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Week 21 - Confused.com

Dear Members,

Next week's leaked COVID guidance: you can't meet with another person from outside your family with an A or an R in their name unless it's a Wednesday. Family members are OK unless it's the third Monday of the month. People under 5'11" aren't allowed to go to a pub unless they have brown hair. Cat owners are exempt from the above unless their pussy is ginger. Obviously.

Time to be more cautious again methinks. Look after yourselves.

Jilly

Our Gaenor's been at it again! Here's another quiz for you: Flowers, Herbs or Trees? Answers at the end.

1. Overworked girl
2. This flower is one in the eye for the girl
3. A wise old herb
4. A nice pad on the lake
5. Please remember me
6. Receptacle for dairy product
7. Sugary Prince
8. A vicious Welsh emblem
9. Cunning animal's handwarmer
10. Duration
11. Wed precious metal
12. Not always at sea
13. Lonely when grown with onions
14. A religious man's hat
15. Not so much a tree, sounds like an island
16. If you're up one of these, you're in lumber
17. Morecambe, San Francisco and Bengal have this tree in common
18. There are always two of these trees by the sound of it
19. Would you find this tree close to the ocean?
20. Someone crazy about bricks and mortar



Gill Homer's Garden in Bognor Regis



So, since lockdown, I think that we all have appreciated spending more time in our gardens, although I have found it frustrating as a demonstrator not being able to use my foliage up as usual. Hardy Plumbago (left). Passion Flower (below).



I have been very busy with my florist business and have very much enjoyed working outside in the sunshine. Equisetum (Snake Grass) in the photos below.



Exercise makes you look
better naked!

So does alcohol

Your choice!

There are two ways of
arguing with a woman.
Neither one works.

During a routine medical examination of his
female patient, the Doctor says:

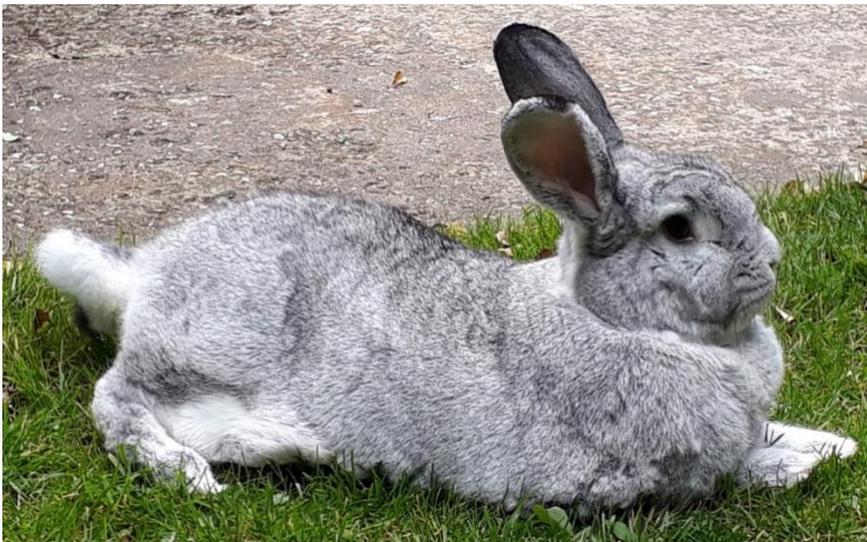
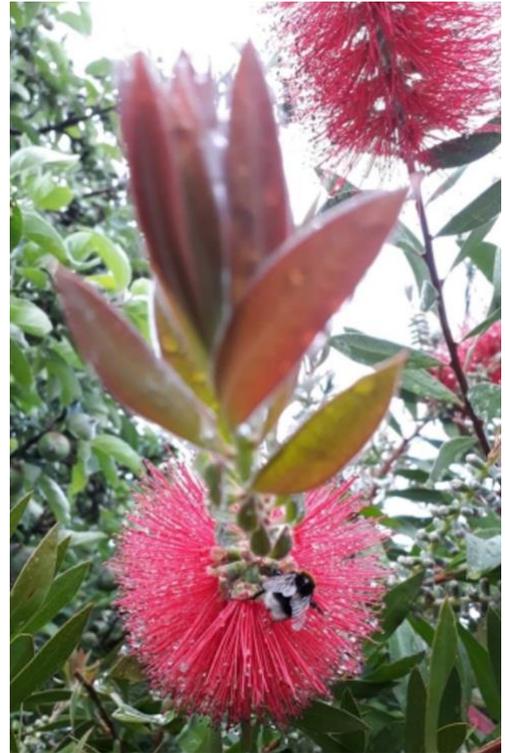
"Your heart, lungs, pulse and blood pressure
are all fine. Now let me see the part that gets
you ladies into all kinds of trouble."

The lady starts hitching up her dress but is
interrupted by the Doctor.

"No, no, no! Just stick out your tongue."



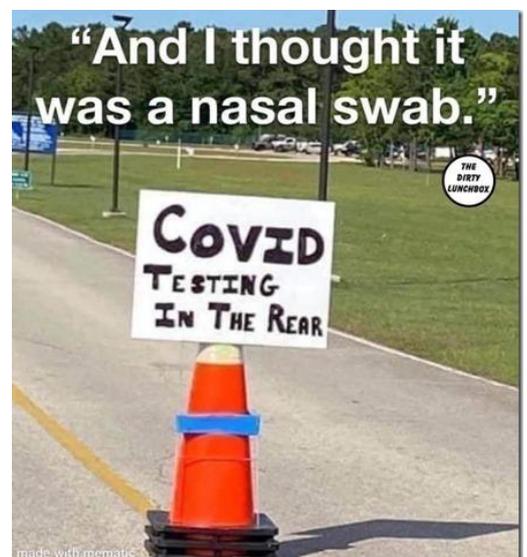
We grow a variety of Australian plants - including Bottlebrush (Callistemon - attractive to bees, see photo right) and Kangaroo Paw (Anigozanthos) all of which have flowered brilliantly this summer. My lovely big bunny Simon helps us with the weeding!



Thank you, Gill, for showing us your choice plants. When Gill and I were training to be demonstrators, I was so envious of her Kangaroo Paw. As for Simon (left), what a beauty! Even I couldn't put him in the pot (although I do have a rather nice red that would go with him!!!!).

Due to Covid-19, for the first time since 1945, the National Spelling Bee is cancel....cancel cancel ...

It's been called off.



1. Just ate a frozen apple. Hardcore.
2. Bought a litre of Tipp-Ex yesterday. Huge mistake.
3. I've started a business building yachts in my attic. Sails are going through the roof.
4. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
5. I tried to catch some fog today but I mist.
6. I bought a dog from my local blacksmith. When I got it home it made a bolt for the door.
7. Last night I went to a comedy and philosophy convention. Laughed more than I thought.
8. That wildlife documentary on beavers - best dam programme I've seen in a long time.
9. Jokes about German sausage are the Wurst.
10. I was trying to explain puns to my kleptomaniac friend, but he kept taking things literally.
11. I stole a rabbit today. Then I had to make a run for it.
12. A woman told me she knew me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore
13. I told my friend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.
14. What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
15. My wife told me I was a fool to build a car out of spaghetti. You should have seen the look on her face when I drove pasta.
16. Just watched a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting.
17. I used to have a problem where I couldn't stop naming classic American sitcoms, but I'm over it now. Happy Days.
18. My wife's working in a bowling alley. Ten pin? No, permanent.
19. I thought my wife was joking when she said she'd leave me if I didn't stop singing 'I'm A Believer'. Then I saw her face.
20. How do you approach an angry Welsh cheese? Caerphilly.
21. Jokes about opticians just get cornea and cornea.
22. A steak pun is a rare medium well done.
23. I was walking the dogs the other day when all of a sudden they vanished into thin air. Not sure where they went, but I've got some leads.
24. Did you know that owls can't breed in the rain? It's too wet to woo.
25. When my wife told me I had to stop impersonating a flamingo, I decided to put my foot down
26. Dad: I've just been diagnosed with Tom Jones syndrome. Mum: Is it common? Dad: It's Not Unusual
27. Police just caught a man stealing 50 helium balloons. They had to let him go.
28. I used to be addicted to the Hokey Cokey, but I turned myself around. And that's what it's all about.
29. I'm giving up spray deodorants at the end of the year. Roll on 2021
30. If you want a job in the moisturiser industry, the best advice I can give is to apply daily.

Some Questions - with no apparent answers.

1. When poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
4. Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
5. Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to work.
6. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
7. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims"
8. 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars, and only the rich own horses.

Employee Notice

Given the current economic crisis due to the pandemic, the Government has decided to implement a scheme to put workers of 50 years of age and above on early, mandatory retirement, thus creating jobs and reducing unemployment.

This scheme will be known as RAPE (Retire Aged People Early).

Persons selected to be RAPED can apply to the Government to be considered for the SHAFT program (Special Help after Forced Termination).

Persons who have been RAPED and SHAFTEd will be reviewed under the SCREW programme (System Covering Retired-Early Workers).

A person may be RAPED once, SHAFTEd twice and SCREWED as many times as the Government deems appropriate.

Persons who have been RAPED could get AIDS (Additional Income for Dependents & Spouse) or HERPES (Half Earnings for Retired Personnel Early Severance).

Obviously persons who have AIDS or HERPES will not be SHAFTEd or SCREWED any further by the Government.

Persons who are not RAPED and are staying on will receive as much SHIT (Special High Intensity Training) as possible. The Government has always prided itself on the amount of SHIT they give our citizens.



How's Your Pond Life?

It's been nearly 10 years since I've had a garden and, recently, I've had a hankering to get my hands dirty again. Imagine my joy when one of my meandering walks took me to the far corner of The Archbishop's Park - a little-used green space alongside Lambeth Palace, opposite St Thomas's Hospital, near Westminster Bridge - and I spotted a sign advertising a Gardening Club on a Friday afternoon. It just so happens that Friday is a 'me' day: lie-in, Pilates lesson, and preparation for the weekend (with 3 of my flower clubs meeting at the weekend, plus rugby matches, I'm often busier then than during the week).

I was looking forward to my first session and guess what task I was assigned? Pond clearing! Surprisingly, I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I had size-10 waders on, which came up to my wotsit, cautiously testing the depth of the pond with a stick, only to find it barely reached my ankles, and I learnt all about Planorbidae - the black Ram's Head Snail. This small mollusc has a shell which resembles a ram's head (hence the name) or coiled rope. A colony of these snails shows your pond has a harmonious ecosystem. Who knew? If you don't have any, you can buy them on the internet or from your local water garden centre.

They live in the margins of the pond and eat algae, dead vegetation, algae, dead fish and snails and yet more algae. They much prefer the softer algae, but they will eat leafy vegetation if there's not enough food for them or if they've had a baby boom. So, if you notice them on your pond plants, it might be time for a cull. I don't believe these critters are edible, but I did used to breed snails for the pot - I can give you a mean Bloody Mary Escargot recipe if you wish!

I can't wait for my next session and, if I'm good, I might get the opportunity to don a beekeeper's suit and work on the hives. What fun!

Gaenor's answers to the Flowers, Herbs or Trees Quiz. Has she been demoted to evil again?

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| 1. | Busy Lizzie | 11. | Marigold |
| 2. | Black Eyed Susan | 12. | Anemone |
| 3. | Sage | 13. | Petunia |
| 4. | Lily | 14. | Monkshood |
| 5. | Forget-me-not | 15. | Cypress |
| 6. | Buttercup | 16. | Eucalyptus, Gum tree |
| 7. | Sweet William | 17. | Bay |
| 8. | Snap Dragon | 18. | Pear |
| 9. | Foxglove | 19. | Beech |
| 10. | Thyme | 20. | Walnut |