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The Ramblers Return

MAY WALK (LENHAM)

We have decided to have a club walk on 11th May starting and finishing in Lenham. Because of the current conditions, it will be socially distanced, we will also not be arranging a pub lunch afterwards. However that doesn't stop participants making their own arrangements if they wish.

WALK DETAILS

Meeting Place: Lenham Maidstone Road public car park.

Time: 10 am

Date: Tuesday 11th May

Distance: 4 miles.

Terrain: Gradual slopes, field paths can be muddy but no stiles

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Mary Hawkins

Sadly we have been informed that Mary has died and her funeral was on April 26th. Members might recall that Peter and Mary were once our Tea Stewards. Our thoughts are with Peter.

If My Body Were A Car

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull.... but that is not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of the weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently....But here's the worst of it.

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or splutter, either my Radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires

Submitted by B.D

Quiz

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators or the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends ?
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards ?
3. Of all vegetables only two can live to produce their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the two perennial vegetables ?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside ?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe and the bottle is genuine, it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside ?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "DW" and are all common words. Name two of them.
7. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked or in any other form except fresh ?
8. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S" ?

Supplied by Kathy R

Answers on next page



The Green Thing

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment. The woman apologised to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days". The young girl responded "That's our problem today, your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations." The older lady said that she was right, we didn't have the 'green thing' in it's day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to be sent for washing, sterilizing and refilling to use them over and over. So they really were recycled. Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. But too bad we didn't do the 'green thing' back then. We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the store and didn't climb into a car to go two blocks away. Back then, we washed our babies nappies because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 240 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in the early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters or friends, not always brand new clothing. Back then, we had one TV or radio in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen (remember them?), not a screen the size of Tasmania. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packed a fragile item to send in the post, we used wadded up old newspapers, not polystyrene or bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up a motor mower to cut the lawn, we used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club or run on an electric treadmill. We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled fountain pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in the razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the 'Green Thing' then. Back then, people took a train or bus and some kids rode their bikes to school, or walked, instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's SUV. We had our electric outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest Burger King. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the 'Green Thing' back then? Please forward this to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation from a know all young person. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to brass us off. Especially from a clever dick who can't give you change without a cash register telling them how much.

Contributed by B. S. & B. T

The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest

In 1957, BBC news show Panorama announced that due to a mild winter and the elimination of the 'spaghetti weevil', farmers in Switzerland were enjoying a thriving spaghetti crop. Footage of Swiss farmers pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees was shown and an incredible amount of viewers believed this trick, with many calling the BBC up and asking how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. The BBC told viewers to "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best.", the director-general of the BBC at the time even fell for this trick, looking in an encyclopaedia to find out if this was actually how spaghetti was grown.

Groanarithms

The problem isn't that obesity runs in your family. It's that no one runs in your family.

I'm reading a book about anti gravity. It's impossible to put it down.

'Doctor. there's a patient on line one who says that he's invisible.'

'Well tell him I can't see him now.'

Atheism is a non prophet organisation.

A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it!

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

Did you hear about the King who was only 12" tall. He was a lousy monarch but a great ruler!

I have a pencil once owned by William Shakespeare but he chewed it a lot. I can't tell if it's 2B or not 2B

Quiz Answers

1. Boxing
2. Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about 2½ feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Asparagus and rhubarb
4. Strawberry
5. The bottles are placed over the pear buds when they are small and are wired in place on the tree. The bottles are left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe they are snapped off the stems.
6. The 3 English words beginning with 'dw' are dwarf, dwell and dwindle
7. Lettuce
8. Shoes, socks, skis, skates, snow shoes, stockings, stilts