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## MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**Q-** When is a newsletter not a newsletter? **A-** When we haven't been doing anything to report on.

**Q-** So what do I put into the newsletter? **A-** All of your contributions have made this a bumper issue.

I have been putting this newsletter together for the past six years and have never yet been stumped for news to convey to our members, but I now find it impossible to convey any news as obviously we as a group at the DVMS are in total lockdown and not participating in our usual activities.

It certainly is a worrying time with the covid-19 taking such a huge toll on the entire planet. Sometimes it feels like we are just waiting for it to arrive on our own doorstep but hopefully if we keep isolated we will avoid the ramifications.

With so many people dying around the world and the economy in tatters, this is not a subject to be treated flippantly or as humorous but in our true Aussie way we always seem to get a laugh out of simple situations and the internet is certainly providing plenty of them, a few that have tickled my fancy are included in the following pages. If you have already seen them, enjoy a laugh again.

For all the members that are not on email I'm afraid that you will need to catch up on the news in delay when the shed finally reopens ... and it will, hopefully sooner than later.

### **A view from an Indian doctor:**

"Social distancing is a privilege. It means you live in a house large enough to practise it. Hand washing is a privilege too. It means you have access to running water. Hand sanitisers are a privilege. It means you have money to buy them. Lockdowns are a privilege. It means you can afford to be at home. Most of the ways toward the Corona off are accessible only to the affluent. In essence, a disease that was spread by the rich as they flew around the globe will now kill millions of the poor. All of us who are practising social distancing and have imposed a lockdown on ourselves must appreciate how privileged we are. Many Indians won't be able to do any of this."

**Does anyone  
know if we can  
take showers yet  
or should we just  
keep washing  
our hands ??**

**You know if you  
keep a glass of  
wine in each hand  
you can't  
accidentally touch  
your face**

# What's been happening

## Kevan and Lila Thomas

Prior to lock down Lila & I went to Clare SA where we stayed with friends for 1 week. We took 2 days to get there so had an overnight at Kaniva. Not the best option, one pub closed, the other pub no meals (it was a Sunday) so the options were a pizza or the community roadhouse. Have to say a good hamburger was had.

My old Navy mate in Clare is an amateur wine maker, so we immersed ourselves in one of his projects. Starting with a day picking and crushing about 130 kilos of Malbec grapes. He then proceeded to barrel them for the fermenting process. Watching the process is very interesting from the initial testing for temperature and Bomei (sugar) and acid through to monitoring all those components. We were only there long enough to see the fermenting process after which the wine is put away for about 18 months before the bottling process.



On our return, due to Lila's compromised immune system and respiratory issues our family insisted that we isolate ourselves to minimise the risk of infection to Lila. So here we are. No Shrine, no Men's Shed and no Rotary and into our 2<sup>nd</sup> week.

While we were in Clare I was putting the finishing touches trying to confirm all the final arrangements for the ANZAC Day Public Speaking Comp and with everything pretty well in place after many calls and emails we made the decision to cancel the night and our ANZAC Commemorative Services in light of the Covid 19 issues. A lot of work for no outcome. As it turned out the District Rotary Conference in Echuca the same week was cancelled. The Rotary Club has now decided that if all is well we will have the Public Speaking Night in Oct and the winner can speak at the Dingley Village Remembrance Day Service.

Lila & I are trying to keep ourselves as normal as possible and ensuring we get regular exercise and diet during a lot of downtime. Our family are contacting us on a regular basis and our youngest daughter is our personal shopper. We hope your lives have not been disrupted too much and you are all staying well and as normal as possible.

I have attached a couple of photos of our wine adventure for a laugh. Stay well and stay in touch for all our benefits. Kevan & Lila Thomas

Thanks Kevan for your article.

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### Working in my Shed at home

Well, I'm having fun and keeping very busy here in lock down at home. As I am a tradesman pattern maker by trade, my wife Robyn asked me to make hanging Flour Baskets. , On goes the old dust coat and out comes the wood bench saw to start this project. To start the job, first cut timber to size, and then drill holes for chain. Lucky I have a very well equipped shed with plenty of bolts etc., and good machinery.



Finished the hanging flower baskets, and a very happy wife. Regards to all Bill Steward.

Thanks Bill for your article.

### Bill King in shed at home

What do members do when the shed is closed?  
I for one work in my shed, for the new members this is where shed members gather before the Braeside sheds were made available to us.

I had a few off cuts of merbau timber decking left over from a job.

Been using some at the shed to make serving boards; now the shed is closed I have to start using my own tools and machinery. This was a small problem as I am an old fart and given most items away.

Doreen wanted me to make her a pot plants stand on wheels, making it easy to move around. First job, join pieces together, cut circle with the jig saw, broke my good blade, tool had not been used for 20 years, found another blade finished the cuts. Now large drainage holes, still have blue jet type best available but these were metal use but work on wood great. Used caster from other timber box when Doreen was not looking, and after a few days finished with pots on.



Thanks to King Billy for your article.

Single man with toilet rolls would like to meet single women with hand sanitiser for good clean fun.



**Today's Drink Special:  
The Quarantini**

**It's just a regular martini,  
but you drink it all alone  
in your house.**

I got in touch with my inner self today.  
That's the last time I use cheap toilet paper.

There will be a baby boom in 9 months.  
And in 2033 we'll witness the rise of the quaranteens.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes...  
She gave me a hug.

I always carry a picture of my wife and children in my wallet.  
It reminds me why there's no money in there.

## **DVMS - April 2020 Farmers' Market**

Although the weather started out cool, cloudy with occasional light showers it cleared to a fine, warm pleasant day which encouraged many local residents to bring their kids and dogs to shop at this once a month festival of fresh produce.

By day's end several stall holders had 'sold out' so it was a win – win for both locals and stall holders. Special measures were employed to cater for COVID 19 limitations giving members of the Dingley Village Men's Shed a rare opportunity to enjoy each other's company whilst at the same time assisting with the setup, break down, parking and conducting crowd control throughout the day. A great day was had by all. The increasing popularity of this monthly event is eagerly awaited by stall holders and local residents alike.



Thanks to Geoff Hergt for this article.

Below is a little story of some of what occurred during the morning. Plus a recognition of the work Denis McKeegan has been doing recently. Kind Regards, John Prestt

**A good Samaritan story.**

**The Dingley Village Farmers Market** held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April started quite a bit differently for our shed members, compared to our previous events. Firstly there was a very noticeable difference in the way the vendors were organized, with plenty of spacing between them due to Covid-19. Barriers were placed, not just for vehicular control but pedestrians as well, to maintain a one way directions for all patrons at the market. Add to this the additional hand wash stations and supplies of sanitizer, the social distancing awareness, market attendance requirements on display, you could say yes, a very different morning indeed.

During the morning a gentlemen whom I had never met previously, approached me and asked if he could shout me a cup of coffee. He had been doing some shopping at the market and noticed the role the DVMS blokes were doing in assisting with car parking and supporting the orderly procession of people into, through and finally out of the market. When the gentleman, who said his name was John approached, he said "You men are doing a fine job to help folks get their goods in as safe a manner as possible, and I would like to shout you and your fellow volunteers a cup of coffee as a thank you". I was pleasantly surprised and he then said, "I will give the coffee vendor \$50 and tell him what it's for, then you and the others can then just step up when you are ready and feel like you need a coffee". I thanked the good Samaritan for his kindness and act of generosity and bid him a good day. Our members were then able to enjoy a nice free hot coffee during the cool Autumn morning, to help keep us all on our toes and in good spirits. The gentleman's kind gesture is just one of many though that I am regularly hearing of during this very challenging time for everyone. It just goes to show that the 'milk of human kindness, is not always sour.

**Another story of generosity.**

Denis McKeegan deserves a big vote of thanks for assisting members of the DVMS Photography group, Music group and the committee to install, setup and use ZOOM, a web conferencing platform that is commonly used for audio and/or video conferencing. Specifically designed for one-on-one or group calls, and as well sessions can be recorded to view later. Denis has spent quite a considerable amount of time in the past 2 -3 weeks via phone and direct computer

interface over the internet to get these groups up and running. Zoom is being used worldwide by individuals, family groups, business and various entities to maintain contacts during the Covid-19 pandemic. The application however is only one of many of the type, enabling people to overcome some of the issues of social isolation, but ZOOM seems to be the most widely used and accepted overall due to its flexibility. So, thanks Den, I'm sure your technical expertise will continue to be invaluable to our various members during the lockdown and as well when are all back in the shed once again. A big round of applause to you mate!

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**Peter Tosh has been putting together a set of trivia questions to keep you brains working and to test your knowledge of our great DVMS.**

"Hi guys, thought it might be time to try and lighten things up a bit. Maybe an email to members. Maybe a round each week. Happy to do this if you like the idea. Kind regards Peter." [petertosh@gmail.com](mailto:petertosh@gmail.com)

### DVMS trivia - Round 1

1. Who is DVMS member # 1 ?
2. How many operating doors are within the entire DVMS ?
3. How many shed \$ we're raised at the last Bunnings sausage sizzle ?
4. Which Commonwealth based organisation did Bill King work for ?
5. How many Prestt's are members of the DVMS ?
6. Name 5 past occupations of your DVMS shed mates ?
7. Name 4 current members of the DVMS committee ?
8. Who often rides a motorcycle to the shed on a Friday ?
9. Which shed member won the 2019 prize for bike rider of the year ?
10. How many holes are there in the new golf putting green area ?

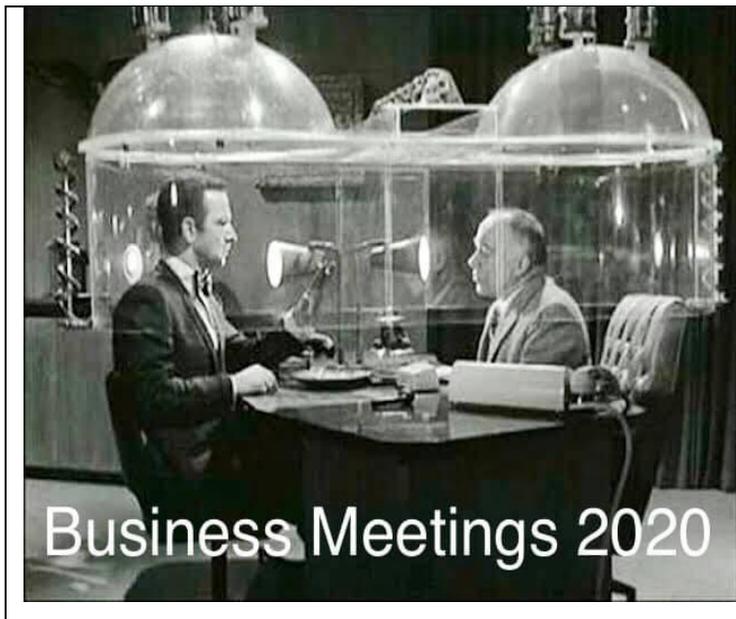


photo by Dr. Jack

Photo of Pres. John , recently returned to EXERCISE resting during his longest ride of about 30km

### DVMS trivia - Round 2

1. Write down 7 DVMS activities
2. List 10 pieces of DVMS woodworking equipment
3. Who was the immediate past president of the DVMS ?
4. Name 2 members of the DVMS music group
5. What brand of car did Vaughan Gibson restore ?
6. Name 4 past DVMS bus tour destinations
7. The photography group were recently doing portraits, how much did they charge \$ ?
8. What is the name of the main road that runs down the middle of Braeside Park ?
9. Name 5 shed members that worked as either a builder, carpenter, plumber or cabinet maker
10. Spell "Dr Jacks" surname



*Day 7 of the quarantine  
My wife took up gardening but won't  
tell what she's going to plant*



### **DVMS trivia Round 3**

Another batch, maybe it should be called Trivia - how well do you know your shed ? Regards Peter

1. Which DVMS activity group meets on a Tuesday at 1pm ?
2. Laurie is known as the sheds best “dunny diver” but what is his main hobby ?
3. Name 2 of the public car park areas within Braeside Park?
4. What is the trade background of our Vice President ?
5. Which DVMS member shares the same surname as a famous music composer ?
6. The “human log splitter“, what was his last paid job ?
7. Ron Wood runs the Friday morning raffle, what was Ron’s previous occupation ?
8. Who is often told to “shut up” on a Friday morning?
9. Name 4 DVMS sponsors
10. Name a DVMS member that volunteers at The Shrine of Remembrance
11. Who is the sheds resident toy maker ?
12. Write down as many DVMS members Christian names that you think of that start with a C, D, V, J and an R.
13. Name the titles of 4 positions within the DVMS committee?
14. Who was the first president of the DVMS?
15. Name 2 DVMS life members
16. Name 2 DVMS first aid officers
17. Who is the oldest member of the DVMS ?
18. Where did the DVMS start ?
19. What is it about Jane Bunn on Channel 7 that people like?
20. Write down 3 things that you are going to do at the shed as soon as it re opens ?
21. Write down the surnames of as many shed members as you can with the name of Bill



## 'Having your say'

Several of our members have passed on some of life's treasures - anonymously.

"For a while there I thought that I might die of starvation, my own cooking was killing me, thanks for home delivery."

"Too bad about the shed being closed .... it was my turn to win the raffle."

"If I hear that bloody tune '*we're all in this together*' one more time a foot is going to go through the tele."

"Hospitals will have to be back to normal by December so they can get ready for the baby boom."

"Thanks to Ron Wood for your kind phone call to check on how I'm doing."

"I bought petrol the other day, didn't need much, tank only took five litres but at the price I couldn't resist it."

"I wish we had more cooking shows on TV."

My old father always said, "Don't stress about things you have no control over."

Q: "What do you think about how some people are disrespecting the new laws on social behaviour?"

A: "It doesn't matter how big the mallet is you use, you cannot knock stupidity out of an idiot."

"My favourite Facebook joke this week was Ernie from Sesame Street saying that 2020 was brought to you by the letters W T and F."

"I recommend starting the day by watching Play School on the ABC."

"Staying home is a great saving in clothes washing - while it's warm, our house is nude only."

"These smart phones are really clever when you can contact your family and have *facetime*."

"I've set up my own mini golf through the house - the par five is from the laundry to the unsuit."

"What a great opportunity to get all my personal paper work sorted out - if only I had the inspiration."

"Oh boy - am I ever glad to have not been put into solitary confinement in jail - no wonder they mad."

"This COVID 19 thingy has taken years off my life. I feel 18 years old again. Petrol is cheap and I am grounded!!"

"I wish they would stop reminding us that the over 65's are the most vulnerable. "

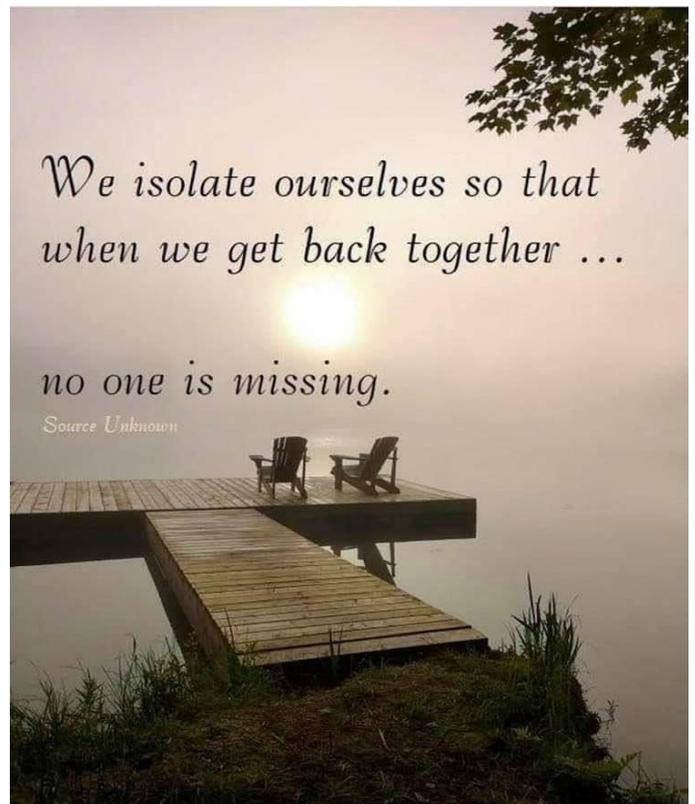
"Stay away from negative people, they have a problem for every solution.(Albert Einstein)."

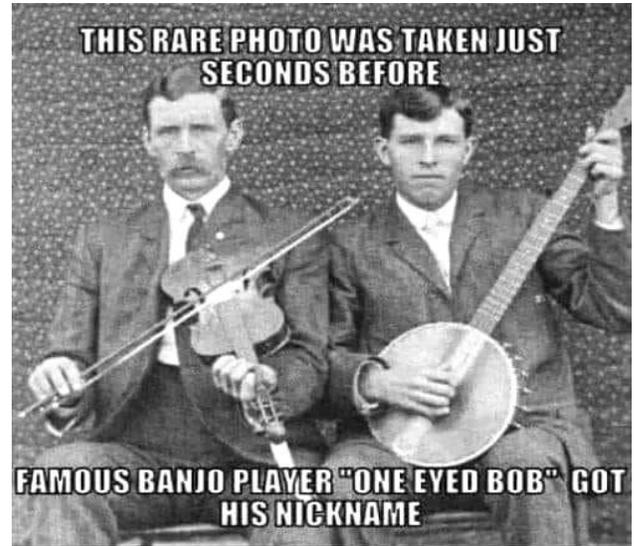
"To help comply with social isolation rules when out walking - just wear a Collingwood football jumper."

"My Wheelie Bin goes out more often than I do."

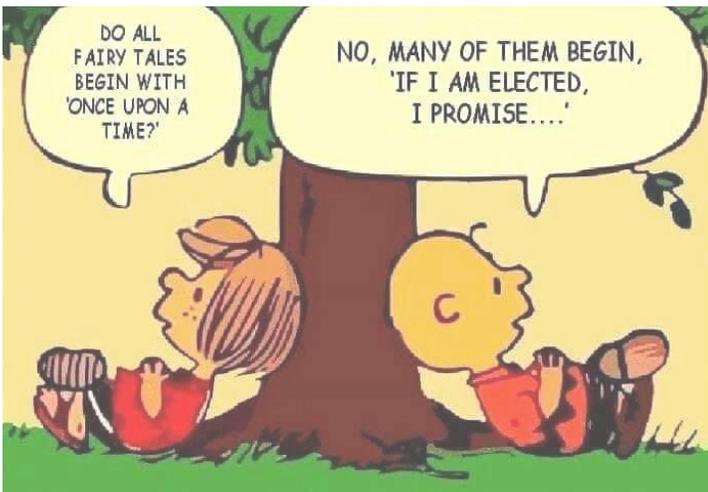
Q: Are you going on any cruises? A: No way, they're only for the NEWLY WED, THE NEARLY DEAD and the OVER FED.

"If you need to go fast - go alone. If you need to go far - go together."





The tale of one eyed Bob



People are so ready to get back to life forgetting that in 1918 the second wave of the Spanish Flu reportedly killed 20-50 million. The first wave only killed 3-5 million. History does indeed repeat.

A stock market crash is worse than a divorce, you lose half of your money and your wife is still around



A British doctor says: "In Britain, medicine is so advanced that we cut off a man's liver, put it in another man, and in 6 weeks, he is looking for a job."

The German doctor says: "That's nothing, in Germany we took part of a brain, put it in another man, and in 4 weeks he is looking for a job."

The Russian doctor says: "Gentlemen, we took half a heart from a man, put it in another's chest, and in 2 weeks he is looking for a job."

The American doctor laughs: "You are all behind us. A few years ago, we took a man with no brain, no heart, and no liver and made him President. Now, the whole country is looking for a job!"

Send it along, don't laugh alone!



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**'ANZAC DAY - April 25th'**

**Just because we could not attend remembrance services doesn't mean we forgot.**

**These photos say it all.**



**A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank cheque made payable to "Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United States, Britain, or any other God fearing country, for an amount up to and including my life." That is an honour and there are too many people in this world who no longer understand it.**

**Birthday wishes to:**

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
97	Julius	Edmundson	1
287	Derek	Starkiss	1
66	Kevin	O'Reilly	5
284	Emile	Seffeen	6
231	Robert (Bob)	Wood	12
255	Daniel	Cornale	15
26	Frank	Smith	17
14	Roy	McCartney	18
266	Gavin	Jones	21
2	Warren	Duncan	30
131	Ian	Kerr	31
193	Ronald	Tanner	31



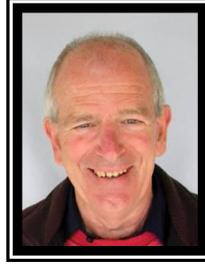
**Welfare report - our best wishes go out to you:**

	<p><b>Gerard Marion.</b> His mother passed away yesterday. Gerard was close to his mother and attended to her needs. She was in age care home and in fair health, due to this virus Gerard could not visit. We understand your feelings, your shed family are there to support.</p>		<p><b>David Smith</b> David was touring New Zealand by ship when this epidemic started, On return to Melbourne Lorraine and him had to be in self isolation for 14 days before able to venture out of the house. Now he is the same as us all staying home.</p>
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**Alan Marshal**

He is one of the small engines group. He have a bad fall in the shed 2 week before closure.  
He is a very remarkable person, with his condition multiple sclerosis this does not stop him working in the shed, lately you will notice he is using a walking aid. Please give him a ring to let him know you are thinking of him.



**Roger Bideleux**

Was in Cabrini Malvern for an operation, now home slowly recovering. Ring to offer your support.



**Lawrie Carlos**

Our great dunny diver It is with great sympathy that I have to inform you of the death of his Mother early April. This is a very sad time for our mate Lawrie, as he cared deeply for his Mother and could not see her as this virus stopped all visits to age care homes. We cannot support him or his family at her funeral due to this Covid 19. Lawrie we are with you in spirit.



**John Steward**

John lives by himself an is having treatment on a very bad neck, He went home from the last opening day early due to this complaint. If members have time ring John to lift him up.



**Christopher Barnard**

It is regrettable that at this time Chris is resigning his membership due to bad health.  
We wish Christopher al the best and when his condition improved he will be with us again.



**John Spragg**

John is not in his house as yet due to insurance work been repaired.  
He has good news about the cancer treatment, at this stage all is good, he is taking it easy. To lift up his spirits give him a ring some time.



**Merv McConchie**

Merv has been back to hospital for treatment and hopefully gained some benefit with pain control.

This is all the news so far, please keep in-touch with members.

HAVE A GOOD DAY  
William King

## What's new in the shed?



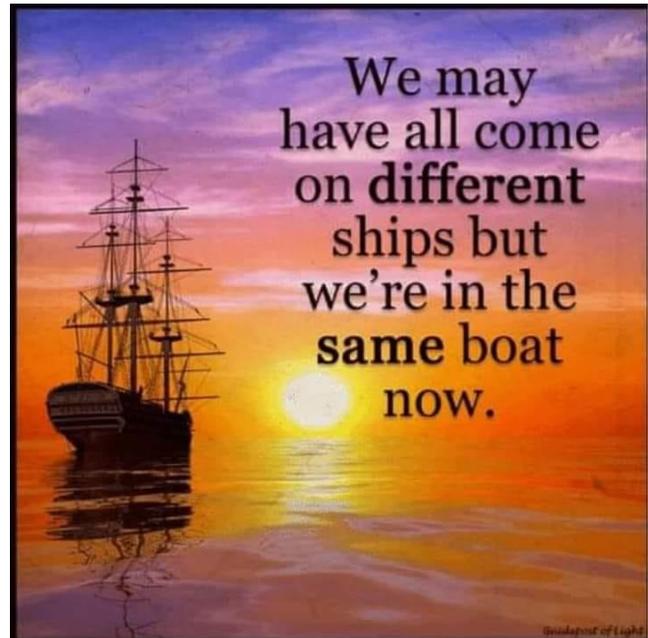
### Subject: New coffee percolator

Hi fellow shedders,  
Jack has donated a commercial coffee machine to the shed so now we can dispense good brewed coffee when we reopen. Cheers, Rob.

*Editors note: Is there a discount for tea drinkers that do not have milk or sugar and are dieting themselves off the cakes and biscuits?*

#### LESSONS WE LEARNED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS

1. China won the 3rd world war without firing any missiles.
2. Europeans are not as educated as they appear.
3. Rich people are in fact less immune than the poor.
4. No priest, sheikh, usthad, or astrologers could save any patient.
5. Health professionals are worth more than football legends.
6. Animals most likely feel the same way in the zoo, as we do in quarantine.
7. The planet regenerates quickly without human interference.
8. Oil is worthless in a society without consumption.
9. Majority of people can comfortably work from home
10. Everyone can survive without junk food.
11. Living a hygienic life is not at all difficult.
12. Men can cook too.
13. Media is full of nonsense.
14. Actors are just entertainers, not heroes.
15. Life is so fragile, handle with care.



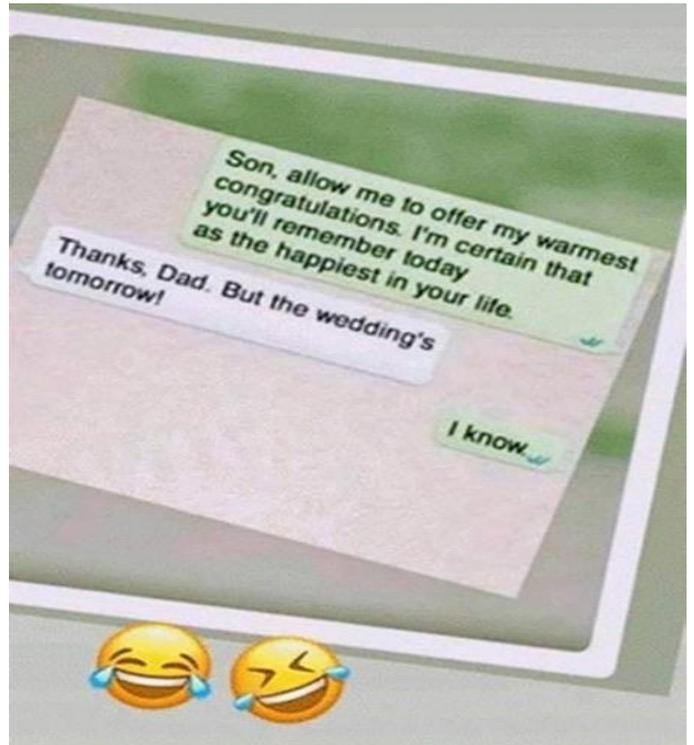
## Community Garden Potting Table

We delivered the potting table to the garden today.

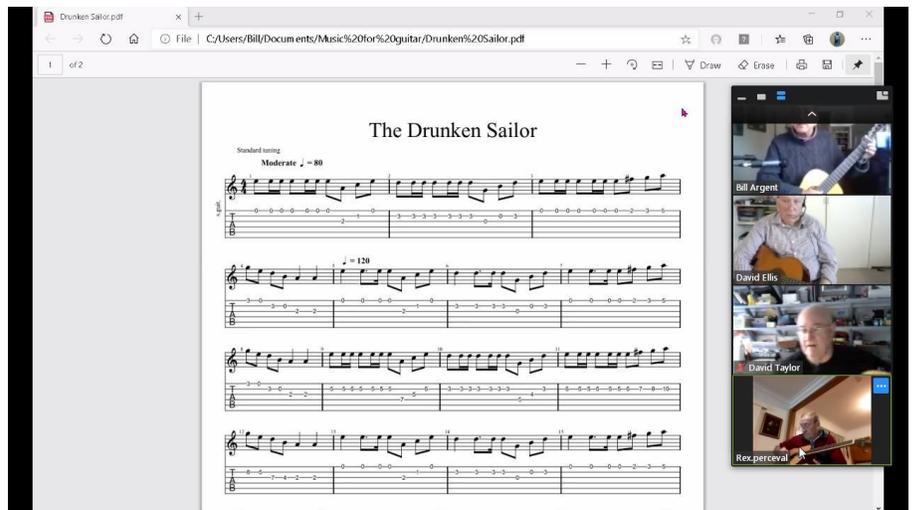
Robert O'Brien



Struggling to get your wife's attention?  
Just sit down and look comfortable.



The spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors  
1. How dense the population is  
2. How dense the population is



The Music Group learning "Drunken Sailor" via Zoom. I notice Bill is off his head or is it head-head off?

And one final thought to round off this month's newsletter:

**Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express, not to impress.  
Don't strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt.**

Thank you members for all of your contributions to our newsletter - some articles have been held over for next month.

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