# Keeping in Touch - 3 May 2020

Welcome again, isn't it great to be living in god's own country, in the best little town in the west. Sun shines, it rains occasionally, the wind ruffles a few feathers occasionally, and the best bit, is that the people are nice and friendly (most anyway). The other day I was talking to a lady who happened to mention that she was delighted to have so much free time now, a gift of the lock down. There is no or very little hustle and bustle, no rushing off somewhere on some errand or other that's really not that important, but we do it anyway, it's expected, or because we feel we should. The lady now feels she has time to do all the little things that normally just get pushed aside to be done sometime when. She was saying she can now stop and smell the roses, so to speak, and appreciate all in life that is important to her. This quiet time has allowed her to refocus and achieve an inner peace not felt for a long time.

I would think a number of folk would agree with the lady, I feel that when this virus pandemic is over, the way society works will be changed forever. In ways we wouldn't have thought or imagined possible a couple of months ago. Can't wait.

How many of you had success with Val Ball's quiz? How many of you knew what a Snollygoster was or is? There wouldn't be any in Denmark would there? Ha. Ha. Wouldn't be too sure on that would we. Val advised that no one contacted her with any attempted or otherwise answers, so the prize goes to Val for her effort in organising the quiz. (the prize by the way was Dinner for 2 at Forrest Hill Winery ) Congratulations and well done Val. Have a lovely Evening when the time comes.

The Answers as per the attachment below.

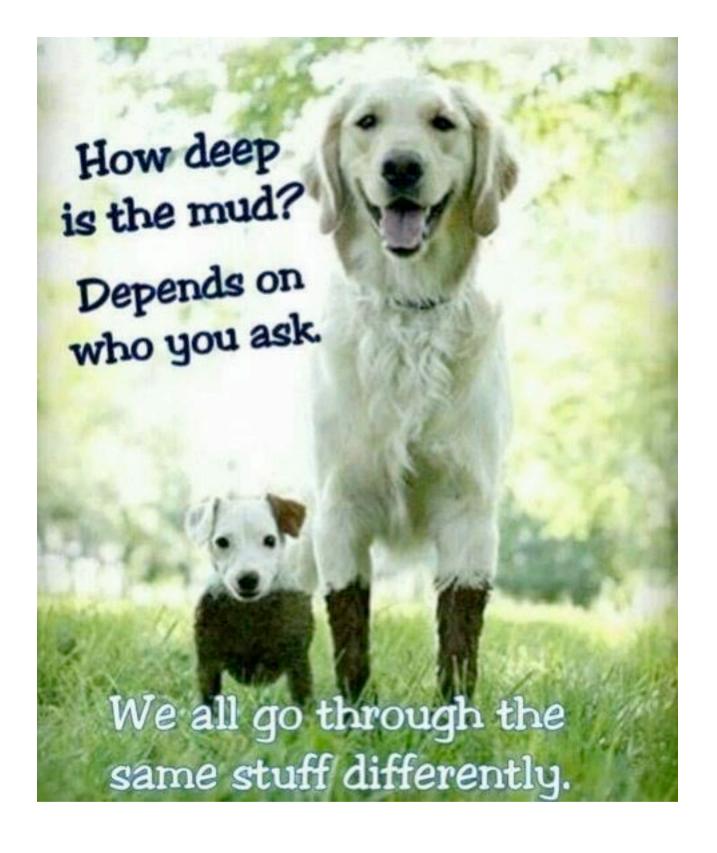
Funnies for this week courtesy of Ann & Gavin Gray and Kevin Stone, thank you for the contribution

I don't know much about birds but I can easily identify the husband in this picture



# THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF ARGUING WITH A WOMAN.

**NEITHER ONE WORKS.** 



These glorious insults are from an era "before" the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir, " said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He had delusions of adequacy ."

-Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

- Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

-Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

-William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."

-Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

-Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

-Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."

-George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."

-Winston Churchill, in response

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."

-Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator."

-John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial."

-Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others."

-Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up."

- Paul Keating

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily."

-Charles, Count Talleyrand

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him."

# -Forrest Tucker

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"

## -Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."

## -Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

# -Oscar Wilde

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination."

-Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music."

-Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening But I'm afraid this wasn't it."

-Groucho Marx

By the way a Snollygoster is according to Mr Google is --- A Shrewed, Unprincipled Person . Hence , Politician comes to mind.

Stay safe Stay Well

#### **Answers**

#### Unit 1

- 1. During WW1
- 2. Schindler's Ark
- 3. 19<sup>th</sup> February 1942
- 4. Harold Holt disappeared and McEwen was interim PM until Libs elected the new PM
- 5. Who was the first Premier of Western Australia?
- 6. Sydney Harbour Bridge opened 19th March 1932
- 7. The Big Merino is in Goulburn NSW
- 8. Australia's largest desert if The Great Victorian Desert
- 9. It covers areas in Western Australia South Australia
- 10. The Horizontal Falls are in the Kimberly region and accessed only by plane from Broome or Derby.

#### Unit 2

- 1. Norman William 1 defeated English Earl Harold Godwinson at the Battle of Hastings
- 2. Prince Philip is the great great grandson of Queen Victoria
- 3. Jane Seymour died in childbirth 3rd wife of Henry V111
- 4a. King John wrote the Magna Carta
- 4b 1215
- 5. Christopher Wren was the Architect of St Pauls' Cathedral
- 6. Oliver Cromwell Old Ironsides- was Lord Protector of C of E 1653 to his death in 1658
- 7. The House of York and House of Lancaster (Lancaster was the victor) hence the red rose used National Emblem for England Notice Test Cricketers have a red rose on their uniforms
- 8. George V1 was QE11's Father
- 9. Queen Victoria had 9 children
- 10. The Tyburn River flows through the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

#### Unit 3

- 1. USA purchased Alaska in 1867
- 2. The deepest river is The CONGO
- 3. Theresa May has an Oxford degree in Geography
- 4. The Partition of India was in 1947
- 5. The T Model Ford offered Black, black and black as colours.... Only black .....
- 6. Edmund Hillary, Magnificent man, climbed Mt Everest on 29th May 1953
- 7. Egypt owns and maintains The Suez Canal
- 8a Alexander Fleming
- 8b 1928
- 9. Bastille Day is 14th July 1789
- 10. Alfred Nobel Chemist, Engineer Inventor Philanthropist invented DYNAMITE

#### Unit 4

1 Perspicacity Ready Insight or Shrewdness

2 Ocothorpe The Hashtag symbol

3 Toque A chef's hat

4 Sibilate Make a hissing sound when pronouncing 5 words

5 Snollygoster A politician who does or says things for own advancement

6 Elysian Blissful or delightful

7 Gubbins item of no value or a silly person

8 Fudgel Pretending to work when in reality Bone idle

9 Loquacious Someone who talks a lot 10 Fugacious Fleeting or transparent

#### Unit 5 Ancient World

- 1 Statue of Zeus
- 2 Pyramids of Giza
- 3 Colossus of Rhodes
- 4 Lighthouse of Alexandria
- 5 Mausoleum of Halicarnassus
- 6 Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- 7 Temple of Artemis

#### Unit 6 Modern World

- 1 Chichen Itza
- 2 Christ The Redeemer
- 3 Machu Picchu
- 4 Great Wall of China
- 5 Colosseum of Rome
- 6 The Taj Mahal
- 7 Petra

#### Unit 7 The Natural World

- 1 Victoria Falls
- 2 Mt Everest
- 3 The Great Barrier Reef
- 4 The Northern Lights
- 5 Rio De Janerio Harbour
- 6 Paricutin Volcano
- 7 Grand Canyon