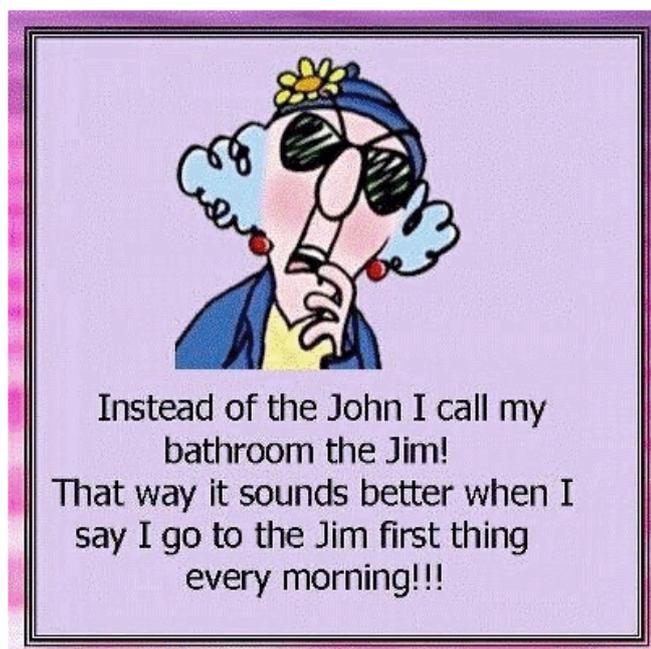
Derek Healing

A BRIEF REFLECTION ON MEGAN'S FUNERAL

Jan and I were privileged to represent the Thursday club at Megan's funeral. It was attended by some immediate friends and family. The service was conducted by Rev David Tennant who was a longstanding family friend. This made the occasion very personal with the minister striking just the right note of familiarity with reverence. He spoke about her family mentioning that her daughter who lives in France was unable to travel but would be able to see the service via a special link. We learned of a lifelong faith, Alan and Megan's service in Kenya, her work as a midwife at the Sorrento Hospital and more recently Megan's wonderful contribution to the Thursday Club. As always, these occasions are filled with sadness at the loss and I know that everyone shares this from conversations I have had with many club members, but we came out of the service with a quiet sense of joy at a wonderful life well lived in the service of others. Our lasting memories of Megan will be her stories, laughter, kindness and determination. The order of service is displayed at the Hub and you will be able to see this when we open after April 12th

Jokes and Thoughts

Thanks to everyone who contributed



Married Four Times

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.. "He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," the newsman thought... He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.**(Wait for it...)**

- She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

Last year, I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive double pane energy efficient kind. But this week, I got a call from the contractor complaining that his work had been completed a whole year and I had yet to pay for them.

Boy, oh boy, did we go around! Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I proceeded to tell him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year. He said that in one year, the windows would pay for themselves. There was silence on the other end of the line, so I just hung up, and he hasn't called back. Guess he was embarrassed.

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman--already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet--who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."



Me when I stand up too quickly:



SPRING IS HERE PLEASE SEND SOME PICTURES FROM YOUR GARDEN TO SHARE .



Kim's Korner

Lime Candy +1
 Fish Candy = 5
 Swirly Pop = 25
 Jelly Beans = 15

answer = 10

Hello everyone and hope you got through the storms last week!! 🌧️🌧️🌧️🌧️🌧️



How many words can you make out of the word:- "CROSSWORD"
 😊😊

I got 14 words 😊so can anyone get any more? 😊
 Kim

FIND THE BUMBLE BEE - HERE 'TIS

Riddle:

Who is that with a neck and no head, two arms and no hands?
 What is it?

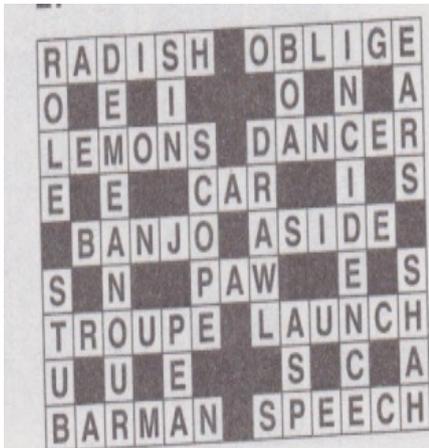


how many faces ?

DON'T FORGET THE JIGSAWS, BOOKS AND THE DVDS

Crossword

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

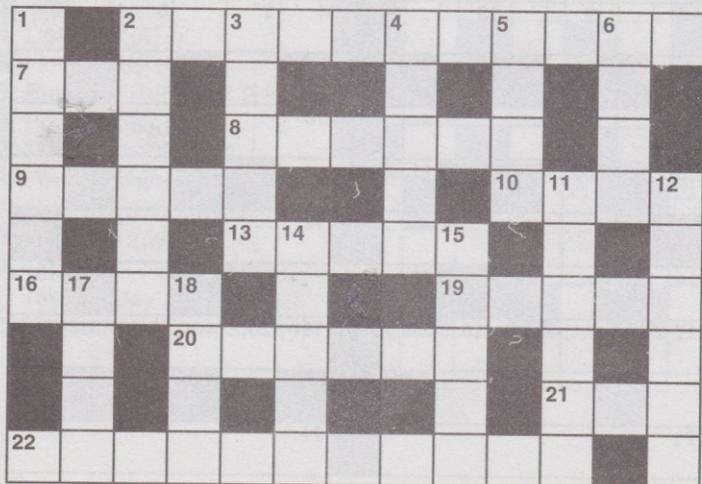


ACROSS

- 2 Poor-quality (11)
- 7 Go bad or mouldy (3)
- 8 Two-seater bicycle (6)
- 9 Vacant (property) (5)
- 10 Spoken exam (4)
- 13 Imperial measures (5)
- 16 Bible's first man (4)
- 19 Bill ____, *Love Actually* actor (5)
- 20 Antiseptic solution (6)
- 21 Football match official (3)
- 22 Padded (furniture) (11)

DOWN

- 1 Emotional upset (6)
- 2 ____, McCartney, designer (6)
- 3 Sandwich (5)
- 4 Assisted (5)
- 5 Protest march (4)
- 6 List of duties (4)
- 11 Affection, esteem (6)
- 12 Make (a worker) redundant (3,3)
- 14 S American mountains (5)
- 15 Unpleasant smile (5)
- 17 Profound (4)
- 18 *Venus de* ____, statue (4)



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