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SCAMS UPDATE

OPAL Reach has regularly reported the latest scams and earlier this month the increase in scams was confirmed. The UK's cybersecurity agency has taken down more scams in the last year than in the previous three years combined—so we all need to keep ourselves safe from falling victim to the scammers.

Phone calls, email, text and social media all present potential pitfalls for the unwary. To help us all keep one step ahead Which? now produces a regular email 'Scam Alert' service. You and your family can sign up at <https://campaigns.which.co.uk/scam-alert-service/>



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OPAL's GoOnline service has been running since 2013 and aims to inspire people to do more online. It has been helping older people increase their confidence in using digital devices, attend online events and social groups, find out what's available in their local area and perhaps acquire a new hobby or interest. Most importantly, it can help people keep in touch with family and friends which has been ever more needed through the pandemic.



We are delighted to be extending the service with an exciting new project - **OPAL in Touch**. This project will support people who have no experience at all of communication technology— and all equipment, resources and support will be provided. If this is something you might be interested in learning more about please speak with your organiser or call Jean on 07923 425239.

"Before lockdown, I attended Farndon Foodie Friday (OPAL What's Cooking) and I really enjoyed all the brain stretching, quizzes and chat as well as the social side and the food. During lockdown, I took the plunge to learn how to Zoom, and with the support of OPAL GoOnline I am proud to say I can now join in zoom groups which is a lifeline to help me keep in touch with everyone."

Heather, Farndon

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SILVER SCREEN NEWS - The hospitality industry and the entertainment sector have all suffered in the last 12 months, but last Monday, 17th May, finally many of these venues were able to open their doors and allow people inside again, including cinemas.

Ironically, this coincides with what would normally be the Cannes film festival, but this year, the annual film festival, which prides itself on launching the premieres of some of the world's top directors, will now take place between 6th and 17th July.

The first Cannes film festival was due to take place in September 1939, but the outbreak of WWII forced its cancellation after showing only one film - *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. The first one was actually in 1946. The festival schedule included Austrian American director Billy Wilder's *The Lost Weekend*, Italian director Roberto Rossellini's *Open City*, and British director David Lean's *Brief Encounter*. A technical glitch meant that apparently the reels of Alfred Hitchcock's *Notorious* were shown in reverse order!



FUN & QUIZZES

Fefe
Fifi
Fofu
Fufu

Peter's father has five sons. The names of four sons are Fefe, Fifi, Fofu and Fufu respectively. What is the name of the fifth son?

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

Born May 22, 1907

I was an English actor and director born in Surrey. My first roles were on stage. In 1938 I went to Hollywood to play Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights*. Returning to London I worked with A. Hitchcock in *Rebecca*. I married twice, once to Vivian Leigh.

CANNES FILM FESTIVAL QUIZ

- 1) Which jungle hero said: 'I want you. I am yours. You are mine.'
- 2) Who was Inspector Closeau in the 'Pink Panther' movie?
- 3) What song was played by the pianist in 'Casablanca'?
- 4) Which movie star met her husband on the set of 'Cleopatra'?
- 5) Where was the film 'The King and I' based?
- 6) Finish the title of this musical; 'Fiddler on
- 7) The song 'Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head' can be heard in the movie...
- 8) In which country was the movie 'The Sound of Music' set?



In The Spotlight...

SOPHIA LOREN

Birth Place

Sofia Villani Scicolone was born on the 20th September 1934 in Rome, Italy. She had a very poor upbringing and forgave but never forgot her father abandoning her and her mother at a young age. During the war Sophia was injured by shrapnel during a bombing raid and still has the scar on her chin.

Career

Sophia was spotted when taking part in a beauty pageant aged 14. Her career really took off in the 1950s when she signed a five film deal with Paramount. Some of her most famous movies were *Two Women*, *El Cid* and *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*. She has won a host of awards and accolades including a Cannes Film Festival Best Performance Prize, an Academy Award, 5 golden globes, Bafta Award, a Grammy and 6 David Di Donatello Awards for best actress; a record. She is thought to be the most famous actress to come out of Italy and has been hailed as one of the most beautiful women in world.

Family Life

It is alleged Sophia had affairs with Cary Grant through the 1950s. She married Carlo Ponti in 1957 but the marriage was annulled in 1962, as his divorce from his first wife wasn't recognised in Italy. They remarried in 1966 and had two boys, Eduardo and Carlo.

Did you know?

Sophia was once convicted of tax evasion and served 17 days in prison. She has written 3 cookbooks and also recorded more than 2 dozen songs, including comedic tunes with Peter Sellers. Sophia now lives in Geneva, Switzerland. She recently starred aged 86 in a Netflix drama directed by her son Eduardo called 'The Life Ahead'.



LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS : MISSING LETTER : 'R' (It was a gearbox in a car).

NAME THE BIRDS : 1) Blackbird, 2) Buzzard, 3) Starling. ANIMAL QUIZ 1) 4 2)bouquet 3)brown hare 4) pygmy shrew 5)3 6)2 sets 7)Both 8>false.

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Think about me, not my age