



Do you remember when cool, wet, autumn days started in September? That lovely ballad "September Song" seemed to say it all, as it used to be.

"The leaves of brown came tumbling down, remember - that September in the rain?" Let's hope we get one like it this year, with some sunshine. That will help the gardens catch up.

"Remembering," is my theme this month 'cos I'm feeling nostalgic and I'm looking forward to autumn. Hope you don't mind.

I'm sure you will recall all the items below.



**WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH – SEPTEMBER**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Pub Lunch at The Elmer, thanks to John Hollis.** Did you know that Elmer is an adaption of the word "elver" as the sea there was famous for an abundance of young eels each season? Sadly, they are not on the menu this time, which has been circulated.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Regular meeting at the White Swan Hotel.** Our Speaker is Michael Wearing, a retired London policeman telling us about "Policing Peckham." Do stay for lunch.

A jolly Pub Lunch was enjoyed on a very hot day in August at The George, Burpham with twenty members and partners attending. Good food, good company, with all the windows wide open – to let in the even hotter air! Thanks again to Stephen and Christine.

On a much sadder note, we said goodbye to Philip Town last month, a very popular, long-standing member and President in 2000/2001. Our thoughts are with Heather and Philip's family as we remember him. Philip's funeral was yesterday. Thankyou Philip.



"Hawking About" of Arundel brought three birds of prey into our meeting room on 25<sup>th</sup> August and gave us a fascinating talk about them. The gorgeous Barn Owl stole the show but the Sparrow Hawk and Kestrel were equally impressive. It was great to see them so close up, but it made me very grateful I am not a vole, or a mouse. Luckily, the first aid kit wasn't required. That's Barney, the Barn Owl, at right, talking with young Max, son of Birdman, Kevin. We were short on numbers but had three guests.



When did you last use these wooden things?



What was this device for?



What did you make with this stuff? Hope it wasn't anything rude.



Four slices of ham, cut off the bone please, butcher.



Did you ever tangle with a .....? Do you still use yours?! Works during a power cut, too.

Don't know why they were called Ascot but they were once the height of luxury.



Always my favourite way to eat ice cream - an ice cream wafer, or you could have a tub, and a wooden spatula.



This little story is from Val Belton. Thanks very much Val. Readers may have seen it here before, but it is worth seeing again. Val's version is from the USA but, Oh! were it not so true, on both sides of the pond!!

**Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House.**

**One is from Chicago, another is from Kentucky, and the third is from New Orleans.**

**All three go with a White House official to examine the fence.**

**The New Orleans contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil.**

**"Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$9,000. That's \$4,000 for materials, \$4,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."**

**The Kentucky contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$7,000. That's \$3,000 for materials, \$3,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."**

**The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$27,000."**

**The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys. How did you come up with such a high figure?"**

**"The Chicago contractor whispers back.... "\$10,000 for me, \$10,000 for you, and we hire the guy from Kentucky to fix the fence."**

**"Done!" replies the government official.**

**And that, my friends, is how the Government Works.**

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Who didn't have one of these?

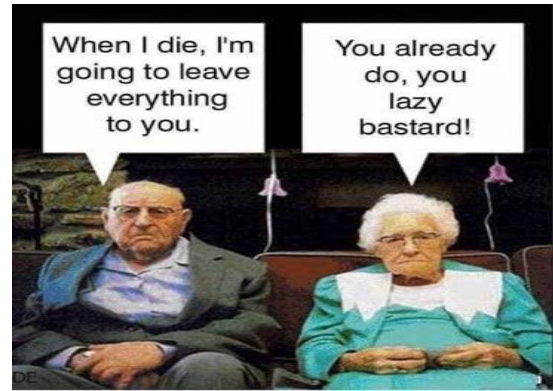


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**I had to go to a funeral recently and, as we drove into the crematorium car park, my Sat Nav said, "You have reached your final destination".**



Gi's a fag mate.  
(Usually a Woodbine)



It's time for a little Quiz, I think. We haven't had one for some time. Most questions are easy; some not so. Answers lower down. Good luck! (Oh, alright. You can google the answers if you need to.)

1. In what year did Elvis die?
2. What is a Garganey?
3. How many farthings made a pound?
4. Who was our Queen's Mother-in- Law?
5. What is a "whistle and flute"?
6. What is the maximum temperature reached in the UK so far this year?
7. Who did Brighton and Hove Albion beat in their final Premier League match last season?
8. Where were the Commonwealth Games held this year?
9. Who married Prince Albert?
10. What is the capital of Ukraine?
11. What is *Ilex aquifolium*?
12. How many furlongs in a mile?
13. How many make a Baker's dozen?
14. The County town of Kent is?
15. What is a Dab?
16. What is the common name for Na Cl ?
17. Name Arundel's MP.
18. Who wrote "Farewell to Arms?"
19. What is a plumb bob?
20. What was the final score when the Lionesses beat Germany this summer?



**Paddy says to Mick, "I'm getting circumcised tomorrow."  
Mick says, "I had that done when I was a few days old .  
Paddy asks, "Does it hurt?"  
Mick says, " Well I couldn't walk for about a year."**



The rain on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August was extremely welcome to farmers and gardeners alike, around here. It may prove to have been a life saver for some. The risk of fire spreading from the tinder-dry South Downs and local woodland was higher than every before. It's hard to believe that stubble burning at this time of year was a regular occurrence, causing considerable nuisance to anyone living downwind, as well as the fire risk, for days on end. Goodness knows what damage it was also doing to the environment and wildlife.

But the land will need a great deal more rain before it is fully restored to its natural state and the chalk streams, like the Lavant and the Emes, are flowing again. Then we will probably moan about problems with flooding, roof leaks and drowning crops. Some folks are never satisfied.

*Jack and Jill went up the hill, to fetch a pail of water*

*Jill came down with half-a-crown. Now she has a daughter.*

Birthdays are good for your health. Studies show that people who have more birthdays live longer.

## HUSBAND:

I want you to have this bracelet. It belonged to my Grandmother.

## WIFE:

Why does it say, "Do not resuscitate?"

My wife called on her way home, after a long day at work, and asked me to run her some hot water and not to forget the bubbles.... hope she'll be happy - she's so sweet, love her to bits!



## Quiz Answers.

1. 1977 2. A duck 3. 960 4. Princess Alice of Battenburg 5. A suit 6. 40.3oC 7. West Ham United. 8. Birmingham 9. Queen Victoria 10, Kiev 11. Holly 12. 8 13. 13 14. Maidstone 15. A flat fish. 16. Sodium chloride or Salt. 17. Andrew Griffith 18. Ernest Hemingway 19. Device for finding exact vertical line. 20. 2 – 1

How did you do? 15+ Excellent 10+ OK 5+ Well done for trying. (All 20 – You cheated).

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## WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH - OCTOBER

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October Pub Lunch, Chichester Park Hotel** 12-00 for 12-30 sharp, as the hotel has another function at 1-00 pm Where is it? Madgwick Lane, Westhampnet Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 7QL

Menu choices

A, Traditional Roast Sirloin of Beef with all the accompaniments

B, Pan Fried Chicken Breast wrapped in Bacon and stuffed with Mozzarella

C, Baked Fillet of Salmon En-croute with a Tarragon Cream Sauce

D, Apple and Blackberry Crumble with homemade custard.

E, Cream Filled Profiteroles flavoured with Bailey's and drizzled with chocolate sauce

F, Cheese Platter served with Biscuits, Grapes and Celery.

£18-00 per head, including gratuity. Your orders to David Tippet please.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October Regular Meeting, White Swan hotel.** The speaker is our own **Mike Gammon** whose subject is "**Eight jobs in twenty years in the RAF**". Please come on parade and support Mike.

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In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner.

The final question was: "How do you explain the difference between *complete* and *finished* in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between *complete* and *finished*."

Here is his astute answer: "**When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED.**

**And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"**

He won a case of 25 year-old Scotch and a trip around the world. (On his own, presumably!)

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A woman on a train said to the man opposite her. "Every time you smile at me, I want to invite you back to my place". "Oh, that would be nice." he replied. "Are you married, he asked?" "Yes, I am," said the woman, "and I'm a dentist".

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*Have a lovely month, send me lots of material, and I'll hope to see you at our next two meetings. Bob*