

# The Neuro Bureau

Newsletter 27-21



## Welcome

### **We may be physically challenged but we are differently able.**

Welcome to our twenty seventh newsletter. Please enjoy the features and photographs. If you would like to make a contribution for a future edition, please get in touch with our editor, Lesley MacLeod.

New members are always welcome. Copies of this newsletter can be emailed to anyone who requests a copy.

We are currently **NOT** meeting every Tuesday between 1030-1430 at: The Sports Bar at Summerleaze Park, Summerleaze Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8SP. For the moment, we continue to meet on Zoom every Tuesday.

**Please note our contact number is 07577 506165**

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## The Sunflower

I stand alone so proud so tall  
And watch my friends as raindrops fall  
They hang their heads as if in shame  
But have no choice of who to blame  
And then the sun appears in view  
And all the flowers awake on cue  
They turn their heads as if to say  
We've come alive to meet the day  
We wait a while and friends appear  
To whisper stories without fear  
So many flowers, soft but bold  
Share my life but I've grown old  
So who will take my place just now  
And keep my friends from harm, but how?

*Dorothy Haywood*

## Sequela summer BBQ

The weather was kind on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and some of us managed to meet at Summerleaze Sports Bar (formerly The Cricket Club), for a summer BBQ – the first time we have been able to meet in person since March 2020. We enjoyed a sing-a-long with Karen and it was a lovely opportunity to get together. Another lunchtime meeting has been arranged for **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**.

The Sports Bar has erected a permanent marquee beside the pavilion so we were able to choose to sit in the shade or in the sun. Among the tables are a couple that originally belonged to Sportsable and are specially designed to accommodate wheelchairs – very useful.









The BBQ was enjoyed by everyone who attended. After the meal, Karen led us in a sing-song and demanded participation from the audience! The highlights were dog noises and the finale of 'Always look on the bright side of life'.



## Diary Dates

Following the success of the BBQ, another meeting has been arranged at the Sports Bar on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**; meet at 12.00 for lunch at 12.30. The cost is £7.50 per person.

We all look forward to being able to get together again soon but in the meantime, we will continue to meet via Zoom, at 1030 every Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome to join. We meet for about an hour and half, usually fitting in a short exercise session. Anyone who has difficulties but would like to join in, can contact Anke on 01628 621574 or 07863 661468 or David on 01628 61573 or 07719 215242.

## Fundraising

**Give as you Live** is a shopping and price comparison website and so easy to use.

You can shop for products from thousands of leading online retailers and a percentage of every purchase made will be donated to Sequela.



If you shop online at Amazon, please use [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)



## Priority Services Register

Did you know that utility companies maintain a **Priority Services Register** for vulnerable or disabled customers?

We (Lesley & David) are on the register and when we had a short power cut the other day, we received texts from the electricity network provider to update us on progress – very useful!

You can register online or by phone; if you need help, give David a call.

## Get extra support during power cuts or water supply interruption

Register for Priority Services



## Profile – Kavitha Rajan

Hi - my name is Kavitha, and I am originally from India, but I have made England my home since moving here in 2002. I was born in southern India and spent my childhood in Mumbai which is a cosmopolitan city on the western coast of India. I now live in Maidenhead with my husband and 2 children, my daughter who is now at University and my son who is at secondary school.



I graduated with a degree in Microbiology but didn't work in that field; instead, I chose to work in the banking sector. I loved my job and really enjoyed it, however I had to give it up after marriage when my husband was posted to Chicago. It was a completely different experience living in a foreign country, but we thoroughly enjoyed it. We moved to England after spending a couple of very happy years in Chicago.

When we first came to England we settled in the beautiful city of Lincoln, which I absolutely loved. We lived very close to the magnificent Cathedral and the Castle. I spent many a day walking down Steep Hill, with its beautiful cobbled streets, amazing architecture of the historic buildings and browsing the tiny bespoke shops and galleries along the Cathedral quarter. My husband worked for an IT company in Lincoln and played cricket for a local club. Our children went to the primary school in the beautiful village just outside the city, where I volunteered. We loved our time in Lincoln: it was a beautiful place to bring up our children.

After several years in Lincoln, we decided to move down south and came to Maidenhead. Over the years I did many part-time & volunteering jobs and worked as a Teaching Assistant. Working with children was very fulfilling and I enjoyed it, but unfortunately, I could not carry on for health reasons.

I am now a full-time mum and homemaker; I have embraced cooking and embroidery, to keep myself busy.



## Jenny's gems

### To all our intelligent friends ... a word puzzle

Keep that brain working; try to figure this one out:

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

- Banana
- Dresser
- Grammar
- Potato
- Revive
- Uneven
- Assess

Give it another try ...

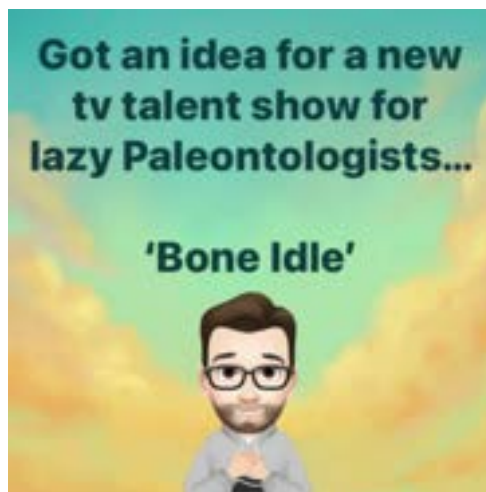
Look at each word carefully. If you can't see it, you'll kick yourself when you discover the answer!

*Hint* – could be something to do with moving letters around ...

Remember – only smart friends have been sent this ...!

*Answer is on the last page*

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## Crackers from Kiran

*To all connoisseurs of good puns*

How does a lawyer sleep? He lies on one side, then he lies on the other side

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work

How do you make holy water? Take some tap water & boil the hell out of it

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favourite kind of music?" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday but couldn't find any

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane

A cross-eyed teacher can't control his pupils

She had a photographic memory but never developed it

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world? I neither know nor care

I wasn't going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

My ex-wife still misses me but her aim is starting to improve

The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize

I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"

Need an ark? I Noah guy

I used to be indecisive but now I'm not so sure

Sleeping comes so naturally to me I do it with my eyes closed

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine

What do you call a super articulate dinosaur? A Thesaurus.

## Barbara M's Musings

Have you ever wondered ...?

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?
- Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

## Useful contacts

**Anke Heley**  
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07863 661468

**Maidenhead Voluntary Car Service**

01628 673937

**People to Places**

01628 587920

**Maidenhead Care**

07538 418448

**Mohammed** (used by Barbara Copcutt)

07912 419856

**Windsor Voluntary Car Service**

01753 831090

Andrew Taft ([www.wvcs.co.uk](http://www.wvcs.co.uk))

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### **Answer to Jenny's word puzzle:**

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word ...!

Did you need the hint? Did you figure it out? No?

Send it on to more people and stump them as well - then you'll feel better!