**NEWSLETTER**

**Hello Everybody**

**I have sad news to start this letter.  Last month I told you Dorothy Kenyon had contracted covid and after spending time in hospital had been moved to a care home.  I am very sorry to have to say that Dorothy died in her sleep on 15 February.  The funeral is on Thursday 4 March.  If anyone would like to make a donation in memory of Dorothy (instead of flowers) the family would like donations to be made to VIEW Craft because Dorothy so much enjoyed her time with us.  Cheques should be made payable to VIEW Craft and sent to Julie Hathaway,****Henley Cottage, Western Road, Crowborough TN6 3EE.  I am sure you will join me in sending condolences to Dorothy’s family**

**I also heard that Linda Fuller has been very ill with covid.  She spent a long time in hospital and then went to a care home.  She has lost a lot of strength and is using a Zimmer.  She is now home I spoke to her today, she is feeling much better but still weak.  We all wish you well, Linda, and hope you will soon be strong enough to have Flash home.**

**While talking of covid, please be aware that an SMS message scam has begun circulating.**

**The message appears to be from the NHS telling the patient that they have been identified as being eligible to apply for their Covid-19 vaccination. The message contains a link for an application form. What looks like an NHS screen appears - including the NHS logo - telling the patient to have their debit card ready, including their sort code, account number and long card number.  It claims these will not be used to take a payment but to verify your address with your bank.**

**Do not respond to any such messages. The NHS would never need to verify your identify with your bank details. Please share this scam information with your family and friends, especially those who may be vulnerable.**

**Well, I think that’s enough of that.  How about something more cheerful?  Let’s start with the 100 club winners for this month.**

**First prize, ball 55, Jean Beeney**

**Second prize, ball 41, Michael Radford for Sam Pego**

**Third prize, ball 29, Jan Vallance.**

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

**1 Found on a chess board.  Rook**

**2 Invoice for an item of cutlery.  Spoonbill**

**3 When a cat gets up.  Kittiwake**

**4 Could mean a death sentence.  Blackcap**

**5 Small move left or right. Little Tern**

**6 Brightly coloured tool.  Yellow hammer**

**7 Eating action.  Swallow**

**8 Black and white dog shows pleasure.  Pied Wagtail**

**9 Call 15 21 26 05 12.  Ring Ouzel**

**10 Royal angler.  Kingfisher**

**11 Shell seizer.  Oystercatcher**

**12 Difficult to undo.  Knot**

**13 Crimson bird with surprisingly no strings.  Red Kite**

**14 Watch out, low flying mollusc.  Shelduck**

**15 Greedy person.  Gannet**

**16 Shave William.  Razorbill**

**17 Hidden gunman does this.  Snipe**

**18 Extra fowl.  Moorhen**

**19 A bit of fun in the air.  Skylark**

**20 Street decorations for bookworms.  Reed Bunting**

**I have had a message from James Risbridger, who is one of our drivers.  He has taken over the placing of our collecting boxes.  If you know of a shop or business premises or perhaps in your home where one could be placed will you please tell James with contact details so he can approach them to see whether they are willing to accept a box.  Suggestions can be sent to him by email**jrisbridger@btinternet.com **or when we return to VIEW Craft can** **be given to Julie Hathaway.**

**Now for the birthdays for the rest of March and the beginning of April**

**Andy Harrison 16 March**

**Sally Wallis 16 March**

**Pat Godfrey 17 March**

**Michael Radford 26 March**

**Barbara Catt 8 April**

**Dennis Huggett 10 April**

**Last month I gave you a recipe for carrot soup.  I thought perhaps you might like some soda bread to go with it.  This recipe came from Jenny and David Todd.**

**SODA BREAD**

**280 g wholemeal flour**

**100 g plain flour**

**1 tsp bicarbonate of soda**

**1 tsp salt**

**284 ml buttermilk.  You can use ordinary milk curdled with lemon juice.**

**Preheat the oven to 200 degs C Gas 6**

**Grease or flour a baking sheet**

**Mix the dry ingredients and add the buttermilk to make a sticky dough.**

**Dust with wholemeal flour and knead lightly until smooth.**

**Form the dough into a circle about 1 1/2 inches thick and place on the baking sheet.**

**Make a deep cross with a sharp knife.**

**Bake for about 45 minutes or until the bread is brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the base.**

**Cool on a wire rack.**

**For a softer crust, wrap in a clean tea towel while cooling.**

**Here is another quiz about birds**

**1.  Angry Clinton or Gates 9**

**2.  Egg-born cashew  8**

**3.  Timber rooster  8**

**4.  Act of theft  5**

**5.  Polish part of a car  7**

**6.  The smile you get from fermented pears  9**

**7.  Wizard flier  6**

**8.  A pastime  5**

**9.  Blustery evening  11**

**10.             What you might get if you annoy a dog  7**

**11.             Labour vote  7**

**12.             Scottish musician in the Sahara  9**

**13.             Blackpool has a large one  6**

**14.             Gone mad  6**

**15.             Lady sailor  4**

**16.             A pebble and a gossip 9**

**17.             Section of a hill-top   9**

**18.             Struggling to get enough air  6**

**19.             Rapid move  5**

**20.             Bevy before bedtime  8**

**Here are some telephone numbers you may find helpful.**

**Age Concern Eastbourne                                01323 638474**

**Citizens Advice Bureau 0344 411 1444**

**East Sussex Highways incl. Potholes etc.    0345 608 0193**

**Electricity - power cuts call 105**

**Fault & emergencies 0800 783 8866**

**Gas (Emergency) 0800 111 999**

**Hospitals - DGH Eastbourne, Conquest Hastings    0300 131 4500**

**Here are two notices which should have been worded differently.**

**In an office — After tea break staff should empty the  teapot and**

**stand upside down on the draining board.**

**In an office — Toilet out of order....please use floor below.**

**With those  thoughts I think I should leave!**

**Keep well and keep smiling**

**Jean**

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