**NEWSLETTER**

**Hello Everybody**

**On Tuesday 22 November we heard the sad news that Andy Harrison had died.  He had been a member of VIEW Craft for many years producing some lovely mosaics; he also enjoyed some time on the painting table.  He will be sadly missed.**

**We send our condolences to his widow, Margaret.**

**We also heard that John Skinner had suffered a stroke.  The last I heard he was recovering well and we hope he will be able to return to VC before too long.  Meantime we wish you well, John and will be thinking of you.**

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

**1. What is the name for a nautical echo sounder? Sonar.**

**2. What was Charles I’s crime? Treason.**

**3. What is another name for the large fruit bat? Flying fox.**

**4. What is the name for a sailor’s sword? Cutlass**

**5. What is used to soften the tone of a wind instrument? Mute.**

**6. What is the name of the device producing record of speed and distance covered by an HGV?  Tachograph.**

**7. What is a low dam built across a river called?  Weir.**

**8. What is the name of one nautical mile per hour?  Knot.**

**9. What is the name for someone who studies or keeps bees?  Apiarist.**

**10.     Who was the Russian composer of ‘Peter and the Wolf’?  Prokofiev.**

**11.     What is the name of the apple brandy distilled from cider in Northern France?  Calvados.**

**12.     Who was the US President from 1953-61?  Eisenhower.**

**13.     Which woman was made first secretary of state in 1968?  Barbara Castle.**

**14.     Which country is the world’s biggest oil producer?  United States.**

**15.     Vectis was a Roman name for which island?  Isle of Wight.**

**16.     Which re-enactment society is named after supporters of Charles II?  The Sealed Knot.**

**17.     Who choreographed Copland’s Appalachian Spring?  Martha Graham.**

**18.     What are Czech hedgehogs designed to stop?  Tanks.**

**19.     The path to the well at the top of a hill in the village of Kilmersdon in Somerset is to be restored in memory of which lovers, immortalised in nursery rhyme?  Jack and Jill.**

**20.     Who composed ‘The Rite of Spring’ and ‘Petrouchka’?  Stravinsky.**

**Many happy returns to those celebrating their birthdays during December.**

**David Sills  19 December**

**Chris Andrews  28 December**

**Chris Pitcher  31 December**

**Now for a message from our chairman.**

**Hello everyone**

**We now approach the end of 2022 and I hope you have all enjoyed View craft this year as much as I have.**

**I wish you and your families a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.**

**Take care**

**Tina**

**Congratulations to those who won the 100 club draw for November.**

**First prize ball 33 Julie Hathaway,**

**Second prize ball 71 Pat McGann and**

**Third prize ball 18 Jean Wilson.**

**Here is a poem from one of our members.**

**REVERIE**

**Twilight in the secret garden of my soul,**

**Where I retreat for peace and solace.**

**Here I commune with close friends of yesteryear,**

**All gone before.**

**And relive happy times —**

**Before the onset of friction and discord —**

**With my dear children,**

**as they grew up Beautifully,**

**like blossoming flowers.**

**So many precious moments  From baby words of insight and discovery  Through the burgeoning school years.**

**Oftentimes I  smile,**

**or even laugh out loud,**

**When some delightful episode comes to mind.**

**Now, soothingly surrounded  By favourite trees and flowers  From gardens past,**

**I watch shapes and colours fading  Into the lengthening shadows.**

**The  day looms when I myself must fade  Into  darkness,**

**the darkness of eternity,**

**As I draw my last breath,**

**Hopefully tranquil and composed,**

**Here, in the secret garden of my soul.**

**This month because we are approaching Christmas I have found some Christmas anagrams.**

**1.  Yabb**

**2.  Bleats**

**3.  Phershed**

**4.  Glean**

**5.  Garmen**

**6.  Weenism (2 words)**

**7.  Taucal nass (2 words)**

**8.  Mynchie**

**9.  Glishe**

**10.  Reerind**

**11.   Sleve**

**12.   Skitcong**

**13.     Trespens**

**14.      Nows**

**15.      Scroal**

**16.       Talernns**

**17.      Chessmire tart (2 words)**

**18.     Leubabs**

**19.      Lintes**

**20.      Krytue**

**We had a very successful sale on 29 November raising a total of £309.  Many thanks to everyone who helped by manning the stalls and to those who made such lovely items to sell.  Especial thanks to Tina’s Mum-in-law, Carol, who again made some mouth-watering cakes, which went down very well at coffee time.**

**I would just like to finish by sending you all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

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