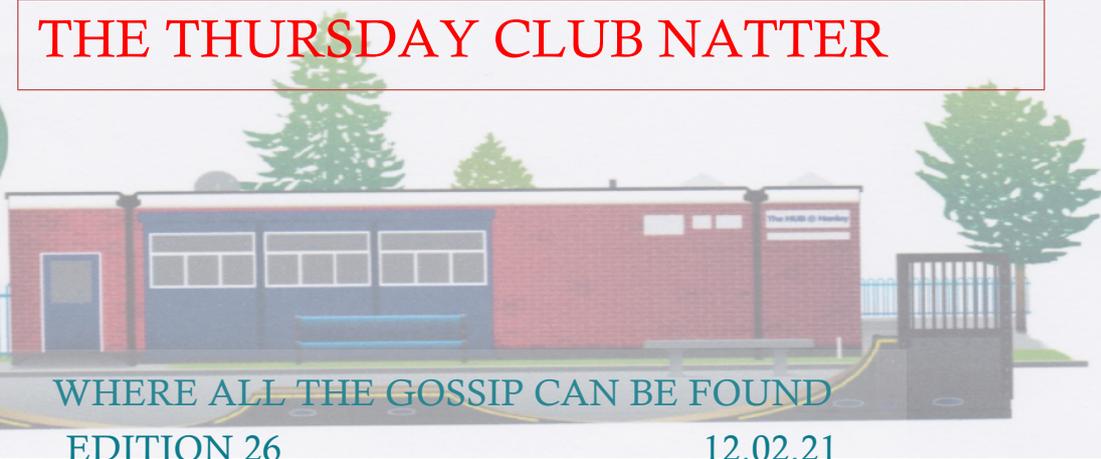


THE THURSDAY CLUB NATTER



WHERE ALL THE GOSSIP CAN BE FOUND

EDITION 26

12.02.21

WELCOME

Well, the chocs went down well it seems. “Henley Chocolate” are based at the Yew Tree Farm Craft Centre and I understand Sally serves superb hot chocolate if you are ever out walking that way. It’s one of the many local shops and stores that are working hard to serve our community through difficult times. Our community, strong and caring as it is, continues to support our treasures as much as it can. We welcome a new member to the Natter editorial team today. Kim joins us to manage the quiz and puzzle page. She has been a youth leader at the Hub since 2001, as a result of her long-term health condition she has been in isolation since last March. She will empathise with those of you who have shared the same challenging experience. This week we are asking you to let us know the one thing - a poem, story, film, TV programme that has helped you to survive this unprecedented change in your life.

MEETINGS ON ZOOM THIS WEEK
13.02.21 and 16.02.21 and 18.02.21

Tuesday Morning discussion group 11.00am.
Topics will include how could we make the united nations more effective, do we need a 20mph limit on out High Street.

Participants suggest items for discussion and each item is generally given 20 minutes with the chairman ensuring that all get an opportunity to make a contribution. While this does not suit everyone, those who have joined say they have enjoyed the session.

THURSDAY CLUB 11.00 – 12.00
Join the usual chaos.

WEEKEND CATCH UP SATURDAYS 11.00 –
No computer, then dial in on your home phone during the meeting times.
Dial 0131 460 1196. and when requested enter 377 931 4064 followed by the hash key and chat away.

In the Lockdown the Hub will have to remain closed.

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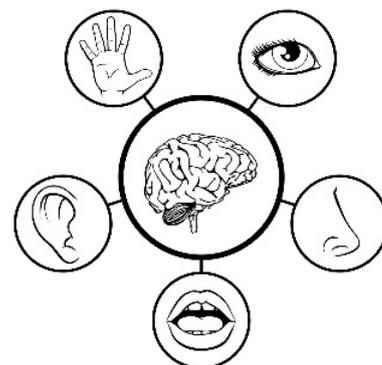
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bag o' books.....

There are shopping bags of books that can be delivered to your doorstep. You look through these, make your selection and the bag is collected from your doorstep later.



Sophie's Positivity Corner



I've spoken over the weeks about how to improve your mood and the importance that it has on our wellbeing. Well, today I'm going to explore something different. Every single one of us has access to up to five senses (or six for those of you who believe in it), sight, smell, taste, hearing and touch. It's how we navigate the world effectively and, in my opinion, they are often taken for granted.

These superpowers are complex and can have applications way beyond just being able to understand the world around you. They can also be associated with an emotional connection and facilitate a little time travel; for example, my gran used to make a mean lamb roast on a Sunday and now every time I smell lamb cooking, it reminds me of being little and running around her house waiting for dinner.

What this means is that during these uncertain, challenging times, we can transport ourselves to a different place, even for just a minute, by simply engaging our senses! Think of a time in your life when you were at your happiest, what could you hear, smell, taste, touch and see during this time? Maybe you remember resting your head on your mum's silk scarf or listening to the radio while playing with your building blocks. It doesn't have to be a childhood memory either, what was the perfume you wore on your wedding day or the first meal you had after your child was born?

Get creative with your memories and use your senses to really experience it in the present day. A little bit of nostalgia can be good for the soul and help pass the time. I'd love to know what you come up with!



Here is the library of
jigsaw puzzles ready
for loan.

Contact Peter if you
would like one.

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VASA can be contacted on 01789 262889 (press option 1) Monday to
Friday, 9am to 4pm or email transport@vasa.org.uk or talk to Peter

Nature Notes - *Derek Healing*



You may occasionally see piles of pigeon feathers spread out on your lawn or in the park. There is also some fox poo on the right of this picture. The comprehensive plucking was almost certainly the work of a sparrowhawk, with the fox making an appearance later to see if there were any free pickings. Female sparrowhawks are much larger than the males, accounting for most pigeons taken by the birds, whereas males prefer smaller prey such as blue tits, great tits, sparrows or blackbirds.

Female Sparrowhawk

In flight from below cuckoos look similar to sparrowhawks (most birders have made the mistake in identification) and it is thought to be a reason why cuckoos are not aggressively threatened by the species they parasitise. Goshawks are also very similar although considerably larger and rarely seen outside coniferous woodland.



Sparrowhawks often use the same perch as a plucking post but pigeons are too heavy for them to carry, hence the pile of feathers on the ground.

Sparrowhawks were severely affected by pesticide use in the 1950s and 60s but since these chemicals were banned numbers have now recovered and they are the commonest bird of prey likely to be seen in our gardens, although Buzzards are now more common generally. They attack using surprise, chasing their prey with amazing agility and seeming disregard for self preservation. They will fly very fast into and through thick bushes, coming out unscathed. Only between 1 in 10 and 1 in 20 attacks are successful but there are plenty of opportunities and they don't starve!

We frequently see sparrowhawks in our garden which becomes a bird free zone for several minutes after a visit, as potential prey keep their heads down! Sparrowhawks fly through so low and quickly that you have to be alert and watching to catch sight of them. Impressive and thrilling if you do. Always upsetting to see them killing prey but they and their offspring have to survive at the top of the food chain.

PARISH COUNCIL INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GRANTS

This is a reminder that on February 15th 2021 at 7.00pm the parish council are holding a public "Zoom" meeting to discuss what community grants they will be giving in the next financial year. We are asking as many supporters as possible to email the Clerk of the Council and ask for an invitation to join the "Zoom" meeting in order to give an indication of how strongly we all feel about the Hub. clerk@henley-in-arden-pc.gov.uk is the email address. You could of course just send a message of support directly to the council at this address.

MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PAULINE LYNCH, SHE IS SENDING HER BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE.

Peter , thank you for thinking of me. It was really a lovely surprize to receive the scrumptious Henley chocolates. It was really good to see you the other week too and also to chat to Sophie. I am very grateful for all the work the hub is doing. Please say hello and best wishes to everyone from me.

With much gratitude Pauline

SOME THOUGHTS ON VALENTINE'S DAY.

Saint Valentine of Rome



The Triumph of Saint Valentine painted by Valentin Metzinger, circa 18th century

Saint Valentine is noted as a priest of Rome who was imprisoned for helping persecuted Christians. He became a convert and although he is supposed to have restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter, he was later clubbed to death around 270 A.D. An inauspicious end for the patron Saint of Love! His day is the 14th of February as is that of Saint Valentine, Bishop of Terni, who was martyred a few years later. There are at least three other saints of this name. The ancient custom of choosing Valentines has only accidental relation to either or all the other Saint Valentines, although only records of three could be found. The day we celebrate is probably the creation of card manufacturers, chocolate creators and florists. Chaucer refers to St Valentine's in his poem "The Assembly of Fowls" when he says:

"For this was on Saint Valentine's Day
When every fowl's committed to choose
her mate."

and in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* there is a quotation:

"Go tomorrow, friends! Saint Valentine is passed;
Begin these wood birds but to couple now?"

However mysterious its origins Valentines Day should be enjoyed by young and old alike.

Peter Crathorne

Joke time.....

Oxford University researchers have discovered the densest element yet known to science. The new element, Governmentium (symbol=Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like 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 take from 4 days to 4 years to complete. (finished on next page)

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2 to 6 years.

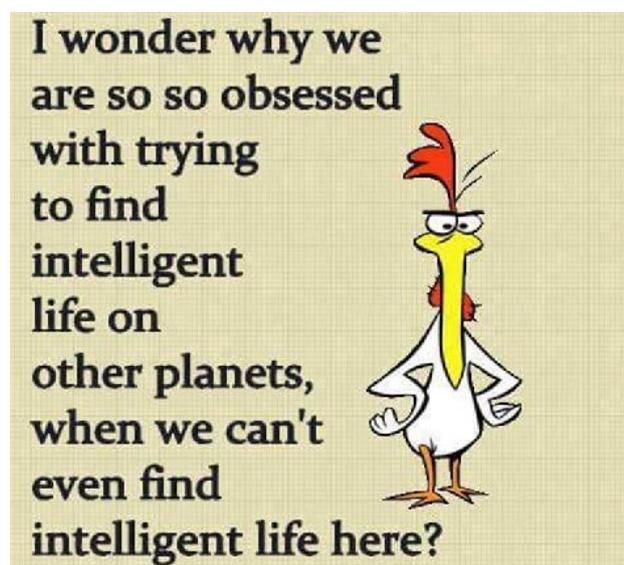
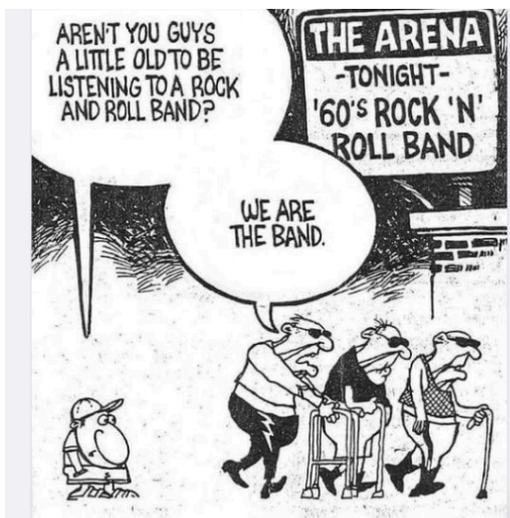
It does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganisation in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganisation will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes.

This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium 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.

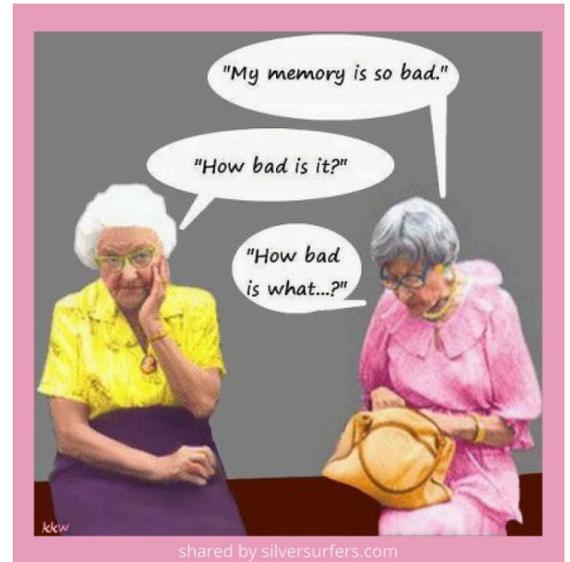


And another day in quarantine, somebody was feeling creative or maybe just losing their mind



Sun

Do you see a man or a dog



I wonder why we are so so obsessed with trying to find intelligent life on other planets, when we can't even find intelligent life here?



Kim's Korner

Kim is a youth leader who has been working at the Hub since 2001. From this week she is taking over the design and setting of the puzzles.



ANAGRAMS

Uscramble the words that relate to Spring and time yourself! Peter can announce who was quickest off the mark, just let him know your recorded time!

Enjoy and keep safe.

Kim - Youthworker

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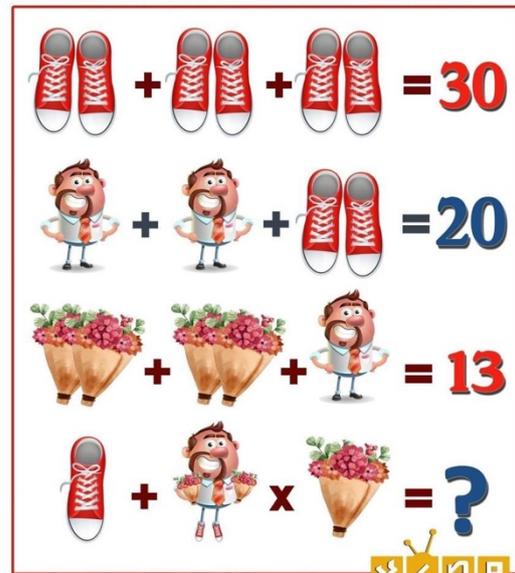
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This is trickier than you would think!



For DVDs Check the list in previous editions and book by phoning Peter. We have about 100 in Stock.

Crossmaking Crossword

Answers: last week's quiz

1. The Suez Canal
2. 240
3. Berlin
4. The Salvation Army
5. Victor Meldrew (One Foot in the Grave)
6. River Taff
7. Six feet
8. Joseph Stalin
9. 18
10. Central Park
11. Bonanza
12. The Bank of England
13. Australia
14. Purple
15. Basil Brush
16. Buddy Ebsen
17. Tango
18. 13
19. Mercury
20. Joey

ACROSS

- 1 Terror (5)
- 6 Having few storeys (3-4)
- 7 Haulier (7)
- 10 Stand fast (4,3)
- 14 Electrical joining device (7)
- 15 Take a chair (3,4)
- 18 Take a winding path (7)
- 21 Vibrato in singing (7)
- 22 Riverbank mammal (5)

DOWN

- 2 Oarsman (5)
- 3 Courtroom defence (5)
- 4 Nincompoops (10)
- 5 Look squintingly (4)
- 8 Fishing implement (3)
- 9 ___ de vie, brandy (3)
- 11 Opposite of 'most' (5)
- 12 Eclipse, surpass (5)
- 13 Monarch's seating area (6,4)
- 16 Extreme annoyance (3)
- 17 ___ Giovanni, opera by Mozart (3)
- 18 Speechless (4)
- 19 Keenly awake (5)
- 20 Constant hum (5)

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS PUZZLE

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