



Trouble knocked at the Probus door but, hearing laughter, hurried away.



Times remembered.

I had arrived in Israel at the weekend to visit some customers and was staying in Tel Aviv before my Monday appointments. So, I went for a walk along the wide, sun-drenched seafront promenade, watching crowds on the beach and in the sea, with protective Israeli gunboats just offshore.



Suddenly, I was aware of a crowd of screaming young women running straight towards me. Lucky me! They got closer and closer 'til they ran past before stopping in front of a posh hotel. Leaning over his balcony was Michael Jackson, waving to his fans. I didn't wave back.

You have to feel sorry for the guy who invented WD-39, surely

.....and the other who got so close with 6-UP

.....and the person who wrote 38 Steps

.....what was Covid-18 like?

.....and no-one's ever heard of the River Six?

Lockdown rules have been complicated. They kept changing. Since 31st April, two people from four households can continue to meet, but only via zoom, and haircuts are possible again out of doors and only after dark. We can now remove masks while sleeping.

It was the day after lockdown eased and I was reading of the events of the previous day. They called it normality returning but it was crazy. At one pub, 320 people entered at the stroke of midnight for a drink in the frosty garden. Others had queued for up to nine hours, waiting for a shoe shop to re-open.



And there was I, sitting in the sunny garden of The Helping Hand, sipping my Doom Bar whilst having my hair cut. My left arm was bare as a visiting medic gave me my second jab, exactly 12 weeks to the day since my first. A young chiropodist tended to my feet and a waiter waited in the wings with my second pint. (Just dreaming!)

I read some more. The wig makers are buying surplus hair, but only if it's at least twelve inches in length. I wish mine was longer; my hair that is. What a crazy world.

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The Committee met on 29th April, thanks to Barry and Lucy Hopkins.

Assuming that Government rules allow, the first post-Covid club meeting will be on Thursday 24th June and The White Swan Hotel has booked the rooms for us. Members of the Committee will be making calls over the next six weeks or so to determine numbers for the meeting, and the lunch that follows. This is a members-only meeting to be followed in July by a lady's invitation meeting. A Pub Lunch in July is also being planned, with the Arun View as the likely venue, and a provisional booking has been made at the hotel for a Christmas Party on 9th December.

The June meeting will be low-key, without a speaker, as that will provide more time to get to know each other again, to discuss club affairs, and the future, but there will also be a quiz, thanks to David Feist.

The Committee also agreed to set a reduced membership fee of £30 for this year.

President Chris and the Committee look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the June meeting. This is the meeting we have all been looking forward to for many months and, provided we follow the hotel's rules in place at the time, we should all be as safe as possible.

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Historians in Ireland have discovered what they believe to be the headstone of the worlds oldest ever living man.

He was 193 and his name was Miles from Dublin



Had my first jab today and thought I was hallucinating when saw the Honey Monster. Then I realised it was a woman reading a magazine



An apology. Sorry for giving you the wrong advice. You pee on a jellyfish sting, not a jelly stain.

IF YOU'RE NO GOOD AT HAGGLING, YOU'LL END UP PAYING THE PRICE.

DAD, ARE WE PYROMANIACS? YES, WE ARSON



JUST SO EVERYONE'S CLEAR, I'M GOING TO PUT MY GLASSES ON



PRISON IS JUST ONE WORD TO YOU, BUT FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT'S A WHOLE SENTENCE



I'VE STARTED TELLING EVERYONE ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF EATING DRIED GRAPES. IT'S ALL ABOUT RAISIN AWARENESS

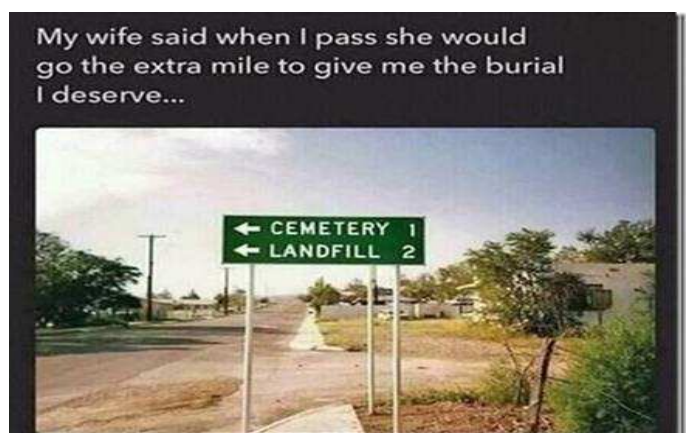


I LOST MY JOB AS A STAGE DESIGNER AND LEFT WITHOUT MAKING A SCENE.

Chris tells me that a friend of his left his job to become a mime artist and he hasn't heard from him since!

Here are more little gems for the next time you start making home-made Christmas Crackers

- WHY IS 'DARK' SPELT WITH A K AND NOT A C? BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE IN THE DARK.
- WHAT DO YOU SAY TO COMFORT A CHILD WHO'S STRUGGLING WITH ENGLISH GRAMMAR? THERE, THEIR, THEY'RE
- WHAT DID THE SURGEON SAY TO THE PATIENT WHO INSISTED ON CLOSING UP HIS OWN INCISION? SUTURE SELF.



- Where there's a will ---- I want to be in it.

WHO DO YOU RECOGNISE IN THESE TEN PHOTOS OR IMAGES? Answers below.





Frank Sinatra
Duchess of Cornwall
Amy Winehouse
Mikael Gorbachev
Charlie Chaplin

Mona Lisa
Mahatma Gandhi
Ella Fitzgerald
Sean Connery
Abraham Lincoln



Why English is so hard to learn

The bandage was wound around the wound

The council's tip was full, so they had to refuse more refuse

The tourist decided to desert his dessert in the desert

The oarsman had a row when deciding how to row

The buck does strange things when does are around

How can I intimate this to my intimate friend?

It's its song that's lovely

The farm was being run to produce produce

I did not object when the object was shown

His Insurance proved invalid for the invalid

He was too close to the door to close it

The wind was too strong to wind the sail in

I had to subject the subject to tests

Will Will write a will ?

There's a campaign to change our traditional way of spelling – which must be resisted at all costs!

Done forgit to wosh yr ands, luv.

A Scotsman and Einstein were sitting next to each other on a long-haul flight. Einstein suggested they have a game to help break the boredom. If he couldn't answer the Scotsman's question, he would give him £500 and if the Scotsman couldn't answer Einstein's question, he would forfeit £5. The Scotsman agreed.

"What is the approximate distance from the earth to the moon?" asked Einstein. The Scotsman didn't know so reluctantly paid Einstein £5. Einstein provided the answer.

"What goes into space with three legs and returns with four?" asked the Scotsman. After a very long thought and summoning up all his amazing brain power, Einstein had no answer so paid the Scotsman £500.

"So, what does go into space with three legs and returns with four?" asked Einstein. The Scotsman paid Einstein £5.

The moral here is, don't try to outsmart a Scotsman where money is concerned.

If a job is once begun, never leave it 'til it's done. Be the labour great or small, begin it once or not at all!

After my second job I started to drive home but had to stop as my eyesight was blurred and I felt disorientated. I called the vaccination centre for advice. Should I get to A and E or phone my GP for an urgent appointment? No, they said, come back here and collect your glasses.

WARNING, and not a joke Across Sussex the number of catalytic converter thefts has increased. Criminals are stealing the catalytic converters for the precious metals contained within them, some of which can be worth more than gold.

Sussex Police have issued this guidance:-

- Protect your car by asking your dealer if they can give you any advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer and tested to Sold Secure Gold.
- Mark your catalytic converter with a forensic marker such as SmartWater and register your converter to make it harder for thieves to dispose of.
- Park your car somewhere well-lit and overlooked, amongst as many cars as possible. Try to park so the converter can't be easily reached - close to a wall or fence. Try not to park at the end of the row if there are free spaces.

More useful advice for car owners at <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

Not so lucky. A friend orders a large quantity of groceries from M and S each month in one drop, costing over £100. She was passing the store a day after her latest delivery and decided to call in to buy a favourite magazine, costing £3.99. This was her only purchase that day and, as she paid at the checkout, an alarm rang and the sales assistant announced. "You are the lucky winner in our monthly draw and everything you bought today is free!" A true story.

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Hong Kong Elementary School First Grade Student Admissions Test Question



香港小学入学考试题: 21题 Hong Kong Elementary School Admissions Test Question #21

What parking spot # is the car parked in?

请问汽车停的是几号车位?

请在20秒内完成回答

Please answer within 20 seconds



RIP your Royal Highness. You passed away on the 9th day of the month, on the 99th day of the year, in your 99th year.

You would have made a great Probus member. So sorry we didn't invite you!

I never met Prince Philip, but I did meet the Queen, and made her smile. Sian and I were waiting in line to be introduced to Her Majesty. She was Patron of the Royal Society of Health and had come to open our new HQ in Pimlico.

"Are you very busy Mr Tanner?" she asked. "Yes, I am", says I. "I am preoccupied with the removal of Crown Immunity!" (That was true, and it started to happen soon after.)

"I am familiar with that", Her Majesty replied, smiling broadly.

"You could have ended up in the Tower." said Sian, later.

Best wishes to one and all. Bob

* Car is parked in spot 87