



Beer Talks!

14th Edition 16th June 2020



Some of the lovely face coverings in children's fabrics...

Welcome!

Welcome to the 14th edition of Beer Talks! We hope you are well and keeping safe!

We wanted to take a moment to say that we are very aware just how hard Beer village 'sewers' have been working and sewing over the last 12 weeks.

They have been absolutely amazing and we know that their efforts have been much

appreciated by our local health and care workers.

For some sewers, a small break from their production line was, and maybe still is, needed, but if you would like to take part again or if you are new to the task, there are supplies at Helen Turberville's, so please give her a call on 07817 078004.

Finally, the call from RD&E for more face coverings has gone out to lots of communities so please don't feel pressured at all!

Thank you!

Notices

- A message from **Seaton Foodbank**: "We have, and are being, well supported by the people of Seaton and the surrounding villages, both with money, food etc. We have been able to help many more households than usual who are living with food poverty, but we are concerned that not all are being reached because of current restrictions".
If you do need help with food issues, please contact Lee on 07890 948262 who will be able to assist you.
- Our many thanks to the **Beer Film Society** for their fabulous film recommendations – I'm sure we all appreciate their efforts!

Beer Film Society

This week's selection of films on main channels and Freeview TV. *Terms of Endearment* and *The Social Network* are multi-Academy Award winners and three films selected feature Oscar-winning performances by the actress in the leading role: *Terms of Endearment* (Shirley MacLaine), *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (Maggie Smith) and *Room* (Brie Larson). And for fans of highly respected South Korean director, Park Chan-wook, check out *Stoker* (Monday) which is his English-language debut and then the following night *The Handmaiden*, his adaption of the Sarah Waters' novel *Fingersmith*. Finally, please remember that although the Film Society's listings run from Saturday to Saturday, some films may be repeated on certain channels at different times in the week or are available on catchup.

Happy Viewing!

Beer Film Society



BAG HANGOUT

Our hosted schedule currently looks like this:

- **Mondays:** 1pm onwards - Children's Hour;
- **Tuesdays:** 1pm onwards – Sewers' Hour;
- **Wednesdays:** 1-2pm Chat with Gayle Chapple;
- **Thursdays:** 11am onwards - Beer Village Heritage with Kate Ponting;
- **Thursdays:** 2pm onwards - Beer Men's Shed.

Notices

- Keep growing for the **Beer Garden Gate Flower Show** 6th August!
- **Lee's Emporium** will now be open between 10.00 and 19.00 for food collections;
- We have supplies of the Beer craft group's face coverings (for a small donation). Please contact Kim Vine on 07767 778248 or Helen Turberville on 07817 078004 to get yours.
- We are still collecting for the **Good as New Sale**, so please take any good as new ladies and men's clothes to the Hub on Tuesdays between 11.30 – 12.30.



A message from the new owners of Beer Village Stores, Nigel and Karen:

"In answer to customer questions, yes, we are doing food deliveries for anyone shielding, unwell or vulnerable, or even special circumstances like just having had a baby...

We have a new facility to take payment over the phone by debit or credit card. The best telephone number to use is 01297 21782.

Our opening times are:

Mon-Friday 7am-6pm

Sat 7am-5pm

Sun 7am-4pm (from next Sun 21st June)

Hope to see you soon!"

Notices

- **Beer Congregational Church** is now open from 09.00 – 16.00 every day. Social distancing guidelines must of course be followed at all times. The church will be cleaned each evening.
- **St Michaels' Church** will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10.00 – 12.00 for the foreseeable future. Social distancing applies as usual.
- Remember to decorate your houses and gardens with **bunting!**
- Many thanks to **Charlotte Gibbs** for organising the fabulous Treasure Hunt! It was a huge success!
- My sincere **apologies** to Bev Giles for calling her Bev Gibbs last week! Too many glasses of wine on my part, obviously!

Allotments Update - 13th June 2020

Just when it looked like we were heading for a re-run of 1976, with lawns and fields turning browner by the day, the barometer started falling into early June, and low pressure brought some welcome rain, with 27 mm (just over an inch in old money) measured at the East Beer Weather Bureau during the week up to 13th June. So the government's put off appointing a Minister for Drought for the time being (those of a certain age will well remember Prime Minister Jim Callaghan appointing Denis Howell in late August 1976, only for the drought to break a few days later with severe thunderstorms and downpours). The puzzling bit is that we're now being asked to conserve water, but Beer Brook seems to be running as high as I can ever remember, shame it can't be persuaded to go uphill from 'The Anchor' and hang a left into the allotments. Over the past fortnight temperatures reached 25.5 C on 1st & 2nd June, but only a chilly 14.2 C on 6th. The mercury also plummeted to 6.4 C overnight 5th, luckily there was enough residual hot air from the allotment blethering to save any tender crops.

As mentioned in the previous ramblings, the autumn sown broad beans, although delicious as usual, had just about finished as we got into June, much earlier than most can remember. However, the odd spring sowings were made, and there should now be a few people tucking into some fine dishes of broad bean and blackfly. The latest rain has transformed the look of the allotments, and come at the right time to help on the runner and climbing French beans, with flowers already appearing. Courgettes, squashes, and pumpkins also now growing away well, with few small courgettes already showing. The odd pumpkin has also now set, and Kim's been spotted skulking around eyeing up the opposition further up the plots, please report any further suspicious behaviour from him to the Army's PPF (Pumpkin Protection Force), and appropriate action will be taken. Mike and Peter, along with Tony S were feeling quite smug about their early potatoes in April, and looking forward to starting them digging in June, but this was before the mini drought set in, and they've now stopped growing and starting to die off, too late to be saved by the recent rain. So time to get them all eaten before the blight and scab takes a hold, they do taste delicious even though small, but unlikely to interest any Hedge Fund Managers at the Stock Exchange, gambling on the Early Tatties' Futures Market.

One of the biggest talking points at present is the alleged sighting of a Mr G Williams back on his plot. Rumour has it he was even spotted this past Sunday, pushing a hoe around his veg under instruction from Nigel, however, webcam imagery is currently being assessed to verify this claim. Some readers may be unaware that Mr G (better known as Ginge) attended the Munich Beer Festival in 2017 as part of Nick Driver's 60th birthday celebrations (although he told Angie it was at the Bristol Bier Keller), and while there developed a passion for Sauerkraut, after being recommended it by Bullet. Since then, he's been on the lookout for Sauerkraut seeds to try in his allotment, but finding them very difficult to source, so if anyone could help out, you'd make him a very happy man.

Keep digging, and most of all, enjoy your gardenin'

Old Compost Heap

1st Beer Scout Group - update from Nigel Groves

During this Lockdown period, 1st Beer Scouts has had to adapt very quickly to a new way of working to try and keep the interest of the local children involved with the group.

Running weekly meetings via video conferencing is not something we ever thought we would be involved with as Scout Leaders, and it's been a rapid learning curve for all those involved. But we have managed it, although a little tricky to start with and still occasionally bugged by technology issues, we are now holding weekly meetings for both the Cub and Scouts sections.

The number of children involved with these sessions is obviously lower than we expect at the Scout Hut, as sitting in front of a computer or table is not everyone's idea of a fun Scout Night but those that are able to join in are enjoying it and numbers are increasing steadily. So far we have managed stay at home camps, treasure hunts, art lessons, cookery lessons (run by the children themselves on some occasions) and some traditional Scout Badge work that can be completed at home.

Moving on, we are experimenting with linking to other Scout Groups in the UK and abroad for live streaming events, we'll let you know how this goes.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes of a Scout Group, as with most organisations, that many people are less aware of. We still need to maintain our building in the village and run a compliant committee system to administer the group.

All of our leaders and committee members are volunteers, some with children in the group and some who are just interested in what we do. Everyone's lives have been affected in different ways due to the sudden changes that COVID-19 and lockdown have caused, and as such, this has affected their ability to support 1st Beer Scout Group in the usual way.

We need to ensure the group is in a strong position to restart face to face meetings as soon as we are given the all clear by Scout Head Quarters and to do this we need to make some alterations to our committee. Our Group Treasurer, who has helped us magnificently for the last few years is due to step down this year at our AGM as our committee meetings

(which may now have to be done virtually, as our committee meetings are at the moment) so we are looking for someone to take on this role.

Our Group Secretary now has to spend far more time looking after family matters and is looking for someone to share the role with her and finally our Group Chair, who has served the group well for over 5 years now feels that now is a good time for the Scout Group to receive an input of fresh ideas to help it move forwards as we come out of lockdown.

If you feel you could be in a position to take on any of these roles, or would like to find out more about what's involved please contact Nigel Groves, Scout Leader for 1st Beer Scouts, on 07980 437417 or by email on nigel.groves@devonscouts.org.uk to find out more.

A working knowledge of Scout Groups is not required as there is plenty of help available to anyone considering helping within a Scout Group, enthusiasm to support a village organisation is all that is required.

1st Beer Scout Group

Beer Fun Treasure Hunt 2020:

The answers you've all been waiting for!

START IN THE SQUARE

1) WHAT IS THE BUS STOP CODE?	dvngdgap
2) HOW MANY HANDS FOR THE NHS?	42
3) WHAT IS THIS ROAD UNSUITABLE FOR?	COACHES
4) WHAT TIME CAN YOU HAVE YOUR NAILS DONE ON A MONDAY?	6:15-8:15 PM
5) HOW MANY BOATS ARE IN THE SEA?	2
6) IN WHAT COLOURS ARE THE BOTTLES WRAPPED AT THE COFFEE AND WINE BAR WINDOW?	RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN, BLUE, PURPLE, WHITE
7) WHICH YEARS SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN?	1914 – 1918
8) HOW MANY STEPS TO ST MICHAELS'S CHURCH?	15
9) HOW MANY RECTANGULAR WINDOWS IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH?	33
10) WHAT HOUSE NUMBER HAS DOLPHINS IN THE WINDOW?	2
11) WHO'S FINE QUALITY CONFECTIONARY IS SOLD?	BARBARA TOWNSEND
12) HOW MANY HORSES ARE IN THE WINDOW?	4
13) WHERE IS THE LION KNOCKER?	BANK COTTAGE
14) WHERE DOES THE FOX LIVE?	MILL GROVE
15) WHERE IS THE BRICKED-UP WINDOW?	BARREL
16) HOW MANY FISH ARE ON THE TILES?	10
17) HOW MUCH IS A LARGE CONE?	£3.90
18) IN WHAT YEAR WAS BEACH COURT BUILT?	1903
19) WHAT NUMBER IS THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE?	A2073

CROSS THE ROAD TO THE MEADOWS

20) WHAT NUMBER IS THE SAIL LOFT?	19
21) HOW MANY FLYING PIGS?	5

22) WHO HAS THE BLUE PRIVATE PARKING SIGN?	HOLLYHOCKS
23) WHAT IS EITHER SIDE OF THE MEADOWGATE?	BUTTERFLY & DRAGONFLY

TURN RIGHT

24) IN WHAT DIRECTION IS THE FIELD?	WEST
25) THIS IS WHAT EXPLORERS HOPE TO FIND?	NEW LAND
26) DON'T WALK TOO CLOSE TO THIS?	CLIFF EDGE
27) DANGER OF DEATH, DO WHAT?	KEEP OFF
28) WHAT IS FREE AT JIMMY GREENS?	TAP WATER

TURN RIGHT

29) HOW MANY SPOKES ARE ON THE SHIPSWHEEL?	6
30) THE WEATHERVANE IS ON THE ROOF OF THIS HOUSE?	BELMONT HOUSE

TURN LEFT

31) WHAT IS THE MEDALLION AWARD FOR?	ENERGY SAVING HOMES
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TURN LEFT

32) FOLLOW THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO WHERE?	PECO & BRANSCOMBE
33) BROADS PATENT NUMBER?	311865
34) HOW MANY SQUARE FENCEPOSTS?	18

TURN RIGHT

35) WHO WATCHED THEIR FLOCK BY NIGHT?	SHEPHERDS
36) WHO IS SELLING MOUNT VIEW?	STRUTT & PARKER
37) HOW MANY FLOWERPOTS ARE ON THE STEPS?	8
38) WHAT IS THE BEST WEATHER TO GO TO THE BANK?	SUNNY
39) HOW MANY STUDS ARE IN THE GATE?	18
40) WHAT DOES DPS STAND FOR?	DAVID PEARCE SECURITY
41) WHAT COLOUR IS THE DOOR AT SUMMERFOLD?	GREY

TURN RIGHT

42) WHERE IS THE TRAIN?	PECORAMA PLEASURE GARDENS
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TURN RIGHT

43) WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR DOG FOULING?	£5
44) CAUTION – WHAT IS THE DOG DOING?	RUNNING FREE
45) WHAT MAKE OF CAR CAN PARK HERE?	MAZDA
46) 3 YORK PLACE. AKA?	CAUSEWAY COTTAGE
47) WHICH WAY TO THE VILLAGE?	LEFT
48) JUBILEE COTTAGES WERE BUILT IN THIS YEAR?	1887

CROSS THE ROAD

49) COACHES CAN PARK BETWEEN WHICH DATES?	1 APR – 30 SEPT
50) WHERE IS THERE NO UNAUTHORISED PARKING?	BARNARDS FARM

CROSS THE ROAD TO SHEPHERDS COTTAGE

51) WHAT ARE THE INITIALS ON THE GATE?	AEA
52) WHAT IS THE BOOKING.COM SCORE?	9.3
53) WHAT CAN BE FOUND ON THE 2 ND FLOOR?	DURHAM HOUSE APARTMENT
54) HOW MANY ROOMS DOES COLEBROOKE HOUSE HAVE?	6
55) ON WHAT DAYS DOES THE PHARMACY CLOSE EARLY?	THURSDAY & SATURDAY

Whilst the Treasure Hunt was only for fun and there are no prizes, please do let us know how many questions you got correct! Please message Annie on 07968 157136.

Thank you all for taking part!