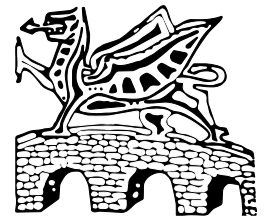


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## President Chatter February

As it was last month the instructions from Gwenno was “just one paragraph for the News Letter”. This is simply fantastic, and I can’t wait to see you all once this horrible virus is defeated. I am sure that like Carys and myself a number of you have by now been jabbed, so September at the Chapter House is looking very promising. I wish you all a very happy **St. David’s Day**, raise a glass to our Patron Saint on March the first.

**Cofion cynnes, Arthur**



## Latest update from Radley Green Farm

Some of you may already know that **Don Moody** has been unwell for a few months, and unfortunately his health has deteriorated considerably since Christmas. Don is currently at **Broomfield hospital** and is being made comfortable by the excellent staff there.

**We send our love and best wishes to Don, Shirley and all the family.**

**As you probably now know, Don sadly passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> February at Broomfield Hospital**

## **Thank you to Sandra and Roger Read for sending the poem below:**

For an English lesson given during Lockdown, our 9 year old Grandson was given the task of writing a poem headed “The Creatures of the River” we hope you enjoy reading it.

### **The Creatures of the River by Dylan Pope**

The River’s a Monster  
Raining from the sky  
Thud! Splash!  
Foaming and crashing like a raging bull  
Through jagged rocks and rough mountain landscape

The River’s a thief  
He swallows his victims like a beastly lion  
Gurgle! Whoosh!  
Always hungry for more  
His stolen treasures lay buried in the river floor

The River’s a wanderer  
A slow moving tramp  
Plip! Plop!  
With a sparkle in his eye like the glistening of a diamond  
He never sets up his camp

The River’s a silver princess  
She dances through the land like an excited ballerina  
Splish! Splash!  
She elegantly turns and she gracefully twists  
She cannot be still



## Another flying story from Heulwen Newman

As my father worked in Egypt for twelve years it was my childhood home except when I was at boarding school in this country.

In July 1956 the day after the Suez Canal was nationalised I was flying to Egypt for the summer holidays. When I arrived at the BOAC headquarters three other girls and I who were also flying to Cairo on the same flight were 'minded' by BOAC. As they were unable to contact our parents they said they would fly us to Cairo and if our parents were not there to meet us we would be flown back to the UK.

It was dark when we flew into Egyptian airspace and the Pilot announced to the passengers that the planes flying on either side of our plane were Egyptian Air Force planes escorting us into Cairo.

As soon as the plane landed it was boarded by armed soldiers who filled the aisle and told all passengers who were disembarking in Cairo to stand up and leave the plane. The pilot took the four girls into the cockpit and told the officer in charge he would only allow us to disembark if we could see our parents.

We watched from the cockpit and saw several people leave the plane, as some of them landed they were handcuffed and led into a van.

After a while in the cockpit we saw a Rolls Royce flying the Union Jack driving towards the plane when it stopped our mothers came out and so the pilot allowed us to disembark.

After about a week the British government said all British women and children should leave Egypt and the British Counsel would make the arrangements. My mother was told one afternoon we would be leaving on a cargo ship from Port Said that evening. We would only be allowed two suitcases each. My mother told me to pack all my belongings into one suitcase and she would use three. As I was finishing my packing our cook came into my bedroom with a biscuit tin which he put into my case. My father called me to come down and get into the car. I had known the cook since I was a young child and very fond of him. We hugged goodbye and he carried my case to the car.

When I unpacked on the ship that evening - what did I find in the tin? - Some Welsh cakes he had baked that afternoon!

## Piano and Singing tuition with The Vocal Academy

**Are you interested in having piano or singing lessons? Or know some who is?**

Our society member, **Debs Allen- Morgan** is a qualified and experienced music teacher who offers online piano and singing lessons for children and adults of all ages. For more details please look at **The Vocal Academy** Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/the.vocal.academy.essex/>

Or contact **Debs** on **07967712348**



Thank you to **Clive Bright** for organising a **fun quiz** this month. The answers will be in next month's newsletter.

### Ditloids

#### Try out these puzzles. Pob lwc!

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. 6 F in a F            | 11. 220 of 650 MP are F   |
| 2. 1 R D on the W F      | 12. 1805 B of T           |
| 3. A C P is 1 C L        | 13. S have 8 L            |
| 4. M S is 3560 F A S L   | 14. J B's 39 S            |
| 5. 114 P in a H          | 15. 31622400 S in a L Y   |
| 6. 3 in a H T            | 16. 6.18 M is the P V W R |
| 7. 1215 M C              | 17. 3 M and 1 D in a B    |
| 8. 4 S in a D of C       | 18. The D of the 7 V      |
| 9. 603 M from J O to L E | 19. M has 2 M             |
| 10. 21 S on a D          | 20. 3 F on the P O W C    |

**Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. If you have anything that you would like me to include in the March Newsletter, please can you contact me before March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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