

CHAIN REACTION SDC

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2018

NEW HOMES

We said Goodbye – or at any rate – *au revoir* – to **John and Sandra** who are moving to Cambridgeshire this month, *en route* to their new house very shortly afterwards. Some of us will see them at Grange-over-Sands in the middle of February, so there won't be such a long gap. They go with our very best wishes in their new home. The only photograph I have of John and Sandra is of a group of us in Benidorm a couple of years ago, with Sandra in the middle and John hiding behind her.



New home good wishes also go to **Trevor and Chris** who have now made their move to Warton, thereby becoming official Lancashire residents.

For those of you who like reading, here are some recommended reading books for you to read:

- 1) Hard of Hearing, by U. Watt
- 2) A Clifftop Tragedy, by Eileen Dover
- 3) A Young Man's Guide to Dating, by Caesar Titely
- 4) At the North Pole, by I. C. Blast
- 5) Better Gardening, by Anita Lawn
- 6) Bullying Is Wrong, by Howard U. Lykit

A FEW MORE OF DAVID'S DAILY GROANS

I just bought a thesaurus and when I got home I found out all the pages were blank.
I have no words to describe how angry I am.

What do you get when you mix alcohol and literature? A Tequila Mockingbird.

Tomorrow is Jamaican hairstyle day.
I'm dreading it.

I burnt my Hawaiian pizza last night.
I should have use aloha setting.

Let's get away from corny cooking jokes and try a real cake recipe from Sheila.

CHOCOLATE MUFFINS

6OZ/175G Self-raising Flour
1oz/25g Cocoa powder
2 tsp/10ml Baking powder
3oz /75g Soft dark brown sugar
2oz/50g Butter
¼ pt /150ml soured cream
1 egg, (Medium)

Mix the flour, cocoa powder, and baking powder together in a large bowl

Melt butter and sugar. Mix with dry ingredients, together with the soured cream and egg. Then spoon into paper cases in a muffin pan.

Makes 8 large size, (10 in cupcake tray) or 24 small size muffins. Bake at Gas Mark 6, 400F/200c or 180c (for fan oven) for 20 minutes

This recipe can also be made into a cake 7" diameter. A double recipe will go into an 8" square cake tin or a 9" Round cake tin

Bake Cakes at 160°C (fan) for 35/40 minutes for 7", 8" & 9" cakes. I reduced the 8" square cake to 150° after 20 minutes. These temperatures are for a fan oven.

Sheila

HOME SCHOOLED

This little gem was sent in Barbara who thought we would be as amused as she was on reading it. It's mainly for the over 60s amongst us – younger people may not believe that we were truly told these EXACT words by our parents!

1. My mother taught me to APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you are going to kill each other, go outside and do it – I've just finished cleaning!"

2. My mother taught me about RELIGION; "You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL: "If you don't fix that up I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."

4. My father taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother also taught me LOGIC: If you fall out of that swing and break your b..... neck, you're not coming to the shops with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're involved in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY: "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me the SCIENCE OF OSMOSIS: "Shut your mouth and eat your dinner."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Just look at the dirt on the back of your neck."

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You can just sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER: "It looks like a damned tornado has been through your bedroom."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRACY: "If I've told you once I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate."

13. My father taught me about the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world and I can take you out."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATIONS: "Stop acting like your father."

15. My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother me about RECEIVING: "You're going to get it from your father when you get home."

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP: "Put your jumper on. Don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught me HUMOUR: "When the lawn mover cuts your toes off, don't come running to me for sympathy."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat all your dinner you will never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS: "You are just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS: "Shut that door behind you. You weren't born in a barn."

24. My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age you'll understand".

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you will have kids – and I hope they turn out just like you."

A2 DANCING AT LUNE VALLEY

Since John has moved away Carol is hoping to continue his good work by holding "A2" dancing on Mondays at Caton, dancing to music on CDs. If you can join her there, you will be very welcome.

AUNTIE VAL (from Di)

For those who have not already heard through our club contacts, I am very sorry to tell you all that my dear Auntie Val (Val Sanderson) finally lost her battle against cancer and passed away last Saturday afternoon.

She was very shy and lacking confidence but when she discovered square dancing, she found a new life and absolutely loved the activity and the friendship it brought. It really did change her life for the better and you all had a part in that.

Thank you to you all for making her life much happier. *Di*



The service for Auntie Val will be on Friday
16th Feb at 3.30 pm at Grenoside
Crematorium, Skew Hill Lane, Grenoside,
Sheffield, S35 8RZ

FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

We are experiencing some difficulties with the new committee of Samlesbury Memorial Hall, which Norman is battling to resolve for us. More news of that at the AGM, which will be on Sunday, 18th February.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Val and Barry are now back from sunny Portugal, Susan has gone to Spain for some sunshine, and Jackie B to India. Hope you had or have a great time, all of you.

It's good to see Bob and Norma back dancing again and also Trevor after his recent operation.

GRANGE WEEKEND

I will be dancing at the Cumbria Grand Hotel in Grange-over-Sands from the 14th to the 16th February, so hope to see some of you there on the Saturday evening. If you do want to go just for the evening, please ring Alan Trengove first to make sure it is OK with him. He and his co-caller, Derek Stuart of Aberdeen Kilt Kickers, are both celebrating their 70th birthdays this year.

And finally an apology from me:
Sorry this newsletter didn't get out on time but I wanted to make sure I had the information and photo of Auntie Val with her usual sunny smile.

Jane