Bramhall U3A Upbeat Magazine

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Stay Safe - Stay in Touch

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June is such an Upbeat month

The gardening group has remained active during lockdown through the establishment of a WhatsApp group and through Zoom meetings.

In fact we are more active than normal with 4 meetings a month available for members to join. By splitting our whole group into two smaller groups for Zoom meetings this enables a more manageable forum for group discussions.

Whereas our new WhatsApp group is encouraging all members to participate in mini projects such as photographing flowers and plants by a particular colour each week, growing cut flowers from seeds & comparing their development and an ongoing mystery plant competition in each of our gardens. We have even had a very topical photo challenge where members took pictures of self-isolating plants! Looking to the future we are propagating plants for a charity plant stall to be, hopefully, held later in the summer. **Carol Wilson**

June Is Such a Bonny Time

June is such a bonny time
Bird and flower weather
Time for song and love and rime
Time to be together;
Time for hoops and sails and wings,
Butterflies and happy things

Annette Wynne

GUESS WHO?

Who is this youthful Committee Member ?

The answer will be revealed in next month's Magazine.

Last month's 'Young' Committee Member was ...

Meg Rowell

If you can, please be a 'buddy' to someone. Someone you know.

A warm welcome to you all

Another month gone by and still we can't meet. Perhaps not in person but certainly in spirit. I'm sure we're all quite used it by now and are none the worse for it. We as a group have a certain strength that's got us this far. As is said, "Don't mess with old people. They didn't reach that age by being stupid." Even if it's not true, we won't admit it!

Our committee, from last year is soldiering on in good spirits as we had to postpone the AGM. Lots of humour being exchanged as well as business. I've heard tales of people getting depressed by having to stay at home. I wonder why. They obviously aren't as bright as us!

Look after yourselves and don't be overdoing things like gardening or exercising. Be like me. My doctor told me to watch my drinking, so now I do it in front of a mirror.

As the old song has it "We're no awa tae bide awa.".

Alaister Macrae

The U3A Mapping Bramhall Group enjoy finding old pictures of Bramhall on the *Stockport Image Archive* and identifying their location and current survival.
If you have any information or old pictures of any local buildings then please contact :
magazine@bramhallu3a.org.uk
All messages will be passed on to Val Murray

The Tudor Cinema, Bramhall

The Tudor Cinema was a landmark in Bramhall for over 30 years. It was situated on the corner of Woodford Road and Birch Road (now Meadway) and operated between 1935 and 1958, alternating between showing films and staging shows. It was an opulent building with Tudor-style oak beams and large paintings of Henry VIII and his six wives on the walls. The outside was decorated with green tiles.
During its period as a repertory theatre it had a hand in the early careers of several famous actors including Roy Dotrice, Glenn Melvyn and Pat Phoenix. Ronnie Barker spent 15 months in 1950/51 with Frank F. Fortescue's Famous Players as a stage manager and junior actor. The growing popularity of television resulted in declining audiences and the cinema was sold to Hazel Grove & Bramhall UDC in 1959 for £1500 and was demolished in 1961.
A supermarket and offices were built on the site, which is now occupied by Superdrug and Riva.
The name lives on in the office block above the shops, Tudor House.

Janet McMurray - Bramhall Mapping Group

Stockport Image Archive

Your Committee

Chair: Alaister Macrae **Vice-chair:** Peter Webster **Treasurer:** Alistair Gardner **Groups:** Chris Stubbs
Membership: Kay Witham **Speakers:** Doreen Neil ***Along with:*** Edward Haynes; Meg Rowell; Bob Dumbarton; Christine Hollingsworth; Frances Bell; Jill Rickman and Joy Armstrong.

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National Trust Membership

The National Trust has made some adjustments to its membership conditions due to coronavirus, as you can see if you follow the link below.

If you are a current National Trust member and were planning to renew your annual membership for 2020 (or perhaps already have) then it is possible to apply for a discount. It is not known if there is anything on offer if you are a life member.

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/help-with-your-membership-payments-due-to-coronavirus

To register just enter your membership number and your post code.

Alternatively phone membership: 0344 800 1895.

Knitting Group A

Knitting group A have managed to raise **£105** for St Ann's Hospice at Easter time despite the lockdown.
Thanks to everyone who bought one of our knitted novelties. Some of us have also been helping the NHS. We have made some 'ear-savers' (see picture). Evidently having elastic from masks over your ears all the time causes soreness. The elastic goes over the buttons at the back of the head so relieving the pressure on the ears.
They have been sent to various hospitals in the North-West. **Sheila Porter**

Cooking up lots of ideas ...

***All Members are invited* to contribute ideas for the magazine that we can circulate to everyone** ...

- **New recipes** for members to try, using the kind of ingredients from the store-cupboard, or that you can find available on supermarket shelves! Or just your favourite/simple meal ideas.
- **Start a telephone chat-line team** - call members who may be very lonely now that they can't attend their group meetings or monthly meeting. If you can, get involved and make a difference.
- **We need members to compile a puzzle page** which we can publish for members on a regular basis.
- **Jokes** ... good, bad, but clean, please! **Your favourite jokes** to: *magazine@bramhallu3a.org.uk*
- **Photos. Please send your best photos to:** *magazine@bramhallu3a.org.uk*
- **What keeps you busy?** Let us know so that we may share your ideas with others

Quiz Time …

All answers to all questions are on the back page, but no cheating …

Firstly, an apology from the editorial team … *There was a small, but significant, mistake in the May edition Quiz. In the 'The Gender neutral quiz', the second sentence should have read…*

"FOUR years ago he/she was four times as old as the child" *With the answer:* ***The parent is 48 when he/she is twice as old as the child.*** *We really do hope nobody has lost too much sleep trying to work it out. Sorry.*

The first three questions were submitted by Keith Wright

A - Well-known proverbs.

Each letter is the first letter of a word.
What is the proverb?

1 **T. l. m. i. t. l. m. h.**

2 **T. m. c. s. t. b.**

3 **A. s. i. t. s. n.**

4 **L. b. y. l.**

5 **M. h. m. l. w.**

6 **A. r. s. g. n. m.**

7 **Y. c. h. y. c. a. e. i.**

8 **P. w. p. f.**

9 **M. h. l. s.**

10 **I. f. a. p. i. f. a. p.**

B - DINGBATS - Each question means a well known phrase or saying. But what is it?

11 **13579**
Whelming

12 **KJUSTK**

13 **T RN**

14 **Gettingitall**

15 **PETS A**

16 **BILLED**

17 **plasma** H2O

18 **1T3456**

19 **High**
The clouds

20 **Arrest**
You're

C - Towns and cities in the UK

Can you work out the names of the UK Towns or Cities from the clues?

21 **What we breathe.**

22 **Add fuel to the fire.**

23 **Possess insect.**

24 **Replacement for Noah.**

25 **Carry on Barbara.**

26 **Disallow funeral.**

27 **Wise associate.**

28 **Sister cannibalised.**

29 **Cook pasture.**

30 **Talk pork.**

Another quiz is on the next page.
Well you can't have too much of a good thing … can you?

Photo courtesy of Eileen Elliott

A Second Science quiz (with a difference)

The **Ig Nobel prizes** are a parody of the actual Nobel prizes and *"first make people laugh and then make them think"*. The prizes celebrate and honour the unusual and imaginative and aim to spur people's interest in science, medicine and technology.

For each question, whom do you think was the actual award winner?

The 2000 Ig-Nobel prize for Physics

A The rate of tripping varies with the gravitational strength across the world (*Matthew Strong – Canada*)

B The extent of bruising of apples is proportional to their height on a tree above the ground (*Whina Cooper – New Zealand*)

C Levitating a frog using it's intrinsic magnetism (*Andre Geim – United Kingdom*)

The 2006 Ig-Nobel prize for Ornithology

D Why woodpeckers don't get headaches (*Ivan Schwab – USA*)

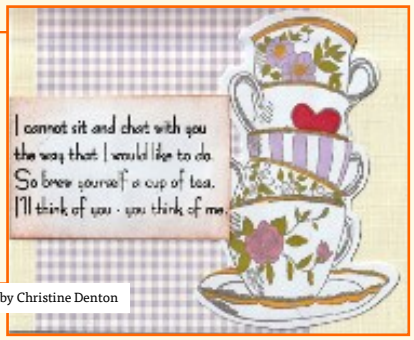
E How long can swifts sleep while flying? (*Ryk Neethling –South Africa*)

F Young Lyre birds receive singing lessons from their parents (*John Albert Leach – Australia*)

Submitted by Mike Hollingsworth (Coordinator Science for All group)

As mentioned at the start, all answers are on back page, but no cheating … More quizzes next month.

We hope you like the Chris D 'cup of tea' card. It is her suggestion that on our monthly meeting day, everyone sits down with a cup of tea at 3.00pm, thinks of their friends and puts away their entry charge of £1. Then when we return to our meetings we will have money to donate to our charities, who must have been suffering badly over the past months. We hope you think this is a worth-while idea.



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Letters from members

I would like to say thank you to you all. I have really enjoyed reading the magazine it brightened one of my down days and look forward to the next issue. From ***Joan Penney***

I would just like to say if you need any cards for birthdays etc. give the card group your support.
After reading the on-line Magazine, I contacted Jill and arranged to go to her home to pick up some cards for various occasions I had coming up.
What a wonderful selection. I parked on the Drive, Jill passed 3 bags to me, from a safe distance, of course. I got 18 all nice, such a varied selection and a good price. Jill will also arrange to bring cards to you at home.
You choose while Jill sits in her car and you then return those you don't require and pay.
What a good service! Give it a try. . .

From ***Mary Handley***

I asked the ladies to make me a number of "special" birthday cards with numbers on. These were delivered by Jill along with a selection of male and female cards in separate bags. We kept our distance using the garden and it worked very well. Thank you Card Makers, you did a splendid job.

From ***Pam Rhodes***

Let's hope its not too long before we can resume our monthly meetings as we miss the buzz, camaraderie and chatting to our friends.
The Card Making Group would like to thank everyone who has ordered cards from us during the Lockdown. I think it has been very successful and helped our U3A friends send their cards and has kept us busy with special orders.

Jill Rickman

***Please remember your U3A card makers* can offer you a service.**

If you would like a hand-made card or need more than one, we would make a card of your choice and deliver it to your home for you to send out. Alternatively we can make, sign and post your card for you. It's your choice. All our proceeds go directly to **The Wellspring** charity. We hope you like our idea and if anyone can make any suggestions as to what they would like us to try, email me at *charities@bramhallu3a.org.uk*

Keep safe and I look forward to hearing from you. **Jill Rickman**

Perhaps everything is not quite so bad after all ...

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

Here are some Quite Interesting facts about the 15th Century ...

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour.

Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

A bath consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it.

Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof on to people.

Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. A bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection

And that's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was usually just dirt. Only the wealthy had something more solid. **Hence the saying "dirt poor."** The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet , so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start falling outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway to keep the thresh inside.

Hence the saying a "thresh hold."

They cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while.

Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could **"bring home the bacon."** They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and **"chew the fat."**

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead-poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes.

So, for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or **"upper crust."**

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up.

Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

They started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.
Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night on the **"graveyard shift"** to listen for a bell.

Thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

And that's the truth. Now , whoever said that History was boring .

What keeps you busy at home ?

Following on from Bob Dumbarton's jigsaw pics last month.
Charlie Barker has been working on two Jigsaws during lockdown. The forest scene above is a 100 year old wooden jigsaw that is not interlocking in the usual way and has no picture!

It's always worth sharing your Upbeat

We all feel it is important to keep in touch with one another, but not everyone has or can use internet or email. If you can read the U3A magazine online and have a friend or 'buddy' who cannot, then you can always phone them to chat about it.

You could also, if you wish, print parts of it yourself and post it to them.

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VE Day – Remembered

May 7th 1945. The BBC interrupted its scheduled programming with a newsflash announcing that Victory in Europe Day – May 8th – would be a national holiday. Churchill had gained assurances from the Ministry of Food that there were enough beer supplies and the Board of Trade announced that people could purchase red, white and blue bunting without having to use their ration coupons. After nearly six years of war in Europe, wartime restrictions such as food rationing and the strain and danger associated with air raids and blackouts, it was time to celebrate. Winston Churchill spoke to the nation: *'In all our history we have never seen a greater day. This is your hour. This is your victory.'*

The Creative writing group studied some original local pictures taken on VE Day and imagined they were present at the celebrations. The photos which have survived from Manchester and Stockport, fully illustrate the excitement, the pride and the relief. Various events were organised to mark the occasion, including parades, thanksgiving services, street parties, even bonfires. Music was provided by gramophones, accordions, and barrel organs and revellers sang and danced to old favourites like *'It's a long way to Tipperary'* and *'We'll meet again'*. Licensing hours were extended and dance halls stayed open until midnight.

***Percy**: In Manchester town centre, a crowd of more than 15,000 listened intently to Churchill's broadcast. I was at the back of the crowd with my grandad who lifted me onto his shoulders so I could see what was going on. I covered my ears with my hands as fireworks erupted and the band played 'Land of Hope and Glory'. The crowds went wild grabbing anything that would make a noise – rattles, whistles, even dustbin lids clanging together. The atmosphere was electric, all faces turning upwards, everyone smiling with bright eyes clearly focused on the photographer, arms waving, all cheering together. There seemed no room to breathe and not an inch of space to move, but nobody cared. Lampposts and flagpoles were festooned with streamers and one woman in particular could be clearly seen trying to clamber up a pole for a better view. A group of policemen kept a calm eye on the proceedings, unperturbed by the clamour of the crowd, their helmets firmly strapped in place. I remember a very large poster of a giant V announcing 'MANCHESTER SALUTES THE ALLIES'*

Pamela: I had only recently left school and was working in a local factory. We were told we had the day off and all nine of us screamed and danced into the cobbled street, wearing our wrap around pinafores, hair fashionably styled in victory rolls, clutching each other as well as a feathered banner which was held aloft. The sombre gloom of the terraced houses surrounded us but all we could see were the red, white and blue Union Jacks waving proudly in the air.

***Raymond**: I was at school on that day, 6 years old. We all poured onto the street together with our teachers. Bunting was strewn across the street and Union Jacks were everywhere on the garage doors, and between houses, as well as in our hands. We weren't quite sure what was happening or why we were celebrating, and in particular, why we were allowed out of school, but we knew in our hearts that this was a momentous day.*

William: I rushed home after school and told Ma. She'd had a drink because she kept hugging me saying, *'Isn't it wonderful? Your dad will be coming home.'* She helped me put on my best Sunday suit. *'You need to look nice for the photos and put on your dad's cap. He will be so proud!'* My friend, Tommy, and I hauled the union jack on our shoulders and made our way through the streets, the air filled with honking horns, klaxons, people yelling and adults dressed up in funny clothes. *'Right, now, our Tommy. Let's stand on those steps,'* and we along with everyone else jostled to get the best position as we watched the camera point our way.

***Mrs Clegg**: I still remember the street party on VE Day. All the children were sitting down at the long table for the celebratory feast – in so far as rationing permitted feasting! Mothers and aunties all crowded round behind the table, smiling and waving their Union Jacks. The danger was over! The fighting was over! And we'd won! Hip, hip hooray! But I noticed there were some people who didn't seem to be having a good time. They didn't seem to be good mixers: the moustachioed man leaning against the house and the little knot of women to the side. They couldn't not come to watch, but they were not part of it. I was one of those women, not smiling. I was thinking of my son, of course. He'd survived the war up until the Allied invasion of Normandy in June the previous year, when the tide had turned against the Germans and the end was nearly in sight. He was back home now, shell-shocked and still trying to adjust to getting around on his wooden leg.*

Harold: I was eleven on VE Day. It was a lovely day, bright and warm. Our mums had organised this party in Heaton Park to celebrate the end of the war. They put together a long line of tables borrowed from our school canteen so that we could all sit together. It looked really nice with flowers in vases and a Union Jack in the middle with a picture of the king. We had white tablecloths like a proper party. They were bedsheets really but nobody minded. The mums had cups of tea, but Mrs Bolton from round the corner served us orange juice, as much as we wanted, from a big, white enamel jug. I was only five when the war started. I remember the first time I had to carry a gas-mask to school. I was quite excited about it; then it got to be a bit of a nuisance. You can't kick a ball round with that thing on you.

Anyway, when we were told about VE Day, everybody was so excited and a bit giddy and all the mums got together to make this party in Heaton Park. It was grand with all the food saved up so we could have a real feast. My mum had some sugar, a bit of margarine, some dried egg and two real eggs to make buns for us all. We hadn't had much cake recently, because of all the rationing and there wasn't much money around either. Gran had saved some of those bright red cherry things from before the war, so Mum put them on the buns. They tasted a bit funny but they were ever so sweet and looked lovely. The only man at our party was our headmaster. He was in a reserved occupation, so he wasn't called up.

After tea, we played games and our mums had sorted out some prizes. I won an old tennis racquet. I didn't care that it wasn't new. It was grand. I spent hours hitting a ball against our side wall. I got quite good and when Tom Robertson down the road found one in his grandad's shed with most of its strings, we played for hours out on the road.

I thought my dad would come straight home after that, but it was months later. He was somewhere in Italy and he had to wait to be discharged. He arrived finally in the middle of the night. He'd walked from Manchester and when I woke up in the morning, there he was. It was a bit strange actually, because he was in bed with my mum and I didn't really recognise him at all. Anyway, we had a slap-up meal that night and played cards. It was almost as good as VE Day.

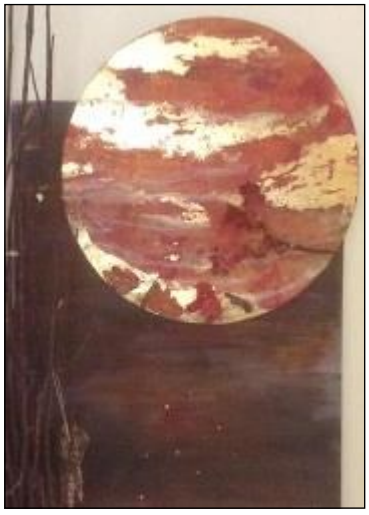
A Poem *by Lesley Keefe*

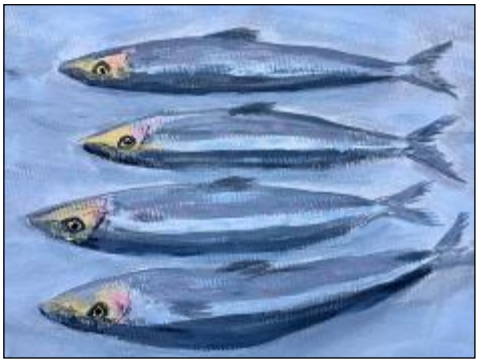
Each week I go on the Northern train
I walk down to Marx in the pouring rain,
In resplendent purple and verdant green,
I am a sight who must be seen.
In Feb the water burst had just got fixed,
When in my illness I walked up to the A6
And was given the last 6 bottles of H2O
And a lift home because I was feeling low.
But who knew! In March it would only get worse,
As if the 7 plagues of Christendom have visited as a curse,
At least the hand washing water comes out of the spout,
And I have to be thankful for my 1 day out.

I bravely stand and shuffle up,
Each time another one goes into the shop,
But 'Hurry!' You can hear them silently say,
We must be fed this very day.
In Hazel Grove a nicer place,
Is overwhelmed by the human race,
We all have to eat and imbibe too,
Until the virus overcomes you.
Yes, I am the one who stands inline,
With 10, 20, 30, 40 at a time,
In rain or snow or sleet or sun
With bags aplenty until the shopping is done.

Art Group

Hello Everyone, I am Mel and the Tutor for both Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme Art Groups.
Our sessions came to an abrupt end as did most U3A groups and so to keep everyone bubbling with creativity the first project set was ' Sunset'.
On 1st April I started **Cheeky Creative Challenge**. A different word for every day during April and the idea was to create a short sketch for 10-15 minutes or a longer project as to your interpretation of that word.
Then when everyone thought that they could get back to cleaning the cupboards, skirting boards and gardening or just enjoying the sunshine, I came up with a **Crazy Creative Challenge** for May. Five subjects: Wacky Hair, Animals wearing glasses, Animals with antlers (not deer), Vehicles made of food Something hatching out of an egg, (not a chick). We have received some fantastic pictures. It is surprising what you can create if you just let your imagination go.





Some members have been doing their own projects which is brilliant, using a variety of mediums, be it watercolour, acrylic, pastel, coloured or graphite pencils. We plan to share all their work when we all meet again.
We have over 200 fabulous imaginative creations submitted, even from people who do not belong to U3A and all posted to https://www.facebook.com/Cheeky-Creative-Challenge-105970387727799

If have access to *Facebook* and you get a moment please view the postings and like the page.
The Challenge for June is 'A POEM'. Choose your favourite poem and depict it in a drawing, collage, painting or any craft of your choice. Or of course you could create your own poem, maybe one about the world we all find ourselves in at the moment and how you are feeling. This Project is open to everyone, not just the art groups and we would welcome your creations. Contact Mel on mel@colandmel.com for any further information. **Mel** xxx

The **Theatre group** have had confirmation from the **Gilbert and Sullivan Society** that their Buxton programme for 2020 has been cancelled, but will take place in 2021 at the same time of year.

Community stuff

There's loads of information available for you on the Community Information page on the Bramhall U3A website
www.bramhallu3a.org.uk/other/community.html
Keep up to date on these official websites
The NHS/Coronavirus.
https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19
Stockport MBC website.
www.stockport.gov.uk/ .

Green bins
Green bins will now be collected every 2 weeks.
Check your bin collection day and put your bin out before 7am.
You can now put food waste in your green bin.
Black bins
There's no change to your black bin collection and they'll continue to be emptied ***every 2 weeks on your normal day.***
Blue and Brown bins
Blue and Brown bins will be collected every 4 weeks.
Both bins need to be put out on the same day.

The Backpage

The Answers

A - Initial letters of well-known proverbs.

1.	T.l.m.i.t.l.m.h.	The longest mile is the last mile home
2.	T.m.c.s.t.b.	Too many cooks spoil the broth
3.	A.s.i.t.s.n.	A stitch in time saves nine
4.	L.b.y.l.	Look before you leap
5.	M h.m.l.w.	Many hands make light work
6.	A.r.s.g.n.m.	A rolling stone gathers no moss
7.	Y c h y c a e I.	You can't have your cake and eat it
8.	P.w.p.f.	Penny wise pound foolish
9.	M.h.l.s	More haste less speed
10.	I.f.a.p.i f.a.p.	In for a penny in for a pound

B - DINGBATS - Phrases and sayings.

11.	13579 Whelming	Overwhelming odds
12.	KJUSTK	Just in case
13.	T RN	No U turn
14.	Gettingitall	Getting it all together
15.	PETS A	A step backwards
16.	BILLED	Ill in bed.
17.	plasma H2O	Blood is thicker than water
18.	1T3456	Tea for two
19.	High the clouds	High above the clouds
20.	arrest You're	You're under arrest

C - Towns and cities in the UK

21. What we breathe.	Ayr
22. Add fuel to the fire.	Stoke
23. Possess insect.	Havant
24. Replacement for Noah.	Newark
25. Carry on Barbara.	Windsor
26. Disallow funeral.	Banbury
27. Wise associate.	Morecambe
28. Sister cannibalised.	Nuneaton
29. Cook pasture.	Sheffield
30. Talk pork.	Chatham

A Second Science Quiz with a difference

The actual IgNobel awards were:

C **Levitating a frog using it's intrinsic magnetism**

Under a strong magnetic field, electrons in all materials but especially in water become essentially tiny magnets. The frogs are magnetised opposite to the field, which counteracts gravity, and hence they levitate. Andre Geim was the first person to receive both an IgNobel award and also a Nobel prize. He was awarded the latter in 2010 for the invention of graphene. He is a Professor at Manchester University. (http://www.physics.org/facts/frog-really.asp)

D **Why woodpeckers don't get headaches**

Woodpeckers can hammer into trees 20 times per second with an acceleration of 100 g. The bone density in their heads is interspersed with spongy patches that reduce the impact energy. Also, at impact the beak muscles tense so redirecting the forces.
(https://www.improbable.com/2014/10/28/dr-schwab-explains-why-woodpeckers-dont-get-headaches/)

Our charities still need our support

A thought to ponder: Bramhall U3A member **Gillian Rowe** has been thinking about the loss to our charities of the money collected at the monthly meetings, the card stall and Helen's books for **St Ann's Hospice** and collections of items for **The Wellspring**. There would also have been a lot raised through the Easter items from the **Knitting and Card groups.**

She suggests that we each put aside the meeting entry fee, plus any spare coins and put them into a money box or tin to save for a time when everything is normal again. I don't think things will be quite the same! We're not spending money on our usual outings, holidays and meals out, so put it in a box to help others. **Stay Safe**

A message from your Upbeat magazine team - Peter Webster & Bob Dumbarton:-

We hope that you have enjoyed reading the JUNE edition of your Upbeat Magazine and we would like to thank all contributors for their brilliant input.
The next edition will be available on the first FRIDAY in JULY and we would really welcome your articles, pictures, quizzes, jokes and, of course, feedback.

Please submit all items for the June magazine by June 23

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