**NEWSLETTER**

**Hello Everybody**

**I hope you are keeping well and that at least some of you have had the first dose of the vaccine.**

**I heard from Dorothy Kenyon’s daughter the other day that Dorothy had had covid and has been in hospital.  She has recovered from covid but is still unwell and is now in a care home.  If you would like to send her a card her address is:**

**Filsham Lodge**

**137 South Road**

**Hailsham  BN27 3NN.**

**We all wish you well Dorothy.**

**A reminder from Sylvia, would you please keep your birthday cards to give to her when we eventually return to VIEW Craft so she can use them to make new cards.**

**Remember the sayings in the previous letter?  There are two more this month.**

**I dusted once, it came back. I'm not falling for that again!**

**Here are the answers to last month’s quiz.**

**1. Short meeting.  Brief Encounter**

**2. Caused by falling from gondola? Death in Venice.**

**3. Ladies like 'tall, dark and handsome, but… gentlemen prefer blondes.**

**4. Me - Montgomery's doppelganger.  I was Monty’s double.**

**5. Top midday.  High Noon.**

**6. Quiet in the sheepfold. Silence of the Lambs.**

**7. Guy Gibson and mates.  The Damn Busters**

**8. Australian magician.  David Copperfield.**

**9. Wear it with 'tails'.  Top Hat.**

**10.             This existence is super. It’s a wonderful life.**

**11.             Decorate your vehicle.  Paint your Wagon.**

**12.             The hills are alive with it.  The Sound of Music.**

**13.             Sound of a magic car. Chitty chitty bang bang.**

**14.             Roundabout.  Carousel.**

**15.             Before lunch at the Ritz?  Breakfast at Tiffany’s**

**16.             His friend was Thumper. Bambi.**

**17.             Are there really this many hues between black and white?  Fifty Shades of Grey.**

**18.             Lots of scotch.  Whisky Galore.**

**19.     Was this before Megan came along?  When Sally met Harry.**

**20.     Spring procession.  Easter Parade.**

**Before I give the birthdays for the rest of February and the beginning of March my apologies to Colin Bryant for giving the wrong date in last month’s letter.  I will start this list with the correct date for your birthday, Colin.**

**Colin Bryant 13 February**

**Sylvia Trusler 18 February**

**Ray Aubrey 22 February**

**Pat McGann 27 February**

**Rae Cornwall 4 March**

**John Skinner 7 March**

**I dream of a better tomorrow; when chickens can cross the road and not be questioned about their motives.**

**Congratulations to the winners of the 100 club this month.  They are:**

**First prize Michael Radford for Sam.**

**Second prize Ray Aubrey.**

**Third prize Priscilla Copeland for Georgia.**

**As it is so cold I thought you might like something warm for lunch.**

**Carrot Soup**

**Serves 4**

**1 lb Carrots**

**2 Medium Potatoes**

**1 Small Onion**

**1 oz Margarine**

**1 ½ pts Stock (use 2 stock cubes)**

**Salt, Good Pinch Cayenne, Pinch of Nutmeg 1 Bay Leaf**

**Peel and slice vegetables.  Melt margarine in a large saucepan; Lightly cook vegetables for about 3 mins. Add the stock, bay leaf and seasoning to taste.  Bring to the boil and simmer for 15-20 mins until vegetables are tender.  Cool slightly, remove bay leaf and liquidise (or pass through a sieve).  Return to rinsed pan, add more seasoning if necessary.  Re-heat but do not boil.**

**The soup will freeze, so you will have a quick snack for later, just defrost and re-heat.**

**If you are feeling extravagant you can add some cream before re-heating but do not add cream before freezing.**

**I have been told that many of you enjoy doing the quizzes, so here is another one for this month**

**British Bird Puzzle**

**1. Found on a chess board (4)**

**2.  Invoice for an item of cutlery (9)**

**3.  When a cat gets up  (9)**

**4.  Could mean a death sentence  (8)**

**5.  Small move left or right  (6, 4)**

**6.  Brightly coloured tool  (12)**

**7.  Eating action  (7)**

**8.  Black and white dog shows pleasure  (4, 7)**

**9. Call 15 21 26 05 12  (4, 5)**

**10. Royal angler  (10)**

**11.  Shell seizer  (13)**

**12. Difficult to undo  (4)**

**13.  Crimson bird with surprisingly no strings  (3, 4)**

**14. Watch out, low flying mollusc  (8)**

**15. Greedy person  (6)**

**16. Shave William  (9)**

**17. Hidden gunman does this  (5)**

**18. Extra fowl  (7)**

**19. A bit of fun in the air  (7)**

**20. Street decorations for bookworms  (4,7)**

**By the time you get this we will probably be in February which always seems to be the longest month, which is strange as it is the shortest but spring is on the way.  I planted broad beans last week.  Anne and I found last year that if you planted them early they had a good start and were strong enough to resist the black fly when they came along, so we are both hoping for the same this year.**

**Here’s looking forward to better weather soon.**

**Keep well and keep smiling.**