



LEIGH ESTUARY SMILE NEWS

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GROUP NEWS

Reading group – one of its members needs more books, he realised he was getting low when he had to resort to the Towns A-Z map for reading material.

The Gilbert & Sullivan group remind their members to have Patience and the new world when we emerge will be Utopia, Limited only by your imagination.

The Cryptic Crossword group suggest you “Sit in a loo – another way to tackle Coronavirus” – if you don’t understand then speak to one of the group and they will explain!

The Classics You Never Read Group have suggested now maybe a good time to at long last tackle War & Peace.

From friends in the USA

The Church Ladies bulletins

Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water.
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

A father and daughter that run a vintage TV channel from their garden shed are keeping Britain going during lockdown, with an impressive 3.5 million viewers a week. Noel Cronin set up **Talking Pictures** in 2015. The channel broadcasts much loved archive TV series and movies. Available on Freeview 81, Virgin 445, Freesat 306 and Sky 328.

And some from our friends in Canada:

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey-maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

FOR MUSIC LOVERS

The London Mozart Players –
<http://londonmozartplayers.com/athome/>

Royal Opera House 'Our House to your House' –
<https://www.roh.org.uk/streaming>

Met Opera –
<https://www.metopera.org>

The London Symphony Orchestra
www.lso.co.uk

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
www.rpo.co.uk/rpo-at-home

A Poem by Pam Ayers

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For four weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

Tommy Cooper quips:

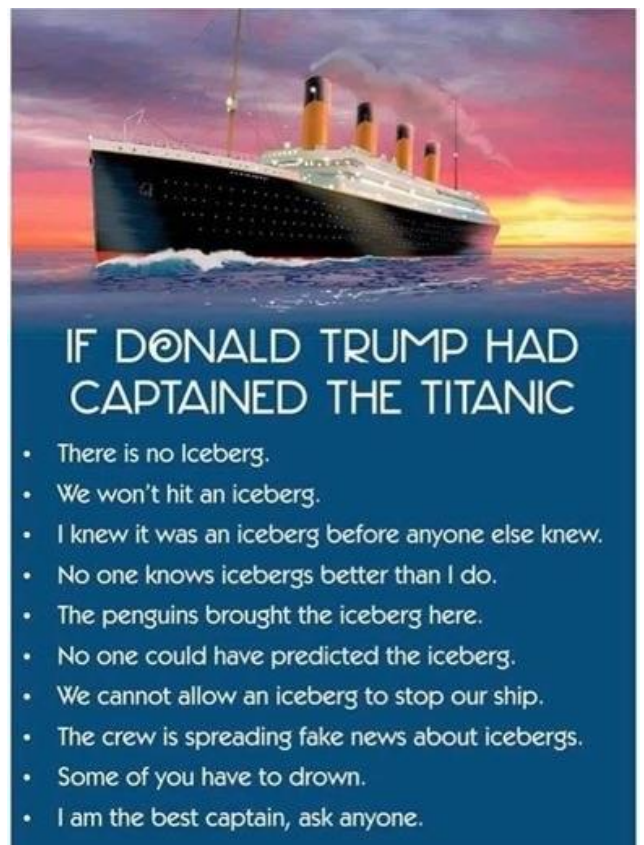
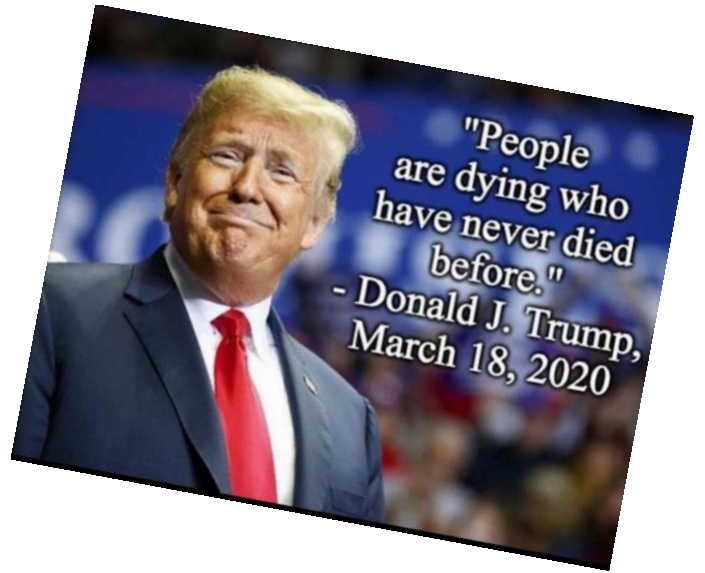
Last night I dreamed I ate a ten-pound
marshmallow, and when I woke up the
pillow was gone.

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one
was drinking battery acid, and the other
was eating fireworks. They charged one
and let the other one off.

Two fish in a tank, one says to the other -
you drive I'll man the guns.

NEW WARNING

I HAVE BEEN SENT SO MANY JOKES ABOUT DONALD TRUMP THAT I AM DEDICATING A WHOLE PAGE TO HIM. IF YOU ARE A SUPPORTER OF HIS AND WOULD BE OFFENDED BY BLACK HUMOUR ABOUT HIM AND/OR THE CORONA VIRUS, THEN PLEASE DO NOT SCROLL DOWN ANY FURTHER.



*Best wishes,
Ruth and the Team*