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**WELCOME TO THE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
‘KEEP SMILING’ BULLETIN**

Here is Phil Joiner’s<sup>1</sup> fifteenth, ‘New Year’ edition of his “Keep Smiling” bulletin.

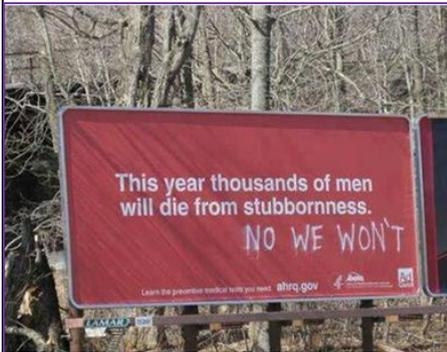
***The Executive Committee of Mill Hill U3A  
wishes you and your families every happiness  
and good health for 2021!***

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# KEEP SMILING No. 15



## A BRIDGE TOO FAR

In March we encountered a new disease,  
 Which brought the whole world to its knees.  
 All normal life ground to a halt,  
 Which isn't fair, it's not our fault!  
 All our hobbies were swept away  
 No more meetings of our U3A.  
 For me no bridge, no bowls, no boules,  
 We had to follow all the rules.  
 Playing bridge was first to go,  
 Just the start of this tale of woe.  
 We tried as much as we were able,  
 But were too close around the table.  
 We put the cards back in their packs,  
 We couldn't play and stay relaxed.  
 We were not pleased and had a grump,  
 But at least it meant we had No Trump!



Poem by Editor submitted for National u3a competition ( didn't win! )

# 8

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday. 'I'd like to be eight again', she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Cocoa Puffs and then took her to Canada's Wonderland theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park: the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down.

He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favourite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being eight again? Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. 'I meant my dress size, you numpety!!!!'

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is going to get it wrong.



So God called another angel and sent her to earth for a time. When the angel returned she went to God and said, 'Yes, it's true. The earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good...' God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were good, because He wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said? Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.



A 60-year-old billionaire is getting hitched and decides to throw a big wedding reception. His friends are clearly quite jealous and, in a quiet moment, one of them asks him how he landed such a gorgeous 23-year-old beauty. "Simple," grins the millionaire, "I lied about my age." Amazed, his friends ask him by how much. "Well," he replied, "I said I was 87!"



A woman is desperate to get an all-over tan before her holiday is over and decides that the hotel's rooftop offers the best tanning spot, without any areas of shade. After wearing a swimsuit on her first day and noticing that no-one else ever came up to the rooftop, she decides to ditch her swimsuit the following day.

But, just as she's making herself comfortable, she hears footsteps hammering up the stairs and quickly pulls a towel over her rear to protect her modesty. "Excuse me, Miss," the porter says as he flies through the door. "The hotel doesn't mind you sunbathing up here, but could you please wear a swimsuit as you did yesterday?"

Confused, she replies, "What difference does it make? I have not seen another soul up here?" "Yes, Miss," the porter replies, "but, you see, you're lying on the restaurant's skylight!"



A man decided to go away for the weekend with his dog. However, he noticed that none of the hotels said if they were pet-friendly or not. So, being polite, he decided to write a letter to the small hotel he planned to visit. "I would very much like to bring my dog with me," he wrote. "He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who said, "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bed clothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too.



A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink. Unfortunately, the locals always had a habit of picking on strangers, which he was. When he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen. He went back into the bar, handily flipped his gun into the air, caught it above his head without even looking and fired a shot into the ceiling. "Which one of you sidewinders stole my horse?" he yelled with surprising forcefulness. No one answered.

"Alright, I'm going to have another beer, and if my horse ain't back outside by the time I finish, I'm going to do what I dun in Texas! And I don't like to have to do what I dun in Texas! Some of the locals shifted restlessly. The man, true to his word, had another beer, walked outside, and his horse has been returned to the post. He saddled up and started to ride out of town. The bartender wandered out of the bar and asked, "Say partner, before you go... what happened in Texas?" The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."



As per his oath of silence, a monk is only allowed to say two words every year. After his first year, he comes before the head abbot to speak his two words: "Better food." The head Abbot understands and obliges the monk, hiring a new chef and improving the food quality at the monastery.

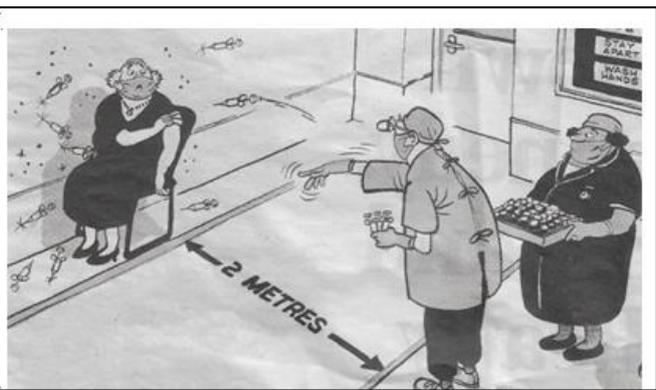
A year later, the monk appears to speak his next two words: "Warmer blankets." The head abbot gets right on it and purchases new blankets for the monk. The next year, the monk appears once again for his annual two words: "I quit." The head abbot replies, "Well, good! All you've done since you got here is complain."

### KEEP SMILING

A gangster buried someone in cement There was no concrete evidence  
I got a space rocket for my birthday. I was over the moon.  
My wife is going to watch Back to the Future. I told her it's about time  
A Mexican had his vehicle stolen His name was Carlos  
If the inventor of the drawing board messed up where did he go back to?  
My son went to mime school and I never heard from him again.  
When communicating with Vikings it helps if you know Norse code  
I had a camel that had no hump. I named it Humphrey  
I've given up asking rhetorical questions. What's the point?  
I deleted all German names off my mobile. It's now Hans free  
I had trouble finding a singing partner, so I bought a duet-yourself kit  
A friend and I were comparing bucket lists but mine pails in comparison  
Cinderella left the netball team She kept running away from the ball  
I always miss my ex, but my aim is improving

**Pretty busy today. Was only able to check my phone 1400 times.**

**How do you milk sheep?  
Bring out a new iPhone and charge \$1000 for it.**



**POSSIBLE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS**

Things aren't always as they appear.	A day with no laughter is a day wasted.
At this difficult time, mend a quarrel.	Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust..
Seek out a forgotten friend	Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
Apologise if you are wrong.	Laugh a little. Laugh a little more
Be kind. Find the time. Listen	Share some treasure.
Keep a promise. Think first of someone else	Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy.
Appreciate. Try to understand.	Deserve confidence. Be gentle.
Hang in there. Today is the tomorrow you were so worried about yesterday. Be bold and mighty forces will come to your aid	

**THINGS WE WANT TO CHANGE. SO FAR ONLY DONALD TRUMP HAS GONE AWAY!**

When Corona is a beer again  
 When Donald is only a duck  
 When tiers sit on cake  
 And when bubbles only exist in champagne



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