



# KEEP SMILING No. 18



I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... She hugged me.

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I really meant to behave, but there were too many other options.

## ONE LINERS

A woman boasted "It is I who made my husband a millionaire" "What was he before you married him?". The woman replied "A multimillionaire' Before you criticise someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticise them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran. Atheists can't solve exponential equations because they don't believe in higher powers. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

A girl said she recognised me from my vegetarian club but I'd never met herbivore. I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

The Energiser Bunny has been arrested and charged with battery. I didn't like my beard at first but it grew on me.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

Did you hear about the man who jumped off a bridge in France? He was in Sein.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Don't date an airport carousel operator. Too much baggage!

Brace yourself if you are going to consult an orthodontist.

I don't believe in sceptics.

The Citroen recruiter was upset because he only got 2 CV's

I played 'Mama Mia' on a didgeridoo. Is that ABBA-riginal?



## THINKING OF OTHERS

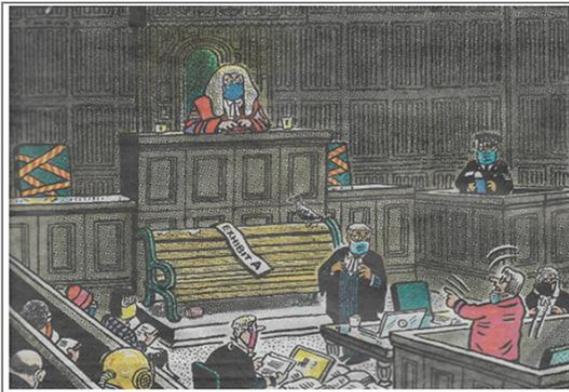
As a poet I like writing about the loneliness of things, but I've recently discovered ugliness and also what it brings. In a crisis (and we're in one have no doubt). There are some who have no conscience about spreading germs about OK, so those wielding power have made a mistake or three. But they are merely struggling for the likes of you and me. In the Forties, Britain faced a very different foe. People knew which side they fought for but now we do not know. It's easy to go clapping on a Thursday night. But being a carer at the NHS would give anyone a fright. Perhaps you'll read this poem if you look at it at all. And still you won't obey the rules designed to save us all. But I like to think we're better than the image we project. So give us all compassion. Be unselfish, care, protect.

## DONALD THE ELEPHANT (WITH APOLOGIES TO NELLIE)

Donald the petulant packed his trunk and said goodbye to the White House. Off he went with a Trumpety Trump Trump Trump. Donald the arrogant packed his bags and trundled back to the golf course. Off he went with a Trumpety Trump Trump Trump Trump. The head of the FBI was calling not far away. He was arrested one night in the fading light before he was banged away. Donald the petulant packed his goods and said goodbye to the White House. Off he went with a Trumpety Trump, Trump Trump Trump. Night by night he danced with the prison band And as Donald was leading the big parade he looked so proud and grand No more antics for Donald to perform. They taught him how to eat humble pie and he took the crowd by storm Upon his release he packed his goods and was taken off to the mad house Off he went with a Trumpety Trump Trump Trump.



## Cartoons by Paul Thomas originally in The Daily Mail



How come you are allowed to sit on a bench but I'm not?



It's our final attempt at keeping people in their bubbles



A man walks into a post office one day and sees a balding, middle-aged man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them. Curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'" "But why?" asks the man. "I'm a divorce lawyer."



A man was driving down the road. He passed a traffic camera and saw it flash. Astounded he had been caught speeding when he was below the speed limit, he turned around and, going even slower, he passed the camera. Again he saw it flash. He couldn't believe it! So he turned and, going at a snail's pace, he passed the camera. Again he saw the camera flash. He guessed it must be faulty, so home he went. Four weeks later he received three traffic fines in the mail, all for not wearing a seat belt.



A sailor meets a pirate in a bar, and the pair take turns boasting of their adventures on the high seas. The sailor notes that the pirate has a peg leg, a hook and an eye patch, and asks: "So, how did you end up with the peg leg?" The pirate replies: "We were in a storm at sea and I was swept overboard into a school of sharks. Just as my men were pulling me out a shark bit my leg off." "Wow!" says the sailor. "What about your hook?" "Well," replies the pirate, "while my men and I were plundering in the Middle East, I was caught stealing from a merchant and the punishment for theft in the Middle East is the loss of the hand that steals."

"Incredible!" remarks the sailor. "How did you get the eye patch?" "A seagull dropping fell into my eye," replies the pirate. "You lost your eye to a seagull dropping?" the sailor asks incredulously. "Well," says the pirate, "it was my first day with the hook."



A man owned a small farm in the country. The Council claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent to interview him. You just give me a list of your employees and tell me how much you pay them." "All right," said the farmer. "I have a hired man. Been with me for three years. I pay him £700 a week, plus room and board. I have a cook. She's been here six months. She gets £600 a week plus room and board." "Anybody else?" asked the agent as he scribbled on a note pad. "Yeah," the farmer said. "This guy is none too bright. Works about eighteen hours a day. I pay him ten dollars a week and give him chewing tobacco." "Aha!" the agent roared. "I want to talk to that man!" "Speaking," said the farmer.



One day during cooking class, the teacher, Mrs Jones, was telling all her secrets on how to prepare the perfect sauce. When she ordered the students to the stoves to prepare their assignments, she said: "Now don't forget to use wooden spoons." As one of the girls stirred her sauce, she contemplated the physics behind the mystery of the wooden spoon and decided it must have something to do with heat conduction. Eventually, she approached Mrs Jones to test her theory. "Why wooden spoons?" she asked. "Because, she replied, "if I have to sit here listening to all your metal spoons banging against metal pots, I'd go nuts!"



An officer pulled over a man and walked up to his window. "How long have you been driving without a brake light?" asked the policeman. The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car and gave a long, painful groan. He seemed so upset that the cop was moved to ease up on him a bit. "Come on, now," he said. "You don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious." "It isn't?" cried the motorist. "Then I suppose you know what happened to my boat and trailer?"

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One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.

## SARCASM

Just One More Service I Provide

This 'killing them with kindness' is taking way longer than I expected.

### HOW LONG WILL THIS GO ON?

The Covid is raging and my life is a mess. I live in my pyjamas and don't have to dress.

I'm in isolation just staying at home and would give my last penny to be free to roam.

I'm seriously at risk (or that's what they say) telling me to stay in and not go out each day.

In my head I'm so young, though my licence reveals I'm a 70-plus senior (but that's not how it feels!)

When I run out of food and deliveries are late I have to buy groceries between 7 and 8.

So early in the morning I head out to restock and discover a line up that winds around the block.

Social distancing seniors all 6 feet away. Make me wonder just when I'm OK

My latest new outfit is gloves and a mask and I'm starting to wonder if I'm up to this task.

I wash all my groceries all fruit, meat and veg..... Will this additional precaution tip me over the edge?

My beautiful brown hair has wide roots of grey. No hairdressers around to help wash them away.

I've been talking to myself, now I'm answering back. Is it Monday or Friday I've really lost track.

I've stopped doing housework it's weeks since I've dusted and I know without visitors I'll never get busted.

I facetime my friends or we group chat on zoom and try to pretend we're all in the same room.

Every once in a while it is good to reflect on what this all means and what we can expect.

It's a time to be grateful for all that we've got. Like a warm house and food that others have not.

The bottom line here by the time this all ends is that we'll get through it with our family and friends.

I try to find the good in every situation. Wait, that's a typo. I meant "food", I try to find the food in every situation

I'M STARTING TO THINK I'LL NEVER BE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER

### Part 3 OF YOU MAY BE GETTING OLD IF YOU ....

Never go out without your coat.

Try to go upstairs, when you live in a bungalow.

Tell people EXACTLY what you are thinking.

Know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions.

Look forward to a dull evening.

Take a keen interest in gardening.

.Spend money on the home, rather than a night out.

.Feel that here is nothing left to learn the hard way.

Get obsessive about feeding the birds.

Really enjoy puzzles and crosswords.

Put your spectacles down, then can't see to find them.

Only go cruising if it is a 'no children' ship.

Keep repeating yourself.

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### TOP TEN WAYS TO ENJOY RETIREMENT

Keep mentally active. (e.g. attempt Sudoku or Crosswords.)

Avoid long periods of sitting down. Go for walks instead.

Start the day with a smile and your whole day will be happier!

Don't go jogging, but do Yoga, Pilates or Tai Chi at home

Talk with interesting people!!

Reduce stress levels by not worrying about everything.

Listen to music which you could not do during your working life.

When lockdown finishes travel to places you have always wanted to.

'SKI' (Spend The Kid's Inheritance) You've earned it!



**STOP PRESS:** Editor: We have our Sainsbury's food order delivered and sometimes there are understandable substitutions.

However this one amused, confused and annoyed.

*Kerrygold Pure Irish Butter 250g, substituted with Mumtaz Halal Chicken Korma & Rice 400g (Serves 1)*

If anyone can explain the correlation between Butter and Chicken Korma please let me know.

## CRYPTIC FOOTBALL CLUBS QUIZ

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## CRYPTIC FOOTBALL CLUBS QUIZ ANSWERS

<b>1</b>	Weight for a long time	Everton
<b>2</b>	Male meadow	Mansfield
<b>3</b>	See through Royal residence	Crystal Palace
<b>4</b>	An animals car	Oxford
<b>5</b>	Currant bun	Chelsea
<b>6</b>	Detectives need these	Leeds
<b>7</b>	Its not .... Dull Off	Brighton
<b>8</b>	It destroys houses	Wrexham
<b>9</b>	Cowboys boots have them	Spurs
<b>10</b>	Maybe a famous Jockey	Leicester
<b>11</b>	Keep the home fires burning	Stoke
<b>12</b>	Underground	Bury
<b>13</b>	Maybe a former President	Lincoln
<b>14</b>	Definitely the complete bacon joint	Fulham
<b>15</b>	Larger than a duck pond	Swansea
<b>16</b>	Needed to live	Ayr
<b>17</b>	Light a candle naked	Berwick
<b>18</b>	A parents illness is over	Motherwell
<b>19</b>	Car outside Spanish house	Aston Villa
<b>20</b>	Prison Clock	Celtic