* **NEWSLETTER**

**Hello Everybody**

**We heard the other day that Esme has had a fall and broken her hip.  She has had an operation and as far as we know was still in hospital as I wrote this letter.  We all wish you well Esme and hope it will not be too long before you are fit enough to come back to VIEW Craft.**

**A new member joined us recently; her name is Pauline and she is currently on the painting table.  We are pleased to welcome you Pauline and hope you will enjoy coming to VIEW Craft every week.**

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

**1. Which television series broadcast since 1985 based on British rural life has had presenters including Clare Balding, Julia Bradbury, Michaela Strachan and Ben Fogle?  Countryfile.**

**2. Which form of almost pure carbon; the hardest natural-occurring substance, can be cut into a shape such as marquise, pear or princess as a gem?  Diamond.**

**3. What is the weapon used by police to temporarily incapacitate a potentially dangerous suspect?  Taser.**

**4.   Which biblical figure killed Goliath with a single shot from a sling?  David.**

**5. What is another word for a dictionary?  Lexicon.**

**6. Which soft toys are named after the 26th president of the United States?  Teddy Bears.**

**7. What is the name of the mythical city of gold?  El Dorado.**

**8. Who was the architect, an associate of Gertrude Jekyll, noted for English country houses?  Lutyens.**

**9. What is the name of Microsoft’s operating system?  Windows.**

**10.             Who was the son of Edward VII?  George V.**

**11.             Whose frescoes decorate Padua’s Scrovegni chapel?  Giotto.**

**12.             Which two land masses are separated by the Torres Strait?  Australia and New Guinea.**

**13.             What was the last host nation to win the Fifa World Cup?  France (1998)**

**14.             On what might S925 be printed?  Silver (sterling)**

**15.             What autumnal contest takes place in Southwick, Northants?  World Conker Championships.**

**16.             Which two-word Latin term literally means ‘bounteous mother’, was applied by the Romans to several goddesses and has been used in English to mean one’s old school or university, which were regarded as having fostered their alumni?  Alma Mater.**

**17.             The dura mater is the tough, outer membranous envelope of the spinal chord and which organ of the human body?  Brain.**

**18.             Born in 1732 which Austrian composer’s works include the Stabat Mater?  Joseph Haydn.**

**19.             Also known as the quill pig, which New World rodent presents its rear when approached and, if attacked, uses its strong tail against its assailant?  Porcupine.**

**20.             In boxing, which weight comes between featherweight and flyweight?  Bantamweight.**

**Many happy returns to those celebrating their birthdays in March, April and the beginning of May.**

**Alison Cotton, 14 March**

**Sally Wallis, 16 March**

**Joyce Burt, 8 April**

**Barbara Catt, 8 April**

**Anne King, 17 April**

**Gina Smith, 6 May**

**A lot of birthdays this month because I will not be sending out another newsletter until the end of April.**

**Congratulations to those who won the 100 club draw on 30 January.**

**First prize, ball 36, Jean Beeney.**

**Second prize, ball 74, David Sills &**

**Third prize, ball 80, Jean Field.**

**Here is another quiz for this month**

**1. What name is given to plant life collectively; or the Roman goddess of (blossoming) plants and of the season of spring?**

**2. What was the colour of a feather traditionally used as a symbol of cowardice?**

**3. What is the third prime number or the number of sides of a pentagon?**

**4. Which is the most northerly of the Channel Islands, capital St Anne?**

**5. What is the name of the bergamot-flavoured tea named after a prime minister?**

**6. What is the word used to describe the degree of importance allocated to a listed building; music exam; or the co-founder of Associated Television?**

**7. From the Latin meaning ‘trumpet’ what is the largest, deepest-sounding instrument in the brass section of an orchestra?**

**8. What is the term for the graphics on a digital desktop?**

**9. Which avant-garde poet penned “The Wooden Pegasus, Façade, Bucolic Comedies” and “The English Eccentrics?**

**10.             What is the other name for the ‘Little Bear’ constellation?**

**11.             Who was the Roman goddess of agriculture?**

**12.             Which mammals are known as ‘gentlemen in black velvet waistcoats?**

**13.             What is the capital of Zimbabwe?**

**14.             Which novelist wrote ‘The Day of the Triffids’ and ‘The Midwich Cuckoos’?**

**15.             What is the surname of the main family in ‘The Darling Buds of May’ by H. E. Bates?**

**16.             Which fruits are served in Eton mess and summer pudding?**

**17.             What is the only active volcano on mainland Europe?**

**18.             Taken from a type of stew, what name is given to the variety of English spoken on Merseyside, and also the inhabitants?**

**19.             George Mikes in his 1946 book ‘How to be an Alien’ wrote that continental people have sex lives, the English have … what?**

**20.             A. J. Cronin wrote several books including ‘The Citadel’ and ‘Hatter’s Castle’ but what do the initials A. J. stand for?**

**If anyone has any news or something they would like to pass on to the rest of us, please let me know.  Also if anyone has any ideas on other crafts we might be able to try the committee would be pleased to hear so we can consider them.**

**As Anne announce before half term we will be holding the AGM on 12 March.  If you would like to join the committee or apply to take over one of the officer positions please let the secretary know as soon as possible.**

**A reminder that we will have our annual lunch on 19 March.  The menu will be roast turkey, with a vegetarian option followed by cheesecake or fruit salad.  A nice ending for the last day of term.  We will be returning to VIEW Craft on 16 April.**

**That’s all for this month.**

**Keep well and keep smiling.**

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