



Newsletter

English workshop

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Hello, readers! As usual we are very happy to present you some of the topics we have worked in 2022-2023. But the English workshop is also improvisation games, discussions and debates on current topics, friendly meetings with Christmas tea and June meal...

Have a good reading and let's join us!



King Charles III was crowned In Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May 2023

It was a great ceremony with many Royals and politics.

Charles III had to wait many decades to become the new king of the U. K and the 14 countries of Commonwealth.

ID Card

- 1948 : Born on November 14th in Buckingham Palace
- 1971 to 1977 : served in the Royal Air Force as helicopter pilote and Royal Navy
- 1981 : married lady Diana Spencer
- 1982 : first son's birth Prince William
- 1983 : second son's birth Prince Harry
- 1996 : Divorced
- 2005 : married Camilla Parker Bowles

INTERESTS IN LIFE

- Passionate advocate of environmental cause since the seventies
- President of over 800 charities and organisations
- Fond of alternative medicines
- Founder of an organic brand : DUCHY ORIGINALS in 1990. (profits used for charities).
- Likes : arts, architecture and sports such as polo.



Windsor Castle

ANSWERS

QUIZZ

- 1) Why the royal family is called WINDSOR like the castle ?
- 2) What are the three roles played by King Charles III ?
- 3) What was the nickname given to Prince Charles when he was young ?

- 1) During the first world war King Georges V changed the German royal family name « Saxe Cobourg and Gotha » to Windsor.
- 2) Weekly meetings with the prime minister (now Rishi Sunack)
Awarding honours like MBES (Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire)
Leading the annual remembrance event in November
- 3) « Action man » because of his courageous and voluntary behaviour when he was in Royal Marine



About 3 articles in the Newspaper METRO
October 2022

By Anna Maria



1/ A MOVING FRIENDSHIP STORY

This story relates the sad event happened to Matthew Wilson and Jake, his “best friend”

Matthew’s best friend is his dog, a Doberman called Jake. Matthew is sick of autism and Jake is a specially trained dog. They have travelled together to many countries and they are inseparable. Unfortunately, one day, a thief has broken into Matthew’s Range Rover while Jake was sitting in his car. The thief, tracked by the Police, has driven at high speed across a field and crashed before being arrested by the Police.

Jake has run away from Matthew’s car but has been seriously injured. He has been treated by vets but he died three weeks later.

The thief has been sentenced by the Crown court to be jailed for 19 months and forbidden to drive for 45 months.

Matthew has thanked the Police to being supportive and making justice for Jake.

But he has added that he had lost his best friend and he still misses his dog every day...

I was very moved to read this story, and I hope that Matthew will find soon another companion to support him.

2/A FUNNY STORY



A metal detectorist found a long-lost wedding ring on a Jersey beach. He posted his picture on social media and a woman contacted him. She told him that she tossed the ring into the water of the Channel 33 years ago after a bad divorce.

She added that she never wanted to see the ring again and asked the detectorist to throw the ring back into the sea!! The detectorist was shocked but said that he will pop the ring back when he is be back to the spot again.

And you, what would you answer to the divorcee?

3/ A STRANGE READER’S STORY PUBLISHED FOR HALLOWEEN

Bob of Birmingham tells a strange tale of ghosts: about a week later his father’s death, Bob was driving alone in his car when he felt taps on his shoulder.

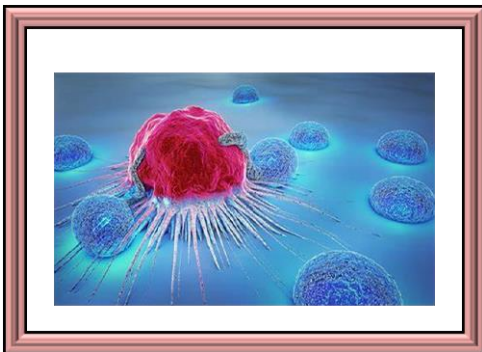
He thought that something had fallen on him and turned to have a look at it. He saw his father sitting on the back seat, wearing his usual overcoat and trilby hat! And more...Bob could see the headlights of following cars through his father’s body!! Then his dad disappeared but Bob was sure he had come to say him goodbye...

Do you believe this strange story?



By Christine

Cancers diagnoses fell by 14% in first year of covid Source : Evening standard – 24 october 2022



This text shows worrying statistics about cancer diagnoses in 2020. This fall concerns all regions in Great Britain, big cities such as London and rural areas. It concerns also men and women. For example, for men, prostate cancer diagnoses fell by 24% in one year, from 2019 to 2020.

Several conclusions can be made about this statistics:

- This decrease in diagnoses is very serious because the cancer is a disease that must be diagnosed quickly.
- The covid pandemic had overwhelmed hospitals and people couldn't get diagnoses for the other diseases such as cancers.
- In 2022, the situation has not improved. In August nearly 1 million Londoners were waiting for routine hospital treatment.
- Such as in France and other countries, we can say that the National Health Service is sick!
- And unfortunately the situation will get worse.

March of the mummies why it matters?

Source: Evening standard – October 2020



By Leïla

The word MUMMIES here has a double meaning.

Mummies: a body usually well preserved in the Ancient Egypt.

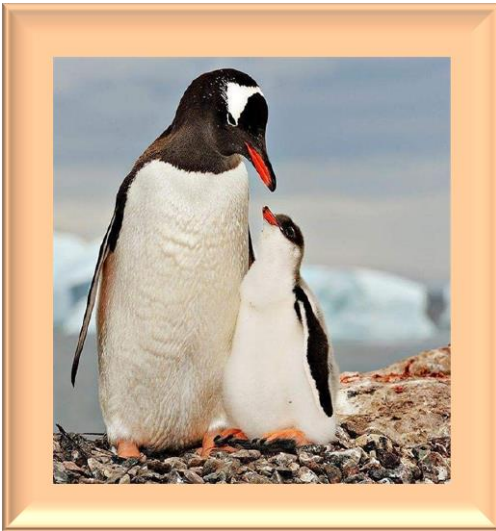
Mummies: mothers.

This article deals with the fury of mums and parents. They protest by doing a march at the same time in several cities to demonstrate the frightening lack of consideration that the government has given mothers over the last decades. They are represented by a charity organization called **PTS (the Pregnant then screwed)**.

The main aim is to make those in power acknowledge the frustration, fear and anger of these mothers who are forced to stay at home with their kids instead of working because the UK has the second most expensive childcare system in the world and the least generous paternity leave in Europe.

Some of women are forced to return to work after one month after their baby is born because they can't afford to stay off. They're slowly dying and cannot make ends meet. That's why they are dressed up as zombies and mummies.

By Paule



NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTIONS

I am NOSTRADAMUS

I have taken three resolutions for the New Year

FIRST: I make an appointment with a psychiatrist because I get depressed. Human people do not understand what I have written. They are unable to take preventive actions to limit announced disaster.

SECOND: I need to take a high speed train ticket to go to my dear friend MERLIN. Perhaps he has a magic potion to increase human intelligence .

THIRD : I make an appointment with a NASA engineer to control stars position in the sky .Perhaps I was wrong because I needed glasses .This may explain why my prophecies failed to accomplish their objectives .

All over my life I have been studying with application and perseverance to help humans in the future so I hope that 2023 can help me to achieve this goal!!!

Icy jet ? Just p-p-pick up a penguin wing...

By Gwym WRIGHT

When a plane takes off, or when it lands, it crosses over different atmospheres. Some water can condense and make drops on its metallic surface. Typically, the drops drain. But, under severe conditions, the drops freeze. So, they can disrupt the jet engine, they can weigh down the wings. The flight is not secure. To avoid troubles, a scientist team from McGill University was inspired by the feathers of the wings of Gentoo Penguin. This animal swims in freezing water without any troubles. The barb of the feathers draws the water under freezing condition. So Canadians developed a chemical-free method, they wove a mesh. The pores of the mesh play the role of the barb of the feathers, they avoid the freezing condition.

By Rosanna

Prophecies 2023



By Leila

Don't let your house be brighter than you!!!!



In the past, I spent seven hours a day cleaning my house. Broomy the broom was my faithful companion.

I was also taking care of the ungrateful and insensitive members of my family leaving me with a huge mountain of laundry in different corners of the house.

But this time was over as soon as I heard the stroke of midnight for the New Year. Did you guess who I was? Cinderella of course!!! So, I decided to implement my resolutions and stick to them.

First of all: Listen and respect my body and soul; Rest and relax when I need it. Take a walk in a quiet and a flowery place to refresh myself.

Secondly: Buy new clothes to look more elegant than ever alongside my prince charming with whom I will travel and discover the world in all its splendours.

And last but not least: Not taking home cleaning seriously but take time for myself to do what I love the most which is cooking and sharing my dishes with all my friends and relatives.

Because one day, the only thing that people remember about you is your kindness, your love for those around you and what you teach them during this short life. No one knows who will pass away first. So, love each other and enjoy life!!!

Santa Claus is not trash!

By Peter

I am Santa Claus

For me, Christmas is always a tiring and stressful time. I have to do a lot of things. But Christmas 2022 was the worst of my life.

The elves that help me putting gifts on my sled had hidden it. I must answer three riddles to find the hiding place.

But that was only the beginning of my troubles. The reindeers pulling my sled had claims. They said that it was not good for the earth to do so many kilometers. It was very difficult for me to convince them that the weeping of children would generate more carbon.

My troubles were not over. Some chimneys had not been swept and for others they were lit. My red coat was soot black and my white beard was scorched.

Santa Claus' new resolutions:

- **First:** I will never work again with elves.
- **Second:** I will no longer use reindeers for my sled.
- **Third** and last resolution: I've decided to get another job next year!



«The divine MICHELANGELO »

By Anna Maria

Just before midnight on New Year's Eve, Michelangelo thought about several resolutions for 2023:

« - I am known as a genius painter, sculptor and architect but I want to offer my art to all persons, even simple and poor who don't go into museums, churches... So, I'll bring my colours and brushes in the street in order to paint **street art** on walls everywhere!

- So many personalities ask me works that I can't finish them all! So, I'll use a **3D printer** to make models for my sculptures and above all for my architecture work. It will save me time to create more artworks!

-When I went to Carrare quarries to choose marble blocks, I realized how much it is difficult to bring them down. So, I want to create a **rack railway** really very strong to support heavy marble blocks!"

Michelangelo concluded:

"My last but not least resolution is that I want to shoot **a movie about my life**. Bios have been written but maybe only few persons have read them. A movie will show to everyone the "divine" man I am!"



By Christine

When Mary Poppins thinks about the resolutions of beginning of the year

I'm Mary Poppins! You know me since 1964, so near 60 years! Today, I'm a very old lady, but an old lady who enjoys to play.

You know, also, a strange custom: every January, people make promises to themselves.

So, I will try to play this promises game.

- You know that I love flying in the sky with my umbrella. But, in the last few months, it's more difficult for me. May be, it's because I love chocolates and candies too much!

So, goal n°1: I promise to forget chocolates, candies... and try to lose weight

- You know that I'm a nanny. A nanny who has trouble to understand young people. When we talk to them, it's impossible to see their eyes. They are stuck to their phone or social networks.
So, goal n°2: convince young people that it's better to have real friends than wasting their time on screens, twitter, tik tok...

It will not be easy to meet these goals. But you know that I have a special way to solve any problem. It's my magic word



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