



INSPECTOR GENERALS' MISSIVE WEEK 18



23rd July - Time seems to have been passing more easily for me in the last couple of weeks than it did at the beginning of lockdown, and I hope you are also finding life more bearable. We shall all be required to wear a face covering to enter shops from tomorrow but the Press reaction to that instruction in some quarters seems to be very selfish – the mask is to reduce the risk of us unknowingly passing Covid to others rather than to protect ourselves so everyone should be pleased to comply and to see us complying. But then they do have to sell newspapers or attract viewers somehow I suppose.

Meetings may well be permitted in some Orders now but there is still some doubt in many minds that we shall all be rushing back. The news seems good on the vaccine front and once that is available (and assuming it proves to make us uninfected as well as just producing some antibodies) then I am sure we will all be clamouring to get back to what we are missing. I find reciting in my mind some part or other of our beautiful ritual as I settle in bed is a very efficient means of encouraging sleep. There are no proper meetings of our two Rose Croix Chapters of Instruction yet but an occasional read through of the little red book will be a great help when we do meet again.

Here are the answers to last week's quiz. Stephen Knight was this week's star researcher (although I have an idea

his Latin answer, with numerous source quotes, proves he worked a lot harder at school than I did). Bill Parish also scored very well and an enjoyable thank you to all the other responders.

Week 17 Answers

1. The next Ryder Cup will be held 21st – 26th September 2021 at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin.
2. The next Americas' Cup will be held from 6th - 21st March 2021 in Auckland, NZ.
3. Camels can go 15 days without drinking any water. Giraffes can go 3 weeks. The kangaroo rat can survive longest without drinking water – it doesn't actually drink any water for its entire life (3 to 5 years).
4. They broke their boiled eggs open at the small end or the big end in Gulliver's Travels (1726).
5. Marcus Aurelius made the closest quote to the specific words "death looms over us all but we should still try to be happy" in ~ 42BC although he did of course write in Latin and some translate his words as "good" rather than "happy". It was Cicero who first wrote of this philosophical approach to life in relating the story of Damocles and that was a development of Plato's earlier original work in ~300BC.
6. Warren Buffet warned against giving offspring too much money.
7. 10.52 (2 Pops / 0.19 square miles in Vatican City)
8. Humans and elephants are the only 2 mammals with a chin.
9. The 4 chemical bases in DNA are adenine (A), cytosine (C), guanine (G) and thymine (T).
10. The smallest number divisible by all the numbers 1 – 10 is 2520.

Here are this week's posers:

1. When was the Duke of Edinburgh first officially associated with the Moonrakers?

2. Which famous author died in a motorcycle accident in 1935?
3. Since what year has it been compulsory for car occupants in the UK to wear seat belts?
4. How was Thomas Hardy's first Wessex Tale "Under the Greenwood Tree" rather different from the rest of the Tales?
5. How many keys are there in an octave on a piano?
6. What did James James Morrison Morrison Weatherby George Dupree do?
7. Who was the train robber who kept his gloves on in 1963?
8. How many days are there between Wallace's birthday and Gromit's birthday?
9. Where is LIRP?
10. Which theatre proprietor founded an opera company in 1931?

Numbers of infections are reducing still (for the moment?) and, anecdotally at least, those being infected are now suffering to a lesser degree. A guaranteed vaccine to avoid infection at all would be the best result but treatment is becoming more reliable too - let us pray that those charged with dealing with the pandemic meet success soon.

God Bless, Stay Safe and keep phoning around.

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