

# Allara News

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*Hello February*

## Smile

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.  
I passed around a corner and someone saw my grin,  
And when he smiled I knew that I had passed it on to him.  
I thought a bit about that smile then realised its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine could travel around the earth.  
So if you feel a smile beginning, don't leave it undetected,  
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.

*Supplied by Barbara Smile*

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## Soliloquy for -Pandemic Schools Closure

Wy shud I bover to go to scaw, to lern Jografy an dat.  
Yu jus get on a bote or playn an it tayks yu wair its at.

Wy shud I bover to go to scaw to lern borin istry stuf  
Oo cairs wot apend yeers ago wots apenin nows enuf.

Wy shud I bover to go to scaw lern mafs an ow to do sums.  
Yu jus poot it in a calculata poosh arnser an up it cums

Wy shud I bover to go to scaw an lernin ow to spel  
doan need to ryt leterz cos aw yu do wiv ya mobiy l giv em  
a bel

No I doan need aw dat lernin stuf cos dis is wot I erd  
Da bes fing to do wen u gro up is mary a rich ol berd  
Wilyum Shaikspeer.

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## Musings

A little grey hair is a small price to pay for all this  
accumulated wisdom.

Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old  
people are works of art.

I will never be over the hill, - I'm too darn tired to climb it.

Age is a issue of mind over matter. If you don;t mind  
it doesn't matter.

I started out with nothing.... I still have most of it.

For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened.  
Small stain.

This 'killing them with kindness' is taking way  
longer than expected.



## Grey Matter Workout. Test Your Memory on Pantomimes

1. What is the name of the father of Cinderella and the Ugly Sisters?
2. In pantomime who is Princess Marcella?
3. What is the name of Prince Charming's assistant?
4. In which panto does Buttons appear?
5. Who had appeared in panto for 38 consecutive years until 2007 when he won TV's "I'm a Celebrity"?
6. What told Dick Whittington to "turn again"?
7. In Jack and the Beanstalk what does Jack get in exchange for his cow?
8. What is the most popular panto?
9. From what set of stories does the tale of Aladdin originate?
10. From what does the Fairy Godmother create Cinderella's footmen?
11. What is Jack's mother normally known as in Jack and the Beanstalk?
12. What name is given to the the leading man in a panto, usually played by a woman?
13. In which panto would you find the character King Rat?
14. From which side of the stage do the "goodies" in a panto normally appear?

*Answers on next page.*

## Look On The Bright Side

Dear Members

I thought you might like to know that to the best of our knowledge, and enquiry, every one of our 83 clubs have members who have received at least one of their two vaccinations, and that this number count continues to climb every day. The Media, both TV and newspapers, are stirring the pot most unhelpfully, almost to the point of incitement to ferment frustrations, where once patience resided. Please don't let them wind you up! Don't let them get to you! Taking a look at the facts reported up to and including 17th January 2021. 4,062,501 have received their first vaccination and 10 new centres opened today. Here is a link to a general Coronavirus page, so you can keep up to date yourself if you feel overwhelmed, or frustrated by the emotive, and intentionally turbulent nature of the news coverage that is currently being 'shovelled' out. <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/> Please also bear in mind that even on receiving your first vaccination, it will not give you the full benefits of its immunity until some 4 weeks after having it. So it is not a 'passport' for a knees up outside of lock down restrictions, which have now been extended into early March anyway - probably to stop the false assumption that after vaccination one is immediately immune. You are NOT immediately immune after vaccination. The second vaccination should follow in a timely way, some 4 to 12 weeks later, which will then provide the fullest immunity some further time after its administering. The link below is about what to expect after your COVID-19 vaccination.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We are turning the corner, in spite of what the media may have us believe.

Best Wishes,

Joan Rhodes

Chairlady KentARA

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## Kentara Cruise Update

Destination, Scandinavia and the Fjords

24th July 2021. Fred Olsen Cruise Line, Ship Bolette

Members intending to transfer original booking of May 2021 are informed that 'No Gratuities' will be honoured for all Kentara members who booked original Cruise before October 2019.

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## 20th Anniversary

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Allara News which was devised and edited by John Foster. Here is an extract from the first edition.

This is the start of the first Newsletter of the newly formed Allington Allara.. It is amazing just how many members have hobbies to take up their spare time. For most of us they will include children and grandchildren, but as well as these you could have a special hobby. If it is tatting, photography, calligraphy, walking, rowing, sky diving or potholing or any one of a myriad of interests, why not write about it so that other members can share it with you. They may well have always wanted to take up

a particular hobby but had no idea how to set about it. You could help them to do so. We are interested in it.

The Committee at launch is as follows:-

Chairman - Brian Cherry

Vice Chairman - Arthur Sales

Secretary - Mavis Middleton

Treasurer - Dennis Jones

Membership - Ken Golding

Outings - Geoff Tallett

Coach Outings - Rosemary Welcome

Raffle - May Elsey

Refreshments - Rachel Jones

General Assistance - Pat Fyfe

There was such interest in the launch of Allara that membership had to be limited to 220.

Allara's first outing took place on Wednesday 23 May when 24 members met for lunch at the Malta Inn and then took a boat trip on the Medway to Bishop's Palace and back. It was an opportunity for members to meet and possibly form new friendships.

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## Love Thy Neighbour?

OK, so this is the season of goodwill - but there are exceptions.

May an excess of excrement be heaped upon:

Telephone cold callers stating that your washing machine cover has expired, you have a fault on your computer, or your Amazon account has been hacked.

Dog owners who decorate trees and hedgerows with suspended bags of doggydoo.

TV presenters and interviewers who pronounce the letter H as 'haitch'. It's spelt 'aitch' dimwits!

Finally those unspeakable scum bags - Litter Louts and Fly Tippers.

*Evenmoreniggled Nigel*

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There is nothing scarier than that split second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think "They are going to find me naked."



## Pantomime Quiz Answers

1. Baron Hard-up 2. Sleeping Beauty 3. Dandin  
4. Cinderella 5. Christopher Biggins 6. The Bells of  
London . Magic Beans 8. Cinderella 9. The Arabian  
Nights 10. Mice 11. Dame Trot 12. Principal Boy  
13. Dick Whittington 14. Stage Right