Dear Fellow Members,

As you will have seen from our Chairman Angus’ emails, your Committee have been working hard to get the Club back on track, with a number of Zoom Speaker meetings and a planned return to lunch meetings at the golf club from September. We have tabled a Mini AGM (via Zoom) on 23rd June where amongst other things we will need to discuss and agree the Membership Fee and Lunch Fees for 2022 and appoint the Committee Members. An Agenda and Accounts will be sent out beforehand and I do hope as many of you as possible will attend. Please let Angus or any Committee member know of any nominations (including self-nominations) just as soon as possible.

My thanks to Ken Clare, Sandra Carpenter, Robyn Wright and Robin Bloor for their contributions to this edition which I hope you will enjoy.

This Year’s Speakers

We did not have a speaker in January, instead Richard Bransby invited members to join the Sanderstead Operatic Appreciation Society in a virtual visit to The Royal Opera House production of Gianni Schicchi. This one act comic opera includes Puccini’s famous aria “O mio babbino caro” (Oh my beloved Father) and was a fun introduction to light opera.

In February Sally Schofield from Nat West Bank spoke about scams and fraud prevention and in March Vic Quayle returned to speak about the rally driving exploits of racing driver Stirling Moss. Vic’s presentation included a number of rare photographs, some of which were taken from his book “Stirling Moss – Rally Driver”

Our most recent speaker on 28 April, was Steve Bird who gave an informative and most amusing insight into his career in industrial relations at Ford during the 1970’s and 80’s. Steve now enjoys researching military history and we hope to have him back again next year to talk to us all in person. Watch this space!

Congratulations!

Robyn and Tony Wright celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 24th January. Unfortunately due to the Covid restrictions their celebrations had to be rather muted. Tony commissioned a rather splendid cake surprise for Robyn and they had a lazy day dining on smoked salmon, beef wellington, sticky toffee pudding and custard, all washed down with a bottle or two of Champagne. (Just an ordinary Sunday in Warlingham then!)

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Pandemic Pursuits

Robyn has spent some time during Lockdown doing jigsaws (when not eating anniversary cake), both on-line and in the traditional boxed format. I have included pictures of some of them further on in this Newsletter.

For my birthday last year Heather bought me a rather special construction kit: an 8 inch “working” model of a V-Twin internal combustion engine and I took the opportunity of the bleak winter days of lockdown to investigate it. It took me about two weeks to build as I was only allowed to “play” for about an hour a day and was quite a challenge with just 300 metal components, many of them quite small requiring imaginative use of tweezers. The fact that all the instructions were in Chinese added to the fun, Thank goodness for Google Translate.

A FUN ENGLISH LESSON

Noun, Verb, Adjective, or Preposition

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word and that word is UP. It’s easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP) and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has special meanings. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this word is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can include UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your

Do you remember the old Keil Kraft balsa wood model aircraft? Well The Vintage Model Company have resurrected some of their kits and my current bad weather project is construction of a flying model Supermarine Spitfire MkVB using the original technique of a balsa and tissue framework built over a scale plan with much use of modelling pins and sandpaper. I had forgotten how fiddly and fragile small pieces of balsa were and at times felt that building a full size replica would be easier. There is a lot more work to do before it flies, hopefully for more than a few seconds before plunging into the ground, and I will let you know how things pan out.

Whether it will fly or not is yet to be seen and will be dependent on how much faith I have in my model making ability at the end of the day.
time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with (UP to) a hundred or more.
When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.
When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP.
When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now... My time is UP!

What is a Homograph?

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A Heteronym is a Homograph that is pronounced differently.

1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
2) The farm was used to produce produce.
3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6) The soldier decided to desert his desert in the desert.
7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10) I did not object to the object.
11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13) They were too close to the door to close it.
14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into sewer pipe.
16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?
If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praut? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Why do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the uniqueness of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

Paraprosdokian

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or re-interpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect. For this reason, it is extremely popular among comedians and satirists. Here are a few examples:

1. If I had a pound for every girl who found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me very attractive.
2. I want to die peacefully like my grandfather, not screaming and shouting like the passengers in his car.

3. I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.

4. Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

5. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

6. I'm great at multitasking: I can waste time, be unproductive and procrastinate all at once.

7. If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame. Take my advice, I'm not using it.

8. Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

9. Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

10. Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

11. He who laughs last thinks slowest.

12. Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?

13. Men say women should come with an instruction manual; but since when has any man stopped to read the instructions.

14. I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.

15. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

16. I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.

17. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

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**Alternative Use of Words**

1. ARBITRAITOR
   A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.

2. BERNADETTE
   The act of torching a mortgage.

3. BURGLARIZE
   What a crook sees through.

4. AVOIDABLE
   What a bullfighter tries to do.

5. COUNTERFEITER
   A worker who put together kitchen cabinets.

6. LEFT BANK
   What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.

7. HEROES
   What a man in a boat does.

8. PARASITES
   What you see from the Eiffel Tower.

9. PARADOX
   Two physicians.

10. PHARMACIST
    A helper on a farm.

11. RELIEF
    What trees do in the spring.

12. RUBBERNECK
    What you do to relax your wife.
Here are the answers to January’s Quizzes

Sandra’s Food and Drink Quiz
1) Almonds
2) Corona
3) Cuba
4) Rice
5) Vitamin C
6) NaCl
7) Indian Pale Ale
8) None, they are made from cheese
9) Spinach
10) Anchovy

And Robyn’s Trivia Quiz
1) 116 years
2) Ecuador
3) Sheep and Horses
4) November
5) Squirrel fur
6) Dogs
7) Albert
8) Crimson
9) New Zealand
10) Orange (of course)

Here are a couple of short quizzes to help keep your brains active and later on you will find a short Anagram Crossword, courtesy of Robyn and Sandra.

The Badger Quiz
1) To which animal is the badger more closely related?
   A. Seal B. Mongoose C. Bear
2) Which of these is not a true badger species?
   A. American Badger B. Desert Badger C. Honey Badger
3) Badgers are a member of the mustelid or weasel family; how many UK native ‘wild mustelids’ are there including the badger?
   A. 6 B. 8 C. 10
4) The Welsh name for badger is moch daear, which translates as what?
   A. Earth pig B. Fat panda C. Shy bear
5) What colour is an Erythristic badger?
   A. White B. Black C. Ginger
6) What is the name of the German dog breed which translates as badger dog?
   A. Dachshund B. Dobermann C. Schäferhund
7) Badgers are a protected species, but in what year was the latest protection (Protection of Badgers Act) specifically afforded to them?
8) Brock, the Old English name for badger, is thought to come from which French word?
   A. Bécheur B. Brouter C. Bruiner
9) Which of these American football teams is named after badgers?
   A. Baltimore B. Wisconsin C. Minnesota
10) How long have badgers lived in Britain?
    A. 250,000 years B. 25,000 years C. 2,500 years
The Little Quiz

1. What were Nissan cars formerly called?
2. Who did the Redshirts or Red Coats (Italian history) follow?
3. Which singer/songwriter has the nickname Madge?
4. In which type of tree did Charles 2nd hide to escape the Roundheads?
5. Where in London is "Little Ben"?
6. Who is the odd man out - GUMMO, CHICO, HARPO, KARL, GROUCHO, ZEPPO
7. Before Mount Everest was discovered what was the highest mountain on earth?
8. Who is reported to have said that the air over Freshwater Downs, IOW "it is worth sixpence a pint?"
9. What is the name of the butterfly that is found only on the Isle of Wight?
10. Where on the Isle of Wight will you find the only pub named after a breed of dog?

Seeing is Believing?

How many "F"s can you count in the following phrase?

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS

3...or 4?

WRONG!

There are actually 6 "F"s. Apparently the brain has difficulty in processing the word "OF".

Please don’t ask me why!

Well, that’s about it for this Issue.

The Anagram Crossword and our current Programme are overleaf. Please join the Zoom meeting on 26 May if you can, and of course the virtual AGM on 23 June where you can voice your thoughts on the running of your Club. We do need some new faces on the Committee so if you are interested in helping to run your Club please let me know.

Stay safe and well and I hope to see you all in the not too distant future.

Bob B

Advice From A Tree

Stand Tall and Proud,
Go Out on A Limb,
Remember Your Roots,
Drink Plenty of Water,
Be Content with Your
Natural Beauty,
Enjoy the View.
Each clue is an anagram of the answer. There might be more than one solution to each clue, i.e. TALE might lead to the answer LATE or TEAL.

**ACROSS**
1 Dishing
7 Got in
8 Sates
9 Ringer
10 Hoes
12 Cape
14 Wow Din
17 Churl
18 Boost
19 No Draws

**DOWN**
1 Argus
2 Dentin
3 Auld
4 Gouts
5 Alpine Pep
6 Their woes
11 I'm Bert
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