

The thoughts of
Christopher John
Emmett

as told to the
Hampstead U3A
Politics & Current
Affairs Group

Introduction

Christopher John Emmett was born in Ireland on January 22nd 1942 and died in February 2020. We are not sure when but the official date is the 15th, when he was found. He was a member of one of the "U3A in London" Politics and Current Affairs group, weekly discussions and chaired by a member on a voluntary rota. We used to meet in the Old Hampstead Town Hall. Chris never took the Chair but was a lively contributor. Occasionally he was a bit too lively but that was better than not contributing at all.

We have never had a Round Table introduction session and what we know about each other was revealed by our contributions to the discussions. Chris may have appeared an outsider, with his huge beard & always, a woollen hat but this little book reveals someone as well self-educated as any other member of the group.

That this book exists at all is because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. On Monday 16th March 2020, the U3A, which is essentially Hampstead U3A, had to pack up meeting, because of the rather tardy government restrictions.

On Saturday March 19th 2020, I had suggested setting up a Facebook group, based on the Politics & Current Affairs Group. This did not happen but I did gather a number of e-mail addresses, to which some other U3A Members added theirs. Then, the next Monday, I started writing "essays" to stimulate discussion. I circulated these both to the U3A Group and to my own wall on Facebook. Lively discussion started, in which Chris soon took part.

The entries are all of Chris' contributions. He frequently reacts to other people's contributions & it is usually obvious what they were. He frequently made more than one contribution in a day and they have been separated by ampersands. To include other contributions would create an unwieldy volume and raise horrendous copyright issues.

"I" am Ken Baldry, a member of the group. I had thought of assembling a book like this soon after Chris' death but life goes on, so it has been put together in some haste after I was informed of Chris' funeral arrangements. The funeral took place on Wednesday June 16th 2021 at The Islington & Camden Cemetery. Camden Council paid & cut no corners, despite current austerity, for which we are grateful.

Thursday 16th April 2020

I think the first thing to do is stop worrying. The number of people dying in relation to the population is very small indeed. 26,000 people die of the flu every year. If we were to monitor that, it might be considered an pandemic.¹

I haven't changed anything. I do a shopping every day. I wear a mask. But that's a false security in one way, ie the virus can enter any orifice, including cuts. The mask invariably covers the nose and mouth, leaving the eyes vulnerable.

Fear is what you have to get rid of. Dying is part of the contract of living, as soon as one is born, one is dying. Ho Hum. Being a vegan (49 years) I tend to buy fresh food most days. I just have what is called a cold box, similar to a fridge. Works fine.

The virus can live outside the body for around 4 hours--on any surface obviously. Hair, clothes, all transport surfaces. When it enters the body, he eventually invades the cell or cells, destroying the nucleus of the cell, then taking over the nucleus, and producing about 10,000 of itself. AAAAAHHHHHHH.

6 FEET APART OR 6 FEET DOWN NOT A CHOICE TO INSPIRE US AND ALL BECAUSE OF A TINY CHAP CALLED CORONA VIRUS...

Sunday 19th April 2020

Sorry about the faux pas last week on coronavirus--we all make mistakes I guess. The worse think about losing things--if one loses a glove, and then throws the other away, and then finds the one that was lost.

I've lost a couple of pairs of glove, and two umbrellas this year--seems standard practice for me. The last pair I lost--I was at the bus stop behind Waitrose's, and I had a pair of gloves that I really liked--the annoying thing is that if I start to like something, invariably I lose it?them or break it. So there I was at the bus stop, the seat made of steel, very cold (stupid considering old people sit on it/them)--I looked at my gloves, and I actually said in my head, it must be near your time to go, put them on the seat so as my bum didn't get cold, bus came, me on bus, gloves left on seat. I wasing annoying.

On cooking, I tend to cook a load of rice, and a large mixture of about eight veg, plus herbs garlic etc--that does me for 4 days.

On PPE--I think it's a disgrace. The government can set up a hospital in the blink of an eye, there's no reason why they couldn't do the same with a PPE manufacturing outlet--yes, I know there would be some difficulties, but they could iron those out. I wish you and Avis health. Health is Wealth. Chris.

Tuesday 28th April 2020

Jim, you don't have to try hard at all--I like the stuff you do including the classes.

Talking about having to try harder. I do abstract art, and I have just watching a programme on BBC4 called The Price of everything. A programme on contemporary art, much of it abstract, selling for millions of pounds--not better than mine, but much bigger than mine, and I could never in a million years fit into their world. It's money, buying money, creating money. I'm not even sure what I mean by that--it's the cringe world.

Here's a little bit you can choose not to like--wrote it a few years ago.

SUCH IS LIFE

THE WHOLE THING IS NONSENSE ANYWAY,
AND YET WE CRUNCH IT,AND MUNCH IT,
TURN IT UPSIDE DOWN,INSIDE OUT, BACKWARDS,FORWARDS,
WE CHEW ON IT,SPEW ON IT,LICK IT,KICK IT,
HOLD IT UP TO THE LIGHT,HIDE IT IN THE DARK,
WE DREAM IT,NIGHTMARE IT, MACHINATE IT,
BOIL IT,SPOIL IT,WE TWIN IT, SPIN IT,GRIN IT,
LAUGH AT IT,CRY AT IT,
WE MOURN IT,SOJOURN IT,WE ADORN IT,
SUCK IT,RUCK IT,FUCK IT,
WE STRETCH IT, MESH IT, THRESH IT,
WE SHOUT WITH IT. MOUTH WITH IT,CLOUT IT,
BOUNCE IT,TROUNCE IT,
WE DEMAND IT, BRAND IT,GRAND IT,LAND IT,
DROWN IT,CROWN IT, UPSIDE DOWN IT,
WE PLEAD WITH IT. SEED WITH IT, GREED WITH IT,
WE DANCE WITH IT, PRANCE WITH IT, ROMANCE WITH IT, BLOW WITH IT,GROW WITH IT,SOW
WITH IT IT,GO WITH IT, WE LIE WITH IT,SIGH WITH IT, CRY WITH IT,
AND FINALLY WE DIE WITH IT,
BUT WHO AMONGST US KNOWS,
THE HOW,WHAT,WHERE, AND WHY OF IT.....
C J EMMETT.

Jim replied: Chris I see what you are saying about the art world...but I suspect that it was ever thus. The artwork always went to the highest bidder (or commissioner) hopeful that it would go up in price once the artist died! Cynically yours Jim (who posted the cartoon)

Chris replied to Jim: That was very funny, meaning the download. It's working now (it wasn't before, the download that is),problem is once I get in,I can't get out, have to go back to desk top and come back in again. You are right about the art world, it is the highest, but are manipulating the initial bid for new stuff--in that way it creaytes greater profit in the future..I don't really know all that works. One woman who bought the Damien Hirst large painting with small butterflies all over it. She said the beauty of it made her cry when she first, had to have--several million pounds. Obviously a very rich B. Thanks for the laugh.

Later: First of all,you are the flora needs water. I will look up Avis (if you'll pardon the expression) later on.I'm just about to have my peasants breakfast. The was a very interesting programme on last night on BBC4 called 'The Price of Everything.' I'm sure you can fast track or whatever the term is. Worth it all through, but particularly the last ten minutes or so, when the buying starts. Mind blowing prices even for new works--up to £25 million. It is interesting how they create the prices to favour them, particularly in the future'

I forgot to tell Jim that they had a very good programme on Ken Dodd last night--seen much of it before, but still brilliant.Ken,T had a couple of Mailer Daemon failures, so not sure you got my message on Avis. The Charles Saachi comment on art wasn't me suggesting that Avis had never been bought--how could I say that,

as I know very little about her or her life. It was just a hope line for all artists, including me. We all need hope, and I believe it springs eternal...Ho Hum.

Saturday 2nd May 2020

That's absolutely right. The number of cases of Covid 19 in the poorer areas is double those in the more salubrious areas. And when the true figure of those dying in old peoples homes from Covid 19 eventually comes out, we will be horrified.

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Ken, enjoyed your piece about Brick Lane etc, but I would argue on your second. I would argue that there is only one Party in the UK. When the controlling gets a bit sticky, they create situation that allows the Labour to get in--this gives the illusion of change, whereas in fact very little changes--the status quo continues as always. Machiavelli said, it doesn't matter how society is controlled, as long as it's controlled.

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Strange that you should be talking about books today, and how they relate to your life.

I was doing my morning exercise, and in between the component parts, I was gauging my life by what I had, and how it started.

I have written 5 books, one of them a book of poetry, the rest autobiographical. The first book which I read out parts of in the autobiographical I attended for 3 years at U3A. An incredible destructive childhood, both physical (not sexual) and mental working class upbringing. I turned it into humour.

Even as a child,I didn't just want The Beano, and The Dandy etc,I wanted reading material,The Rover and The eagle--not heavy reading stuff, just reading.

Traumatic childhood(I'm leaving out the much). I'm amazed that I can even speak.

Won't dwell...The only compliment I remember came from my headmaster. Well into the summer holidays, he chased out of his orchard where I was stealing his apple.

A few days later he caught up with me in the lane leading to where I lived. Emmett, come here..Yes Sir...What where you doing in my orchard? Stealing your apples Sir. I had learned that telling the truth confused people. There was smile in his eyes, but it wasn't allowed to reach his mouth. Emmett>..Yes Sir...Don't you realize you could be a scholar. I didn't...I mumbled something, and he said,I will deal with you after the holiday. He never did--He'd let me off several times before when I played truant (in Ireland called mitching). Why weren't in school last week. Out in the fields with the pigs and bullocks Sir. The smile was in the eyes again but not in the mouth. I will deal with you later. Usually we got six of the best, 3 on each hand. One teacher use to turn our hands at the last minute, so you got in on the knuckles. The cane was very very painful--grabbing the wrought iron frame of the desk afterwards to ease the pain.

I better cut this to the quick. I did read quite lot in my early adulthood, but mainly rubbish like Agatha Christie, Ray Bradbury, Asimov, and that sort of stuff.

After lots of relationships, one of them a marriage, one them a common law marriage, both producing one child each, I ended up in a large flat in Maida Vale living with a very attractive tall woman--flat mates were of the very educated variety, and my landlord and his wife were Oxford educated. They were become my university.

In the period I lived in the flat--most of the period it was my flat, they'd all flown. Travelled to festivals with my Landlord, his wife, and child.

I read profusely. Nietzsche (German philosopher), Rabindranath Tagore (Indian philosopher). Complete works of George Orwell, including 4 books of Essays, and two biographies, about 10 books of Steinbeck, which included the more than excellent 'The Grapes of Wrath.'--lots of individual books like The Republic, Mein Kampf, The Tibetan Book of the Dead, Das Kapital, and many many many more, I was virtually eating books, and I have continued to so. I should mention I also read lots of Freud, and Jung, and even R.D.Laing. Herman Hesse was another, many books.

Timothy Leary (awful creature.

People say I am autodidactic, but that's not really true. A good book is a teacher between covers.

I haven't really scratched the surface really. Need much more space and time to talk about this subject. And yes,I do know,I'm probably using the wrong platform. I love books...

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I took a break from eating for 20 years. It builds ones character I believe. yes, I am laughing. I did work. I worked for British transport advertising at one time, and the only way then knew I wasn't in, was, that they couldn't smell the cannabis. I worked in the fringe theatre with a designer friend--he was very good. I did lots of things. None of it is important. That was yesterday, and yesterdays gone.

The Sainburys thing gets me as well. It is spelt like that in the singular so to speak.

Ken, the important thing is, I never fit in with what one might call normality, and I have a perverse personality, always have had--produced by the psychological damage by ignorant parents. Jim can I just say, there was no boasting there, talking about books. I left Joyce (didn't like him),read all Brendan Behan (not sure how that's spelt), and a myriad of other good stuff, about 3 hundred biographies, and autobiographies, and a lot humorous stuff as well.

Sunday 3rd May 2020

I left out so many authors when I was writing about books. What you have to remember this was (if we take from childhood) 70 years of reading, and at least 50 years of serious reading, when I would at times read one in a day,at other times I would have 3 to 5 books going at any one time--which confused at times where the information was coming from. I was just reading,I didn't think I was educating myself.

What I feel I need to do, yews, of course it can be ignored, is to delineate a few that I would say are 'worth' reading. Most are ,but some are special.

One of the earliest autobiographies was that of Benjamin Franklin--interesting because of the period,and style of the time. I really do like autobiographies, but much of them are fictitious as well. Most writers, particularly people who are famous in another field, don't really want to expose them selves too much.

I would suggest that The Grapes of Wrath (John Steinbeck) should be read by anyone who wants to understand capitalism, more so than Das Kapital (Marx). And besides The Grapes of Wrath is a well written interesting story, taking place around the dust bowl era in America, mid thirties period (I think).

In the seventies in the group I was part of, travelling to all the free festivals at the time,we were all interesting in finding someone who (who knew what? I know) knew, ie a Guru.

I went to a myriad of churches, and halls that presented Gurus, and I found them all wanting. Too much BS.

There was one Guru type I came across whom I really liked, I like the cut of his jib basically--he smiled all the time, whereas the rest were all of the very serious kind.

His real name was Richard Alpert (sadly died last year), and he published a book in '71 entitled 'Be Here Now.' Not the usual type of book, not one you have actually read like a normal, but a book with big lettering philosophizing about life, about the space between our ears, about us as a species. Good good stuff. Still get on Amazon.

I bought a copy for Mickey Yunkin coordinator of the psychoanalysis, which I attended for two years, and she loved it. Sent me an email after I left, complimenting what I added to the class.

I don't get many compliments.

I could talk about many, but for the moment.

Last, but not least, is a beautiful book by a chap called William Horwood, and it's entitled 'Duncton Wood.' It's a 700 page book about a kingdom of moles--set in a real place called Uffington (where the white horse is?). It's a beautiful book, and even though it's about moles in the fictitious sense, it covers all aspects of life. Lovely, Lovely, lovely book. It is part a trilogy, and because they became so popular, there was a prequel written. That or them, can also be bought on Amazon. I didn't read the 3, just the first one, and a 100 pages of the second.

I knew a girl some years ago in the wholefood shop I use to use--she had just finished a long term relationship, and she going through a very bad time--I bought her Duncton Wood--she read all 3, and said to me, you saved my life by giving me the book. That's it. There were a few more, but etc

For good raving philosophy, Tropic of Capricorn. Henry Miller. I emphasise here, not Tropic of Cancer, which is a very crude sexual book. Chris... May your dog go with you.

Jim's comment: Chris Your reading list very comprehensive, but I worry that your enthusiasm will encourage the folks in the group to abandon their computers in favour of reading some of your suggestions!! There just isn't enough time for both!! Keep well

Chris responded: Are you a betting man Jim? n I don't think you need worry on that part.

This might make you smile 'how do I define history? It's just one fucking thing after another' Alan Bennett. 'Beware you are not swallowed up in books. An ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge' John Wesley To counteract that.... 'Knowledge is life with wings' Kahlin Gibran..

I didn't mention him in the books, and he was very important to me

Stan, I remember the Hotspur as well, but I haven't got such a vivid memory as you of it. In fact I remember very little of any of them. There was other stuff as well, Superman et al. Halcyon days indeed--now Halcyon are those before lockdown.

Monday 4th May 2020

Ken, your sums are spot, £15 million an hour in a 24 hours day is £360 million. The America population is roughly that, 360 million. (supposedly 350 million).

You do go on about Boris, but the man made virus in America (Trump) is a greater threat to us all.

I forget what date it is, often. Had to ask a guy in Waitrose's the other day what date it was, but even days, they morph one into another, and it takes me a while some morning to figure which one it is. I can tell by what I watched on the box the previous day/night. Although most of the time it doesn't really matter.

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It's not the large conglomerates, it's individuals like greedy greedy pop stars, films stars--they rape the world of its wealth, and from their position of extreme wealth, they want knighthoods for professing to help. They help create the impoverishment, then they claim they are the solution--those who create, can never be the solution. They give back a few crumbs,FO.

The reality is, of course, that supply and demand rules, therefore all of these people charge for their services, bums on seats so to speak.

When an entrepreneur says he employs many people--it's not for philanthropic reasons, it's to create more wealth for him or herself. Have I said all that before.

The individual whether it's in pop, sport, acting etc etc, knows that those above are making a fortune, so demands his or her share, and so the beat goes on.

The sad thing about all this, is that we need these thugs to rule us. If it was a free market so to speak (could never happen) we'd be up that proverbial creek without etc. The real thugs would rise to the top, and we wouldn't be able to walk the streets.

It's a big factory, and needs managing, so perversely etc etc etc. I am quite happy that I can walk the streets in relative peace—yes, there is much wrong, too much deprivation at all levels. But etc

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Ken, I sort of agree with you about mr. None of us choose to be who we are. I always thought that George Michael was a decent--decent and troubled, and I knew about his generosity.

But there is still too much money owning obscenity in the world.

It's still an obscenity that 2 billion people haven't got access to clean drinking water.

It's very to ignore, and yet I do like the various reminiscing on childhood things. I've been trolling through my memories on what we use to do, to play--marbles was a big thing, which we played in the street along the curbs. Pitch and toss was another---tossing coins to a wall, nearest wins. even milk bottle tops, little round white cardboard discs. I was chief catapult maker made from inner tubes, the fork of a branch stripped down, and the tongue of a shoe for holding the stone-- also bow and arrows with real tips on the arrow made out of bashed tin. Daisy air rifles. Once I cut the tongues out of my older brothers good shoes (for Sunday mass), somehow convincing myself that he might not notice. One day I heard my name being shouted out from upstairs, and immediately headed out the window, him chasing me up through the street of houses throwing a shoe at me, picking it up and throwing it again, and again with all forms of profanity renting the air. In my autobiography, I had an old biddy in the doorway, saying, isn't that the tapestry of life passing by....Ho Hum. Lot's came flooding in.

Friday 8th May 2020

(re Shorts) I've been wearing them all week, and going out. Jim, you are not very far from Fortune Green cemetery-- you could have a pleasant walk around there. It's a lovely cemetery, very peaceful with a nice quiet oldie atmosphere. Plenty of benches to sit on in quiet contemplation, and if you listen very carefully, you might hear a chorus of voices, saying 'we'd like to be able to wear shorts',from those in permanent lockdown. Have a nice day. Chris....

Monday 11th May 2020

I read a whole article yesterday on the wearing of the mask, and not once did it explain why. The mask is not worn to stop the coronavirus getting in, it's worn to stop the virus getting out, i.e. retain it within the possible carriers environment. Equally gloves--gloves are worn to protect the wearer, because the virus can be transferred to the gloves, and then to any surface the gloves touch. That includes the face, and the orifices thereon/in.

It's not even the beginning of the end, or the end of the beginning, but it could be the beginning's end of the end, though the end's beginning is beginning to end the beginning, the end's beginning will only end, when the beginning's beginning ends the beginning. That seems straight forward enough--those failing to understand will be fined £1,000. Stay on earth. NEVER.....IN THE FIELD.....OF HUMAN CONFLICT.....HAS SO MUCH.....BEEN OWED.....BY SO MANY.....TO SO FEW.

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Lesley, I assume you've read 'Summerhill' by A S Neill, an alternative schooling for children-- initiated in the twenties I think, and put into practice at some point down the line. Brilliant man, brilliant philosophy, and brilliant understanding of children. Pooh-poohed at the time, and there after. Also worth reading of his 'Neill Neill, Orange Peel, an autobiography.

I remember a woman in Ireland bringing up 11 children, all educated at home, and ending up doing very well in the world. Of course not all could do that.

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Christine, that was the premise of A S Neill (Summerhill (book))--he believed that forced education at too early an age, robbed children of their minerals, vitamins, which would be better used for growing a strong body. He felt that maths in particular should be taught at a much later stage. My opinion, which is not worth a lot, is that education is there to stop us thinking, and if this is not too much of a leap, we are born as round objects, but the world only deals in square objects, and from the moment we are born (almost), we are pommelled to fit the shape required, the non-thinking shape.

Within ten years of leaving university, 50% of what we have learned is no longer true. Children need to be taught, let's say our native tongue, geography, and at least basic maths, and bung in a bit music and musical instruments. What we don't need is the view of history taught from an elitist viewpoint. That takes up too much space in our heads. And personally, I wouldn't allow any religion to be taught or even mentioned in school. It obfuscates the mind.

Christine B responded: Chris, that's interesting I had never heard of A S Neill but will look this up. We learn something everyday or hope to.

Chris replied: Christine...There's no problem getting any of his books, you can get them on Amazon. Worth reading, works on many levels. A good honest man, particularly in his autobiography 'Neill..Neill..Orange Peel.'

Saturday 16th May 2020

The fare thing I absolutely agree with--I thought about recently, because at the moment travelling on London Transport is free--at least on the buses, don't know about the trains.

I was waiting for a parcel yesterday, coming through Royal Mail--I went down to check if it had come, found the postman at the door writing out one of his tickets, so that one had to go to the depot. A real pain in the ass. He mumbled,I rang your bell twice.I just ignored him.He repeated it--I ignored again. I just couldn't be bothered going through the whole thing. I've already complained about this habit to the manager at the depot. Pissing in the wind I'm afraid.

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I think talking on their mobiles while in enclosed spaces,such as buses and trains,while not wearing a mask,is extremely dangerous--the louder they talk,the more spit droplets gets sprayed around the carriage/ bus. I Have COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) ,which at the moment is at a crippling level--within a smidgen of passing out yesterday a couple of times--collapsed to the ground. If I wear a mask,I can't breathe.

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Stephen B replied to: Chris, Sorry to hear your COPD is bad at the moment. I hope you are self-isolating and staying at home to reduce the risk of coming into contact with idiots. I assume you are in the vulnerable category and are getting help with shopping etc.

Chris E replied to Stephen B: Steve, of course I'm not getting help from anywhere. I have do all the shopping, and because I use spring water for everything, it's very heavy. Having said that,I'm sorry I even mentioned it. I don't normally talk about any illness I might have. I think it makes it worse to talk about it, so I'll just thank you, and move on from it.

Monday 18th May 2020

Steve,I'm directly speaking to you, because you responded to my predicament. I assumed what was almost making me collapse on a daily basis, was my COPD. Even my inhaler wasn't working to ease it. Let's say about 4 weeks ago (lost track of time),I started feeling sick, throwing up my breakfast a few mornings, but again I put it down to my COPD. Virtually everything I ate made me feel sick. A little over two weeks ago,I completely lost the sense of taste and smell, and this morning on the radio, they said that ;losing taste and smell was a sign of Covid 19. The loss of taste and smell I still have, but yesterday I tasted the food slightly, so hopefully I'm over the worst of it. I also slept an amazing amount, just couldn't stay awake. At least now I know what the problem, and I know that that problem is not going to kill me--it would have done so by now. Still feel sick, but etc.

Seriously Steve, don't feel you need to respond to this,I am not looking for attention.

It doesn't surprise me I got it--I often shop in Kilburn High Road. I won't elaborate on that.

Tuesday 19th May 2020

I think you had the right to be annoyed. In virtually every class I've been in, and I've been in quite a few since I started 8 years ago, what was emphasised in most classes.was. 'What is said in this class, remains in this class.' That was said in the autobiographical class, the psychoanalysis c;lass, and other classes. After all,

this platform is a class. I'm not having a go at Naomi or Amalia, they know how much I appreciate U3A. I sent an email to Naomi just before I came on this platform (a couple of months ago), telling her how wonderful U3A is, and it is. And on several I've brought boxes of biscuits for office staffs tea breaks. Naomi responded by thanking me, not for the biscuits, for the compliment.

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Jim, that is always the case. They are supposed to represent their constituents, but still retain the right to vote, sometimes against those constituents, if they consider it better for the country as a whole.

The problem inherent in the political system, is ingrained in the system. A person might enter the political system at ground level, with the intentions of bringing change for the good of the people. This is called, the naive state.

The person may start out as a lion, but as he or she comes through the system--at every point in that system, they will have to kowtow continuously--by the time they reach the point of where they have been selected as an MP--they will have kowtowed so much, that are no longer a lion--nearer to maggot status. That's how the system works.

Look at those in Parliament. QED..

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Ken, you didn't say anything that changes my mind. Politicians are tied to the party-- if one is an MP and he or she steps out of line, they will quickly be deselected. I think Jim mentioned something about wages. Being an MP is a nice little earner for doing relatively little. Not all could do better in the private sector, which is always claimed, ie that they could. And in a sense Ken, you answered yourself--if you had have kowtowed more, you might have gone much further. The leader of the invariably want arse lickers.

I remember a girl a few years ago got selected as MP straight from university, and she was totally confused with the behaviour within Parliament. She hadn't come through the system, so wasn't moulded to and by the system. I don't think I'm necessarily right, just how I feel, my opinion.

Wednesday 20th May 2020

There is an aspect of this that worries me greatly. If, as I suspect, we become a card paying society when this Covid 19 thing is all over, it's going to have a detrimental affect on the homeless. No cash available.

Thursday 21st May 2020

I've had an interest in psychology all my life, mainly because of my destructive childhood. Forced into. My childhood resulting in a perverse personality. Ho Hum'

I really find the machination of politics/politicians incredibly boring, and masturbatory in the extreme. It's like being trapped in a vortex/maelstrom of lies looking for the truth. Much to say on this, but I won't.

It almost goes without saying, that those who seek power over others, are extremely weak. That's why the majority of politicians are weak.

Let's take Trump, Putin, and Un as prime examples, but not only. They are very weak insecure people. denoting weakness--of my own making--not quoting.

- (1) Arrogance (a strong person has no need of arrogance) (2) Oneupmanship
- (3) Boasting
- (4) Mental bullying (and physical)
- (5) Always putting the blame on others
- (6) The me, me, me syndrome, or if you like, I this,I that,I everything (7) Projecting their own faults onto others
- (8) denigrating others to make themselves appear blameless
- (9) A very bad trait.Not giving credit to others for what they say or do. (10) Dictatorialism. Deluding the self into thinking it's omnipotent

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Ken, you must know in your heart that Corbyn was a waste of space. It was much much too weak--there was no fire in him. I actually think that there is only one party in this country--all the rest is illusion. The status quo party. Been there since it all began. All voters made impotent by living vicariously through their elected spokesperson, their politician. He does nothing, they do nothing, and so the mental masturbation goes on, and on, and on. Chris speaking from his very dark cave. Praying for an ivory tower.

Friday 22nd May 2020

It's just a thought--has the coronavirus come to make our world healthier. Think about that before you react.

Monday 25th May 2020

Made me smile Jim. I'm afraid I'm a night owl--have been most of my life. I like the quietness of night. Do not go gentle into that good night
Rale, rale against the dying of the light.

Dylan Thomas

That's got nothing to with the above, just fancied putting it in.

Just a little on rightwingness. They have a programme on BBC2 called Talking Pictures where they interview a famous old time star (usually),yesterday it was The Duke Wayne. I love stuff like that--the old stars were interesting people. When Wayne explained why he was considered right wing, it made sense. Not necessarily right, but It made sense.

There was one a little while ago on Richard Burton--lovely stuff, amazing voice. I remember him reading Under Milk Wood, brilliant. Going to be hot today...Enjoy.

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Ken,I'm not a political animal as I've stressed many times, but what do you say about Blair's illegal invasion of Iraq--a terrorist act, leading to the loss of hundreds if not thousands of lives. Just to protect our oil resources. And have all Labour leaders in the past acted philanthropically? How did Corbyn become a millionaire. All accumulation of money comes with a cost, and the cost is usually borne by the unfortunate working class. The disposable working class.

Tuesday 26th May 2020

The cause of the transgression doesn't alter the transgression, he just creates the transgression. He broke rules, his rules, therefore onto the sword he must go. In real terms, of course, nothing much happened, but the hounds need to bay. No doubt he's not liked much by the in crowd. Ah well, tomorrow is another day. And

It's interesting to note how it's affecting Boris. He always had a glint of humour in his eyes, but that hint of humour is now dead. His whole body shape has changed--it was never a good shape, but now it looks like it's crumbling from within. He's beginning to shrink, his back is bending badly. I think the whole Prime Minister thing is too much for him--certainly the coronavirus is too much, and Cummings has put the nail in the coffin. I quite like Boris--it's a shame things turn out the way they do sometimes.

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Ken, I'm so tempted.. Elaine, hypocrisy goes with the job, and includes all politicians. I liked him (Bozo), because at the time, I thought he 'might' bring something fresh to the table. He hasn't.

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Jim, I did like him as a man, and I thought when he was a mayor, he was trying to do some stuff, and I liked his sense of humour. The ball game has changed, and he is now becoming a typical Tory leader--waffle--waffle-- waffle. He really hasn't had a chance to establish his political credentials yet. Maybe you think he has. This coronavirus thing is a surprise to us all--difficult to prepare, and difficult to live up to others hindsight. The simple answer there is, I don't like any politician, but as I said initially I liked his sense of humour. And

Jim...What's wrong with buffoonery.....It has been scientifically proven that sheep like buffoonery. And John...I remember reading that in the seventies. It seemed to be the thing to read then. I enjoyed it, but can't remember much about it. Around the same in terms of reading was a very poetic (still got it) book entitled The Diary of a Victorian Lady, lovely countryside poetic stuff, description of herbs and so forth, beautiful illustrations, and just one other in that little group, The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist--no real connection between the three, just enjoyable.

Wednesday 27th May 2020

I think being described as having water melon smiles is a compliment, and Moslem women do look like letter boxes. All the attributes. We are too touchy amount jokes against us. I'm Irish, and came through that period where the flat letting sign said no blacks, no Irish, no dogs, and lots and lots of joke of how thick Irish people are--I really couldn't have given a toss, then or now--some of those Irish jokes were--Irish woodworm found dead in a brick--not very funny, but they were those types of jokes. The Irish were put through the mill over the centuries, the potato famine, the colonization, the Black and Tans.

I travelled the seventies with an Oxford educated chap and his equally educated woman, all over the place to the various free festivals. At that time I was living with a black woman, very attractive tall woman, educated. This chap said to me one day, and he wasn't saying it viciously.....'If you think the Irish are second class, blacks are 5th class.' How do you react to that. I didn't...I just shrugged my shoulders. He was more offensive than that towards a blind person.

You explained the other day, why Blair invaded Iraq, in contradiction to what I said, equally about how you organised your pension by buying flats, and rented them out. Why these things happen, and how they happen, is meaningless, the fact is they happen.

If someone gets insulted by Boris, by me, by you, well, let them deal with it.

I got punched in a pub one day ordering a pint, because an Irishman (I'm smiling at this) thought I was taking the piss out of him.

My life has been like that. Ken, I don't know the answers, I'm just trying to get through the night.

I say what occurs to me at any given time. And

I should have said that I don't care for any politicians--to me they are all charlatans. Boris made me a smile a few times, by his disturbed actions.

I'm just a tiny little fly buzzing around in a spoiled orchard. Whatever I think or say is meaningless. We are born ignorant and we die ignorant.

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I agree with you Catherine, it's just boring. We seem have become a one subject media since Brexit. The hammer the one subject until it just gives one a headache to hear about it once more. Elaine, that doesn't make you wrong. And

No, don't Ken. You don't kick people when they are down. Churchill said, we must be magnanimous in victory. Other politicians within the Tory are baying for his blood, but they are only doing that to create the illusion that they are standing up for their constituents. Which is BS of course. In real terms he should get the boot. As Elaine says, others keep and have kept the rules at a cost. He tried to mitigate what he did, but that doesn't alter what he did. He broke the rules. And

I think they should decimate the party, ie shoot one in every ten to prevent this happening again.

Do you think that might be too drastic?????????

Joke from the Marx brothers....Groucho speaking...I think they are lawyers in this sketch, and the woman in question is with them... We are fighting for her honour which is far more than she ever did.

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Ken, you know there's nothing unusual here. The Prime Ministers of all hues always have had Spin Doctors, and that's what Cummings is. Some are better than others of course. You can understand Boris wanting to hold on to him. It can't be an easy job running the factory, sorry, the country. The job of keeping the whole thing from falling into chaos, has got to be incredibly difficult. By definition, they have to be thugs, because only thugs can do what they do. They are necessary thugs I'm afraid. Imagine running a system, where you know the many must go to the wall, the many must die through your decision, the many must be deprived in every which way-- that is a heavy burden to carry. The job is not for a thinking man.

Saturday 30th May 2020

If I wasn't such an immature little boy, I would respond to this.

I watched a flower growing up, then it collapsed, and I heard a tiny whisper, I'll try again next year. The first suggests I wasn't going to respond, but here I am doing so. I reach a level where I say to myself, I know me now, and I know where I'm at. I understand me completely, I'm mature, then I feel a rug pulled from beneath my feet, and I find I'm back where I started--crawling again. The tears almost flow, but my little brain reacts,

saying, fck it,I'll try again. It knew that there was no such thing as adulthood, but somehow my inner mind it fooled itself again. The many characters within me seemed like they gelled, but.....

Monday 1st June 2020

Jim, Violence is how Royalty accumulated all their land. As the saying goes, violence is golden, but my eyes still see. A corrupted line from Paul Simon's excellent song 'Silence is Golden.'

Violence is also how all governments retain their control. And...

Black people only react to injustices done to black people, and they wonder why white people only care about white people. The policeman in the George Floyd should be charged with at the least, manslaughter. Floyd was a hard working family man with grown up adult offspring--he worked as a security guard for a large restaurant until Covid 19 put him out of work. He wasn't a criminal.

I wasn't stereotyping, I was suggesting that the majority of white people don't care. I do care, and obviously you do as well, but that is only two people, and I have no doubt many do care, but again I would suggest the majority don't. The reason I mentioned his job and that he was a family man, is that I do stuff on Yahoo news, and a couple of the posts in there said he was a professional criminal.. As for generalizing, we all do that--if we couldn't at times, we'd hardly be able to speak. An intelligent would know we didn't mean everyone.

I am not a saint like you--I'm a fallible human being. **And...**

You say you don't what he was, so if he had a history of of raping and mutilating children, that wouldn't alter your opinion in any way. WOW. Christ is missing an angel.

Tuesday 2nd June 2020

Elaine, you say the other officers are as guilty as the perpetrator--you could add trump to that, because he's threatened to do a bit of killing of the demonstrators if he feels he has to. Yet, he no doubt has watched the video.

And one could blame the whole police force (a generalization) for closing ranks, which they do very very often.

As I said in a previous email--this policemen has proved himself a bad apple in the past.

I#m always aware when I write something about something like this, it's just mental masturbation on my part. Just hot air going nowhere,doing nothing ...HOORAY.....

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Jim, have you noticed that elder bushes have gone absolutely mad--never known them to grow so high and wide. Good stuff. I did think pictures were funny. My comment was an attempt at a joke. Trump is a cnut. A real 'nasty' joke.

Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Here's a sort of interesting fact--Trump made the selling of guns an essential during lockdown, and guess what---there were more guns sold in America during the month of March than any other month in the history of gun selling. I

t just denotes a certain mentality.

Friday 5th June 2020

Ken, This will make me sound like an ignorant peasant, at least in your eyes, but I could never quite get on with Beethoven--I listened to quite a bit of his over the, certainly the 9 symphonies, but also many other pieces, whether it was radio 3, desert island discs, or private passions (also radio 3). While I was thinking of this yesterday, a piece of music arrested my ear, and as usual when I checked, it was Mozart, and it was one of my favourite piano concertos of his (no.23). There was 27 in all, and many of them repeat phrases, but none the worse for that.

Of course Mozart is considered soft and gentle, so suits me.

I just heard a piece of Bach, a Sonata for violin--lovely stuff.

In my youth in Ireland, I was there till I was 151

/2. Lots of Irish music, naturally, but I seemed to listen to Caruso on daily basis--I'm sure that's not true, but he was very prominent during my childhood--in consequence of that I saw virtually all Mario Lanza's movies--I would guess not your taste.

Bill Haley's Rock around the Clock came calling, closed local cinema's because it woken up the animal in the breast of the Irish youth, as well as all over the place.

I didn't like Haley, for my it was the King (Presley). Brilliant animalistic stuff. Transferred to England (Fulham), soon it was Little Richard, amazing, couldn't get enough of him. Saw him in a biopic the other night (channel 4), still exited by him.

Lots of others as time went by, Fats Domino, The Everley Brothers, Brenda Lee (little miss Dynamite), Sonny Terry and Brownie McGee (not sure of spelling), many many more, too numerous to mention--then came the great (some said 'grate') Bob Dylan--I nearly wore his early Albums out. I'm leaving out the much, the excellent Otis Redding, groups like Pink Floyd, Yes, Barclay James Harvest, Crosby, Stills, Nash, and young--prior to them, and at the same time, The Rolling Stones--I was never a great Beatle fan, but they produced and wrote some very good stuff.

I don't know why I'm writing this, but if I was doing it properly it would be in book form/length.

Now in the present day, I like individual pieces of music. One of my favourite pieces, is The Shepherds song, sung by any Soprano, other than Lesley Garratt. When I say Soprano, I mean those of the past, the likes of Rene Fleming, and others of that ilk. The Lark Ascending (Ralph Vaughan Williams), The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel), Zadoc the Priest (Handel again), Queen of the Night (Mozart), Virtually anything Mozart composed, and there is a hell of a lot of it. Incidentally, I don't like Wagner, too raucous.

This has almost been a waste of time writing, because I've left out Country music, Opera, the blues, and much else.

I know the reason--I'm a xxxing idiot. And I'm Irish.....

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The Irish songs I learned weren't about Irish lassies or anything like that. One I remember in particular was...Oh then tell me Sean O'Farrell where the gathering is to be, in the old spot by the river, right well known to you and me--one word more for signal token, whistle up the marching tune, for the boys will be together at the rising of the moon.

Another one was, of course, Kevin Barry...Just before he faced the hangman in his lonely prison cell, British soldiers tortured Barry all because he would not tell, the names of his companions and other things they wished to know, turn informer and we'll free you, Kevin proudly answered no.

There are a couple more of that ilk, but can't remember the words exactly, but the memory and taste lingers--

it's like when you've read a good book, but have forgotten the text, but you remember the feeling. I'm reading one at the moment by Chris Packham 'Fingers in the Sparkly Jar.' A memoir. I'm so disappointed by it. I've listened to him over the years, meaning what he has say outside of the nature stuff, and I expected so much more--just boring.

I disagree you Ken about what I wrote about music. It was dreadful, I left out so much. Had to. I didn't even mention Jazz, I left out Hendrix. Couldn't listen to him, but under certain influences in the seventies, he was the man. Even leaving out John Denver, and he wrote some meaningful beautiful stuff, beautiful. I am the hawk, and there's blood on my feathers, but time is still turning, they will be dry. Oh I left out the much-individual artists almost too numerous to mention. The great Hank Williams. etc etc etc...

What I want on my headstone is.... 'I CAME, I SAW, I DID FXCK ALL, AND I LEFT.'

Saturday 6th June 2020

Elaine, I don't know a lot of the history myself, but I know enough to how my homeland was treated by the British throughout time--but it was a different time, so hatred or whatever.

One of the bad times, was, the introduction of the Black and Tans. They introduced into the Irish constabulary in 1920 to counteract the rise of the IRA, supposedly. 10,000 of them--mostly former soldiers of the first world war.

To cut aq long story short, they ran riot, lots of police brutality, even killings, arson, looting etc, and putting curfews on the police, indoors by sever or whatever. It was a very bad time, I heard many stories in my callow youth.

There's an interesting song written by Dominic Behan entitled 'Come out ye Black and Tans.'

Worth looking up if you feel like it, put the title in the search engine with lyrics at the end, and Bobs your Uncle. I'm sure you're done that a million, but I had to say it just in case you didn't.

And talking lyrics--I left so much the other day when I wrote music--I've been waking with names flying around my head, but on the lyrics issue--I came here in '57, in the fifties prior to that, my 6 year older brother had an absolute obsession with Nat King Cole 'having the lyrics of all his songs written down. Difficult to get in those, the only radio station seemed to be Lux, I can't spell it, but you'll know the one, and that faded in and out all the time, so he had to sit, listen, put down what he heard, and hope the next time round it wouldn't fade at the same point. A very hard working man...He was...There is a story, I wrote it in my autobiography. Chris..... And...

It's so painfully xxxing obvious that we should have been wearing masks, almost from the outset. Where are the real in government, and the so called experts. Are they all so afraid of making a decision in case it interferes with their future employment. When a mans employment relies on his decision on anything, then he's not worth listening to.

Virtually from the outset (not quite, but nearly) I was pro mask. A mask keeps whatever you've got within your own environment, you are not coughing and spluttering it over all others, by dint it must be better.

Particularly within enclosed areas. Live long and prosper. Chris....

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My Dad use to say--April, May, keep far from the sea--June, July swim till you die (die pronounced dee, like in Scotland. I have a saying, when it's raining, use an umbrella. And...

When I was kid in the dear countryside of Ireland, we kids (boys) around the 9,10,11 age would compete to see who had the first swim of the year, and it usually occurred on the first sunny in March, and in we'd go, naked. Froze our almost non existing gonads off. Lovely stuff though.

I now have a few stories in my head, but I think I've said enough in the last few days.

A question. In the last few weeks, fluid has been collecting in my legs, to the point I can't put on my shoes. And the legs get so engorged that it feels like they might split open.

Suggestions welcome. In the morning they are almost back to normal, but as the day wears on etc.

Sunday 7th June 2020

Lesley, I do that at the moment--it so difficult to see a GP at the moment. I'll ring the practice on Monday. And...

Good advice Shirley..Thank you. I do tend to let things go--typical male I guess. And it is stopping me putting shoes on, having to wear sandals all the time. And...

Elaine, I was on a regime of drinking extra water in an attempt to cure my COPD. From a book by a doctor, entitled Your Body's many cries for Water. I have now gone back to drinking just a normal amount.

I put the question on her in hope someone would say do this. I am pleased that people reacted with advice.. Thank you. And... Cheers Jim. I really feel like I've got a very strong heart. Never had any real trouble with it, even when the COPD got very bad. I felt my heart was my strong point. Ironically, I should now drop dead from a heart att And...

I agree with the sitting around--doing much too much of that. I do do exercise daily, in fact I'm about to do some after this, but it's not leg stuff, it's repetition of body twisting, and repetition with 3 kilo weights for arms and chest--70 for arms, 80 for chest (curls). I use to walk a hell of a lot, but the COPD WON'T LET ME NOW. Hampstead Heath was my second home, no longer alas. And...

Christine...I rang 111, and talked to a very nice girl--lots of questions--we both concluded that it wasn't an emergency. A Clinician will ring me soon. As I said before, I will attempt to get in touch my doctor tomorrow.

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First of all, thank you all, and yes Catherine, that is depressing, and I have had kidney problems, ie peeing too much, meaning too often. Jim I didn't actually get any advice, other than her (the person I spoke with) agreeing with me telling her I would be phoning my doctor tomorrow. The clinician who phoned me afterward, just asked the same questions as she did. She was a very nice girl, and it was all very pleasant. Catherine has just told me that there is no cure. It may not be life threatening, but it's a real pain in the axse. I will have to buy more shoes/boots. I really liked my skinny legs, they were in good condition. BAAAAAAAAASTAAAAAAA....The end of The Good, The Bad, and The ugly..... Chris.... I always though of the leg swelling as an old woman's thing, lots around Kilburn.

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Cheers Elaine. I agree, there might be a cause that doesn't make it permanent.

It's the kidney relationship that might make it permanent, but my kidneys at the moment seem to be working quite well.

I normally don't talk about illness--I observed as a kid that those kids who made excuses of being ill to get off school, usually ended up ill. Of course that might have been my childish imagination.

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Sorry to be boring on this, but I just did a little research--it's call Oedema, but can spelt without the O. A myriad causes--but the one that captured my eye, was the one about injury. I was hoovered a little while before I got the swelling, and I banged the middle part of my leg with the hoover--when one is on ones own, little injuries are virtually ignored. I had trousers on at the time, so didn't look--when I did look that was a two inch cut into the flesh--wideish. Quite a bit of blood. So their might be a correlation--the research said an injury of any sort could lead to Oedma.

Chris, for Christ's sake stop talking about your swelling--at your age you're lucky to get a swelling anywhere. Sorry about that.

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Catherine, there are many causes for Oedema. A wound can cause it. What actually happens is the blood seeps out from the capillaries (smallest blood vessels in the body) and collect in that part were it seeps out. What I've got doesn't seem to be behaving like that. The legs fill up during the day, and virtually disappears overnight, then the process repeats itself.

I'll find out tomorrow when I phone my doctor, hopefully. Not terribly keen on doctors, or orthodox medicine.

On the research I did, it said it could be too much sugar, or too much salt. Now both of those terms are adjectival, and consequently meaningless. We can only know what too much is, when we know what the proper amount is. And of course, there is salt and salt, and sugar, and sugar. Not all salt or sugar has the same value. It's a mine field...

Monday 8th June 2020

Jim, Waitrose Finchley Road has had the same thing going for the past couple of weeks. A few months I asked two different assistants if they disinfected (cleaned) the baskets and trolleys at any time, and I was looked upon as a weirdo. Ho Hum. And....

So is The Diary of Samuel Pepys, which you have probably read. Covers the plague quite well, and lots of interesting stuff about Pepys himself. A bit of a naughty boy in many ways, and the exploiting of his job as Clerk (not sure about that) of shipping. Meaning he supplied shipping with tar, canvas, and much else, a swindled as he went.

I might give the book you mentioned a look at on Amazon--read a bit, and see if it takes my fancy. Bought on a couple of weeks, which I've already mentioned a little while, memoirs of Chris Packham (naturalist), so disappointingly boring.

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You can't blame Boris on every death--that's childish. And all this transgenerational blame, you can't do that either. If we take that to the Nth degree, we will have to demand that the Royals return all their land, and of course, all the elite mansions that were built on the back of slavery, and much much more. Even the millions that was paid to plantation owners at the loss of their slaves. Then we have to go to Ireland, and we would have to demand compensation for all the atrocities visited upon Ireland during the colonization by the British, and must forget the atrocities also visited on the Irish by the Black and Tans, basically an auxiliary army (disguised as police) recruited to keep the Irish in order, brutally.

We would travel to virtually every area of the world--all the areas that the British (English) raped for their resources.

And as you said, they gave up their slaves, only to re-employ them cheaply--it hasn't stopped, that's what the government/employers do today. As in *The Grapes of Wrath*.

I want to say a little bit more about the black, but I fear my computer will switch off--it does when it gets hot.

Tuesday 9th June 2020

Ken, This is me just checking to see if this message gets through. I reacted to your letter today, particularly on slavery thing--I thought it was a relatively good reaction--it usually is when something goes astray. I do bits on yahoo news, and it's always the most interesting ones that disappear--ones when you you have said something. And I really hate trying to replicate something--first time is always best. Anyway--hope this gets through. And...

Ken, I forgot to ask. What does it mean when a failed email says, get in touch with the postmaster?

Wednesday 10th June 2020

Ken...On racism....I was watching the news tonight, and it showed the funeral of George Floyd, and there was a black woman giving a speech, and she said, they have to be punished, the four policemen who kneeled on George Floyd's neck. Somehow that exaggeration is accepted.

I know this is slightly controversial, but why is it a racial crime, just because he was black man--it is possible that the policeman was just a nasty bit of work, and the colour didn't matter--two of those other three policemen weren't white, one I believe was hispanic, and the other one was Asian.

I believe it was racial, but there is a question, ie innocent until proved guilty. What puts me off just a little bit, is the moaning and groaning at the funeral, by a myriad of black people, all that hallelujah stuff looking towards, as if they'd lost a hero and saint. Over the top. I know, thumbs down.

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Elaine, from what I can gather the guy who did the kneeling was the senior policeman, and the others were quite to the job, and they are now claiming that they didn't interfere for that reason. No, I don't know either.

I agree with you on charities--many (around 15) years I made inquiries as to the salary of the top guy with Oxfam, and even then it was an eye watering £80,000 per year. I asked why he paid so much, and the political answer, was, the usual answer when you ask about politicians wage or whatever--he could get paid much more in the private sector.

here's a little thing you might not know. One of Agatha Christie's books is entitled '@And then were none.' A previous title for it, was, 'Ten Little Indians.' But I remember when it was entitled 'Ten little Niggers.' And...

Ken, I lived with a black woman for 3 out of the 5 years I was with her, and my youngest daughter (now not young) was the offspring of a mulatto. And even when we split up, her brother (meaning the black woman) was my surrogate son for many years.

Yes, I do understand, but two many black kids blame their colour on not succeeding in life--many white people don't succeed in life. I am not in the slightest racist--in fact I'm surprised at how many black people I meet on the street who say hello to me, just out of the blue--even the young ones.

They know, but at the same time I'm not blinded by the BS that goes down. And...

I don't see the problem. So some people don't like Jews--some people don't like black people--some people don't like Irish people, and so on and so forth throughout the world.

You can't 'demand' that people like other people. I'm prejudice, I don't like baked beans.

Here's something that might be controversial--I think landlords should have the right to choose who lives in their houses....No blacks, no Irish, no dogs. And...

Catherine, they say that there is a disproportional number of black people in prison, do you think that they commit a disproportional number of crimes?

This is a societal problem, not a criminal problem. If people are kept poor by design, and are ghettoised for a long period of time--guess what happens?

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The great pyramids of Egypt were built by slave labour--lets knock them down. Let's desecrate all those tombs where the retinue were buried alongside the buried. Let's knock down all the great houses in this country that were built on slave labour. And what about white slave that was conducted in the main from Dublin, during Viking period--I want compensation. If it wasn't for that period, I would now be King, so something has to be done.

I said this before, but I think it was the email that didn't go for some reason. We can't continue with transgenerational blame, otherwise we would never stop knocking things down and so forth.

Incidentally...Dublin is a Viking word, and means Blackpool.

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Martin, I disagree with you--of course males are predatory, that's how the species got here. Difficult to judge what's overt behaviour, and just normal for the species. Obviously women shouldn't be forced in any way. The Burka and hijab are worn, because of the paranoia of the Muslim male. It's a form of imprisonment. God save the Queen... And...

Martin, I couldn't download Jim's video or whatever. I was watching a documentary on Sunday night BBC2--it was on Turkey, Simon Reeves--at one point it showed an area where people could swim, meaning Muslims--the men's and women's swimming was separated by a very very tall wall, and the women had to wear a burkini, and overall covering. There was mixed pool area, but just for families. Seeing the women dressed like that to go swimming, it's extraordinary. A bit like us, about or near enough to a hundred years ago.

The President there is a guy called Erdogan, and he has built the biggest mosque in the world--I mean BIG/ HUGE. It dominates the whole city, a city several times the size of New York. Interesting programme, worth watching.

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And look at BS history--all told from one point of view--Ken, I have a feeling, it's only a little feeling, but historians 'may' not be infallible. Arrogance is a major facet of insecurity. Which of us is joking? I know I'm God, because many years ago I got talking to him one night, and only answer came back from myself, so I figured, I must be God. To repeat what I said before at some point--we are all born ignorant, and we will all die ignorant. Because you know much more than I know, doesn't alter that equation. I also talked to the devil, with the same result. Now what do I do. And.... Stan, don't listen to Ken--everything in the bible is true. You have to believe, God cares for you--he cares for us all--look around you at our perfect world. What more proof could there be. I pray for all your soles every night, and the heels.

Thursday 11th June 2020

Ken, I like what you say, but sometimes I think you are straying towards the edge. That's good as well. This is simple stuff. Suits me..

What a palaver. Went to The Royal Free to have ultra sound on my legs. The whole place is like a graveyard, really silent--virtually no-one around. My appointment was made yesterday, so time to get a letter from the doctor, so to speak. Got to the front of the hospital--revolving doors not in use, just an Eastern Block sentry at a doorway--that's what it felt like. She came within about 8 inches of my face, and just said, paper. I explained, she reluctantly let me enter, a real miserable regimented cow. Got inside and sat down, because I was having difficulty with my breathing. Another woman on the inside was directing the odd person to where-ever they wanted to go. I mentioned the woman on door, her regimental attitude--she said--I know, many people have said it, and I'm aware of it myself. I don't know where they get them.

Had the scan on my legs--watched the scan myself. He assured me it wasn't a blood clot. I asked him if it was possible that it was a bacterial infection. I told him I cut my leg around the same time as it occurred. He suggested that it was possibly a bacterial infection.

Got home, and rang the receptionist (one of them) at my doctors surgery, requesting some form of communication with my doctor.

Promised my doctor would ring at 3PM. She did, but here come the problem.

In the initial stages the doctor I was speaking to on the phone, was one called Miranda Abraham. Vaguely know her. Yesterday it was one called Mason (i actually went to the surgery yesterday), and today was a different one--didn't get her name, and therein lies a problem---there's no continuity.

I feel bacteria related,, and I feel like should take a course of antibiotics. The last time I took antibiotics was some 15 years, so not an abuser of them.

She is African, old school, I really couldn't understand what she was saying. I am not giving you antibiotics. Me doctor, you moron. She didn't say, but it was implied. I can hear her ticking boxes, following protocol--protecting themselves. With different, you have to explain thing over and over--expletive deleted.

Sorry if that's very boring.

The doctor today, said she would write a prescription for tablets to get rid of the water in my legs. The receptionist will ring you within 5 minutes. That was 3.30PM, it's now gone 4.30PM--nothing. I told her I had to go shopping.

If I could fly neath wings of the blue bird as she sings, the six o'clock alarm would never ring etc etc etc

Friday 12th June 2020

I moaned about the books Chris Packham (his memoirs)--at the same I bought another naturalists book--a young Irish guy by the name of Dara McAnulty--only sixteen. Just got his book, read a few pages, and I know I'm going to enjoy it. Here's a poetic piece from the back cover.

@There are unfurlings in the forest.

Anemones and ferns are springing from patient earth, from dim and ancient spaces.

Evensong is erupting and the airspace is once again crowded with music after the winter silence. Bluebells are on the cusp.

Spring light and warm are spreading across the mountains and into me.

I have embraced the darkness, but this feeling of light is intoxicating,
Explosive and alive.

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Catherine, a bit late to reply to this, but I just want to say that there a lot of black racists in this country. Black people who can't stand white people. The Churchill thing that's happening now is a disgrace. I know holier than thou, we all know that--didn't he send the army in against the miners in '26, but if it wasn't for him, the chances are none of these protesters would be able to say one word against a very different system. His great words that took us through the war, echoes in the mind of the many.

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Elaine, you're making up your own stuff, I didn't say, because some black people are racist, then it's OK for white people to be racist. I didn't say that at all. And of course white people have suffered more under white rulers--I said that before, there was plenty of white slavery in Ireland, Gall (now France), England, particularly around the 7th and 8th century. St Patrick was a slave in the 7th century, ending up in Ireland as a shepherd for the King of Antrim--he eventually escaped, but it took 6 years. A couple of years later he went, having studied biblical stuff, bringing it to Ireland.

And the colonization of Ireland by the English, destroyed the lives of the many in many ways. The English promised they would look after Ireland if anything untoward happened--then along came the potato famine, and they supplied lots of sweet corn, but it lay rotting in depots.

Around that period some 1,2 million or thereabouts died, and the many that could emigrate.

No doubt Ken will say BS.

So England has a lot to answer to in terms of Ireland, but that was yesterday, and yesterday's gone. We can't blame the present on the past. There is a direct correlation, but we have to let it go.

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Catherine, I have four [foxes] who come every night, quite late. Communal garden, I'm on the first floor, they come below my window--light from the hallway shows them quite clear.

A few years ago I did have one whom I called Jazz, and he eventually did come to me, at least within 6 feet--allowed me to photograph him, even closed his eyes, even turned his back on me to show trust. Lovely chap. Usurped by another fox who claimed the vixen--he came back a couple of times. We usually have a couple of cubs using the garden every year.

It's costing me quite a lot, given that I'm a vegan, on drumsticks, sausage rolls, pork pies, and big bags of dog crunches.

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I think Churchill deserves his statues. I don't want to go on with this. If we were to start tearing things down, because of the disreputable history, there would be nothing left standing. They were all bastards. Oh, there was one that wasn't?

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Catherine, there must be a Statue of William Wilberforce somewhere. I know there is. And you are right in what you say, and also the fact that it's still going on in many parts of the world. Of course it is.

Castration of blacks. That's why some Muslims have the vaginas of their women sewn up after childbirth--I

mean part of the reason--they want a tighter vagina so as they can still feel all male powerful. Also the reason they keep them covered up. The clitoris removal is to make sure that sex means nothing to the women. The men are happy to use the women just as somewhere to empty their semen. It's a sick world in many ways.

Saturday 13th June 2020

Ken,I'm not sure, but I believe Ireland was decimated to the tune of half its population, which was 4 million of 8 million. I don't know as much about Irish as perhaps I should. The whole world suffered through colonization, but the just from the English, from many countries.

And as you know more about history than I do--one could argue that the second world war started, because of the fact that Germany was being painted into a corner by the reparation for the first world war, France, America, and England were the main culprits. And Germany had 7 million unemployed at the time.

Lies that life is black and white spoke from my skill I dreamed..Bob Dylan. And...

One little Catherine when it comes to foxes, if one is suddenly over friendly--don't go near it--it is a sign of rabies. Normally to get friendly takes a couple of years or so. I saw a documentary about Scotland, and it showed foxes walking up the pavement of a particular road, and just accepting food from the hands of those offering, and walking away casually Nice to see. I assume you know that there are 10,000 of them in greater London. And...

There can 'never' be anything such as equality--it just can't happen. People are just not equal.

I tend listen to LBC, and I am sick of Asians and blacks screaming about how badly they've been treated. The many have acreamed about how they came to escape oppression of one sort or another--they found to some extent (I know it's not perfect) a haven, and now they want to destroy the haven.

Whites have been treated exactly the same, as fodder for the great capitalist machine. When new labour is invited into the country, then the indigenous goes to the wall, or if like, unemployment benefit.

I repeat, there can never be equality. Tolstoy had the idea of separating 50 children from society, and teaching them (whatever) in isolation, but realized that the teachers would already be corrupted. If you took 50 people and bunged them on an island--equality wouldn't ensue.. Natural leaders would emerge, natural followers would emerge.

If you take a wolf pack as an example--there's much cruelty there if the rules are transgressed--a broken leg for the transgressor is not unusual, and that means death.

I wouldn't expect to go the prison for what my great great grandfather did.

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Catherine-Capitalism by definition will not shrink, it will grow. The rich would build taller and taller walls rather than give up one penny of their money. Yes, there should be less inequality, but the system demands there shouldn't be. Such is life. And the beat goes on.

Jim,I do agree with you, but the people who phone up the radio station (BC) in general go on and on and on, and on. It's every fckng phone call. Yes I know they've maltreated, very badly over many many years, but etc. I would feel the same if it was Irish ringing up about the treatment they've received over the years, and I don't mean in Ireland. There was black woman I knew a few years ago,worked for a housing association, and I said to her one day, the Irish were the first blacks in this country. She pooh-poohed that of course, didn't understand what I meant. Later on she lived with an Irish guy,and when I met her one day, she said,I now know what you mean.

All people have been mistreated at one time or another, by all I mean mainly the working class. There's no answer to this. I'm not right, I would like to hear a variety of conversation on the radio. Chris... Yes, I know it's quite late. And... Jim, now another black guy has been fatally shot in Atlanta.

Sunday 14th June 2020

Jim, I know that black people have had a very bad time, a very bad time indeed. Northern Ireland is part of the UK, at least it was the last time I looked. I am not suggesting for a moment that my views are right, but that's how I feel. I've just had enough of it, and you and I know that when the dust has settled, nothing much will change. And... Catherine, it's all to do with that, poverty, poor housing, lack of education--I will just one more thing, disenfranchisement.

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I use Waitrose in Finchley road, and I have had an occasion to ask why so many of them (staff) gather round in a group near the till, and all coming close to customers. They would immediately separate, but I actually think the two metre thing is an absolute farce, as the virus is airborne, but I do think a mask should be worn by everyone who enters enclosed spaces. In supermarkets like Waitrose, once you enter, people are as near as they want to be. The two metre is just another government sound bite, it makes it look like they know what they are talking about. They don't. Experts? I remember when spontaneous combustion was a big news item, and experts were saying, yes of course this can happen. At the time, I thought, how can I believe something that made up of around 90% water can spontaneously combust.

The same experts told us around '82 that if there is a nuclear explosion, put a brown paper bag over your head, put a table slanted up against a wall, and hide behind it. We're safe...

Monday 15th June 2020

Catherine, lovely. I woke in the night thinking about putting some of my fox photos on here, but my problem is I have in excess of 20000 of photos of one kind or another. A lot of them are details of my paintings, and then played around, shangung shapes, adding colours and whatever. Some interesting results. They in about 130 files, and I haven't categorized them, so to find I have to go through the lot.

I'll do that, and find a few interesting shots--within the next few days. I have a nice one of Jazz who almost became my wild dog. And one time he brought a cub to meet me

Wednesday 17th June 2020

For Africa we could have 'Elephants Lives matter.' For China it could be 'Whales lives matter.' I love the one implying that statues matter to pigeons. And of course they do. Pigeons (street) are actually rock doves--wood pigeons are actually ring doves.

I am reading a book at the moment by an autistic young Irish guy, Dara McAnulty. Very well written. And...

I just had another look at what you sent--making numbers up is also very good. They're all good--I've always hated fishermen, catching fish, maiming them, and throwing them back in. And even the fishermen who do it for a living, the fish they destroy (kill) other than the ones they are after, is disgusting.

I joked in one of my emails in response to something you said, ending with, I could have a heart attack.....

That has come home the roost--I had another blood test yesterday, and apparently I have heart failure. I'm just wondering if the problem has been heart failure all along and not COPD which I've been treated for several years.

It's on going stuff,I'll find out more next Monday.

Jim, ignore this stuff about the heart. I really don't want commiserations or whatever.

Saturday 20th June 2020

That's very strange. Who said adultery 'was' the opposite of infantry. There's absolutely no connection between the two words. Adultery comes from adult. Adultery means to alter to corrupt. Infantry comes from a French word meaning foot soldier. Infant comes from infantry, because the foot soldiers were very young, and not fit enough to be infantry. I just did a bit of research on the two words. (were you having a joke?)

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How do you know that. I may have been the only one to take the trouble to find out. It didn't hurt me none. Equally if I was the only one. I repeat, how would you know that. I hope some of your other research is more thorough. Or is it political research?

Monday 22nd June 2020

Went to see my doctor today about the water retention in my legs plus, she just gave me a tap on the knee.

Tuesday 23rd June 2020

More mundane than a tap on the knee--water tablets. They work ve well,took one today, and within about three hours had peed about 3 pints--no noticeable difference to the legs plus, but given time etc. And....

I actually said that on here a few weeks ago on here--that masks in enclosed spaces should be mandatory. I thought that that was incredibly obvious, as the virus is airborne. And....

Jim, that's nauseating (about Netflix reminding them to finish watching a series). Not so long ago there were some stuff about the camera on the computer being used to watch people at home. I put a sticking plaster over mine. here's another, I had an email from the Council--went to look at it again a few days later,and it was gone. A friend told that they have the technology to wipe their email clean from their end. Well Bugger me. And....

One could argue that all newspapers are up their own backsides. Newspapers and the news media in general are only there to reinforce yesterdays conditioned reality. To keep you involved in the circus. Fundamentally, middle class coronation street.

Wednesday 24th June 2020

From Chris E: I heard a figure tonight which is quite horrendous. 10% of those in homes (the elderly) have died from coronavirus. If we took that country wide, ie all of the UK,66 million, that would be 6.6 millions deaths.

Jim,I wondered about the drivers not wearing masks, but I suppose it would be difficult to wear it continuously.

I have trouble wearing the bloody thing, because of my lungs. And....

Stan,I did read something that said at this time of the year there are around 10,000 deaths per week.

I suppose one could do an average,and subtract that from what we are getting now. And....

Stephen,Initially the bus drivers were very adamant that one had to wear a mask,but gradually they are relaxing,and now the odd one or two are travelling without a mask. Soon to be more I would imagine. And....

Jim...A joke. A Texan talking about Yankee's. Yankee's are like haemorrhoids,if they come down and go back,they're ok,but if they come down,and stay down,they're a pain in the arse.

Thursday 25th June 2020

Champagne Charlie is my name. Ken, how many people do you think can afford a cruise, poor class, upper class, or any other class. You talk about slavery, but as I said before in an email, many weeks ago, tenants are slaves. They have to work 'hard?' to pay rent, and even though you said you were fair in every aspect of letting, it doesn't alter the fact, just the degree. Compartmentalizing is very strong trait.

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Ken, I would never of suggesting that because I can't have something, others shouldn't. That would be very stupid. I am stupid, but not very stupid. Incidentally, if you put together Ireland's population (I assume you mean South) and the UK's population, let's say 70 millions. 2 million is 1 over 35, so let's say 3%. I really don't give a monkey's uncle about what people do. Ken I was just having a go at your claim to be the great socialist since Trotsky. Now you'll tell me that Trotsky was a communist.

We all have our fallabilities, yours I'm afraid is a little insecure boy hiding in a suit of intellectual armour--mine is something else.

Don't you get bored with people agreeing with what you say. The me. me, me emails. I am smiling as I write this--many a jest word spoken in truth.

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Ken,I once said you do very good work for U3A, and you really do--you are a big asset to U3A, but you need to step outside of you, because you've got much more to offer. And....

Jim, the storm might blow over quicker than we expect it to, and they are coming up with new innovative ideas--haven't they recently discovered an antibody that can be injected, and prepare the body to fight off the invading Covid 19. And... There was a very interesting programme on BBC2 tonight on the demise of Thatcher. A Very British Revolution. 7P to 8PM. You can catch up and catch up, if you fancy it. Worth a watch.

Friday 26th June 2020

Jim, the storm might blow over quicker than we expect it to, and they are coming up with new innovative ideas--haven't they recently discovered an antibody that can be injected, and prepare the body to fight off the invading Covid 19.

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Ken, yes I was a bit soft (or did you say harsh). There can never be equality--they system couldn't be run that way, at least I don't think it could. Entrepreneurs really do need incentive--why would they bother to create wealth, if they were only getting equal whatever--even if they got double, treble what others got, the

incentive wouldn't be there. If the workforce were paid too much, they soon wouldn't be the incentive to work continuously. They would take much time off. I know you know all this--the system worldwide is a difficult one to manage.

A slight quantum leap. Let's pretend for a moment that we had full employment, meaning everyone that was employable was employed. The unions would have absolute control--they would hold employers to ransom, demanding more and more of the profits--again this would cut out the employers incentive.

I won't say any more, it's just a form of mental masturbation.

If I was a bit harsh in your eyes, then I was a bit harsh. I'm harsh on myself.

Chris..... (I didn't even touch on what I might have said)

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Jim, I can assure that's actual reality at the moment. They are trying out this new antibody which has spikes on like Covid 19.

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No, chattering classes everywhere. It's a bit like G.B. Shaw He set him a group with Sydney Web (not sure of the spelling of Sydney), and a few others, which include the theosophical society leader (Madam Blavatsky—again, not sure of spelling), and Anna Basant--the whole purpose being to discuss political issues, but not to actually do anything physical about them. We emulate them. Nothing wrong with that, keeps us off the streets.

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John, I don't elaborate much. I've done it all in the past to People like Tony Been, a couple of piece, 47 pages. Nice man. Kindly said, you have not only pointed out the hypocrisy in our society, you've pointed out its origins, and where it is leading us. What we do know is that if you tax the entrepreneurs, the rich in general, the fear is that they will take their capital to another country that gives a better return for their investment, be it energy, or capital.

The rich would rather live behind barbed wired walls than surrender any of their ill gotten gains, or etc

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John, I should have said, it is a lessening of the inequality we should be aiming towards. But it's all short term thinking, be it the money grabbers or the government. The piece you wrote is well written.

Saturday 27th June 2020

John, you are stated the bloody obvious, ie if one has less access to all that society should offer, one will will suffer. Well of course that's true. It's like saying if I eat fat food continuously I'm going to suffer bad health. Stress is a killer, and living on some awful desolate council estate in the middle of fxcking nowhere, surrounded by unyielding concrete left, right and centre ,is not going to lead to a healthy mind.

Some people are living in horrendous conditions, not just under Councils, but under private landlord. (Ken, this is 'not' a snipe at you).

And the millions work in jobs with very little, and literally no personal satisfaction.
I could go on and on and on to no avail.

The simple answer to inequality, is to share out our bounty, not necessarily equally, but less unequally. How many countries are there that share more equally? Where's there's no poverty line?

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Many drug takers worry about E-quality....(ecstasy).

This is last word from me on this. The whole world is interrelated through capitalistic commerce. So for any country to try a different system, ie proper socialism, real communism (all working together to same end--socialism roughly the same),it's all but impossible--they are easily controlled through embargo's etc. In the cold war days, America wasn't worried about true communism coming from Russia through Cuba, they were just worried about a different management, so to speak.

No man is an island comes to mind--no man is an island, but there are lots of sods about.

One could argue, that the impoverished of today, would be considered elite in comparison to the hovel living starvation of Dickensian times.

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John,I absolutely agree, it's all aspect--certainly living conditions, which also includes those one is forced to live with. To some extent at the moment,I'm in that situation myself. But also what one eats. Eating lower grade food is detrimental to health. Even if certain rich people don't eat the best food for health, what they do do, is eat the best food of the relative rubbish. Equally, they invariably drink (I don't drink) the best wines, and all other spirits.Which is preferable to drinking scrumpy or wine at 4P a gallon. I eat good organic food,95% organic food, but I self imposed COPD on myself from smoking for about 50 years or so. Self imposed, but only because of a destructive childhood.Ignorant parents I'm afraid. And that's another pointer for health, and attitude in life, or predilection in life.

A line is going through my head at the moment. There are too many rivers to cross. The answer is a question, and the question is unknown.

I go on, but to no avail. My epitaph on my gravestone would ideally be--I came,I saw, I did fxcckall, and I left. Or if you like, I stirred the ocean with a teaspoon. Chris...

I want to attempt to put a piece i by a 16 year old autistic kid from Ireland. I will do it after this. The problem I have with my computer, is, after about twenty minutes, it gets hot and closes down. And when it had cooled down, Chris posted:

OK, here's the piece, it's by a 16 year old autistic kid called Dara McNulty, from his book 'Diary of a young naturalist, page 159. Book published in hardback 25 May 2020,£16.50 or thereabouts.

It basically about all the other fauna, other than man, but it feels very inclusive.

These are the threats we are facing. These are the crises that the most vulnerable in the global south are already facing. yet those in power do nothing. Those in big business just carry on making obscene amounts of money. We are governed by materialism.

Flocks of curlew and lapwing were commonplace when the destroyers were children, like me. But unlike me,they do not see the world as I do now. Depleted. They couldn't possibly know.

Now, however, they are in denial. if they weren't, how could they carry on? The fields are falling silent and empty, and although I love the corvids, I want to see diversity. A healthy and balanced ecosystem. Even my beloved whooper swans are not as bountiful. I try to imagine the noise, the music, the orchestral clamour of the song. I can't, because it's not there. I ache for it. The world is still hurtling too fast. My generation will experience the worst of it: rising sea levels, oceans with more plastic, and starved of oxygen because the phytoplankton cannot survive the acidity of the warming water. The loss of wildlife crashing to extinction at a rate never seen in human history.

Soil, where all living land life springs from, is so toxic from pesticides that insects can't survive. Chris. There might be a couple of mistakes, but I want to post it before the computer clicks.

I think says everything about mankind. And...

Looks good. I was daydreaming today about all the free festivals of the seventies, Stonehenge et al, when A tepee was my home. I would love to travel back, but alas etc etc etc.

Monday 29th June 2020

They had the same problem with the Black death (1347/51). Initially, of course, they had no idea where it came from. After a while they traced it to a burrowing animal called a marmot, which was passing the fleas onto rats--they were black rats (hence black death) that travelled on merchant ships, so they figured that's how it was being spread. So the fleas would go from rats to humans, and spread that. Now the scientific belief is that it was airborne spread. Personally, I don't think it needed even to be airborne. The difference between bacteria and viruses is that bacteria is self replicating, whereas the virus needs a host to survive. So black death could be passed on anything that was touched, as it replicated on virtually anything. I know I'm stating the obvious here, but sometimes the obvious needs stating. Incidentally, between 100 million and 200 million people died world wide from the black plague, and that was from a world population at that time of less than 500,000.

Tuesday 30th June 2020

I guessed the connection with the black rats. Well of course antibiotics kill bacteria diseases'

I need not to be right, so you can be right. Hooray.

Quote B.J. I will not be drawn on fiscal matters at this point in time, we are going to build, build, build. The fiscal environment must be competitive. Unquote. No shxt....

Wednesday 1st July 2020

I had a word with God in my dream last night--he annointed me the great annexer. So this morning I annexed my neighbours cat. He got very upset. I said to him. I've only just got started. He's in for a surprise. I hope he can find somewhere else to live????????????????

Friday 3rd July 2020

A pxxsed head removes all barriers..... I love you.....(the pubs open at 6 AM...

Sunday 5th July 2020

Viruses lives matter. Why is their so much worry about this Covid 19. We have 7.5 billion people in the world, one might call that an excess (it is), and it needs thinning out. The black death got rid of over 100

million. The Spanish flu did the same to around 50 to 100 million in 1918.

The 1865 epidemic killed 20% of London's population, around 100,000. The Who reckon that 120,000 worldwide still die from cholera each year (an acute diarrhoeal infection),even though there's a simple cure, salt and sugar.

So why are we so worried. It's a bit of a bitch, dying, but it's in the small print when you are born.

American show figures of 130,000 dead, ours is 43,000 dead--American having five times our population, so multiply 43,000 by 5, and you get 215,000. Epidemics tend to burn themselves--herd immunity and all that.

It's a bit harsh, but we really can afford to lose a few. What if I'm one of them---That's Life, or not as the case may be.

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Elaine, you are much too attached to life. Dying before their time? How do you know this. Yes, it is dreadful--I had friend died recently--known him for 40 years, it's awful that he's no longer here,I miss not be able to pass the time of day with him etc--three other friends died in the past 20 years. We ask, why take one so young, we ask, why is there such sickness in the world, and many other questions, but like nature, life is very very cruel, and lacking in sentimentality. And....

And Catherine, here's the rub also--we as a species are getting taller, and because of that we are using up more resources. I wish you good health---Health is Wealth. (a cliché, but etc).

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Elaine, not forgetting the 100,000 German dissidents that were put to death, and a large part of the gypsy and homosexual communities were put to death, and the 20 million Russians that were put to death (a different method, but they were put to death) a million and a quarter of Asian Indians lost their lives, I don't know the numbers, but the British that lost their lives, and our American cousins also added to the number of deaths, and of course many more. I love living, and it'll be a sad day when I no longer do so. I say sad, but to take on board what Catherine said, all in accordance to what I'm suffering. Although I won't be able to afford Switzerland. We are all energy for future flora and fauna, that's how the thing works.

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Elaine, you are stating the obvious.Of course each one is precious to someone. But we can't take individual emotions into every aspect of discussion.

Catherine, action speaks louder than words. When you die I will build a diamond statue in your image, placing it high on a plinth in central London, with a recorded eulogy playing on a loop, that will make people weep. Chris the practicing cynic.

Monday 6th July 2020

Catherine, the prerequisite is, you have to die first. I know, it's a terrible price to pay. But I've got my man on a job, a young upstart called Damien Hirst, a bit of a con man, but he knows about the diamond thing--did a skull worth £50 million. I've started saving for it,I've got in excess of 20P--it'll be there. We romantics, what can you say? And.... Elaine, what you're actually saying, is that ALL LIVES MATTER. (and they do--to someone)

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Catherine..there are many lives that don't matter--those that rape, those that bludgeon, those that etc etc. Bad parents, vicious parents, incestual parents--the list would be quite long.

The billions of animals that are murdered on a daily basis. I will stop there. Basically, life is not very fair. But I still like living it--just had a nap--now off out shopping. Not exciting, but hey--the wind is blowing, I love it. I do love when the wind is blowing the way it has been for the last few days--it's not cold, and somewhere along my childhood, it brought great comfort to me. Even in the winter when I'm in bed and hear its great force, I love it. This is a magical world, and many people miss that magic. I include all fauna and flora in the magic, the changing of the seasons etc. Brilliant stuff.

I once said to a friend...the winter is here to temper your steel--he replied--I've had enough fxcking tempering thank you very much. Ho Ho.

Tuesday 7th July 2020

Catherine...I know what a pain that is. I've had such bad experiences with plumbers coming to the flat--I've had a problem with the long radiator in the front room, ie it won't switch off, but rather than call the plumber in,I have gone (including this year) three summers without having hot water in the summer. So washing in cold water the whole summer--not as bad as it sounds. Hope yours comes tomorrow.

Have a sad story to tell about rain beating down on a surface, but this is the wrong platform

Wednesday 8th July 2020

Ken,To the unthinking an apology is a form of weakness. Politicians are no longer human beings as we know them. They have entered a twilight world where obfuscation is the language. As you know, anything can be twisted to say anything you want to say. EG You're friend died, did he? He did in a way, but one could argue as to whether death is death, or is a transition to better life, to where one merges into the ether, and becomes forever omnipotent.

I remember Mark Steel making a point on QI, about how the guy giving the Thought for Today on Radio 4, would find a way of using anything that was being said, to bring in God.

Sorry, can't think of a decent example, but I'm sure you work it out.

The apology thing reminds me of when I was a very naughty schoolboy (good reason to be),and I learned that the truth was a very potent tool. As you say Ken, people don't expect it.

I played truant a lot (in Ireland called mitching),and when I would return or was forced to return, at some point the headmaster would come into the class, and ask those who had played truant, their excuse for doing so--they invariably gave the usual,I wasn't well Sir etc,and got sick of the best--painful stuff.

My turn would come--and where were you Emmett, why weren't you in school? I was out in the fields with the pigs and bullocks Sir. The first time I said this, he was shocked, but I saw a smile in the corner of his eyes, not allowed to reach his mouth though. I learned from that smile. He said,I will deal with you later Emmett. Yes Sir. He never did. He had a sneaking respect for me after that.

Of course, one can't be truthful all the time, but I do aim at a high percent.

I turned stuff like this into humour in my autobiography. My older brother used to catch me during his lunchbreak, and beat me with a doubled up heavy leather farmers type belt, march me to the school with me over his shoulder, and just kick me in. AH, happy days.

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Have I missed something Martin. Was it about someone stating how we should learn. Is that it? Or was it about the stuff below that talking about how we are to counteract bacteria etc.

I have read around 3,000 books in my life, the majority nonfiction, or--and many of the fictional ones were factional, the likes of John Steinbeck, Henry Miller. George Orwell (the complete works ,including 4 volumes of Essays, and two biographies),and may more of that ilk--at no time in my reading did I think I was teaching myself, or learning. I was just reading.

Mein Kampf, The Republic, Das Kapital, and a myriad of others,too numerous to mention.

Some rubbish as well, of course.

If I got the gist of what I supposed to watch. We should have open minds to absorbing anything and everything. We can't stop learning--if we stop, we atrophy, both physically and mentally.

How to teach others--that's a very difficult concept--there are too many social layers to that.

When we say teach, do we mean, teach them all about a biased history etc, and judge them on how well they regurgitate what they've been fed. Difficult stuff.

Thursday 9th July 2020

Ken...What is this life if full of care We have no time to stand and stare

To stand and stare beneath the bows

And stare as long as sheep and cows

No time to see as woods we pass

Where squirrels hide their nut in grass.

That last line is unfortunate--a bit innuendoish.

My previous line was a throwaway line, and not to be taken too seriously.

I stopped to admire a daisy

All beauty there to inspect

I touched it very gently

Then I broke its neck....Anon...

I reckon too soon old,too late smart.

A line said by Charlton Heston at the end of the movie Will Penny.

Mind how you grow...

Saturday 11th July 2020

Elaine, putting a hand in front of ones mouth, doesn't help all that much, because then the virus is on the hands, and is then transferred to everything one touches. On transport that means all of over the place.

If we'd have had mandatory masks from the beginning or there abouts when it was accepted as a pandemic--I feel we all could have carried as normal--we needn't have changed anything. It would mandatory, of course, for all, other than those who were medically exempt.

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Toilets incredibly important--I'm taking water tablets (Furosemide) to get rid of water retention--The efficacy of the tablets is about 4 hours, peeing some two to three pints (I measured it over several days, so going out till that period of time has passed, but even then it's a bit tricky. I've been taking them for 11 days, not all

gone yet. My legs got very heavy--fell a couple times--one OK, indoors, but second one outdoors onto uneven flag stones--large bruise front of shoulder. Life is a cabaret oh chum, come to the cabaret.

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I had heart failure. The pump don't work, because the vandals took the handles, Bob Dylan. The pump in the heart stopped working somehow, and I began storing water, about 2 stone of it. Still got some. Even the scrotum and the Wee Willie Harris were very swollen, and the area above that area. The legs were quite painful, almost solid, difficult walking. The worse thing thing that happened, was, I also got water in the lungs, and found it almost impossible to walk more than about 10 metres without needing to stop and rest, and that was very painful. But being a fully paid up member of the school of stoicism, into the valley rode the 600. Those tablets might improve your lungs Ken (furosemide). I am breathing so much better. I always felt that I didn't just have COPD (my doctor tells me I have it). I'm not sure I actually have that, because I don't suffer from chronic obstruction, ie I don't cough up phlegm a lot, but I've got the term chronic obstruction wrong. Nobody got damaged putting this email together.

Sunday 12th July 2020

We have Gove saying that masks should not be made mandatory in certain areas. What the fxck does he know. We keep hearing about these amazing experts. What makes them experts? Can any of them actually tell us what a virus is. They may describe it, and know its function, what it's capable of, but can they produce a vaccine to counteract? kill it. NO.

To me it is patently obvious that it is airborne. The Black Plague was airborne, and it only took them the best part 700 years to find that out. These are you experts. There are many examples of how wrong they can be, and have been, in our relatively recent history.

For 12 days, we had nothing from Chris.

Friday 24th July 2020

Stephen...Cheers. A lot to say, but little incentive to do so. I suppose I could tell you that I went shopping, what I had to eat, and difficulty of finding somewhere to have a pxss. I could emphasise on the people I know, so that my importance wouldn't be suspect--how much they all like me, but etc. The problem is, I run out of ink.

Actually there is one guy I meet periodically, a young anthropologist, and I love is broad knowledge. We talk for a 40 minute period, covering an array of subject matter. He knows what I will know about, and vice versa, and there is a hiccup in the conversation. I love it.

'ALL WIVES MATTER,' Women were slaves and chattels for a long long time. The interdiction of that slavery has not quite reached all corners of the earth. See religion.

Mind you on the mask issue--women are used to wearing a mask, they put one on every morning. Lippy etc. I am to have breakfast now--one bean on an eight of a slice of toast. washed down with cuckoo spit. Lovely stuff.

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Cheers Steve...I did write a piece today having a slight go at some contributions on here, but it didn't get posted for some reason. Maybe it's a good thing.

The best government is a benevolent tyranny tempered by the occasional assassination. Voltaire.

The only way to stop smoking, is to stop. No ifs, ands, or butts. Edith Zitzer

Virtue is learned at mother's knee, vice at other joints. Dr. Lawrence Peter

Yesterday is a cancelled cheque--Tomorrow is a promissory note--Today is the only cash you have, so spend it wisely. Kay Lyons....

Faith must trample underfoot all reason, sense, and understanding. Martin Luther....

'Creativity is so a delicate a flower that praise tends to make it bloom, while discouragement often nips it in the bud. Any of us will put out more and better ideas if our efforts are appreciated. Alex F Osborn....

How true that is...

Sunday 26th July 2020

Your last sentence is incredibly egotistical--Hitleristic--dictatorialist.

Ken, if you were in power as a socialist, we'd be in real expletive trouble.

Johnson may not be the best, but there have been much worse. If we had a woern our tosser like Corbyn in power, a man with little or no power, a man who couldn't even wind the clock, let alone turn it back, a deluded yesterday's man. God forbid... Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting as to what to have for lunch.

Liberalism is a well armer lamb contesting the vote. Benjamin Franklin. And... And what about words like lough ,dough ,tough ,cough, etc. How would he explain, reighn, rain, rein--even bare and bear, and the various meanings of bear. Even if you rhymed dove (diving) with Gove, you then have dove the bird. Gove is a dodgy Cove.

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God alfxckingmighty. Enough already. Do what you need to do, and let others do what they do. They are not going to obey. I often go to Kilburn High road--it's an absolute shambles in terms of social distancing and everything else. If you are meant to die, you'll die--if not, you won't...There's lots of ants in the ant hill.

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Elaine, why should I delete them. I am not looking for everyone to agree with me. So it's a bit rude--good. I hate everyone agreeing with everything. How can we push on if we all agree.

We had enough about masks. Just ignore me if you don't agree with me. I don't agree with Ken most of the time, but I wouldn't want him not to say what he wants to say. They are all meaningless opinions. ALL.....MEANINGLESS.....OPINIONS. But they keep us amuse to a certain degree.

Monday 27th July 2020

But, Ken, that's what I did. If you mean your attitude towards Boris--well, that's all very well, but one could consider the opposite, ie choose to see them in a good light until proven otherwise. Politicians by nature have to be B's, it goes with the job. You can please some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time. Using your premise, if I see a labour leader as dangerous, then I should treat him as such.

Jim, if you think I'm a bit rude responding to whoever, Then I should push off. I don't mind. I will leave you love birds in peace, but don't be too shocked when the feathers start flying.

What does that mean? No idea.

Education is the discovery of our ignorance.....Anon.

Wednesday 29th July 2020

UNACCEPTABLE,DISRESPECTFUL,AND EXCEPTIONALLY RUDE, YET,JUST ANOTHER GASEOUS FLEA BITTEN PSEUD,
TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF ALL THAT IS LEWD,
BUT FAILING LIKE OTHERS,AND LEAVING UNCLUED.

Friday 31st July 2020

Drift out of the foggy ruins of sleep the other night, a myriad of thought occurred to me about our dear world--how we rale against those that run in--very easy to do so of course, such a bunch of bxsatrds, but we need them. It would do for namby-pamby types to be in control,otherwise there would be chaos. 7.5 billion of us have to be managed, not an easy task trying to keep the lid on all that. In fact amazing it is done to the extent is a done--yes,there are problems-- well of course there are.

I have always been anti capitalist, which is very easy to be, and natural to be coming from a working class perspective, but it is easy to be anti, but what do we replace it, and still manage the madding crowd? Difficult isn't it.

Very easy to knock down a wall--all one needs is a hammer. Different thing to build one. 'Nuf said--have a jolly nice day--enjoy every moment of this lovely weather. We've been very lucky this year.

For 14 days, we had nothing from Chris.

Friday 14th August 2020

I believe that Boris Johnson is a typical labourite, as is Jacob Rees Mogg, and unbelievably so is Prince Charles, and most of the royals, including our penniless Queen. An old woman once said to me (back in the sixties) 'self praise is no recommendation.'

I heard a rumour, but I find it hard to believe it, that the Pope is a catholic, that he believes in God. That can't be right. That would affect his business of fleecing the poor.

There are rumours that Hitler was a socialist.

What a world we're living in, where you can't believe anything you read. I wish I was a poor man--Oh,I am. I know..... Chris.....

Saturday 15th August 2020

Elaine, you are talking about young men who had absolutely no choice--it wasn't of their volition that they went to be slaughtered/fight, suffer all forms of degradation. And you are very much generalizing. I will generalize now, but given equal circumstances,I think the youth of today would rise to the occasion. We all would. It's like complaining about a scratch, while others have lost limbs. We deal with whatever is--we are a very resilient life form. Given a choice, do you think those young men would volunteered to go and fight from some dirty mucky hole in the ground in no mans land, so to speak.

Yes, we are still grateful for what they did do--they fought so wouldn't have to,and gave us a land to be free in. Freedom is relative, we are relatively free,Thank God.

Chris

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John, I agree with much of your letter, but I would add, that I feel it's the government who are more worried by their absence from school as it breaks up the conditioning process that schools, religion et al are.

Chris And: I asked to see the manager in Waitrose's on Finchley Road, and asked him about the lack of masks on 'all' the staff. For a while some had masks on, but were the visor type--I explained to him the uselessness of visors, given that it is an airborne disease. His excuse was, that it was difficult to wear a mask all day long, and I felt that to be a reasonable excuse. I pointed out to a couple of the staff, that they often came to a till without masks on, speaking to the person on the till, while at the same being with a foot or so of customers--I just got an embarrassed, a smile, and a shrug of the shoulders.

As I can't control the world, I have to accept their behaviour.

Worst of all, in a sense, is my organic wholefood shop--nobody wears masks in the shop, and they don't expect customers to either.

I have to admit, I don't really worry about any of this. I do find it annoying though. Kilburn Highroad is atrocious. Social distancing in shops like Sainsburys, meaning in the queues within the shop, is virtually nil--not all, but most.

I was on the 98 bus yesterday, when two very attractive Muslim girls got on, in full long flowing black garb, accept for the face. Me masked. I bend over to them as I got off, and said 'wear a mask.' Which is actually quite funny if you think about it. Chris

Sunday 16th August 2020

ken, that is so much better than your usual comments which tend to concentrate on you, and your closest et al.

And I agree with the end bit--if nature visits the menstrual cycle on a young girl, I think that nature is saying something, ie this young girl is now fit for child birth. And nature doesn't call, it demands, hence all the problems at school age, [pregnancies etc]. Because I said I agree with the end bit, doesn't mean the rest is not something to agree with. Chris

Monday 17th August 2020

Elaine, I think they should have complained bitterly--more than bitterly. Being used as fodder to protect the great capitalist machine--there to keep the elite elite, which it did. What was the war about? The elite fighting the elite to get more power--the expendables expending for this purpose.

We (including America and France) painted Germany into a corner through the reparations for the first world war. At the time Hitler declared war, Germany had 11 million unemployed, and could no longer afford the extortionate payments that were demanded from them.

Much more than that of course--I'm sure others can fill you in more. Nothing is ever black and white.

As for therapy--I think we all need therapy. We are born as round shapes, but the political world only deals in square shapes. From birth we are pommelled till we are the required shape, by which time we are lost forever--never feeling quite right. That's why school conditioning is extremely important to whatever government is in power.

I'm just scratching a tiny little skin. Chris.....

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Elaine,I absolutely and completely agree with that sentiment. And in my mind I thank all of those who stood up to be counted. We owe our modern day life to them, and their sacrifice can never be over looked----but that doesn't alter what I said.

It's always only my opinion. Meaningful to some, and meaningless to others. I can live with that. Chris

Wednesday 19th August 2020

Very soon one will not even be allowed to peregrinate without a mask. Ho Ho. It has happened in Italy, or is about to. I feel the same flu's and colds. I think it should be compulsory to wear a mask if one has a flu or cold, or any other contagious disease. Is tha heading towards dictatorship thinking? Chris And...

An interesting statistic on the news at 1--the 19 countries ruled by women have fared better since the pandemic began, because they chose to put people before the economy. They locked down sooner than countries ruled by men, and have had less deaths, are now getting back into the swing before the men ruled countries. I think one needs a very large pinch of salt here, meaning those statistics would need a little more analysis. But that was what was reported on the news. Chris.....

Thursday 20th August 2020

If people had the sense they were born with, nobody would pay the licence--see how the courts would handle that. They couldn't. I have never paid a TV licence--never agreed with it. I get a letter from them every six weeks or so with all sorts of threats-- which they have never put into practice, and I mean for the past 30 odd years. Our enforcers are in your area. We will be calling on you and so forth and so on. I don't want to contribute to extortionate retainer fees paid to likes of Winkleman, Woken (now dead, they are probably still paying him),and the myriad of others.Disgusting levels of wages/ fees for doing SFA.

Sadly to contradict that--I really love the idea of no adverts, and the BBC do produce some? very good programmes. Most commercial channels cater to the lowest common denominator. Because of drawing in crowds to the adverts. All commercial programmes are just bridges between adverts.

Hence I never watch ITV. I don't watch fiction anyway, so that excludes most of the television. Don't watch movies either.. Chris.

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Ken,I think you're absolutely right--we must pay the TV licence Because many people can't really afford to pay it, and I don't mean just pensioners,I mean the many that are struggling, that doesn't mean they shouldn't. pay. Where would all the surplus Oxbridge graduates go if we lost dear old auntie BBC. Who would stage Last night at the Proms? The licence fee is worth it just for that.

God bless all those lovely caring people at the BBC, sleeping in their comfortable mansion enclosed sumptuous beds. I love them,may they go on living for at least another week or so. They deserve to. God save our precious isle.

So gllad to be alive and part of this amazing culture. (cough, cough) Chris.

Friday 21st August 2020

I think the devil invented printers. I do a lot of photography work on my printer. Not really a photographer,just not good enough. But I do have in excess of 20,000 on my printer of one sort or another. Many are of details of the paintings I do,ie one can take several shots of details,and produce another

individual abstract--mostly abstract. And also one can manipulate photos, producing something way beyond the photo, by overlaying, by superimposing etc etc etc. Can produce something of interest.

My problem with the printer (they have built in obsolescence, so they don't last more than a couple of years when being used at the rate I use them) is the cost of ink. A year ago I bought an Epson--my expensive printer crashed--and Epson insist that one buys their original ink, at the extortionate price of about £89 to £99. AAAAHHHHH.

I buy compatible ink. At one time, only about 3 years ago, I could actually buy compatible ink for £4 a cartridge, and it worked perfectly well, as good as the expensive ones.

That company has disappeared--I fear swallowed up by Amazon.

I can still buy a compatible set for around £30.

Now comes the crunch. Put in the printer, and it refuses to accept. After a little thought I thought that can't be right. Isn't there some law against monopoly?

So a little perseverance and I got it to accept. Hooray..

I don't know whether there's a correlation or not, but I'm having trouble trying to print the smaller cards--keeps refusing (4 by 6, and 13 by 18), the A4 is fine.

I've written this, knowing it's of no interest to anybody on here.

If anybody knows where I can buy Satin and Pearl photo paper relatively cheap, please let me know. I don't use any other. Ah well.... Have a nice day. Chris.

Tuesday 25th August 2020

There's something new going on. Virtually every web site now wants us to agree to their new rules of using cookies. Personally I don't care what they eat. But now when you read the agreement, they are openly saying, we will share all information with everyone. They disguise that a little bit with unclever wordage. Concomitant with that is the much talked about smart phones, or even phones before smart phones (I don't have either). People are now complaining on chat lines on the radio about how they just have to mention something to a friend on the phone, and they are then inundated with adverts relating to the subject they were talking about. Not just on their phones, but on their computers as well.

Is that just the way of the world, or is it a step too far in the invasion of one's privacy?

"All lives are like fingerprints, they are all unique." Emmett. Chris.... And... By any stretch of the imagination, I'm not a royalist, nor a great antiroyalist--I just accept that things are the way they are.

But this almost witch hunt against Andrew is just over the top. The woman accusing him of abusing her, Virginia Giuffe, was 17 when she first had sex with him (allegedly). 17, Godalmighty--17 is not the age of a child. There are 17 year olds in America, even in this day age, who have several children by that age. Go back 50 years, and several countries at the age of consent at around 12, even Vatican city, and even dear old catholic Ireland. Places in America it was 11. Of course puberty decides what age is the age of consent. But that aside, and I'm sure worse went on within this group of people, but at 17 it's just not on.

if that was only thing Andrew did, there's nothing to answer. Yes, I do know the age of consent is different to ours, but that doesn't alter reality.

Chris.... No, I'm not defending child abuse--nothing could be more horrendous than the destruction of a child's/adult's life.

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I don't know what the expletives going on. I use various supplements, vitamin C, Zinc, D3, and one other, Magnesium. All are organic or from the best sources--quite expensive, particularly the Magnesium, £28 for 60 tablets. I ordered one about 2 weeks ago. Got it, no problem. Came back last Friday, and there were two

more parcels, and on opening I found two more lots of Magnesium, from a different company, thanking me for buying from them. I didn't order the bloody things, and the company I didn't recognize. Went down yesterday to my bank to get a mini statement. Got it, put in my bag to read when I got home. found it only dates back to the 17th of this month, whereas the date on the receipts accompanying the Magnesium tablets was the 16th. Have to go back to get another statement today. No email on that date denoting anything to do with this company.

This all might be a mistake of some sort, but nevertheless, they are tracking our every move. I will be able to use the tablets, but that's not the point. I would like to choose when to buy them, and from whom. Dr. Whom? Ho, Ho, Ho, it's tragic... Chris.....

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Good email John. I was listening to the car stuff on the radio--they moot it from time to time. I personally don't think it will. It will work in theory--in theory they talk in ideal terms, but I can disaster with that. They would love the world you painted, but there is many a slip between cup and lip, and as I'm near death, I don't care all that much. I'm pleased I won't be around for the new world order.

I recently wrote to Amazon, trying to pull a greedy stroke me, and on e bit I asked them 'How much money do you expletive need.? I said much more. Strangely enough there was no response.

I went today to get a mini statement at the bank, and the girl who dealt with me had the same stroke pulled on her--she got completely refunded. Regards Chris....

Wednesday 26th August 2020

Chris replied to Shirley: I agree with your first sentence. He is that sort of person. I actually said more, but the bloody thing jumped, and I lost what I had already said, and I hate chewing the thing twice.

To cut a long story, I conversed with him on a bus one day, and within a short time he was talking to everyone else on the bus, not me--basically talking about how what a great lecturer he was.

Did a bit of research on Tesla cars. The company was formed very recently 2003, by Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpenning. Named after inventor and electrical engineer Nicola Tesla. The next three employees were Ian Wright, Elon Musk, and J.B. Straubel, whom are all named as co-founders.

Started in California, now have branches in New York, Shanghai, Nevada.

The manufacture various models of the car, batteries (the powerwall), powerpack, megapack.

After 11 years on the market, Tesla rank as the world's best selling plug-in, and battery electric passenger car.

The model 3 ranks as the worlds all time best selling plug-in electric car.

Tesla cars accounted for 81% of battery electric vehicles sold in the United States in the first half of 2020.

They have now sold 1 million vehicles. If you want to read the full story on the above--google Tesla cars wiki. Chris.....

Thursday 27th August 2020

Elaine, I don't think there's going to be an audience this year. I actually find the whole thing very jingoistic, and a bit gloating with a touch of over snobbish pageantry on the side, but the British should be allowed to that--this is their country, if you don't like the rules, then off. That's not meant for you.

As a host country, Britain is incredibly tolerant. Think of the many countries that subjugate the whole population, particularly women--treated even less than cattels. Minus a clitoris of course.

The reason I reacted to it, because there was a black on Yahoo news demanding that the lyrics should be

changed, not sure if he represented a group.

When I mentioned the slavery in Ireland from St Patrick to the vikings plus,I meant white slavery--it was rampant all over the place,Europe etc. Yes, we all should fight for change, but the distant slavery in the past cannot be changed. "Yesterday we obeyed Kings, and bent our necks before Emperors, but today we kneel only before the truth." Kahlil Gibran.... Chris.....

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Catherine, they were different times, but I read the lyrics yesterday fairly carefully, there is nothing very offensive in there--even viewing it subjectively. All Briton was (that's how it's spelt in the lyrics) that while are ruled by tyrants, we shall be free. And that was true then, and is true now.

If you want to read the lyrics, google, 'Rule Britannia lyrics.' The same applies any song you want to know the lyrics of-- brilliant to be able to do that--even obscure Irish rebel songs from my childhood. Chris...

Friday 28th August 2020

Ken,I wrote a longer piece on this, but the internet has been crashing all. You are wrong about The Battle of Jenkers Ear, that occurred around 1738/9 to 1748. 1640 was the reign of Charles 1, and he did claim divine right, as did James 11 in 1685 to 8. Want to say more, but the expletive machine won't allow. Chris And...The real problem here is that it is all transgenerational, and lives can't be lived like that.

We can't a time long past,and impose today's rules on it. Britannia doesn't have the same meaning now as it did then. You can't blame today's youngsters for the machoness of yesterdays society.

John,you are absolutely right,it is extremely jingoistic, but is it really harming anyone other than those who want to live in that vainglorious past. There will never be equality amongst white people,and even less so amongst black and white people. Although from I hear,probably apocryphal, there are more than two types of people.

God save the King—sorry, the Queen.... Chris....

Ken, I just remembered, it was the captain of a merchant ship that cut off Jenkins ear. And the period was George 11.

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In my last email,I said the battle of Jenkins ear,that should been 'war',as the conflict went on for ten years.

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My final word on this. I was wrong when I said from memory that Jenkin's ear was cut of my the captain of a merchant ship--he was the captain.

The incident happen about 7 years prior to the conflict, and it ties in nicely with the slavery controversy.Britain wanted to open trade routes to the selling of their goods. And on top of that they wanted the monopoly to supply 5,000 slaves per year. Much more complicated in trading and so forth. Too long. Chris.

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Jim,You know 'Jesus' the son of God loves you. When you die you will see the light, and when you get to your destination, you will receive a bill from the electricity board for that light.

God is everywhere--he is omnipotent. When you drink that cup of coffee--God is in the coffee giving you the energy you need to hug a tree. The tree company have branches everywhere. Om Shanti. Chris...

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Jim,I'm sure you realize I was being 'absolutely' sarcastic about God. I have no interest in invisible beings. As A poor unfortunate Irish being brought up in a very over the top catholic BS environment--beautiful small Irish village, lovely old dilapidated castle in the centre of the 300 yard main street. Really a lovely lovely town with beautiful countryside as far as the eye could see--orchards in abundance--important for young growing boys.Spoiled only by the religion (not only, because I was beaten a lot within the family--long story,too long, in an autobiography of 400 pages--not published).

One priest was very good, very gentle man, good to us children, then the devil in disguise entered stage left as the nice one left stage right, off to see his imaginary boss.

We were threatened with this religious BS continuously--God can see everything you do. He can even see what your thinking.

Most of us kids were beyond the pale, and I mean beyond the pale from a very early age--with each other, not with adults.

I shook off the catholic stuff by the age of eleven, but it took a little longer to really shake it off. A lot longer. If I had the power,I would not only ban religion from school,I'd ban it from the world. It is only ever used for control, and to instill fear. I often instil, spelt like that, but it looks so awkward.

I believe above the storm, the smallest prayer can still be heard--I believe that somewhere in the great big world, hears every word.....The Bachelors . Irish group of yesteryear.

And life goes on... Regards.... Chris.....

My internet is vanishing all the time--then it comes back for about 2 seconds.I have to wait at the end of this page,and click send within those two seconds. And...Cheers Ken. Good information, good lesson in side stepping, and trumping. Ho Ho..The beat goes on.

I don't know a great deal about history, but I know the royals back to Edward 1, and I can recite all the Presidents of the USA, and their terms of Office, and little bits of knowledge about the odd one.

I did a little bit last week on Tesla electric cars. Then while watching a quiz programme, one of the question was what country named their airport after Nicola Tesla. Answer,Belgrade. I didn't even know he was dead--died of natural causes in 1943. We live and learn. No idea why????????? Chris.....

Saturday 29th August 2020

John,I a little pedantic I would have thought, verging on anal retentiveness. Besides I thought it was Britannia waves the rules. More apt I would say. The talk mostly is about slavery, but it was the rape of the resources of the individual countries that did the most damage, enriching the already very rich.

I actually didn't come on to talk about that.

I am having internet trouble. Got onto to talk-talk today to find a solution AAAAAAAHHHHHHH.

Godalmighty--have just spent an hour talking to automatons mostly.I initially phoned, and was told that nothing wrong could be found.Went on line to be told there is a problem. After spending about 20 minutes talking to an automaton,I went on to a chat line to I assumed an engineer. Back and forth chat for another 30 minutes.

I assumed it was a person I was talking to--eventually he said (again an assumption, because I'm chauvinistic) we will do a 20 minute check, and he gave a long convoluted number starting with http,

Went and had my breakfast, came back, punched in the number, ended up on my email page, and the number didn't work on the email page. Go back to try and get to the chatline. We are very busy now, why not get in touch on a day when we are less busy. Neglecting to say what day or days that is.

On one page, it said, you need an up to date router, with press here highlighted, pressed it, nothing, blank page. Ho expletive Ho. Although Ho is now an expletive.

I am just coming to the end of a Bill Bryson book, a reread "Made in America." About the origin of language--much of it about what was and wasn't allowed to be said in the movies etc way back. meaning in terms of expletives, euphemisms etc. And much more of course about ankle showing and the like. We are a really aed race.

May God bless you, and keep you always, may your wishes all come true, may you always etc etc etc Bob Dylan. Chris.

Sunday 30th August 2020

I use Waitrose, and Sainsbury's, Finchley road and Kilburn High road--most people wear masks, not all, and I think they are both on record saying that it is not their responsibility. Buses equality so--some drivers suggest wearing a mask, but again I think many fear the retribution that might come from being too demanding. There was one driver who got heavily punched for doing so. (I actually put diver instead of driver, which would be interesting, a slow motion punch).

The government now desperately need people back to work.They can't have the whole infrastructure (travel etc) running at a loss indefinitely--otherwise little Jack will come tumbling down.

Actually, it is very serious. If money doesn't come into government coffers, money obviously can't be spent, on whatever, including pensions etc.

We could hit a brick wall at some point, and I'm assured that that is a very painful experience.

There is obviously a correlation between not divulging the true death figures, and the economy (the economy, like or not is keeping us on an even keel, (maybe not so even). Many of the deaths, would of course only be related to the Covid virus. All forms of diseases prior to contracting the virus, and the virus just being the final straw. In the same way, many AIDS victim died of flu, one could say. Only because they were already very weak from AIDS.

A slight reverse there, but the same principle.

Ken,The rents going down shouldn't affect you, as you said, you were charging a fairer rent, ie fairer than the average greedy extortionate landlord.

I would hate to see you not having your Christmas cruise. Everyone in the UK needs that Christmas cruise every year. Tongue in cheek Ken. No reason why you shouldn't have a Christmas cruise.

the virus must go back a long way--the Lone Ranger wore a mask, but note Tonto didn't. Discrimination again. Mind you,Batman's era was fairer, as Robin was allowed to wear one.

"A great many people think they are thinking, when they are merely rearranging their prejudices." William James, psychologist. Chris...

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Ken,I started to reply to this,by saying I know very little about quantitative easing (the printing of money to ease the economy in some way). Around 20 years ago it was big issue for reasons that I had no interest in. But I questioned it Peter Rutherford about it,the guy who did the music lecture/class in our political

discussion room (forgotten the number). He was the worst person to ask, only interested in showing how much knowledge he had, and by so doing imparted none.

So I stopped typing the initial email, and slapped my wrists for having such a negative attitude towards quantitative easing. Wiped the slate clean, and did a bit of research on Wikipedia.

One throbbing headache later, I've decided that living life without certain knowledge is probably quite possible, not only possible, but desirable--at least I'm going to give it a go. And I did economics for a year at a College in the seventies. Rent? I rented a life, and so far it has been very expensive (and very painful). This is a philosophical statement. "Speech was given to man to conceal his thoughts." Anon.

"True reality is in your dreams." Emmett.... Chris....

Monday 31st August 2020

You're a miserable bxtard Chris. Why bring this news at such a time. We need to smile, Well smile. There's a lovely line in a Dylan song--Nobody feels any pain, tonight as I stand inside the rain. My attitude to most things are along those line, we can dance between the rain drops.

Deaths from Covid 19.

America....185,000.....Population 330 million. Brazil.....120,000.....population 192 million

India 78,512.....population 1.2 billion

Mexico, just short of India'spopulation 126 million These are to date figures.

UK 41,405 as of Aug.21.

Given the population size, India seems quite low. roughly speaking it has 4 times the population of America.

If we multiply by 4, we get 740,000.

Can we believe any of these figures?

All politicians I do believe are men of probity--verity being their middle name. They are chosen by God to lead us children to the land of lollipops, where rivers of honeydew Whiskey flows, and ganja is the breakfast food. Hooray.

Keep smiling through, like we used to do, and I know we'll meet again some sunny day. I believe that to be true.

May the bird of paradise fly up your nose.. Chris..

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Elaine..I've just seen your last Thursday's email on slavery. I agree with you. I have thought about it, and although distant, it still rankles to the modern day black person. And black people in general have had a very rough time of it. Even in modern Britain, ie 60'S onwards (and before), and even now being black isn't a joy--much hidden prejudice now, much disguised prejudice now / racism.

I lived with a very attractive black woman in the seventies, with her for 5 years, lived with her for three. Educated woman, MA eventually. And I suffered the reverse--it was black power time, and without going into a long story, I was attacked by a black man, because I was with her. A big very sore black eye for Christmas.

A police man and woman came along (Portobello road), and their racism was palpable, they asked if I wanted to press charges, in fact, encouraged me to do so. I refused.

I lived in Maida Vale between 70 and 83, so I was aware of all the troubles that were around relating to black people. I had a couple of friends who were black, so I was fairly well informed.

Yet, I still say, too many black blame being black on their situation in life, and need to blame something for it, and slavery is a very handy peg to hang your coat.

I'm white, and far far far away from success in my life---Who can I blame????? Regards.. Chris.....

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Ken, no idea about the authority of the position of an aircraft captain, or a ships captain, but a bus captain (driver) is in a very vulnerable position. He is not surrounded by people who could help him instantly. Some do suggest you wear a mask, but don't demand it. It is a suggestion rather than a demand.

The same in shops. Waitrose don't demand, neither do Sainsbury's. The only shops I've seen more or less demand, is charity shops, but only the couple I occasionally I go into, I don't know about all.

It's for the government to make it compulsory, and even then, how would that be policed?

We haven't got enough of the blue meanies.

Riding a bike on a pavement is illegal. One day when one had nearly knocked me down on the pavement, it just so happened that there was a couple of policemen on hand, and I asked one of them, why don't you do something about that-- we exchanged a few sentences, and he eventually said, there's no way of policing it-- they don't have a number plate, nor insurance, and that they would spend too much time checking false address etc. Ah, if only life was black and white. There are many stories if you run naked in the city. (there are 8 million stories etc). Chris

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We now appear to have another controversy relating to the black issue. I'm just reporting what I've heard on the radio, so I don't really know anything about it. Apparently. Adele has just been accused of cultural appropriation for attending the Notting Hill Carnival dressed in black robes, and wearing her hair in corn rows. At the same time in America, a black person went into a store and accused the store of the same offence for selling tea from a black country.

How ridiculous is that. Imagine us doing the same thing, meaning about the clothing.

I guess tea came to the West through colonialism, but it has enriched many countries, including ours of course.

Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing--where of all the flowers gone, long time ago etc etc etc.... Chris. Should that, cultural misappropriation. Cultural appropriation doesn't look quite right to me, but that's what the guy on the radio said.

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Absolutely Catherine. It's complimentary isn't it. I think some people are just looking for something to take away the feeling of inadequacy. I'm inadequate in comparison terms (to some), but so f*cking what. Ah now, shur isn't dat the way life is. Shur isn't life something you can't take with you when you die. Chris.... And... John, WHO said almost the same thing--there will definitely be a vaccine within two years. Nobody knows that, not even the scientists. Where's the vaccine for flu and colds, and for AIDS which is still gurgling in the background.

Being an idiot, I certainly don't, but neither do they. Yes, of course, they know more than I do.

But we could still waiting for the last bus, after the last bus has gone, and it's a long time till morning. (I remember now, you are quite pedantic about words--is till, til? I always feel it looks unbalanced with one l)
The same with instil?

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Ken,I had a Jewish friend when I lived in Maida Vale in the seventies--came from a very Russian orthodox Jewish family--some very high in the church. He used to come into my kitchen, and on the odd occasion he would bang his fist on the table, and say, God is not a fish tank. No idea what he meant, but it was funny.
Chris.... Religion is for conditioned immature children--suspended childhoods.

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Elaine, all I can say to that is that all religious books are written by man--corrupt man-- controlling man-- hypocritical man. The Lord is my shepherd,I shall not want. Tell that to the disenfranchised starving millions in the world. Tell that to one of the richest cities in the world,Vatican city, and all the other religious orders dripping with disgusting wealth--icons made of gold, while the many starve.

God I am not worthy that thou should enter under my roof, say but the word and my soul shall be healed.
Thank God I'm not worthy. Chris..

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Elaine, that is the problem with brain washing--that is why our governments want children back in school--the brain washing needs to be continual. Religion shouldn't be allowed in schools. Most of what's taught in school shouldn't be allowed, but one would have to argue with that, because the multitude need controlling. We need the uncaring beasts to do that. That's a long discussion.Too bloody long, I actually put thought instead of taught in the above,and that works as well.

About 30 to 40 years ago, there was a priest in Northern Ireland who claimed he was having direct communication with God, talking with him. You'd imagine that the hierarchy in his church would be elated. Instead they introduced him to a psychiatrist. Ho Hum. Chris....

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Elaine. You can have the last word on that. A.S.Neill (Summerhill) had roughly the same opinion. He wrote many books.I've read 3, but I haven't read Problem parent, problem child, or problem teacher. I might at sometime get round to reading those. I read his autobiography, Neill, Neill, Orange Peel--brilliant open minded stuff--a lovely man. Chris.....

I feel sad for the children.....We don't have to agree on everything, how boring. I thought you said I had the last word? Welllllllllllllllllll..

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I heard a discussion on the radio (LBC) recently,and it was about whether God gave Moses 10 tablets or 14 tablets. It was Moses,wasn't it? This went on for couple of hours--people phoning in saying something along the lines off,if you read this or that,it does suggest that there were more than 10--just stuff along those lines,variations on a theme. That's why I refuse to get into religious arguments,because it's bleep nonsense.

Other arguments are about things like, it wasn't 2 of each animal that Noah put in the ark--if such and such, it says, the animals came in groups of 7--no, no, no, you've got that wrong etc etc etc.

Complete ignoring the size needed to save 2 of each animal, or even worse 7.

I may have told this story before. A priest kicked me when I was around eleven, won't go into that story. I was losing interest even by then in the catholic BS. This priest represented God, and kicking me didn't make sense to me. And even though I've mentioned that, there is much larger story leading up to the kicking.

We had a protestant church in our town as well as the catholic one. Sorry, I'm going to leave that, I just feel like I've written it before. Chris.....

"No man can reveal to you aught but that which already lies half asleep in the dawning of your knowledge."
Kahlil Gibran

"The tragedy of old age is not that one is old, but that one is young." Oscar Wilde That's so bloody true. I don't feel old at all.

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Something Shirley said fairly recently about having trouble getting the printer she wanted, and how difficult that was, because most of that stuff comes from. Isn't that a great danger, soon or in not the too distant future. I thought we had learned that lesson from the second world war.

Relying on other countries for whatever, but particularly food stuff, is not a good thing, can never be a good thing.

When there's a crisis like now, it becomes dangerous. Particularly if our import is much greater than our export to that country. They will always have by the short and curlies.

We allowed our industry to more or less collapse, and we've done the same with our farmers, importing most of our basic food stuffs from abroad. Short terms again I guess--let's have profit, and let the future take the hindmost.

hindmost?

Some years ago, I read a lovely definition of the word 'philanderer' The illustrated Oxford English Dictionary circa '62). "One who dangles after women".

I read a nice one recently on the word ethereal (light, diaphanous etc).... "A GREENNESS DRENCHED WITH THE PALE YELLOW OF SPRING SUNSHINE." Poetic 'eh...

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Shirley..£30? What does that do? Does it print photos and so forth. I did recommend Argos to you at the time, because you've got a choice of many makes, and it's much easier to bring the thing back if something goes wrong, and they are pretty good about it. I need my printer to do much more. I consider the one I've got at the moment to be fairly cheap £139,95, but if a £30 job does what you want it to do, all well and good. I've had this just over a year I think (time goes past very quickly), and I'm having trouble with it, it won't print the 13 by 19 photos. At a push it does the 4 by 6, and the A4.

I bleep hate machinery. I say that, but the computer is an amazing thing.

Well done, you got it sorted out. It really is a pain finding one.

This is my third one in the last ten years--lots of cartridges lying about. Chris...

Friday 4th September 2020

Ken,I have the same problem quite often--been asked for a mobile number, which I don't have. Annoyingly, whatever I'm on or trying to do at the time,I have to leave. Chris...

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Ken, just a word on hated Amazon. In general people are very naive about hating certain companies--Virginee (French) wife of my wholefood shop owner, is the same about Amazon. There is no company in the world separated from all other companies. They are all connected. Just think about it. They all rely on each other..I pointed out to Virginee that her shop relies on hundreds of companies, those shops in turn on others.

When it all comes down to it, all companies are part of the supplying of weaponry to despotic/tyrannical countries, and all others of course. hard to swallow, but it's true. I hear you arguing already Ken. And... Ken, having said what I said,I don't have any problem buying stuff--my landline does fine. It's just joining stuff--I can't even give you an example.

This is not example, but an example of a pain.

Last week when I rang talktalk, because I had a problem with getting on the internet--the process is, you get someone on line chatting--so did that, went through about 40 minutes of questions questions questions--at the end of which the person wrote, some of your information doesn't match--me replying, what information doesn't match--no response to that, only to say he was going offline no check everything out--giving me a long http// number to use to get back to the chat line. I used it, but it only took me to my own email section. Monday, not only was my router not allowing me the internet, but my landline was crackling so much I couldn't hear whoever called.

I used hiip// etc, and it did take me to the chat line.No continuation from my previous chatting. Went through the whole process again,40 minutes--same result, something in your information doesn't match.

,What doesn't match,no response--off again to check it out. Advising me to come back in 20 minutes.

Left it a half an hour--guess bleep what--new person asking me to go through the whole thing again--problem, address, email address, phone number etc etc etc--at one point I said i had porridge from breakfast. I just said, no thanks ,no more. Then up popped a popup, asking me how the person did, but no room on it to answer in a proper manner. Just points choices. Computers...brilliant....humans.....less so. Bleep, bleep,bleep,bleep bleep..

Router is ok now, and I just had a phone call, and that was clear. Chris...

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I have to say Ken,I have never had a problem with Amazon, accept for them trying con me into their Prime Time stuff. That was about 8 years ago when I was less knowledgeable about the computer. They were taking £49 per year out of my account--that's was for next day delivery. New con at the moment, is trying to get one to buy into repeating orders automatically every month (particularly capsules (magnesium et. The Prime Time stuff I cottoned onto, and ripped into them so to speak with some strong wordage--they immediately refunded me one years money (they only took 2),and cancelled what I didn't want.

But on orders they are very good, refunding etc. On the automatic prescription repeating, I got really annoyed, skinng them how much fcking money do they need--do they need to bleed old age pensioners.

Of course share holders are involved, aren't they?

As I said in another post. I don't have a mobile either, but they are brilliant. !2 years ago or so,I used to say I

don't need a computer..beep, beep crxp in my ear all day (they used to go beep, beep),but I know now how wonderful they are.

Here we all are, writing bits of nonsense about this and that, and how lucky we are to be able to do that--not to have to send, and wait possibly weeks to get a response.

I know there's much to say against a lot of companies, the way they treat and pay their staff, but you know if you really are going take that as far as you can take it, you virtually wouldn't be able to wear any clothes, and much of what you have in your house would have to go as well.

Even food stuffs, in this country would be out--if we were to see animal husbandry as it really is--I would say in most cases people would be sickened.

When I see on the box the cruelty done to our domestic animals it literally brings a tear to my eye on the odd occasion. I just can't watch,I turn away.

There's one with a little lurcher (I think),and God is condition is dreadful, and several other dogs in the same condition-- then there are Donkey's and cats. So fxxking sad, so sad sad, that there are so called humans----I better stop that. Chris.....

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Elaine,I think you are absolutely right--the horse is no longer in the stable. I don't have a mobile, because I've got no use for one. They are a boon for a lot of people, particularly families with children. I only wish those who travel on buses would come to realise you don't have to bleeping shout at the top of your voice into them. Most of my journeys are spoiled. And even the maniacal way people keep fingering the bloody things is extremely annoying. Chris..

Saturday 5th September 2020

The other day there were a couple of young girls on the back seat--me also, and one was absolutely shouting into the phone--I went quite close to her, and said very loudly WHY ARE YOU SHOUTING. She ignored me completely, but stopped shouting.

There was one woman shouting one day, and I said..CAN YOU SPEAK A BIT LOUDER,MY FRIEND IN FULHAM CAN'T HEAR YOU.She didn't seem to hear, but I got a laugh from a couple of people. One woman getting off at the same time, touched my arm, and said well said. Note it was a girl and a woman ,it invariably is females--though I add,not always. They desperately so need attention. They are virtually always insecure looking people, often of the obese variety.

It allows them to be on stage for a little while--to feel important for a little while. I actually can understand that, but it is still bleeping annoying. We are all so disenfranchised at the moment because of the virus. No-one is looking outward at the moment--in a strange way, no-one exists. Chris...

Sunday 6th September 2020

Ken,I've studied psychology for a long long time,that includes at a College, but also reading Freud in depth, and Jung, and R D Laing and a few others. I think Elaine is right,I did generalize. But often it is overweight people (another generalization), and overweightness in my opinion has to do with not being happy in the world, a return to the womb syndrome. ie Building a fat womb to hide in--some build it to the extreme, that they actually don't have to go out into the world. A very good example of this was Elvis Presley--his mother completely fxxked him up —basically, smothered him to death.

I did two years at U3A in the psychoanalysis class--left because I had enough of me, me, me.
Mickey Yudkin ran the class, a very very knowledgeable women. She sent me an email afterwards, and said "You brought a special dimension to the class with your original ideas and insights, and we shall miss you." Ending with wishing me luck. I cherish stuff like that. My life hasn't had many compliments in it. Doesn't mean I'm right about the mobile use, it just means I don't say it without thought. I ask the fairy sitting on my left shoulder. Chris....

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Catherine, at a College 82, the underhead teacher who ran the class harped on all the time about Freud being discredited in Europe, particularly about the cases he put forward as examples to prove a point--in particular Anne O (not sure if anne--pronounced any-o) is spelt correctly.

I've read quite a few of them, I've already mentioned Freud and Jung etc, but Winnicot, Melanie Klein, and others, haven't in my opinion come any where near the Excellent Freud. Klein in my opinion, in her study of children is an absolute joke, quantum leap surmising. And that goes into the world of psychology et al, and taken as a form of truth. try reading her sometime.

I don't care if Freud made up everything he used to come to conclusions. The point is he set up the platform, and if it didn't hold water so to speak, no-one would even be talking about him today.

He put much down to sex of course, everything seemingly represented a penis or a vagina--for instance diving into a swimming pool, the diver was the penis, the pool was the vagina. This is in his dreams theories. Their worth reading, his dream analysis. Yet he spent his life with a big cigar (penis) in his mouth. Killed him through cancer--no jaw in the end. Brilliant man.

Elaine. You are absolutely right, when you say, it has everything to with nurture. Nurture is everything we are. Bad nurture (what I had) and we are 'almost' fxxked.

Fatness is a state of mind. Naturally it is, because that's all we are, a products of our minds/brains.

Imagine you have a sticky ball, and you roll it down a hill--that ball will pick up everything it does pick up, in direct relation to the hill. Nothing could be more obvious than that.

There is no psyche genetic inheritance. It has been proven that we inherit physical traits, but not psyche traits.

We might be influenced prenatal, but very slightly.

We come our as a clean slate, ready to be written on.

That first bit of writing, that bit of nurture, is virtually everything we become. From then on, everything we are attracted too has direct correlation with the initial nurture. It can't be otherwise--I can't be you--I can only be me.

So the knowledge we accumulate or are attracted to cannot be outside who we are as individuals.

I'm leaving the much here, because allowing for attention span.

As we know, many homes can not only be mind destructive, but also physically destructive. Brutality-----
And many parents are very ignorant of their behaviour. Some are not, but etc.

Religious BS is also very destructive. I won't dwell on that.

Then we are all graded by the educational/ government system--many are completely stuffed.

I heard someone on the radio last night that we could all be taught from via computers(Zoom). That is a real danger. Parental nurture is one thing, but educational nurture can be a boon.

To the quick on this.

One of the most important aspects of Universities is social interaction--not in all cases, but in many cases that can counteract some of the bad nurture--lots of opinion, understandings etc.

That not only 'can' apply to Universities, but also schools in general, though I would say it is more effective at the University stage--a much broader social group. That's what I feel I have missed out on.

Had to do it with my reading. I haven't said much here, just a little bit.

Ending on, of course there are fat people who are happy, and there are thin people who are happy, and both can just as miserable--the anorexics are just not happy--nurture again(that needs much discussion). In the same, money makes many happy, but not all--in the same way that not all black people care about the slavery of the past.

The answer is a question, but the question is unknown...Emmett. Chris..

Tuesday 8th September 2020

I've been busy all day painting, and did have a look today at your first email Ken. Will make a comment later, probably tomorrow morning, But just came on and read one from Elaine wondering what tor was--a tor is just a hill. Proper English word, or is it been meant in some other way. Glastonbury tor (been up there)--quite nice. We, Myself, and travelling companions slept in a local farmers(local to the tor, circa '73) milking shed for a small fee--we stumbling around in the dark with just a light from a lighter. We managed--next morning (I'm smiling) the farmer came in and switched on the electric light. City folk 'eh. Chris..And... Catherine, I hate to be philosophical, but one could argue that we are in lockdown from the time we are born. But you are right, if we don't sort it out soon, there could be a complete collapse of virtually everything. If the infrastructure or the imports of foodstuff begins to feel the strain, then so will we--when the economy begins loosing its lifeblood, wellllllll etc etc etc. A loaf of bread could cost £100, and we would pay it, assuming we had the money. And those who don't have the money....wellllll again. The touch paper will be lit, BANG.....Rioting could become a way of life. And no doubt, my veganism would have to take a hike? And...Ken, I was going to make a joke about Tor dyke, but PC and all that. It doesn't surprise me that you don't get colds or flu's--the many many times you talked about what you were eating for breakfast, dinner, and tea gave me the understanding that your diet was very good, accept for the Pizzas. And you are right to mention the bad diet of the German army at a particular time--diet is everything.

And you are a very active person--that's important as well. I live on my own, which is not a good thing--easy to be down. Forever riding the moods--although that are quite balanced in last couple of years. How can you laugh when you know I'm down....The awful John Lennon. Chris.....

I forgot to mention killing the host bit. I have done the medicine class for the past 8 years--still doing it when we closed down, and I asked that very same question to Mary (one of the doctors)..What's in for the bacteria or virus that kills the host--she looked perplexed, a little bit of background grunting from some in the class--I didn't get an answer. All I got was, that's an interesting question.

And so it is. I expect there is a very good answer, and in some way it benefits them both.

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ken, I just did a bit of research on that, because I wondered why it was called 'Tor' Dyke. Tor being a hill. It's a wall(a defense wall) of 3 to 4 km in length built up a very steepish hill. Hence Tor. Chris...

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Ken, when you do your next piece, can you stand on your head with your finger up your nose, screaming God save me. Sorry, Please. This is just a bit of nonsense. As usual.

Went into Waitrose yesterday to do my usual shopping. When I buy toilet rolls etc--I buy the big packet with 16 rolls in it, but also buy one with 16 quilt rolls in it. I time it so that there is a special deal on these two

commodities. They cost around the £9.95 mark, and are knocked down to around £7.20. The Whiter than white rolls are for toilet use, and the quilt rolls are for general use--I don't buy any other tissue paper.

Yesterday I noted that quilts were at the knockdown price, so I bought some--only to find out when perusing the till receipt (half a forest) that they charged me the full [price. Remonstrated with the till chap-- he pointed to a woman across the way, spoke to her, Asian woman, and explained the situation. She went to check, came back, and pointed out my mistake, ie the special price was just for card holders.

The price indicator in the little shelving at the bottom is about 2 inches from the floor, and I couldn't bleep see it properly. I accepted my mistake, and was sitting within the store chewing on a digestive biscuit. I felt it wasn't on, so I went to this woman, and said, that I had been coming to this store for 33 years, and the pricing where it was, was disfavoured (is that a word) to old people, and to long term customers. She agreed.

This wasn't said in an aggressive manner. I sat back down again.

She came over, and said I was right--and she gave me the difference in cash. It wasn't the cash, it was the principle. That £2 pound will go to a homeless person anyway, or homed, as the many are. I thanked her profusely.

Waitrose is changing for its employees. They use to get a very good bonus every month, one assistant said it was once 24% of their wages, that might be a slight hyperbole, but I know it was quite high, because those I spoke to over the years were very happy about it.

It is now down to 2%, and they are no longer happy.

The girl who dealt with me yesterday, said, that they probably won't get any bonus this year, because of the coronavirus. I said to her, you should be getting more. She just shrugged.

I know that's about nothing, but nothing needs to be discussed as well Ho Ho.

May you stay forever young...Bob Dylan.... Chris....

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Elaine, no you lighten up girl--it had nothing to do with you. I do have a humourous streak, and know Ken can take a dig. It wasn't about anything. Just a bit of fun. Liar. (that;s calling me a liar, just in case you misinterpret that). I have a go at people, including you, periodically, but I don't carry it down the line. It's what I feel at any given time. We're all a pain at times, and at times we can all be interesting and be enlightening. I talk rubbish quite often, but sometimes there's a light bulb moment. Erudition that's the name of the game, and each generation etc etc etc (Bobby Darin.. song, multiplication--my wife used to love him). Chris...

Wednesday 9th September 2020

ken, was it the email entitled 'new week. that the paragraph complaint is about? I've just reread it, I couldn't find anything wrong with it. I guess that makes me an idiot...Hooray. James Joyce did something similar to that I think with one of his books--went 26 pages without any form of punctuation.

Mind you, I didn't(don't) like Joyce--didn't like his book--The Dubliners, nor Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man--not an even Ulysses. Typical Irish repressed sexuality. Edna O'Brien equally so.

Sorry, I do tend to wander when I start writing. I have a lot of stuff inside, and not much of it related to the present political world, which I find incredibly boring--that includes the coronavirus, and Brexit. The information comes through osmosis and in every which way--turn on the radio, virus, virus, virus--now

being interjected with Brexit, Brexit, Brexit--we have to have a deal, we have to have a deal, we have to have a deal--Fxxk off. And the myriad of opinions from the dildo to the phallus, all meaningless.

Sorry, going on again.

As Jim once said to me in an email--go to bed. And so I will. The time by my H.Samuel? every right watch is 12.49 and 3 seconds. Chris...And... I'm going to put in a piece, which may a little long for some, but for the sake of discernment it's worth it.

It just shows how America became so full of itself post war, and of course very much so to today.

Quote....Where the war had reduced much of Europe and Asia to rubble, exhausted national exchequers, destroyed industries, and left millions homeless or even stateless,America was intact.

Her twelve million returning servicemen and women came home to a country untouched by bombs. In 1945 the country has \$26 billion worth of factories that had not existed when the war started. All but \$6 billion of which could be converted more or less immediately to the production of non-military goods; cars, televisions, refrigerators, tractors, processed goods, steel girders, you name it.

And America, uniquely among nations in 1945, had money to spend-more than \$145 billion in War and Savings Bonds alone. the stage was set for the greatest consumer boom in history.

In the early 1950's most American homes had a telephone, television, refrigerator, washing machine and car--items that would not become standard possessions in Europe or Japan for years.

With just 6% of the earths population, and 7% of its land area, the United States in the mid 1950's was producing and consuming 40% of total global output--nearly as much as the rest of the world put together. What is particularly notable is how self-contained America was in that period.Throughout the 1950's, imports amount to no more than 3.2% of the gross national product, and direct exports to no more than 4.7%. America became the richest country in the world without particularly needing the rest of the world.

It did so partly by being massively more efficient than its competitors. General motors with 730,000 employees, made a profit of \$2.25 billion. To equal this figure it would have been necessary to combine the total of the forty largest firms in France, Britain, and Germany, which together employed 3.5 million people American companies grew bigger than some countries, General Electric's sales in 1966 exceeded the gross national product of Greece,Ford was a bigger economic entity that Austria or Denmark.

In short, life in post war America was bounteous, secure, and infinitely promising. Unquote.

Some interesting stuff further on how Suburbia, and edge cities came into being

Between 1950 and 80 the population doubled in America. Not really very long... Chris.... And... I forgot to mention who I was quoting. The excellent Bill Bryson. Book entitled "MADE IN AMERICA" PAGE 399
Chris...And...

This is from memory,not a lyrics quote.

There's no reason for putting this in--just fancied doing tit.

OLD PIRATES,YES THEY ROB I
SOLD I TO THE MERCHANT SHIPS
MINUTES AFTER THEY TOOK I
FROM THE BOTTOMLESS PIT
BUT MY HAND WAS MADE STRONG
BY THE HAND OF THEE ALMIGHTY
WE FORWARD IN THIS GENERATION,TRIUMPHANTLY
WON'T YOU HELP ME SING
THESE SONGS OF FREEDOM
CAUSE ALL I EVER HAVE

IS REDEMPTION SONGS

ALL I EVER HAVE, IS REDEMPTION SONGS

EMANCIPATE YOURSELVES FROM MENTAL SLAVERY NONE BUT OURSELVES CAN FREE OUR MINDS HAVE NO FEAR FOR ATOMIC ENERGY

BECAUSE NONE OF THEM CAN STOP THE TIME HOW LONG SHALL THEY KILL OUR PROPHETS WHILE WE STAND ASIDE AND LOOK

SOME SAY IT'S JUST A PART OF IT WE'VE GOT TO FULFILL THE BOOK WON'T YOU HELP ME SING THESE SONGS OF FREEDOM CAUSE ALL I EVER HAVE

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REPEAT, THEN REPEAT SECOND VERSE. Chris...

Saturday 12th September 2020

Ken, I don't what's happened with the group email stuff, but I'm not seeing any, and mine come mail undelivered, but they been doing that for quite a while,

but they still get through. I don't know whether you saw what Elaine said to me seemingly in a private email. Extremely rude. But 'eh, hell hath no fury etc etc etc.

I am sending you an email for a specific reason here. I have not been able to attach any photos to my emails for months, trying every bleeping supposed server on my computer--all a complete waste of time. Day after day I've tried, but etc.. Today I found a letter from someone who gave me advice, and it appears that that advice has worked.

I'm not sending you pictures of my art work, just a couple of photos, one of a dog, and one of a bird, and the three others are bastardization of photos. The one with many images is obviously myself, just pasted A4's on a canvas. One is just of a statue on top of the Roundhouse cafe (Anthony Gormley?), played with, and the other is of an actress, very attractive, I got about a dozen out of that--don't know her name.

If I've been blocked from the group by a kangaroo court, it's OK I can accept that.

Now hopefully I can get these bloody things to download.

I wish you well, and Avis of course. Chris.....

Sorry, couldn't do the birds--problem now with internet light, flicking. The same statue.

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John, they are just disseminating absolute confusion at the moment, and besides from what I see on the news continuously, is people saying they've lost faith in the government. I must admit, I've lost interest. God knows where it might end. I was just thinking this morning, about Peter, the chap in your class who committed suicide. I used to travel regularly with him as far as Swiss Cottage, and he didn't seem suicidal to me. He always was fairly jolly. What I was thinking, was, even if one doesn't have much in the way of material possessions etc, it is nice to view the sky, the animals in the garden, the birds all over the place, the sun, the moon, the clouds etc etc etc.

I have in my communal garden 4 foxes plus, a lovely pair of Magpies, also pair of raven crows (I love crows) The odd squirrel, and also the odd speedy rat. There is a relation in what you asked.

I thought this platform had gone. Just wrote to Ken singularly. Ho Hum, have a jolly day.Yours, boring and rude. Chris..

Sunday 13th September 2020

John is that your idea of humour?? If it is,it sucks?That's also humour, because the difference between bugs, and other insects, is that bugs have the capability of sucking--that is actual, not humour--this is also actual--the reason we refer to bugs in the computer, because way back in time--early forties--an early machine wouldn't work, and eventually they found a moth had got between two terminals, stopping the computer from working. A little bit of further information--in '76, the year Apple started, there were only 50,000 computers in the world--within a decade they were producing 55,000 daily. Chris.

Monday 14th September 2020

John,I assumed your were having what I would term, as an intellectual go, so to speak. I was wrong, and I apologize.

I certainly have not sent any emails without a heading, or my name at the end. I was being a bit touchy, because Elaine had been rude to me it an email sent directly to me, calling me rude, crude, boring in subject matter etc, can't remember exactly.

Every time I send an email to the group, it always comes back, saying, it was delivered, and yet I find out it has been delivered, at least to some. I know the type of thing you mean, random letters, and symbols--that happens when an email returns with DAEMON FAILURE on it, or two words like that--definitely DAEMON--no idea what that means.

I've never ever had a virus in my computer. I do many checks with security, also I Defragment on a regular basis, plus I use a cleaner.

If anybody is having trouble with Pop-up adverts, just download Cleaner which is free.

To Defragment is a little more complicated--go to all programs, you will see 'accessories',click on that, that will take you to another page, where you will see 'all systems',click on that, and finally you will see on the next page 'Defragment',click on that.When you get to Defragment, click on the word itself, that will give you a little window, click OK--if you haven't done this before, it may take quite a while,not sure how long, just leave it on.

A suggestion for Security checks usually pops up at the base of the desktop, just press and follow through. The above will make your computer run faster than it may be at the moment, if you don't do the above.

Mine is a very old Vista 7, around 12 years, but it runs quite well, accept it is no longer supported, which causes some problems.Chris..

Tuesday 15th September 2020

John, somewhere in the middle of that I made a silly little mistake, but it always seems to be at a pertinent point, and can confuse the whole thing--I put...'it was delivered, and yet I find out it had been delivered.'There should have been a 'not' in before the first 'delivered' Glad it was helpful....And...I need an answer. My neighbour, a Chinese chap--why did you have mention his nationality? Because I wanted to. He's been very good over the years--initially he hid away, and opened his door when requested to do so, but only by about four inches. Until eventually I said, no more, if you want to expletive communicate, then open up. It worked..we became sort of friends over the last years. He reisolated for the past six months because of Covid, and is now just re-emerging from his hibernation. This was going to be a quick question, but I am the

way I am. Over the years he has recorded much stuff for me, without being asked..I now have virtually all Dylan's early stuff on CD's, and much more early stuff, Fairport Convention, Tom Rush plus.

Here's the question. His strip kitchen light (about 3 feet long) had gone on the blink, literally blinking, and with these types of issues, I usually take care of it. Luckily, I had several lights of that ilk--story involved but no I won't.

Straight forward process I thought, take one out and put a new one in, but the bloody thing didn't come on. DOES IT TAKE TIME TO HEAT UP WHATEVER GASEOUS STUFF THERE IS WITHIN, OR IS THERE A BUTTON SOMEWHERE THAT SWITCHES OFF WHEN THE OLD ONE IS TAKEN OUT.

TELL ME BABY, I GOTTA KNOW. HHHHEEEELLLLPPPP I AM DEFICIENT IN GREY MATTER, BLUE MATTER, RED MATTER, ORANGE MATTER, THOUGH, I DO HAVE A LITTLE VIOLET MATTER. WHICH IS QUITE PRETTY ON THOSE DARK DULL AFTERNOONS. YES I KNOW IT'S NONSENSE. And...

Ken, re The Battle of Jenkins ear we had as a subject a few weeks ago. I was checking out The Battle of Maida, hence Maida Vale, and I decided then to check The Battle of Portobello (1739?) (hence Portobello road), it said at one point, also known as The Battle of Jenkins Ear. There's a Portobello something in Virginia USA, one in Dublin, in Edinburgh. I didn't absorb all the information, I was too tired--maybe bored. Sort of interesting...Not worth a conversation, but etc.

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Ken, I did that the last time as well--battle, instead of war. I don't always switch on. I don't know whether or not it's my imagination, but I appear to forget little things--a for instance--I know you use an inhaler (I assume Salbutamol), I do two hits three times a day (we tend to say 'a day' as opposed to 'per day'), but I quite often forget whether or not I have taken two or just one--it is relatively important, because if I take three I get a headache. An incidentally, I I knew you knew all about The Portobello thing. I was just surprised to come across it.

Wednesday 16th September 2020

A couple a weeks ago I was crossing the road, when a guy was just about to get on of those motorised scooters (do they have another name?)--it was unusual looking in that it had a large central wheel, not one at each end. So I asked him about it--a little reluctant to speak to begin with, as people are in general, but he did, and told me about it--that the engine was inside the large wheel, and with further questioning from me, told me how often it needed to be recharged, and the mileage done on a charge (about 8-10 miles)--he was an erudite type, ie possible post graduate, around the 22 mark.

Then a few days ago, I was walking down by the side of Homebase (the one behind the O2 on Finchley road), and heading up towards Sainsbury's, and a guy passed me on one of these scooters--he going into Homebase. A man of around 34, large black beard, not long, but bushy--I asked him the cost as an opener. We had quite a nice conversation which strayed into other things.

I pointed at one point the vulnerability of these scooters--he agreed with me, and when I suggested that soon someone will be killed on one of them--he said, someone already has, and naturally by a large lorry.

I said, you know it's illegal to ride one on a pavement--he said he did, and I explained why the police couldn't police them, no insurance, and no number plates etc. He then told me he had just come back from Germany, and over there they have insurances and number plates on them.

Why doesn't our enlightened country grab hold of these things, and number plate and insure not only the scooters, but bicycles as well.

This may not seem an important issue, given that the Coronavirus is making a comeback, and Brexit is doing whatever Brexit does....More people are going to die...I know...I know...It's dreadful isn't it, and Brexit is going to kill all those that escape the virus. It's another beautiful day on this fair island of ours.

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Ken, a little continuum. I was watching Bargain Hunt (I only watch the last 12 minutes or so--don't like the presenters very much and all the twee rubbish that goes with it, but I like the knowledge of the antiques),and what pops up, but a medal commemorating Admiral Vernon's capture of Portobello. Sold for £20...

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ken, not PC anymore...Daa--aaa-aaaa..aaa, daylight come and we wanta go home. In the same way it's not for the Americans to be defeated by the British either--wasn't there a battle in the USA in 1812 that the British actually won, and no,I don't know anything about it--of course at the same time Beethoven was writing an overture (that's a joke).

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I've done it again,I have just checked it out--it was a conflict/war not a battle, although a battle was involved--the war went on from 1812 to 1815,America and it's allies, against Britain and it's allies, mainly Ireland. I should have checked prior to the last email, and given the impression I'm up on all this stuff. Ignorance is brilliant, it's the avenue to knowledge.

Friday 18th September 2020

Jim,I just downloaded Zoom--not yet sure how it works--will look at it later, got to go for an eye, though I might have both done (that's a joke). I downloaded it on the possibility that I might fancy some of the classes. I must admit,I prefer human contact. Yesterday when I made an appointment in Vision Express,I didn't feel like I was dealing with a human. Hey, life 'eh..

Although I did meet a very erudite attractive woman yesterday (around 55),and we had a very good twenty minute conversation covering a broad range of subjects. Felt good afterwards. Anyway, good luck with the classes.

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So much for rigorousness...Went to The Royal Free today--my hearing [aid] had broken, and I needed batteries for same.Stopped outside of the lift on the first floor where a couple of people with forms i needed to fill--name--told her-- did the phonetics for my surname -E for elephant etc--you write it down--you write it down.I did--then she put no on two sections, and off I jolly well went. Sitting waiting for the things to be repaired--I read what she had written no over. Didn't ask me any questions.

Risk factor--yes or no. Any household member with any of the symptoms above--any person diagnosed with Covid 19--the above was loss of taste or smell, subjective fever, new persistent cough etc.

I would have thought that that was of the utmost importance. Hey, what do I know.

Sunday 20th September 2020

Ken, What is now meant by isolate--does it mean if you think you have the virus? Well,I've already had it in March--then I did isolate for about 10 days, but living on my own, what am I supposed to do. I have a habit of eating, and being a vegan, it means I have to go to various shops in different areas. Anyway,I'm not writing this to talk about stuff like that. I guess this is my swansong. Feeling like a persona non grata, I think it's time I went.

Why have people stopped adding their voices to this forum--have the little angel hearts been upset in some way.

This is just personal feeling. I feel I have said stuff that's not acceptable, but I really don't give a shxt. I need to say what I need to say at times. Death is tapping on my head to be let it.

Again,it's only my opinion. But Ken I feel that others feel that you've blotted your copy book--way back you did an email which ended with something along the lines of, If you lot out there don't agree with what I'm saying, you are a bunch of idiots. I think it was even stronger than that.

At one time you used the term nigger, and another couple of time you used the term Dago or Dago's (it doesn't have an E).

And probably other stuff.

I don't object to any of that--I don't want everyone to be be PC--how fxcking boring. It's not our true feelings all the time. We have conditioned prejudices, which we find hard to shake off.

Incidentally, there are lots of negative words for white people. In Ireland there was 'white livered', the showing of 'The White feather', 'white trash.' and many more

Ken,I find your attitude a bit strong at times, but I don't necessarily want you to change it.

I find you a little over intellectual at times also, and please don't confuse that with 'over intelligent.' They are two different concepts.

I love both intellectualism and high levels of intelligence.

None of that shown in the Government at the moment.

This is little quote I made up the other night, might seem to be directed at you, but Ken it really isn't--I just can't exclude individuals.

"TOO MANY HAVE LEFT WING RHETORIC,BUT RIGHT WING WEALTH." EMMETT..

I'm going to end, and say goodbye to you all.

I have enjoyed the last 8 years in the class--I have learned much. I don'y how to quantify that,but I know I have learned from you all.

My character has strengthened--not just the political class, but the many other classes I have attended. I'm certainly not giving up on U3A,I love it,I love knowledge of all sorts.

I do have a virus ,it's called ignorance, and it needs to be cured. I wish you all good health and luck for the future.

Monday 21st September 2020

Ken,I have signed off, but as there appears to be only you and me--T'll just add a bit more. Difficult to learn from history, when it is told/ written in a one sided fashion, ie by the elite, so to speak.

On the class--no, not the middle, or any other class, but the political class we have at U3A. To me it has lost its gravitas-- when I first came into the class 8 years ago, it was such a strong class, and although initially I was a bit lost, I loved it for that reason--a learning curve, brilliant. There was a frisson--a nervous energy about the whole thing. I have a friend called Tudor StJohn, at least I had for 30 years (we recently fell out),and we used to refer to educated (particularly Oxbridge, but not only) oldies, as good old boys and

girls, and when I came to that class, around the front of the class there were quote a few of those, and I would include Vivian in that. Not only in the front but in the main body as well.

I feel that that gravitas has eroded somewhat, and what we have now is a very weak structure.

It would appear that the shepherds have gone, and etc etc etc.....

Stan kept it strong, but then he went as well.

Now it is empty rhetoric--nobody saying anything one could bite into, no nerves flowing, and all that is left is the dying embers of a once lively fire. "We can never be more than the sum total of all of our conditioning's."

We are what we are through inculcation--we enter this world, and the moulding of our inchoate minds begins. There is no choice, we become that inculcation, or those inculcations. the ball starts rolling, and we are trapped--we then only have the propensity towards that

which relates to our individual initial inculcation(s). Emmett.... Exit the moron stage left.... Chris...

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Cheers Ken. I won't add anything much, other than to say I needed the outlet as well--I live on my own--no close friends, just street acquaintances--aaahhh it, Life goes on.

Hope the cleaner thing works out...

Tuesday 29th September 2020

Ken, I thought you might like this photo I surreptitiously took of Ralph. Came across it today while I was printing some stuff--obviously bastardised--that's what I do with photos mostly.

It looks quite good in A4, would look better in a larger size. I call it 'The Conductor,' which is what he was.

I am not going to inundate you with stuff--this is just a one off.

There's no need to even respond to this.

I wish you an Avis good health.

And incidentally, I did take on board your difficulty with Avis at times. It's one of the reasons I'm glad I live on my own-- it's bad enough being aware of my own deterioration (slow, thank the great hairy one).

I've been on this bloody computer all morning/ afternoon. I still haven't had breakfast.

Remember a learned man doesn't have to prove his knowledge. Regards... Chris...

Monday 5th October 2020

Ken, I know I said I was gone, but I'm still here--I woke up this morning, and there I was.

My first thought when Trump declared that he had caught the virus, was, how convenient, just as Biden was getting the upper hand. I actually thought it was an attempt to postpone the election. Now miraculously after 3 days? he is fighting fit, and ready to get back into the fray, by establishing that he is not like the rest--he is stronger than the virus.

Here's what one doctor said...He had experienced, quote..." A FEW EPISODES OF TRANSIENT DROPS IN OXYGEN SATURATION."

I can just about work that out, but how is that clarity for the majority. Let alone for the 20 million illiterate in America.

I agree with you in relation to getting rid of the old, but the next bit I am aware is complicity stuff. At the of my back head I thought that it might a method of reorganizing society to the benefit of government (s) control. That would take a lot of complicity, although one must add, there doesn't have be arranged

complicity for others to comply--most organisations know where the line is drawn in the sand, and automatically go along with it.



Ralph Blumenau by Chris

The one thing they are learning from all this, is how malleable the British public are, how easily controlled they are.

I supposed they knew that anyway. Sheep BAAAAA.

I can't agree with you that labour would make any difference, I think they would be much worse than Johnson.

If everything is real, and as is, and we are both wrong, I think Johnson is doing the best that he can do given the circumstances. He changed from the bumbler to having a very commanding voice and attitude.

Everyone is judging him on hindsight, while they sit in their cosy little places of abode crunching on something or other, putting the world to rights. The factory has to be managed.

I am far from being a Tory, or a Labourite or anything else come to that, but if is all real, it is very unique modern situation. Yes, I know about we could've been prepared, but we weren't, and we/they have to deal with what is.

I am cynical (realist) to the Nth degree.

Have all the group disappeared into the ether--are they 'really' afraid of a little controversy.

None of us are perfect, we are all fallible tiny tiny little human beings, making our way through as best we can. I slipped, I stumbled, I fell. "NO MAN IS AN ISLAND, BUT THERE ARE MANY SODS ABOUT." EMMETT

May each day in your life be a good day...May the etc etc etc

Monday 12th October 2020

Ken, what you haven't mentioned, is the number of deaths that are occurring from other diseases, while all concentration is on the Covid 19, and little access for other diseases. And the number of deaths that would have occurred anyway, irrespective of the virus.

You are right about the arts, the arts is the basic of culture, though I would add, some of those that appear on television professing to be artists, are definitely not. Then we have to ask, what do we mean by art?

I don't think Trump is doing any better--five times our population, 200,000 deaths in the USA, just over 40,000 here, so roughly about equal, although who the knows what the true figures are. Keep on trucking. Chris.....

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Ken, I did mean that many are not getting medical attention for other diseases--like heart problems, cancer et al. But as you know, I know absolutely nothing, so proving me wrong is not even a good pastime. Ho Hum. I say to myself 'don't respond to anything', you are always wrong. Chris....

Saturday 31st October 2020

It would appear that if I don't like a Jewish person, I'm antisemitic, and if I don't like a black person, I'm a racist--if I don't like a homosexual, I'm homophobic, and so forth and so on. I do understand it, they are perfect people, and beyond criticism.

That's not what I've come on here for.

I'm rereading a A.S.(Alexander Sutherland) Neill's book, entitled Neill, Neill, Orange Peel. Such good stuff, way beyond the thinking of most--he is only man I've ever found that echoes my own thoughts.

This will seem very long, but it's just two pages of the book.

Quote...

It could be argued that the world is sick because man is gregarious. It is significant that the editorial of a paper is called a leader. It is the herd instinct that makes us desirous of being acknowledged by the flock. 'I have got coloured TV, but the Jones haven't.'

It is the herd instinct that makes women spend billions on showing off their jewels and dresses, and men are no better with their Jaguars and Rolls Royces. The word competition means doing better than the others in the human pack, and the same argument applies to the evil 11 plus.

The powers above cleverly exploit our herd instinct. It is a platitude today to say that they castrate children by making them fearful of authority, make them guilty about religion and sex, so that when adult they are neutral sheep with no guts to challenge anything.

Hitler castrated a nation but our overlords are much more subtle: their equivalent of 'Heil Hitler' is law and order, which means the defence of property and the stifling of life.

Our schools chief function is to kill the life of children. Otherwise the establishment would be powerless. Would millions of free men allow themselves to be sacrificed in causes they have no interest in and did not understand? How many GIs in Vietnam today could tell what the wars about? If men were not castrated in childhood would millions work for poor wages when the masters were spending a worker's weekly wage on a lunch or sporting a £10,000 car? Down with Capitalism. Let the Workers take Control. They did in Russia. Utopia had arrived at last. A world without profit and class.

That was 1917. Today, 1972, the workers are sheep led by not so gentle shepherds at the top. It alarms. Does that mean that the herd instinct is so deep that no political system can counter it? Does it mean that every man will be led to the slaughter whether it is symbolic--low wages--or to napalm war against another nation? Is the future of humanity one of slaves ruled by an elite of powerful masters? Unquote. Another page will follow. I've quoted Neill exactly. I haven't been tempted to put in commas etc. Chris....

&Stan<I do understand all that....I was just making a point of the general attitude in today's society. People hide behind their labels. Black people in general (not all of course) blame their colour on their non-achievement in life. I was also making the point, that the white person can't 'really' complain about the insults against him or her--they are fair game. The reason I didn't make great strides in life, is because I lacked education, and decent nurture. It's a long story as you know, but who gives a.....

I(have achieved much. I'm relatively satisfied, as the actress said to the Bishop. And.... Stan, I should have said, I would never ever, and have never ever judged a person by their religion, colour, creed, nationality etc.

I like or dislike people strictly on their behaviour--on compatibility etc. It's a feeling one gets in the company of another--I particularly like people with a broad knowledge of life--people one doesn't have to choose words with--free flowing. Many people are impervious (don't afford passage), they block, and are hard work. I walk away. I dislike people who think they know everything--I know we know SFA. We haven't even scratched the surface of anything.

Sunday 1st November 2020

Now to finish off the Neill, Neill, Orange Appeal bit from yesterday. It's not compulsory to read it. Quote....

But now let me be more optimistic. In fifty years of free children, I have detected not only an absence of the competitive spirit, but also a total indifference to leaders. One can reason with free children, but one cannot lead them. True, my children lived in their own herd but not with leadership.

A headmaster can be, indeed is, a father figure but no child can make its school self-government a father figure. I say that the future success of the world will come from the rejection of the father, the crowd leader. Most people accept father and mother, meaning the great majority joins the establishment, the anti-progress and usually the anti-life majority. Our school systems whether capitalist or communist, foster this early moulding of the masses because wolf leaders are tough and powerful and ruthless and their main aim is to kill and eat. In the human herd we have it in replica. The wars for gold or oil or what not, and take-over bids which often makes thousands unemployed, the bludgeoning of the young by sadistic cops. If people were free such barbarities could not live.

What I do know is that as long as his long helpless is conditioned by adults who accept the crowd attitude to life, man will not be free. It is good to see so many young people challenge in the West, but so depressing to see a TV film on China when a million children wave their little red books, their individuality crushed out in their cradles.

Communism is the super manipulator of mass psychology; the crowd does not think: it feels. In history it has beaten the thinking ones to death, viz. the intellectuals in the USSR asylums.

I know that the herd instinct can never be abolished. My concern is to see it so modified that it will cease to be a danger. Man seeks freedom but at the same time is afraid of it. Many Southern slaves were scared when they were given freedom. Old lags, after a long stretch inside, find outside life terrifying. Yet I like to think

that in a thousand years the masses will have modified their crowd instinct so that competition will have been overcome by co-operation, hate by love, pornography by natural love.

There will be no more lone wolves, only leaderless pack wolves seeking a common good. Unquote. I've quoted this as it is written.

Just been listening to Hilary McGrady director general of The National Trust on Desert Island Discs. Nice music chosen (repeated Friday morning 9AM), and that was followed by a programme which involved attitudes to teaching. Didn't hear much, as I was writing. I normally turn over to radio 3 for Private Passions, but I was busy writing, and was pleasantly surprised that radio four is repeating Just a Minute with Nicholas Parsons.

I do occasionally listen to other radio stations--Magic (old Pop).

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Elaine, it would be hard to find a country in the world that hasn't been reviled by one or other of the empire builders, who raped countries of virtually everything. The Irish were murdered in one way or another. The British reneged on an agreement that had struck with the Irish prior to the famine, and that killed in excess of a million. The Black and Tans (an auxiliary army, British) wreaked havoc in Ireland in the twenties, after another signed agreement by the British. And much much more. We may never agree, but that's OK. We don't need to. I don't always agree with me. The problem with the Jewish question, is, that there's always the elephant in the room. Lessons not learned from history. No. I am not explain that. I don't care enough one or the other. In the same way about the Irish thing--it's in the past, let it go. British people are not the British government. 'Nuf said.

A little additive on the piece I put in written by Neill. At the end he said that the blacks were frightened when given their freedom. Well of course they bloody were--no-one would employ them. Eating was still fashionable.

I don't mind being wrong. Being wrong gives one a chance to add more knowledge. I don't mind being disagreed with for the same reason--assuming that person doesn't think they know everything, and Elaine I am not talking about you.

No such thing as a safe place, and one doesn't need a country to call one's own. We are both in England--this is our home. And....Elaine, stop being Jewish. I stopped being Irish. Nationalism someone once said, is the last refuge of a scoundrel.

I just smiled to myself. Many many many years, aged about 19, went into a pub, and ordered a pint just after an Irish guy, and he came over to me and threatened me for taking the pee. He thought I was mimicking his accent. Ho Hum. Around the same time, I was refused entry into an Irish (The Hibernian on Fulham Broadway) club, because it only accepted Irish. Ho Hum.

A little bit of philosophy. We can never go home. And....

Ken, so you're part of the panic buying mob. Went into Waitrose (Finchley Road) yesterday, no organic bananas, no grapes, organic or otherwise. No coriander, no cabbage, and no several other stuff.

What panic buying does is to rob others of their normal shopping—it's a sort of a F...you shopping.

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You are absolutely right of course. But I would say, many of my ancestors were killed, if not by the bullet, then by starvation. Many an Irish person has died by the bullet.

We have learned throughout history, that dialogue on this issue, always has only one outcome.

I am wrong..... I wish you health.

Monday 2nd November 2020

Elaine,OK. Ken, there are plenty of good vitamin suppliers on the web. Just check them out carefully. I do buy some--Magnesium, vitamin D3 (4,000IU www.vitaminpremium.com),a very good zinc supplement (supplemented.co.uk) ethically sourced, vitamin C 1,000MG tablets, top range (www.nurtravia.co.uk).I don't take these things all the time, but I find by taking them for a period of time,I feel much better. There's one I've just got--it's a multi vitamin mineral table, 28 different minerals and vitamins, natural composition.

Ken,I know you may not be into this stuff,but I had to include the information.They are quite expensive, because I believe sometimes dearer is cheaper. If you ever want advice on any stuff on minerals or vitamins, whatever--The Olive Tree (wholefood shop) in Willesden lane owned by a chap called Kostas and his wife Virginee, is the place to go. Kostas has just spent the last 4 years learning about the use of herbs in medicine. Anyway there you go, information for the bin...

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Ken,I shouldn't really go on. I will disappear now for a little while. I understand your need for exercise. I do an exercise routine virtually every morning. I make organic coffee (ground) in a cup, and while that's brewing, so to speak, I stand about 3ft away from the sink,lean forward ,resting my hands on the edge of the sink and do twenty push- ups. It's very good at preventing cramps in the legs. After that I have a squeezey thing for strengthening the hands,40 squeezes plus for each hand.

I then have my coffee, do a bit of stuff on the computer, information I need to find out etc, plus other stuff--book buying, supplement buying, Satin and pearl photo paper ordering (good paper--280gms, ink buying (all too expletive often--what a rip-off).

I have a couple of small dumbbells, just 3 kilos in weight,I do 70 arm curls, and 80 chest curls.

Are they called curls? in between I twist the body from left to right, waist twisting, again 80 times, forty each way. And I end with 50 arm exercises, as if one is trying to keep warm,[putting the arms wide, and back. A little twisting of the neck exercise as well.

It won't turn me into a Samson, but it keeps me relatively fit. My self imposed lung problem let's me down somewhat, but there you go, we can only do the best we can.

Having said all that,I can almost fall asleep standing up. I want to sleep most of the time. I sit down in an arm chair, and I say to myself,I'm not going to sleep,I'm not going to sleep--waking up an hour later feeling the worst for it. Not always. The shorter the nap the better.

I'm just dribbling now--Stop Emmett---Yes Sir. Still struggling though.

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Chistine, there is light at the end of the tunnel--trouble is, it's an oncoming train.

There is too much short term policy in our style of government, and too much infighting between parties--this shouldn't be happening when there is a national crisis. In such a crisis--in a sense there should be a separate government until the crisis passes, then they can back to the usual BS.

I can't give my energy to who's doing what with what and to whom.

They have an extra crisis in America with Trump, and who do they put up to fight him, a very old man at the end of the line--As Ken says IT'S A JOKE. Don't be too surprised if Trump wins. And....

You've taken a few links off the chain have you Ken. Sorry,I had to say that. And....

Ken, I apologise for my last facetious remark about removing links in the chain. I'm judging you by some imaginary ideal world, which of course doesn't exist. Well done.... I really am now going to disappear for a period of time.

Sunday 8th November 2020

Annette,I feel guilty when I moan--there are 'billions' of people much worse off than us. I won't delineate--you know too well yourself. I'm still producing art, but I can't organize an outlet. As one gets older, the incentive is lacking. I wish you health..... Chris.

Lucky you got zoom,I couldn't get it my computer. I don't think I really wanted it. A year will pass, and with a bit of luck we will be back in our comfort blanket.

He had another go at answering Annette: Annette,I'm not sure I answered this. It is all just existing from birth to death. We create an illusion that we go somewhere. We are told it's a meritorious system, a social mobile system. It isn't of course--people struggle hard to own the roof over their heads, and possible a car (I've got none of these) or even two, but for most that's as far it goes. By the time that happens the grave is calling. But even though it is just existing most of the time,I really do like living day to day--to see nature in the back gardens (today there was a pair of crows, vociferous when they want food, a pair of magpies, several squirrels, foxes, several small birds, and a lovely rat, to see the sun, the moon and all that goes with them. I've just spent most of the day uploading pictures of my art work onto an American fine art site--the clock says 1.25AM--I wish it wouldn't talk to me. I don't do fine art really, some of it could be described as that, but it's mainly abstract, but I do have thousands of images created from the art and photo manipulation. So I'm hoping something may happen. Hope springs eternal. Age is a real pain the ass. I feel I haven't started yet.

The above is a little stilted, but I didn't want to talk (so to speak) for too long. I think I did answer it.

Wednesday 11th November 2020

Annette, that's a little bit unfair, calling Ken an anti-semitic, just because he has an opinion on Israel's behaviour. Are none of us allowed to have opinion on what's right and what's wrong.

he has very strong opinions on Johnson, but nobody is accusing him of being anti-British.

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Catherine--hope springs eternal, but don't hold your breath. The second world war wrote the message 'clearly' on the wall, but the tears of paranoia washed it away. Ho Hum.

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Yes,I know it didn't start in WW2.There is a little bit of a brain ticking inside me. I don't have a country to go back to, that's an illusion. I have never been Irish, even when I was Irish. I've never been allowed to by anything--I'm not even allowed to be old now. People don't treat me as being old (78--almost 79)--when I say people,I mean doctors etc. I don't know how you can say that the Israeli government have done bad things (i think you'll find the word is 'atrocious') at least I will have somewhere to go. That's like saying, whatever the cost to others,I have somewhere to go.

Actually, I do understand your feelings, being hunted from pillar to post for a thousand years, one could say, from the time Jesus chased the usurers from the temple.

And of course, Israeli is not the only country one could call atrocious in their actions. Britain is a rich country at the cost of the lives of the many. Ireland equally so, and many more who had an Empire.

The answer is a question, but the question is unknown.

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We all need a place to call home. The British isles used to be my home--not any more. If we want to think of it as home, it's called racism. Elaine said I didn't know what it was like to be Jewish, and of course she is absolutely right. Neither do I know what it's like to be black, or brown or any colour, other than that which we call white. I relate to the white race. By so relating, I'm a racist. Black people (yes, I know I'm generalising) seem to only care about black people. I interrelate to a lot of black people--in fact I had long conversation with a black guy today. But nevertheless I am white, and white people resonate with me. No matter how many adverts on the tele depict black people et al, it won't change that which is I feel is congenital.

There is much that is the same in all races, but there is also much that is different. Will that change in time? Who knows. It could get better, but it also could get worse. Peace or internal wars? And....

Elaine, I don't continuously bring up the Irish this, because I actually don't give a shxt what happened many years ago. I don't go round holding a grudge. I'm happy to be in this country, very happy. And as for being told to go back to where I came from. That happened the other day, and that was the only time anyone ever said that to me. I've had a difficult time in the last 63 years in this country, but it has had absolutely nothing to (a little bit) do with this country--I would have had the same problem anywhere. Nurture made me crooked, and that's how I grew, and how I will die.

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Ken, I think what Annette was referring to, was what the woman shouted at me, ie get back to where you came from.

Of course some of what I say is a bit iffy, as is what you say. I just say what I feel at a given time--empty a bit of the bowl, allowing for change. None of us are the people we were a moment ago, but particularly a few years ago. We change, that's the beauty of the beast. I have just reread a couple of books, and the information is as fresh as if I'd never read them. The written hand writes, and having writ moves on.

As I've said many times--We are born ignorant, and we die ignorant. I said that in Ralph's philosophy class, and some irate middle class woman shouted, you speak for yourself. Thus showing her ignorance.

Some of us are more ignorant than others. I'm as ignorant as pigs' dada, but I do the best with what I got.

I came, I saw, I did FA, and I left. For my tombstone. Or slightly less profane. I came, I saw, I stirred the ocean with a teaspoon, and I left.

We shouldn't be here to see through each other, we should be here to see each other through. Anon.... Said the idiot romantically.

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Annette.. You mean like a muppet on a string. I wonder if one day that, they'll say that they care, like a muppet on a string. (Yes, I know it's puppet).

Chris..... Man kills the eagle on whose wings he should fly. Lovely sunny day..enjoy.....

Sunday 15th November 2020

Ken, one could argue that manipulating the garden to your tastes, is an inefficient use of the garden. It might be more beneficial to let the garden revert to nature--allow the wild life some space. My little garden is like that, and I'm glad.

I didn't quite get the point about the books. I am very busy at the moment looking for outlets for my artwork. Charlatans are expletive everywhere.

It so easy to assume people have read stuff, but I've given up on that one. I might mention a book to someone, and invariably (not always) I see the curtain being drawn over the eyes. Mention someone like Konrad Lorenz--a wonderful scientist, but so many haven't heard of him.

I've read a vast cross section of books, rubbish (so to speak) as well as brilliant stuff. Sometimes a bit of rubbish is needed. Mention someone like A.S.Neill (Summerhill)--very seldom anybody knows him. I met one old lady--full of energy at 93-- who actually went to Summerhill. Tried to get as much information out of her as possible, but she was a little reticent.

I have just reread his autobiography Neill, Neill, Orange Peel. Such a brilliant honest book--more so than any autobiography I've read, and I've read many.

I can't really go to delineate at length, because like most things and taste, it's subjective.

There is a lovely book called Oddballs (old but still available on Amazon),about the individual Oddballs who changed history.

Incidentally,I had never heard of Maurice Wilson, and the others.

I didn't move in exalted circles. No interest in mountain climbing I'm afraid. Can't see the point, just costly stuff for the emergency services. It's been done over and over,so it just becomes a personal challenge--why should other bear the cost. Hey, that's just my view. Marathons are a waste of time, but I do applaud the individuals who

achieve a goal by doing them. So I have hypocritical brain.

I like Formula One amongst other polluting sports (motorbikes et al),and while I was doing this bit of writing,Radio 4 just announced the result of today's race. B.....ds

What have said in the above--Absolutely nothing--say it again y'all. And Chris replied to: Annette, just on that issue. I watch a lot of quiz programme from Only Connect to Who wants to be a millionaire, and I'm amazed at time by the lack of general knowledge of some the contestants who have a degree to their name, but at so lacking in broader knowledge. I don't mean Pop knowledge, or soap opera knowledge--I know absolutely nothing about that type of stuff--just knowledge of the world we live in. Literature etc. They study a narrow band, just for the degree.

Monday 23rd November 2020

I'm not going to say anything anything political.Thought you might like a little bit of abstract artwork-- not actual paintings (I do have lots of largeish paintings),just stuff I've created through details of paintings, and photography, and a little manipulation on the computer. I have several thousand of these, so difficult to choose. There's around 35 of them on Fine Art America--a couple of these are on there. Thought this might be boring for you, so ended with a cup of coffee. Have a nice week. Chris...

Friday 4th December 2020

I listened carefully to a degree, what the spokesman said about the vaccine, and basically he said that is was mainly synthetic , plus a small amount of some sort of protein that triggers the immune system into preparing itself for the possible invasion of Covid 19.

That is almost homeopathic, and yet they decry natural homeopathic medicine, or its method.

Glad you like the photo--the swan gives a lovely feeling of contemplation.

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Ken, you are a very naughty boy, you always are. I don't over-believe in homeopathy, bit I can't say for definite (neither can you) that it doesn't work. We are not the final arbiter(s). aAnd yes, one could argue that the placebo effect comes into play, which is good, but it may not just be the placebo effect. We don't anything for definite (a slight exaggeration)--all knowledge is enigmatic, and can't be known. Whether you like or not, we are all born ignorant, and we die in the same state. That's why life if often interesting.

What we can't do, is kill the expletive virus. Homeopathy is supposed to warn the immune system, so as the immune system is prepared for a possible onslaught. Vaccine, in general, does the same thing. In the final analysis,I don't know. I always know a little bit, and I have attended the medicine class for almost 8 years, so I picked up another little bit. I'm off shopping, so if you respond to this immediately,I won't see it.

It's a beautiful day, because we are still breathing. I couldn't go shopping yesterday, because I couldn't bloody breathe

Tuesday 8th December 2020

If a revolution does come, it won't be a British revolution, at least one by the indigenous British, if there is such a thing anymore--each nationality is a wedge between other nationalities, so any form of cohesion is unlikely.

In some ways I am a racist, or would be considered one in today's climate.

I miss the times when etc etc etc. Work it out.

Because I am on an American art site--they demand that I'm connected to social platforms like Facebook, Youtube (Utube) et al.

I am registered on these things, but I've never used them, so the other night I went to check them out, and one or the other,I think it was facebook. Out of about 18 people I looked at, only one was white.

Does it make me a racist that I want to communicate with my own kind. Phone in radio has become the same--broken accents, often I can't understand, so I'm not switching on anymore.

The same applies when I'm trying to buy stuff on line, or someone phones me from a utility company, or I phone to check for information.

Ken in forecasting the future, as the letter does, what's often left out is the ingenuity of man.

Those that govern will always find a way--at what cost is the problem--meaning at what cost to the rest of us. There's something not quite right in the State of Denmark. Me thinks something 'IS' a foot, and it's not 12 inches.

Of course we can all bend with the wind, but you can get tablets for that now.

This comes to pass when a child is born....

Wednesday 9th December 2020

All elections are rigged, because the government always gets back into to power, and the status quo continues--as monotonously as the musical Status Quo. Note the sweeping changes that happened when Mandella got into power--oh you didn't notice. Notice how all the shanty towns in South Africa disappeared. Oh they didn't,Ph.

Everything changed when Obama got into to power--did you see the tweak, did you feel it. Oh. Notice the different form of rule in the last 100 million years, since the Dinosaurs were ousted from power. Oh, they're still there. Well that does surprise me,Oh.

As for the vaccines, as far as I'm concerned, they stick it up their manipulatings, Oh.

Somethings happening here, and you don't know what it is, do you Mr Jones (Bob Dylan).

How many of these death had underlying causes? I would suggest the majority.

Ode to our society by C J Emmett...

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POSH."

"Men will always be mad, and those who think they can cure them are the maddest of all." Voltaire..

I write nonsense, because I'm quite good at it.

One of the great problems in our, is that those who want to that great problem, are invariably a major part of the problem, and cannot be part of the solution.

I've always disliked John Lennon for this reason. Saw a documentary on him last night, regurgitating the same old rhetoric of how he stood for peace. This was a man with vast wealth. And wealth 'cannot' be accumulated without the destruction and death of the many. The homeless and mentally disturbed know what a caring society we live in. Chris... And....All this negativity is incredible negative. I agree--I am going to watch 'The Chain Saw Massacre' as an antidote to this awful period in our history. I talked to a young guy sleeping in a sleeping bag in the street yesterday, and he was conscious of bringing negativity to the caring people in our society

Smile though your heart is aching, smile though it's even breaking, smile etc etc etc. Chris...

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Ken, John Lennon did get rich through death and destruction. You, more than most, know how money is created, it is created through exploitation. Pop stars in general exploit their fans--that's what that game is all about, and all other games of that nature, film stardom etc. Money has to be earned, and that involves much exploitative commerce etc. The rich are the problem, they can never be the cure.

I'm sure you don't, because I certainly don't carry negativity around me. I just get on with the day doing normal things. I accept what is is--I see the problem (s), and know i'm powerless to do anything about it--it would be like trying to stop a torrential flood with a matchstick. Chris.....

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Elaine, I agree with you about Lennon, but that doesn't alter anything. Many bad men and women do good things, but also very bad things. Who knows what we can achieve? enclosed photo.

Saturday 19th December 2020

May I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas, and may the new year keep you all healthy both in mind and body. We can only hope. Chris.....

Sunday 20th December 2020

Ken,I have no doubt you will call me stupid,,but I don't want to join the hysteria club. They can stick their injection where etc etc etc. There's something not kosher about this whole business. No,I don't know what it is, and no,I have no proof of anything, but my nostrils flare at the smell. Chris.

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From Chris E: I ititially started this email, saying up yours to Ken and Elaine, about their if you don believe in what I believe then you'll go to hell. I can hear Elaine saying in a cringy voice...I didn't say that. No,I know. I guess Ken' the poor person' might say something different. Ho Hum Ho Hum Ho Hum.

Then I decided to ask 'what is a virus' 'what is its purpose.' I might do that at seom point, but at the moment I have got the energy, it's enough to say, that like everything else on this AMAZING planet, it's raison d'etra is to evolve. It's not the viruses fault that we as a species are too weak to accommodate its evolution. We die simply because we are weak. The vast majority of people eat absolute shxt. The supermarkets are full of it, condoned by those who rule us. If the government spent more time making sure that manufacturers of all this crxp, were prosecuted for poisoning the population--the virus wouldn't be a problem.

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Elaine ,if you are healthy you have nothing to worry about whatsoever. If you are weak, change your diet, start respecting your body. That message goes to all, including me.I didn't respect my body (smoking) that's why I have COPD. But I keep fit, that's why when I contracted Covid 19 last March,I fought it off.

Another thing to please the women, many more males die than females.

I did do some research, but I won't do all the figures--just give you an idea.

The vast majority that have died have been old people with underlying causes aged 65 upwards, and even the young ones that died, many had underlying causes. Out of early figures in the States, out 7,000, only 99 people without U.C.. Underlying causes.....

Cardiovascular disease 13.2%

Diabetes 9.2%

COPD 8.0%

Hypertension 8.4%

Cancer 7.8%

No pre-existing condition 0.9%

Not sure how many died from paranoia and fear, but as I said in a previous email, I have absolutely no interest in an injection. If Ken said the same, good luck to him.

It's absolute hysteria, guided by very stupid governments.

May each day in the year be a good day, may the Lord always watch over you. And may you on the odd day, engage your brain. It gets lonely you know. Chris.....

Annette,I only put what was in the research--of course obesity, but that marries with the shxt--we eat, because there's little nutrition in much of the food. It also leads to the malnutrition of the body. Annette,

there's much more to it than just the physical side of it. But, you know, life's too short. Diabetes ties in with the obesity.

The lack of love in society, also adds to it.

And, and, and, and, and, and Ad Infinitum. Chris...

Monday 21st December 2020

Now let's step outside. I started this yesterday, what is a virus? It is an evolving something, and in this instance, it needs flora or fauna to evolve. Its purpose is not to kill the body--its sole purpose is to evolve. Everything on this earth does that. Why? No expletive idea, but that is the process of life on earth.

We're outside now. It could be argued that the virus is a positive force--might even be a symbiotic force. It might actually help us to grow, to be a stronger as a species. It weeds out the weak, sending a message for us to be stronger. It might actually give, rather than take.

Within the animal kingdom, in general, the weak go to the wall in one way or another. A predator will swoop them up, chomp, chomp. chomp.

Bacteria and viruses are our predators. And very necessary I would suggest. If we didn't have them, the population of our world would be horrendous.

And I think to myself WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD. Chris..

Tuesday 22nd December 2020

Panic buying again today at Waitrose Finchley Road. Many shelves absolutely empty--no herbs, grapes all gone--what few bananas left were straight from the tree, ie as green as Ireland. I can understand it this time. The news is worrying--mail not being accepted in one place or another, the roads jammed with trucks filled with?...We are given the feeling that it is closing in on us, particularly also when most of the shops are closed. Isn't it an incredibly strange period? Just weird. Somnambulistic. The beginning of a nightmare.

I mentioned this once before, watching Yes Minister on BBC4--the acting is brilliant. I watched it again tonight, where Jim Hacker (Paul Eddington) becomes Prime Minister. So good--the acting by everyone, particularly the lead characters, Eddington, Hawthorne, and Fowlds, but not only--all flawless. I absolutely love the use of the English language, particularly when Sir Humphrey Appleby (Nigel Hawthorne) is bamboozling Jim Hacker.

The closing of shops is costing 2 billion pounds per day--how long can that be sustained. It's not costing 2 billion per day to the government, but a share of that, a fairly substantial share.

How long will it be before the government say they can't sustain the welfare bill, including pensions.

I don't worry that much, but the possibility of catastrophe flickers through my brain every now and again.

I can handle dying, not sure about chaos though.

I'm dreaming of a chaotic Christmas, not like the ones I've ever known, where the citizens riot.... Chris...

Wednesday 23rd December 2020

IF I WORRY ABOUT EVERYTHING I'M FED WILL I BE TOO SCARED TO GET OUT OF MY BED
WILL MY BRAIN LOSE IT'S POWER
WILL I NOT EVEN SHOWER

OR EVEN KEEP MYSELF FED
PROBABLY NOT,BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S ALL FEAR PUMPED INTO US YEAR AFTER YEAR
CONTROL OF THE MASSES
FROM ALL DIFFERENT CLASSES
FROM LIARS WHO DO NOTHING BUT LEER.
HO HUM..
CHRIS.

Friday 25th December 2020

God bless all the forsaken at this merry time for the majority. Those sleeping in doorways,and whatever little nook and cranny they can find to stop them freezing to death. God bless the starving in virtually every country in the world. God bless the ignored,and disenfranchised. God bless the sick,and those in perpetual pain. God bless the dying,who will soon be relieved. God bless all who live in our 'caring' society. God bless all of you,have a Merry Christmas, and a healthy New Year.

It's OK,I've smacked my own wrists,and freely used profanity against myself. God Bless

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Just listened to the Queens speech--
remember,no matter how unfortunate you are,you are
in her thoughts. That should make you feel much
better. What,you almost froze to death last night.
Well,there isn't room in her 750 roomed Buckingham
palace,nor in the myriad of mansions and royal castles.
We need those dwellings to house all the art works she
looks after for us. Good girl. She said,we have hopes for the future.
The spokesperson for the poor,is one of the main protagonists that create the poor,the poverty,and much else
of course. Yes,I know you don't want me to write this--you all know it,but etc. Chris,it's Christmas,so xxxx
off.

Saturday 26th December 2020

Ken,I have a quick question. You may not know this. I am a little worried about my artwork on Fine Art
America (55 pieces). Is the copyright automatically mine,or can they claim it to be theirs?

I have just been through their never-ending-policy,and I'm none the wiser.I read somewhere that they can
use the work in perpetuity. I want to be able to use some of that stuff elsewhere. I do have much much
more,but etc.

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Thank you. I will. There are charlatans everywhere. I bought a pair of power glasses (magnification from 1.25
to 3.50) from Scott and Stow a couple of weeks--their deliverers were Hermes. The packages had a big hole

in the front,inside damaged,and glasses badly damaged. Emailed twice to the company--ignored. Hermes return policy provided a stick on label--post still had to be paid. Queued 45 minutes at post office. Teller refused it saying the returned address wasn't really an address. Ho Hum... Chris...

Sunday 27th December 2020

I went through Fine Art America's policy earlier in the day,and I was no wiser as to what their policy was.They warned others against infringing their rights,and how unlawful it was. Even though I'm the artist,I am not sure I am one of the others. The problem is,maybe not with you,but with many people,when a web site says 'agree to our terms' I just press yes. I can't read everyone of them.

Checked out the copyright act as you suggested. One doesn't to actually need to register a copyright any more--it says, what you create is automatically copyrighted to you--the fact that it is not dated on the day of creation,as long as you can prove what day it was created,that's enough. I think I got the feeling that a breach of whatever copyright,is not unlawful,more a civil case. Many plagiarize,don't they,in all fields. Regards.... Chris...

Monday 28th December 2020

Annette,I know you'd rather have your husband,but you do get used to being alone,and it can be very enjoyable. I couldn't live with anyone now--I like doing what I do when I want to do it. Having said that,I really do commiserate with you losing part of you.

The term Robovac yesterday,could be extended to many of those who use mobiles,to Robotic Vacuity. I saw a girl the other day (I was sitting at the bus-stop) crossing a very busy road both ways,thumbing her phone,only realizing where she was went the cars beeped their horns. Amazing. Regards... Chris.....

Tuesday 29th December 2020

Ken,I feel the reason they want kids back to school is because they fear that they might end up thinking independently. They need to continually brainwash them,to de-educate them. In the same way as they de=educate the rest of us with news media,papers, magazines,television news etc. The news media is just there to re-enforce yesterdays conditioned reality. When Elaine was getting upset about everything,Stephen Barry suggested that she stop watching the news for a while,and he was exactly right.

You call it a 'clownocracy', but it might be more exact to use the term coulro,as in coulrophobia (the fear of clowns),I'm amazed I remembered that.

The whole thing is a fxxxup at the moment,so it's hard to know what to say about it--who does what,with what,and to whom. Keep the home fires burning... And....Ken,I forgot to mention when I emailed on the copyright act (act as apposed to law?),it changes on the 1st of January 2021. Because of Brexit.

Wednesday 30th December 2020

While I was printing out photos/art this morning, my 1.5 brain cells were frictioning (not a word),and adding to thoughts of the past.

The promulgating of the saviour vaccine to ameliorate our fears both physically and mentally, is the blind and deaf leading the blind and deaf.

People are so desperate to have this virus disappear,that they are thinking straight.

The flu virus for instance--why haven't we cured that? We haven't cured it,because it evolves--making the previous years vaccine,obsolete.

The question came up during all this,will it be more virulent (which is being proved now) or less virulent in the winter. How many brain cells have they got between them. This so expletive obvious---Of course our bodies are stronger in the summer--we have the heat of the sun giving us strength--we don't need to stuff so much food in our faces,We are more relaxed generally.

Each year we get a variant of the flu virus,and the same thing is going to apply with this virus.

The evolutionary process will 'probably' take the same course as the flu virus,making the present vaccine obsolete,and if the herd theory worked,why do we still have the flu virus. So given that as the possible scenario, it will be kept at bay,I guess,but it's not going to go away.

The way to attack it,is to attack it at source,but how can that be done? It would be too late now anyway. The way to beat it,is to keep yourself strong,exercise,and good food.

No,I'm not going to preach on that one. How cheery I am... Have a happy New Year..... Chris.....

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Annette,I agree with you not on reading the papers etc. I feel optimistic,that's why I can write that stuff. I love living,but I don't fear dying.

What is normal? We are all different normal's,therefore normality doesn't exist. Just ignore me--I'm an idiot....and...I can't imagine anyone being offended by The Life of Brian. I heard a similar joke the other night 'his trousers were so tight,you could tell what religion he was.

Just on negativity. If one becomes aware that death is just around the corner--it is,given my age,then one appreciates life all the more--each day is precious. So I don't think I think negative thoughts.'

Thursday 31st December 2020

How can a movie be offensive,when the whole premise of the movie is to malign some superstitious fictitious nonsense.

Sorry,I'm not really aiming at you Elaine,but watching the rubbish you have suggested now,and other stuff you have suggested before,would be the most negative thing I did with my life. You once suggested Gavin and Stacey (not sure of spelling),my God almighty.

Yes, I do watch television,but I don't watch fiction of any sort,and what I do watch I wouldn't recommend to anyone,normally,but on the odd occasion I would. I tend to watch quiz programmes in the main--documentaries of course,some brilliant ones,animal programmes,and the like,anything on antiques--there 'are' some excellent informative programmes,some dodgy ones as well,where the presenter(s) thinks he or she is the programme--too many of those.

I know I'm being slightly awkward,it's just personal taste--the rubbish I watch is no better than the rubbish others watch.

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Annette,I get one of those surveys all the time,from virtually everything I buy on the net,and they are only geared to what they want to hear. No chance to express anything really.

I contribute a little bit of money to Wikipedia (they are a non profit making group),just two pound a month--I was going to make point there,but have forgotten what it was. It's enough to say,it's a brilliant website.

Elaine,I give my opinion,and you classify me as the rudest person you've every met--you really do need to travel--you give your opinion,and that's OK.

As Annette said, most of the stuff is rubbish,and I just don't want to absorb rubbish--I just don't want to do that--I very seldom watch a movie for the same reason. I just them boring.

Remember that the programmes on commercial television are just bridges between adverts,and therefore they want the majority of people watching,and do cater to the lowest common denominator.They get paid by advertisers. The same applies to radio,and newspapers of course. Keep taking the tablets,and avoid contrite Irishmen,they are a vexation to the spirit. I can't believe what people watch. I'm now going to watch Pointless. It suits me--I'm pointless...

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Ken,I love it. I am a 'poor' pensioner. I would like to do the same to a couple of charities,but they ask so many questions. They will then distribute my personal stuff to other charities. Why can't they just say,give us your bank details. Ken,I also give them the odd tenner (I think his name is Pavarotti). That's a joke....and....Stan,I used to love all the antique type programmes,but now I find the whole bunch too far up their own smug fundamentals. Some of them are so expletive annoying etc etc etc.Won't bore further with that. I agree with you about Pointless (it wasn't actually on tonight),I just don't want to get into all that--there is very little I can watch. I do quite a bit of painting,been doing it for 40 years,and I have lot of photo/art type stuff on the computer (20,000) that I play around with often. Having COPD,walking is almost out of the question--I do a two hour walkabout for shopping daily,and I do 40 minutes of exercise indoors mosy days,which includes exercise with small weights.

I have around fifty pieces on Fine Art America,and am now trying to get on an art web site in the UK. Doesn't sound much,but it takes up hours. I can do about two hours on the computer morning to mid-day,then pop on now and again during the day,and maybe a bit before I go to bed,midnight-1AM. It mentally wears me out,because there are so many charlatans everywhere.

I wish you a healthy New Year.....

Friday 1st January 2021

I absolutely agree with you Annette. Some of the so call carers at the moment shouldn't even be employed in an abattoir. God knows what those forced into care homes would be like.

Elaine,I just switched on the tele,and there was a hurdle horse race about to begin,and I noticed that one of the horses was 'lessofthenegative', and I thought wouldn't that be a coincidence if it won. Guess what? Won at 10 to 1.

I don't think much of this New Year--Nothings happened yet. I hope you all have a healthy New Year.

Saturday 2nd January 2021

I know I mustn't be a killjoy,but it's seems synonymous with our stupid society that millions of pounds are just pi..ed away in the forms of fireworks. Yes,I know the same could be said of many other things.The last time did anything like that was 1958. And now in Rome after last nights firework display or whatever it was,hundreds of starlings lie dead on the streets of Rome. Some are saying they died of fear--someone

suggested they might have died of heart attacks. Expletive morons. It was an area where thousands upon thousands of starling flock.

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Is it possible that if carers are conscripted, there will be a better type of carer? There would be more control over the carers? OK, back to nephelococcygia, from the Birds (Aristophanes), meaning cloud-cuckoo-land--I had that my flat door in Maida Vale in the seventies. For a reason.

The name would be suitable for the home of today's politicians. Or simply for their state of mind. Do this, no, don't do that, do this, no, don't ad infinitum

Sunday 24th January 2021

HELP... On the 7th of January got into bed--couldn't get up next morning--tyen spent 15 days in bed without food--just managing to get water and a peeing utensil--struggled doing this over the fifteen days. The bottom of my back was too weak to carry the top of my back--the legs wobble and go sideways. Have never experienced this before. I don't have anybody, so no-one to help.

Have any of you experienced this. I managed a little soup yesterday, and a half a bowl of porridge today. I'm very weak. Advice if possible.

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Cheers--my doctor is ringing me tomorrow. ...And...Stephen--what a minefield--usr rang 111--disembodied going round and round--all about not answering question about the corona virus. Too long a story..

For 21 days, we had nothing from Chris.

Tuesday 26th January 2021

Elaine, I apologize unreservedly for being rude to you in the past. I'm just insecure. As for death--one has a right to be afraid of it--it is so nice being here. I wish you well.

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Annette....Cheers....No Doctor advice. Thank you for your words

Wednesday 27th January 2021

HINDSIGHT IS A WONDERFUL THING---FORESIGHT NOT SO GOOO. MISTAKES WERE MADE--WHAT THE FXCK DO YOU EXPECT BORIS TO DO. Ken for a man of your intellect--i find your bias extraordinary. Kier Stramer said it was a tragedy--i would never have thought of that. He and his magic wand would have saved us all. Always the party out of power that would have saved us. Come-on.

Friday 29th January 2021

A couple of bits and pieces.

Portugal has legalized assisted dying. Good.

A new vaccine Novavax (US firm) 89.3% effective against Covid 19. Study on just over 15,000 people between 18-84.

The interesting thing here is that Novavax has a plant based ingredient, to help generate a stronger immune response.

The UK have ordered 60 million doses. I had the Oxford vaccine jab yesterday. Will that now be obsolete?

Saturday 30th January 2021

The one thing I abhor, and it is ignored, is that there are many people who lower their masks to speak on the phone, and some speak very loudly, expelling droplet all over the bus.

because of my COPD I could get an exempt badge, but I don't want to. A lot of people there yesterday getting the Oxford jab. The whole staff were very efficient, working in unison

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Don't be sorry Annette. I can understand totally how your husband felt. I would also loathe not being able to do anything for myself. I had a taste of it, just lying in bed for just over 2 weeks.

The price of life can be very high. Maybe there will come a time here when we have the choice.

Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Didn't Henry Ford say "all history is bunk." And of course most is, because it is recorded from an elite point of view. and they will never paint themselves in a bad light.

Yes, poor Sir Captain Tom Moore. That made me very sad. I was so glad he got lots of attention before he died. Rest in peace Tom. He was 100, so he had a good innings. That's very apt, innings and 100.

As for the lorry drivers peeing They can. Pee in a bottle, or virtually any container. Women drivers? They have now invented a funnel type contraption that fits over the vagina, allowing women to pee into a bottle plus as well.

Good look with the teeth.

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Ken, I didn't suggest it was--it's just that I saw a programme depicting the invention... And... It's good to hear the positive results from the Oxford (AstraZeneca) vaccine. That it is working across the board with the possibility of freedom sooner than later.

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Many of those in care homes had months to live. Many of course had underlying diseases. But how many young and old had underlying problems. Many of those with AIDS (underlying disease) died of the flu.

If the whole thing is overplayed--the big question is WHY? I don't quite believe it's such a conspiracy.

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Thursday 4th February 2021

That means our whole political world doesn't learn from history.... And... there was something on radio 4 the other night--can't remember which part of the world it was, but this is what it said--there are more millionaires in this part of the world than in any other part of the world. It then went on to say, that the many are living on the equivalent of £10 per week, and yet they didn't see the correlation between the two.

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It's sad that people are not loyal to U3A. A brilliant organization. More than brilliant--a life saver to the many. An educational tour-de-force. Love it.

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Christine, I had little former education (national school Ireland, small town called Swords), but for some reason I was good at stuff. Used to do 4 other kids homework. One even paid me--son of a bigwig of the town, owned a timber yard. They all used to get the cane, because my writing was so bad. I would hear from the lower class (separated by a partition). Who did this? Lots of excuses. The teacher shouting, Emmett did it. I tend to write in block letters. I'm laughing. In the seventies I had a girlfriend in Switzerland, whom I wrote to very often, but typed the letters. Someone convinced her that I didn't love her because I typed the letters. Next time I did half and half. She wrote back, please use the machine.... And... Ken, Peter (Rutherford, music lecture) has asked me to pass on his best wishes to you.

That was the last we heard from Chris.

We did note that he had gone off-line & on February 25th, Catherine went to check on him.

From Catherine: Dear All, I called at Chris's home today and I'm sad to have to tell you that he died last week. A neighbour told me that there was little information he could give other than that Chris died in his flat and that no one knew of any friends or relatives they could get in touch with.

I'm afraid I was moved to tears when I heard, even though he was not a particular friend of mine. I shall miss him from the group. Best wishes Catherine