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## VOTING SAFELY

Many Cheshire areas have elections on 6th May and the council have put COVID-19 safety measures in place at polling stations to help you stay safe. If you choose to vote in person, you can keep yourself and others safe by:

- ♦ wearing a face covering (if not exempt)
- ♦ hand-sanitising at stations on the way in and out of polling stations
- ♦ Bringing your own pen/pencil to minimise contact
- ♦ Social distancing of at least 2m queues outside to minimise interactions and keep you safe
- ♦ You should not attend the polling station if you have symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have been asked to self-isolate.



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TECH TALK



At last Thursday's online elevenses zoom, (a social get together in conjunction with CWAC library service and open to anyone to join in) we learnt about the Borrowbox app. 90% of libraries now offer an e-book and audio book loan service via this app, including Cheshire library service.

If you are a member of the library, then access to all the resources in Borrowbox are free. It is a great way to get books to read on a device and audio books to listen to anywhere. The app is available to download onto apple devices via the app store and android via googleplay. Your local library can assist with getting a library card or a password to enable you to use the service.

If you are interested, but find tech talk daunting, our GoOnline volunteers are happy to assist, especially if you have never tried anything like this before. Please contact Jean Toyn on 07923 425239, or talk to your organiser.

Apps is short for applications. An app is a computer programme that can be downloaded onto a computer, tablet or phone. Apps can access a wide range of things from games to banking.

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## ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE...

What links St George, the patron saint of England with William Shakespeare? The 23rd April is the answer – it is St George's day and in 1616, the Bard died on this day.



Many people will associate Stratford upon Avon with Shakespeare, and some may have visited the Globe Theatre in London, but did you now that a stunning new Shakespeare Theatre is being built here in the North West? Last month the oak timber structure of the new theatre in Prescot started and will represent a 17th Century "cockpit-in-court design. Why Prescot? It was chosen due to its links with John Phillip Kemble who was born in

Prescot but went onto a successful theatre management career in London. He was also famous for specialising in Shakespearean dramas and taking several lead roles. Generous funders to this project, including Ken Dodd, have ensured the theatre can be completed.

[www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/first-picture-prescots-stunning-new-20242871](http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/first-picture-prescots-stunning-new-20242871)

## RAISE FUNDS FOR OPAL

Do remember that if you shop at the Co-op, you can choose **OPAL in Touch** as your charity and that means we benefit every time you use your Co-op card.

Do get in touch with your organiser for further details or visit <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/52204>



## Fun & Quizzes

Complete these Shakespeare sayings....

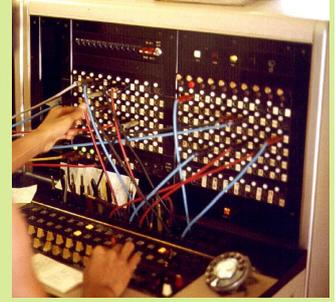
- 1) A dish fit for a \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) As dead as a \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) All that \_\_\_\_\_ is not gold.
- 4) Friends, \_\_\_\_\_, countrymen, lend me your ears.
- 5) Neither a borrower nor a \_\_\_\_\_ be.
- 6) In the \_\_\_\_\_ of an eye
- 7) Uneasy lies the head that wears the \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ ado about nothing.
- 9) If music be the food of \_\_\_\_\_, play on.
- 10) Discretion is the better part of \_\_\_\_\_

I am facing north, I make 2 half turns. Which way am I?



## Who Am I?/Where Am I?/What Am I?

Can you make the connection... invented in 1888 and widely used around the world. —What Am I?



Did you know, you can take the letters from "William Shakespeare" and write "I am a weakish speller."



How many other words can you make out of "William Shakespeare"?

## This is Your Life...

### .....WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Amazingly, according to the RSC website, very little is known for certain about the life of William Shakespeare and what is known has been pieced together by using historical records.

**Birth place** – William was baptised in Stratford on Avon on 26th April 1564. Traditionally his birthday is celebrated three days earlier, on 23 April, St George's Day.

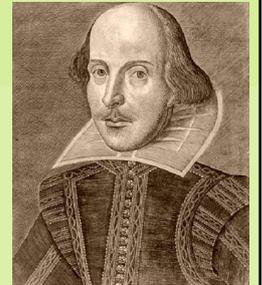
**Marriage** - In 1582, when he was 18, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, the daughter of a well to do farmer in nearby Shottery. She was 26. Their first child, Susanna, was born in May 1583. Twins, Hamnet and Judith, were christened in February 1585.

**Writing** - It is not known when Shakespeare moved to London, but it is known that he was there when the Plague struck in 1593 forcing theatres to close. Shakespeare's earliest plays included Henry VI Parts I, II & III, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, and Titus Andronicus. The sonnets were also written about this time, though they were not published until 1609.

**Retirement** - Sometime after 1611, Shakespeare retired to Stratford. On 25 March 1616, Shakespeare revised and signed his will and on 23 April, his presumed birthday, he died aged 52. On 25 April, he was buried at Holy Trinity Church in Stratford.

**Posthumous success** - In 1623, seven years after his death, Shakespeare's plays were published. This first folio contained 36 plays and sold for £1.

**Epitaph** - The slab stone over Shakespeare's tomb bears an epitaph, possibly written by himself, to ward off grave robbers: "Blessed be the man that spares these stones, And cursed be he that moves my bones." His remains have yet to be disturbed, despite requests by archaeologists keen to reveal what killed him.



**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS** : WORD TRAIN: 1)sangria 2)Amen 3)norm 4)macaroni 5)imposter 6)receipt 7)tunnel 8) laurel 9)lasagne 10)epitaph WHAT AM I: 1)pawn 2)piano 3)ladder 4)prawn 5)candle 6)lawnmower MENTAL MATHS : 20

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