

'Brain of Beetham' - Horses

This month's challenge from our Quiz Master, Clive Holden, is all about Horses. See how many you can answer first before looking them up!

1. Which horse is hippocampus ?
2. Whose twice repeated request went unanswered ?
3. Whose horse might have felt at home in Denmark ?
4. Which horse gave its rider his first in coronation year ?
5. Which horse (and others) are brought to life by the Handspring Puppet Company?
6. What might you do with agaricus arvensis and why ?
7. Whose horse was a senator ?
8. Which horses are the Blues ?
9. Which old nag was fit for a knight errant ?
10. Which king was pleased with Minoru ?

Here are the answers to last month's 'Hats and Headgear' round, with additional background information from Clive:-

Which headgear...

Q1...fell under Svengali's spell? **TRILBY.** The eponymous heroine of George du Maurier's novel (1895), hypnotized by the wicked Svengali. The trilby hat is named after the hat worn by Trilby

Q2...surprisingly originated in Ecuador? The **PANAMA** hat originated in Ecuador, and gained the name 'Panama' when Ecuadorian hat makers emigrated to Panama in the 1850s.

Q3...is reminiscent of Fred and Ginger? **TOP HAT** was a very popular 1935 film starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers

Q4...should ideally be 45.46? Think metric and then convert! 45.46 litres = 10 gallons, therefore **TEN GALLON HAT** (just like Hopalong Cassidy used to wear).

Q5...owes its origin to 'Rabby'? The **TAM o'SHANTER** is named after the character Tam in Robert Burns's poem TAM o'SHANTER (1791). Presumably he wore a hat of that style.

Q6...should engage your interest? A **FASCINATOR** should engage your interest.

Q7...casts your mind back to the Babes? The 'Babes' were the Manchester United team managed by Matt **BUSBY**, many of whom perished in the 1959 Munich air crash.

Q8...was favoured by Mary of Teck? Mary of Teck (i.e. Queen Mary, wife of King George V) was often to be seen wearing a **TOQUE**.

Q9..was probably worn by J, Harris and George? J., Harris and George were the Three Men in a Boat, so they probably wore straw **BOATERS**.

Q10...is useful on a cricket field? No cricket match could go ahead if neither team had **BOWLERS**.

Clive Holden

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'JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER'

Well here we are unbelievably almost half way through 2021. This has been an extraordinary time in all our lives, but there is always something uplifting and hopeful about this time of year. Not forgetting the frost and giant hailstones we endured recently of course. So what about June which, like every month, has notable dates and I present to you but a few out of the 30. Is that a sigh of collective relief breezing across Beetham I detect?

Let us start at the beginning, a very good place to start. In the beginning June was known as seva monath by the Anglo Saxons, meaning the dry month {} and it was actually the fourth month of the year. Prior to Julius Caesar coming to power there were only ten months in the year. The ever modest Julius created his own Julian calendar around 46BC, treating himself to two extra months and pushing June into sixth position.

Since then many notable events have happened. Here are just a few; some you may know I am sure.

June 1st. Being a youngster {} I was surprised to discover that television licenses were introduced in Britain in 1946. At the time they cost two pounds - eighty five pounds and ninety two pence in todays money.

June 2nd. Our beloved and hardworking monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, was crowned in Westminster Abbey, making solemn oaths she still stands by today.

June 6th. In 1944 marked D-Day, the invasion of Normandy by one million Allied Troops to liberate Western Europe from German Occupation.

June 9th. 1870 Charles Dickens dies of a stroke thought to have been brought on following an arduous tour of America and Canada. He was at his home at Gad's Hill Place, Kent. Purely selfish entry as he is my favourite author....

June 10th. The first Oxford and Cambridge boat race was held in 1829, Oxford being the winners.

June 11th. In 1509 Henry the Eighth embarked upon his historic marital endeavours when he secretly married his former sister in law, Catherine Of Aragon. His life and those he lived beside still to this day keep us intrigued and provide endless film plots! There is even a new musical called 'The Six' doing the rounds shortly.

June 15th. In 1215 this was an interesting day out for King John. He signed the Magna Carta thereby removing total authority from the Monarchy forever.

June 22nd. For cricket lovers this date in 1814 saw the opening of England's Lords Cricket Ground. The first match was played by Marylebone Cricket Club and Hertfordshire. The MCC won by seven wickets, and Aaron Finch scored 181 runs.

Same Date but in 1969. John Lennon and Yoko Ono recorded ' Give Peace A Chance ' whilst sharing their 'bed in' with the world.

June 29th. On this date in 1613 a fire caused by flames from a fired cannon used to announce the arrival of the King in Shakespeare's Henry VI totally destroyed the London Globe Theatre. I like to think he would be thrilled with the renovations!

These are but snippets of information, to entertain mostly, and so to finish I return to the title of this piece. June Is Bustin' Out All Over. It comes from Carousel, written by Rodgers and Hammerstein in 1956. If you have been to recent flower festivals in Beetham Church, you will be familiar with our enthusiastic renditions from this wonderful musical which encompasses just about everything. So in acknowledgement of the beauty that surrounds us I leave you with these uplifting lyrics and a smile I hope

..... JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER !
THE SHEEP AREN'T SHEEPISH ANYMORE!
ALL THE RAMS THAT CHASE THE EWE SHEEP
ARE DETERMINED THERE'LL BE NEW SHEEP
AND THE EWE SHEEP AREN'T EVEN KEEPING SCORE!
ON ACOUNTA IT'S JUNE ! JUNE ! JUNE ! JUNE
JUST BECAUSE IT'S JUNE, JUNE

CHA CHA CHA. ENJOY, STAY SAFE, STAY HOPEFUL

Tess Rowlands

Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman

Dear friends

This comes with my prayers for you, your loved ones and the whole parish as we look ahead to the beginning of a new month.

As always, please don't hesitate to be in touch if there is anything that I can do to be of help or support to you. I am always on hand to offer what prayerful, pastoral or practical support that I can.

In his poem, which became a hymn, the nineteenth century poet and priest John Keble wrote this:

**'The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we need to ask:
room to deny ourselves; a road
to bring us daily nearer God.'**

The month of June sees the resumption of 'Ordinary Time' where in the Sundays after Trinity Sunday we focus on what it means to live as the Lord's people in the world. In doing so we remember that God is with us in all the ordinary, routine and perhaps mundane aspects of life, asking for grace that we might recognise and respond to his presence and so be guided to live our lives in closer fellowship with him.

Each day is, as the hymn reminds us, an opportunity to 'to bring us daily nearer God'. A wonderful thing to aim for and perhaps aspire to, as we seek the knowledge of his love in and through all things.

With every good wish and prayer for God's blessing,

As ever,



**'AND SO WITH THE SUNSHINE AND THE GREAT BURSTS OF
LEAVES GROWING ON THE TREES, JUST AS THINGS GROW IN
FAST MOVIES, I HAD THAT FAMILIAR CONVICTION THAT LIFE
WAS BEGINNING OVER AGAIN WITH THE SUMMER'**

F SCOTT FITZGERALD ... 'THE GREAT GATSBY'

Can you feel at last our hibernating musical lives beginning to unfurl? It is slow I agree with many particular political turns, but it is happening and very soon our housebound playing and singing will be a thing of the past. Not that we have not been busy with music, quite the opposite and some of us have never been busier. Many of the groups created and joined on line will carry on as they have become a huge part of our lives, yet we need people.

We crave that unique camaraderie and sense of fun when we make music together, alongside each other, in the same musical space. There is nothing like it and if the pandemic has taught us anything it is how much we need it and never to take it for granted. Life should be fun and music is FUN.

As to when Beetham Band will start again we are still planning that within all the guidelines. It is very important we get it right so that it can continue and members are safe. So watch this space.....

For now we continue on ZOOM every Saturday morning and that is fun, on a different level..... It is difficult to explain, but as Louis Armstrong said, 'if you have to ask what jazz is, you will never know.' So should you want to experience this before it is too late you will be very welcome. It is the most fun you can have from your front room or best signal reception area after all.

**'WHAT GOOD IS THE WARMTH OF SUMMER, WITHOUT THE COLD OF WINTER TO
GIVE IT ITS SWEETNESS.'**

JOHN STEINBECK ... 'TRAVELS WITH CHARLEY: IN SEARCH OF AMERICA'

How sweet it will be to play together again. Stay safe, stay hopeful!

Contact Tess on 015395 63254

*"The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said."
Philip Larkin*

TRANSFORMATION

Larkin's trees are now in leaf;
they whisper when soft winds blow:
"Begin again" they seem to say
as Spring puts on another show.

Like youth, this freshness soon will fade
and settle down to sombre green,
but Autumn brings a last surprise
with amber jewels upon the trees.

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Beetham Church Plant Stall

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported the Plant Stall outside Long Orchard during May, either by buying or by providing plants. Nearly £600 has been raised for Beetham Church - and hopefully your gardens will all be looking wonderful too!

An extra special thank you to John and Dianne Lomax for masterminding and hosting the stall



Beetham Sports 2021 Cancelled

Sadly, for the second year in a row, the Annual July Beetham Sports Day has had to be cancelled for the safety of all participants and visitors. However plans are already being made for next year's event, so keep up your training!

Beetham Sports Committee

Beetham Time Capsule of Hope

Although the Beetham Church Flower Festival for this year was cancelled, there are plans to mark the period of the pandemic at next year's Flower Festival with the burial of a time capsule. This will contain local recollections of 2020 and 2021 in photographs and digital recordings, and small artefacts, in celebration of thanksgiving and hope

Have you learnt a new skill, made new friends, undertaken home schooling, volunteered in any way, or are capturing images that are a reminder of these unprecedented times?

If so we would like to hear from you (beethamnews@aol.com), to start planning the contents of the capsule ready for next year

The Friends of Beetham Church AGM

Friends of Beetham Church
The Friends Sunday face to face AGM and social event has had to be cancelled for this year and will be replaced with a Zoom AGM on **Sunday 18th July**

The AGM will include a short light-hearted video of Friends activities during the year for your entertainment!

Zoom details and reports will be sent to all members nearer the event

Opera North

are bringing their whistle stop version of **The Magic Flute** on **Saturday, 10 July at 3pm**

This is an OUTDOOR production, at the **WI Village Hall garden, Orchard Road, Arnside** Suitable for all ages. Running time: c.35 mins

All tickets are being sold online (adult £7, Child £5) at www.operanorth.co.uk/whats-on/whistle-stop-opera-the-magic-flute/

Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on **Monday 7th June at 7pm** at **Storth Village Hall**

Members of the public are welcome to attend
Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the website at www.beethampc.co.uk

Beetham Village Facebook

A dedicated facebook group for Beetham village is now live

The purpose of the group is to share information on key activities and events, and all residents and businesses are actively encouraged to join

Search for "Beetham Village, Cumbria" or go to:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/336128587626350/?ref=share>

School Corner

We have had a super half term with lots of exciting learning and we have all enjoyed being back at school together as life becomes a little more normal.

We now have 15 children in our nursery which is wonderful and along with the Reception children they have been having a lovely time learning about 'The Gruffalo'. One of the children's tasks was to make a model of a Gruffalo at home and we have been amazed with the wonderfully creative approaches. The models are now displayed in the classroom and look fantastic as you can see from the photographs. The children have also been learning about each other's pets and have used pebbles to make their own pets.

We have celebrated both Ascension Day and Pentecost in church with services led by Father Andrew. It has been very special to be able to return to the church to worship - for some of our youngest children these have been their first visits - and we are very grateful to everyone who has made this possible for us.

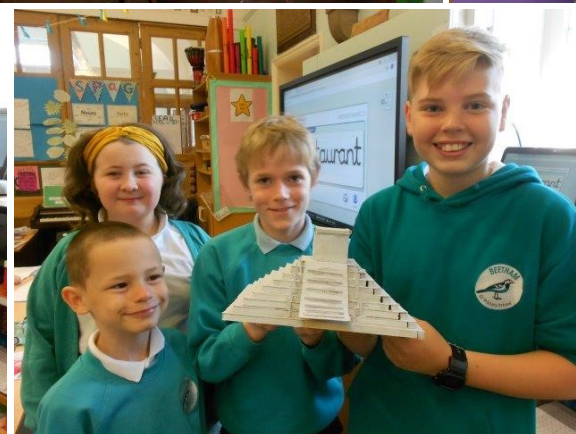
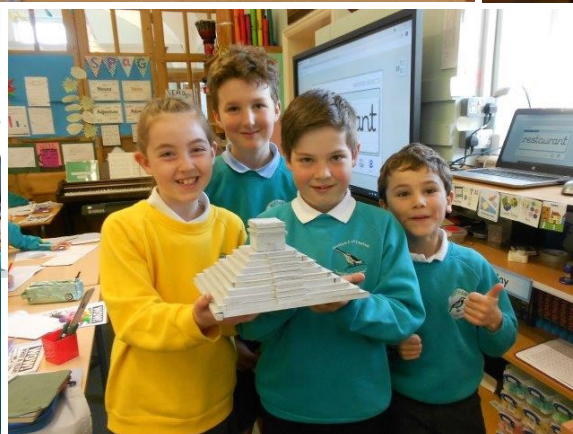
Staff at school enjoyed some Forest School training which was awarded as part of a grant that we received through Learning in Landscapes. We looked at the different ways to carry out 'fire' based activities with the children and enjoyed using some of the new equipment which also came as part of the award.

Children in KS2 have been finding out about French food and this week enjoyed eating 'pain perdu' (French Toast) before learning how to write and pronounce the ingredients. They have also completed their Design Technology challenge of producing a detailed model of the massive step pyramid - El Castillo - from Chichen Itza which is part of the Mayan ruins in Mexico.

As we finish for our half term holiday we are looking forward to our final half term of the year. We have now booked provisional dates for a Sports Day, KS2 canoe day, Yr 1 & 2 visit to the Steam Boat Museum and lots of other exciting events.

I hope that the first week in June is sunny and warm for everyone,

With best wishes
Wendy Nicholas



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