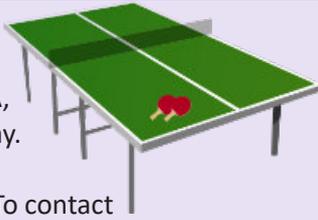


Table Tennis group 4 will restart on 24th May. They meet in Southport YMCA, from 2pm-4pm every Monday.



Group 4 Leader is Tony Yih. To contact Tony about joining the group click [HERE](#) to visit the group page, then click the email link on that page..



Badminton 1 has restarted on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at YMCA. There are restrictions in place (strict groups of 6) and a slightly different time slot i.e. 11am to 1pm.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Badminton group, click [HERE](#) to visit the group page and then click the email link on that page.

This short video won an Oscar for best animated movie. Click [HERE](#) to find out why.



LETTER.....to the Editor

I've been away for a week and arrived home to find my Bee Lodge for Mason Bees had arrived,

Two weeks ago I joined a Zoom meeting on Mason Bees. Till then I knew nothing about bees. I didn't realise that only 10% live in hives. The rest are solitary and are either ground nesting or aerial.

Looking after mason bees isn't too difficult but not as simple as you might expect. Bees leave up to 7 eggs in separate cells in the tubes, which have an inner lining.

Once the tubes are full, the inner chamber is taken out and stored until autumn. The tubes are then opened up and the cocoons stored in a cool dry place until they are released the next year.

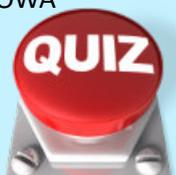
Never done it before so here's hoping it goes ok.



David Sutton

WHO DIED HERE?

1. 22nd November 1963 – DALLAS
2. 21st October 1809 – CAPE TRAFALGAR
3. 30th January 1948 – NEW DELHI
4. 30th April 1945 – BERLIN
5. 14th February 1779 – HAWAII
6. 5th August 1962 – LOS ANGELES
7. 31st August 1997 – PARIS
8. 8th December 1980 – NEW YORK CITY
9. 3rd February 1959 – CLEAR LAKE IOWA
10. 30th May 1431 - ROUEN





One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the haircut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

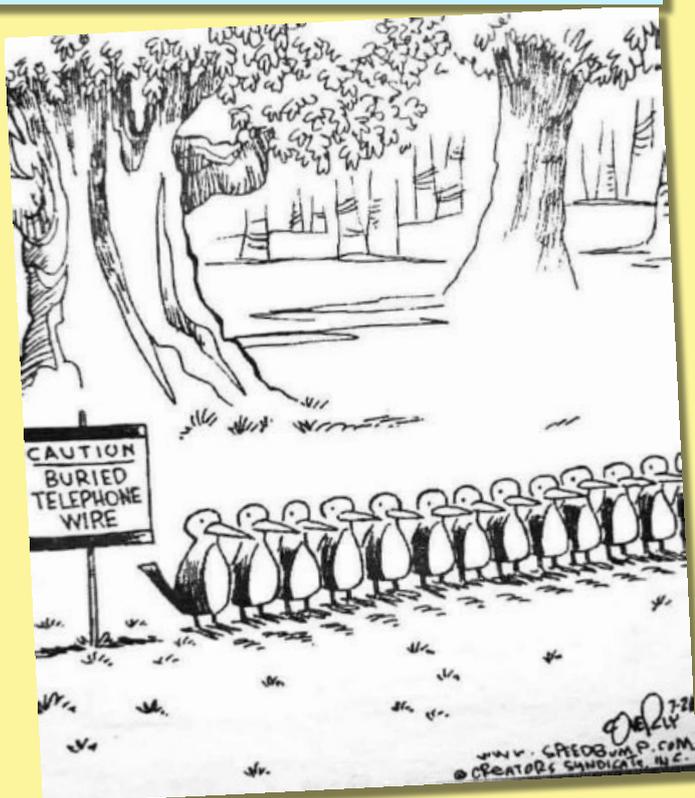
Later, a policeman comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The policeman was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then an MP came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The MP was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen MPs lined up waiting for a free haircut.

Marjorie Antrobus



Sunday 23rd May 2021

Arsenal v Brighton & Hove Albion

16:00 Sky Sports

Aston Villa v Chelsea

16:00 Sky Sports

Fulham v Newcastle United

16:00 Sky Sports

Leeds United v West Brom

16:00 BT Sport

Leicester City v Tottenham Hotspur

16:00 Sky Sports

Liverpool v Crystal Palace

16:00 Sky Sports

Man City v Everton

16:00 Sky Sports

Sheffield United v Burnley

16:00 BT Sport

West Ham United v Southampton

16:00 Sky One

Wolves v Man Utd

16:00 BT Sport

learn,
laugh,
live



It isn't always a good idea to interrogate somebody about where you know them from. Click [HERE](#) to find out why.



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. John F Kennedy
2. Horatio Nelson
3. Mahatma Gandhi
4. Adolf Hitler
5. Captain Cook
6. Marilyn Munroe
7. Princess Diana
8. John Lennon
9. Buddy Holly
10. Joan of Arc





The Shows Must Go On



If you have been receiving this newsletter since the start, you will know that in the first lockdown there was a series of musicals, streamed in full, on YouTube.

In this same series, there will be a live streaming of a concert from The Palace Theatre. The concert is free of charge, though donations to the Theatre Support Fund are welcomed.

The show starts at 7pm on Sunday 6th June and will be available for 7 days. Click [HERE](#) to visit the page and subscribe to the channel.

You may remember that the 'Try Croquet' days last year were unfortunately cancelled, due to COVID. They have now been re-booked for the following Tuesdays:

- 29th June
- 6th July
- 13th July



They will be held at the croquet club in Victoria park, starting at 2pm and going until 4pm.

Attendees will play croquet with tuition from a member of the club. No previous experience is necessary and all equipment will be provided, but you must wear flat shoes.

The cost is £5.00 per person. This will be a fair-weather event. There is a maximum of 20 each session, with games played in groups 4.

If sufficient people are interested there will be a picnic in Victoria Park afterwards. If you are interested in attending please book on the [Beacon Members Portal](#) by joining the 'Lets Go Try Croquet' for the required date. Peter Ballentyne will be present on all three dates and will collect the money on the day.

If you have any problems booking, please contact Peter Ballentyne directly.



Apitourism - useful stuff factsheet



On Thursday, Zoom group members were given a talk about Apitourism, by fellow member (and regular newsletter contributor) Francine Sagar. Francine has supplied the following information, for anybody inspired by her talk.

[Bees for Development](#) – The world's leading organization on beekeeping for poverty alleviation and biodiversity protection. Remember: the money you donate DOES go to the people who need your help!

[The British Beekeepers Association](#)

Honey quality versus adulteration: [Apimondia statement on honey fraud](#)

WHEN BUYING HONEY, ALWAYS READ THE LABEL. There may not be anything wrong with honey which is "a blend of EU and non-EU honeys", but only buy it if that is what you really want!

MANUKA HONEY – please contact Francine for a PDF copy of the comprehensive article (written by Chris Coulson BSc, PhD) published in the journal Bee-Craft.

[Gardening For Bumblebees](#)

[Bee Friendly Plants](#)

[An interesting and thought-provoking article about beekeeping in The Times](#)

If you would like to watch a recording of Francine's talk, please click [HERE](#).





Continuing the series of Zoom talks, we have the following sessions coming up in the next couple of months:

Thursday 3rd June at 2pm - John Dempsey, on the Sefton Coast

John, who many of you know, will talk about the flora, fauna and history of our wonderful coastline and the work that is carried out to protect it.

Thursday 17th June at 10:30 - John Hope

Telling time over the centuries

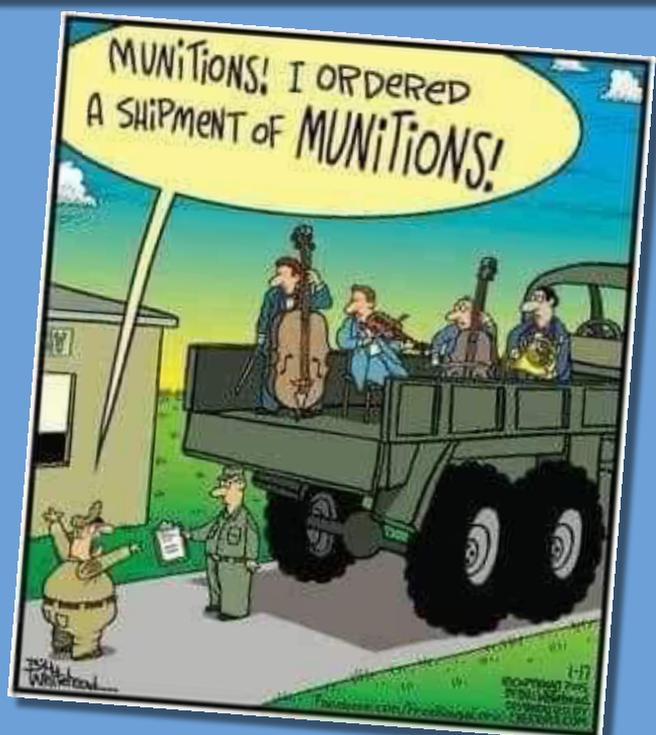
Thursday 1st July at 10:30 - Vivienne Rowen

Vivienne, the leader of our Egyptology Group, talks about the seven ancient and modern wonders of the world

Thursday 16th July at 10:30

The life of Sir Henry Seagrave and the land speed record attempt on Ainsdale Beach

To register for Zoom talks, you need to log in to the [Beacon Members Portal](#), then go to the Groups page and navigate to the bottom, where you will find 'Zoom Talks at Home'. Click on the 'Join' link.



Two Golfers were approaching the first tee.

The first guy goes into his golf bag to get a ball and says to his friend - "Hey, why don't you try this ball." He draws a green golf ball out of his bag. "Use this one - You can't lose it!"

His friend replies, "What do you mean you can't lose it?!!"

The first man replies, "I'm serious, you can't lose it. If you hit it into the woods, it makes a beeping sound, if you hit it into the water it produces bubbles, and if you hit it on the fairway, smoke comes up in order for you to find it."

Obviously, his friend doesn't believe him, but he shows him all the possibilities until he is convinced. The friend says, "Wow! That's incredible! Where did you get that ball?"

The man replies, "I found it."

Ode to the Hedge

To our Great British landowners wherever you reside
I beg you to rethink your plan and decide
To leave your hedges high and wide
Let them wear the tousled look with pride!
A short back and sides is definitely out
Insects, blossom and berries we shout
Need longer stems and wilder edges
I beg you to stop hard cutting our hedges!
Field margins, wild flowers, and thorn
Honeysuckle, dog roses that adorn
Need much less flailing and far more space
For nature to flourish and recover apace
So fail to flail, relax to enhance
And give our beautiful British wildlife a chance

