



## AIR PURIFIERS

Keeping everyone as safe as possible whilst running our services is always OPAL's first priority and we are pleased to announce that, through a generous grant of £450 from Frodsham Town Council and additional OPAL funds, we have been able to purchase several Air Purifying units for use at our clubs and sessions across our areas. The purifiers sanitize the air within a room and have been proven to be effective in reducing the risk of COVID-19. These will be a massive help as the colder weather approaches as it means we can reduce the amount of ventilation required i.e. having the doors and windows open. So hopefully we can look forward to cosier and more comfortable clubs and sessions, while still staying safe. Thank you to Frodsham Town Council.



## PRIORITY CUSTOMER WITH ENERGY SUPPLIERS



Last weekend Storm Arwen created problems across Cheshire West and some of our communities were left without electricity for over 24 hours. The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free and voluntary system overseen by Ofgem to better ensure that individuals with special requirements have access to additional support from their energy supplier as and when they require it. This support varies by supplier and by an individual's circumstances, but can include: large-format or Braille bills, advanced notice of service interruption, priority in a power cut and quarterly meter readings. Why not contact your energy supplier and find out if you are eligible for this service.

## DID YOU KNOW?

In 1988 Rotary International embarked on an ambitious programme to try to eradicate poliomyelitis by vaccinating all the children in the world against polio before the year 2005. Using millions of volunteers, they went into every country in the world to administer the vaccine and as each child received the vaccine the volunteer painted a purple dye on the child's little finger. In South Sudan they even had a four day cease-fire in the civil war so that volunteers could go in and administer the vaccine. Today there are still a very small number of polio cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan but throughout the rest of the world polio has been eradicated. In 1993 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation contributed over \$300 million to help fund this initiative.



To commemorate this huge achievement Rotarians annually plant purple crocuses in towns and cities across the world. This year the OPAL Club in Frodsham planted some of these crocuses in pots to grow at home.

## AUTUMN GLORY

According to research carried out by YouGov, almost three-quarters of people say they take note of how the trees change through the year with more than a quarter saying they notice trees now more than at the start of the pandemic. About a third of people questioned said enjoying the burst of gold, red, purples russet and orange that accompanies autumn was their favourite thing about the season, ahead of looking forward to the television schedule or even Christmas.



Question – In which children's book is there a place where it is "always Winter, but never Christmas"? Turnover to find out more.

## FUN & QUIZZES WEATHER QUIZ



- 1) What is nephology the study of?
- 2) Who was the UK's longest-serving female weather forecaster, appearing on ITV for 24 years, from 1990 to 2014?
- 3) What number is a violent storm on the Beaufort scale?
- 4) What line on a weather map connects points of the same atmospheric pressure?
- 5) Which of the following cities gets the most rainfall per year: a) Tokyo, b) London, c) Chicago, or d) Rome?
- 6) Are stratus clouds low level, medium level, or high level clouds?
- 7) At what temperature are both the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales exactly the same?
- 8) What does an anemometer measure?



- a) What has to be broken before you can use it?
- b) I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
- c) What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
- d) What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?
- e) What goes up but never comes down?

## This is Your Life... C S LEWIS – AUTHOR OF THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

**BIRTH PLACE** - Clive Staples Lewis was born on 29 November 1898 in Belfast. The city is very proud of the links with C S Lewis, commemorating it with statues and murals.

**EDUCATION** - Lewis was educated at a variety of private tuition and public schools before being awarded a scholarship for University College, Oxford in 1916.

**WORLD WAR I** - In 1917, his university life was interrupted as he volunteered to join the British army in the First World War. He was transferred to the Somme valley where he took part in trench warfare. In the last months of the war, he was injured by a shell and was sent home to recuperate from his injuries.

**CAREER** - C.S.Lewis completed his degree before taking up a post teaching English at Magdalen College, Oxford from 1925 to 1954. He was a prolific writer and formed a close friendship with other Oxford fellows including J R R Tolkien who it is said he supported and encouraged whilst he was writing 'The Lord of the Rings.' From 1954 to 1963 he was professor of [medieval](#) and Renaissance English at the [University of Cambridge](#).

Lewis began writing *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* during the Second World War. He was partly inspired by three evacuee children who came to stay in his home. Lewis said the experience of the evacuee children gave him a new perspective on the joy of childhood.

**DEATH** - C.S.Lewis died in 1963 aged 64, on the same day that J F Kennedy was assassinated.

**QUOTE** – *You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.*



LAST EDITION'S ANSWERS : 1)Guido 2)Pyrotechnics 3)Parkin 4) Phonophobia (also known as ligyrophobia or sonophobia) 5)John Milton

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