**NEWSLETTER**

**Hello Everybody**

**I hope you have had a good Christmas even although it has been different from what we have been used to.  I wish everyone a happy new year and one which is much better than this one has been.**

**Many thanks to Joyce and Dennis Huggett who did not send Christmas cards this year but sent a £25 donation to VIEW Craft instead.  Very kind and much appreciated.  In her card Joyce said that Dennis is still very poorly but is improving although it is going to be a long haul.  We send you our best wishes, Dennis.**

**Maureen has been visiting Gladys who said she would like to make a woven picture.  Many thanks to Eileen for providing the frame and wool and to Anne for collecting everything.  Also thanks to Maureen for delivering it all to Gladys.  I hope you are enjoying making your picture, Gladys.**

**Do you remember the saying from the fridge magnets last month?  Look out for a few more in this letter.**

**Sometimes I just want someone to hug me and say 'I know it’s hard but you will be ok. Here's a coffee and a million pounds.’**

**Here are the birthdays for the rest of January and the beginning of February**

**Chris Collin 16 January**

**Elaine Foster-Gandey 26 January**

**Jane Simkins 3 February**

**Amy Watson 4 February**

**Maureen Pelling 6 February**

**Colin Bryant 16 February**

**Guess who I bumped into on the way to get my glasses fixed...  Everybody …**

**Now for the answers to last month’s quiz**

**1            In Heaven the bells are ringing. Ding dong merrily on high**

**2            On the feast of Stephen. Good King Wenceslas**

**3            We will lend a coat of fur. Little Jesus sweetly sleep do not stir**

**4            Underneath the mistletoe last night. I saw Mummy kissing Santa Clause.**

**5            So the Holy Bible says.  Long time ago in Bethlehem**

**6            Stood a lowly cattle shed.  Once in Royal David’s City**

**7            When they are both full grown.  The holly and the ivy**

**8            No crib for a bed.  Away in a manger**

**9            Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  The first noel**

**10       Just like the ones we used to know.  I’m dreaming of a white Christmas**

**11       Got to keep on plodding onwards with your heavy load. Little donkey**

**12       Joyful and triumphant. Oh come all ye faithful**

**13       All seated on the ground. While shepherds watched their flocks by night**

**14       Children singing Christian rhyme. Mistletoe and wine**

**15       All is calm, all is bright. Silent night, holy night**

**16       Over the hills and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain**

**17       Our new-born King to see, parum pa pa pum. Come they told me. (Little drummer boy)**

**18       Shall we find a stable room lit by a star? How far is it to Bethlehem?**

**19          Had a very shiny nose. Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer**

**20          That glorious song of old. It came upon a midnight clear**

**First God created man then he had a better idea.**

**Here are the results of the 100 club draw**

**First prize - Barbara Catt with ball number 56**

**Second prize - Helga Dalton with ball number 50**

**Third prize - Sally Wallis with ball number 60**

**The main function of the little toe is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in the right place.**

**I thought perhaps it was time for another recipe.**

**Apricot Glaze**

**60gm Butter**

**1 Onion, sliced**

**2 tsps. Curry Powder**

**2 tsps. Ginger, grated**

**2 tbls. Light Soy Sauce**

**1 tbls. Lemon Juice**

**2 tbls. Apricot Jam**

**Melt butter; add onion, curry powder, ginger, soy sauce and lemon juice.  Cook for a few minutes.  Add jam stir over a low heat until jam has melted.**

**Place meat in a greased, shallow dish and pour over sauce.  Bake uncovered in a moderate oven   for approximately 25 mins.  Or microwave on high for 5 mins.**

**This makes enough sauce for up to four helpings.  It works well with either a chicken portion or a pork chop.**

**Any sauce not required can be frozen.  When needed it is easy to cut if you do not need all of it.**

**You can use ground ginger but grated root ginger gives a better flavour.  If you buy root ginger, peel it when you get home and put it in plastic bag in the freezer it will last for a long time.  A bit cold while you are grating it!**

**Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting one in a fruit salad.**

**Another quiz for this month.  These are book and/or film titles.**

**1.  Short meeting**

**2.  Caused by falling from gondola?**

**3.  Ladies like 'tall, dark and handsome, but**

**4.  Me - Montgomery's doppelganger**

**5.  Top midday**

**6.  Quiet in the sheepfold**

**7.  Guy Gibson and mates**

**8.  Australian magician**

**9.  Wear it with 'tails'**

**10.   This existence is super**

**11.    Decorate your vehicle**

**12.     The hills are alive with it**

**13.      Sound of a magic car**

**14.      Roundabout**

**15.       Before lunch at the Ritz?**

**16.       His friend was Thumper**

**17.       Are there really this many hues between black and white?**

**18.        Lots of scotch**

 **19.      Was this before Megan came along?**

 **20.     Spring procession**

**I found these quite hard to start with but once you get the idea of some of them, they are not too difficult – good luck.**

**I don't want to brag, but I finished a jigsaw in a weekend. It said 2-4 years on the box!**

**Well, I think that’s all for now.  Not quite so long this time, I’ll try better next time.  If you have any suggestions for the future, please let me know.**

**Wishing you all the best for the New Year.  Keep well and keep smiling.**

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