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# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

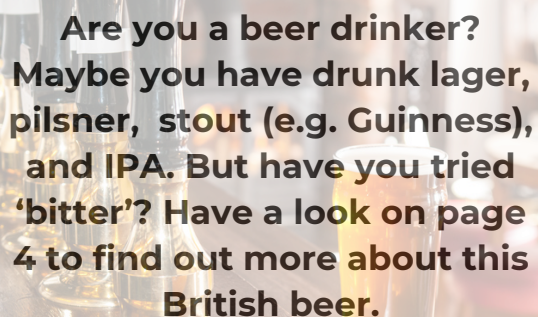


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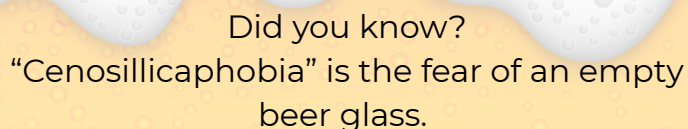
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## Beer Garden Party

This year the beer garden party will be held on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July. It will start at 18:30, finishing around 20:30. The location, the same as last year, is at the Miyako Hotel. Most of the teachers will be there, so it's a great chance to meet the teachers you don't know. Come and join us! (We have a limit of 40 people for this year). We have reserved seating under the awning, so it's not too bad if it starts to rain for some reason. But, of course, it will be a lovely cool evening with a perfect sunset. Everyone will say, "What a perfect evening for drinking beer and speaking English on the roof of a hotel!"



**Are you a beer drinker?**  
**Maybe you have drunk lager, pilsner, stout (e.g. Guinness), and IPA. But have you tried 'bitter'? Have a look on page 4 to find out more about this British beer.**



Did you know?  
"Cenosillicaphobia" is the fear of an empty beer glass.

## Justin's trip to Portugal and England

This summer I'm planning to visit England and Portugal. My main purpose is to go home, as I haven't been back since before Covid. But while I'm in Europe, I thought it would be nice to go to Portugal too. I've never been there and it's one of the few countries in Europe I haven't visited. So I'm going - for just 3 days! I'll spend one day in Lisbon and Sintra (where the palace in the photo is). The next day I'll be in Porto to taste port wine and visit the famous Livraria Lello bookshop, and the last day back in Lisbon for some last-minute sightseeing. And I want to eat *pastel de nata*, of course!

*Read more on our website in September!*



**Sintra, Portugal**



**Livraria Lello**



**Port Wine**



**Pastel de nata**

## Kris' Summer Plans



At the end of July I am going to fly out to the south of France because my mother lives in the countryside near Toulouse.

It's the first time we will have met in about 5 years so I am really looking forward to it.

My mother lives in a house surrounded by fields. She still has a few sheep, about 10 hens, 2 scary dogs and a stray cat or two. It should be fun collecting some eggs and then using them to make an omelette or soufflé. My mother is a really good cook; she makes cakes without measuring the ingredients, she does it all by eye.

Apart from the scary dogs, I also need to be careful not to eat and drink too much. When I go to the *supermarché* (supermarket), I usually load up my basket with sausages, cheeses and beers which would cost a fortune (a lot of money) in Japan.

I am going to spend a week in France. I don't plan on going anywhere too exciting. I think it will be nice just to help out by doing a few repairs here and there.

The following week I shall be in sunny England (lol). I'm going to a class reunion so that should be fun too.

## Mark's History of Movies



Robert has a new film appreciation class at Labor this summer. Here, Mark gives us a short look at the history — and future — of cinema!

Movies began in 1895 with the Lumière brothers in France. Silent black-and-white films quickly became global hits, with stars like Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. Since actors couldn't speak, melodramatic acting and physical stunts were key.

In 1927, "The Jazz Singer" launched the era of "talkies," and by the 1930s, silent films faded. This shift also brought new genres, including musicals. This "Golden Age" of cinema ran from the 1900s to the late 1950s. In Japan, directors like Akira Kurosawa gained global fame during this era.

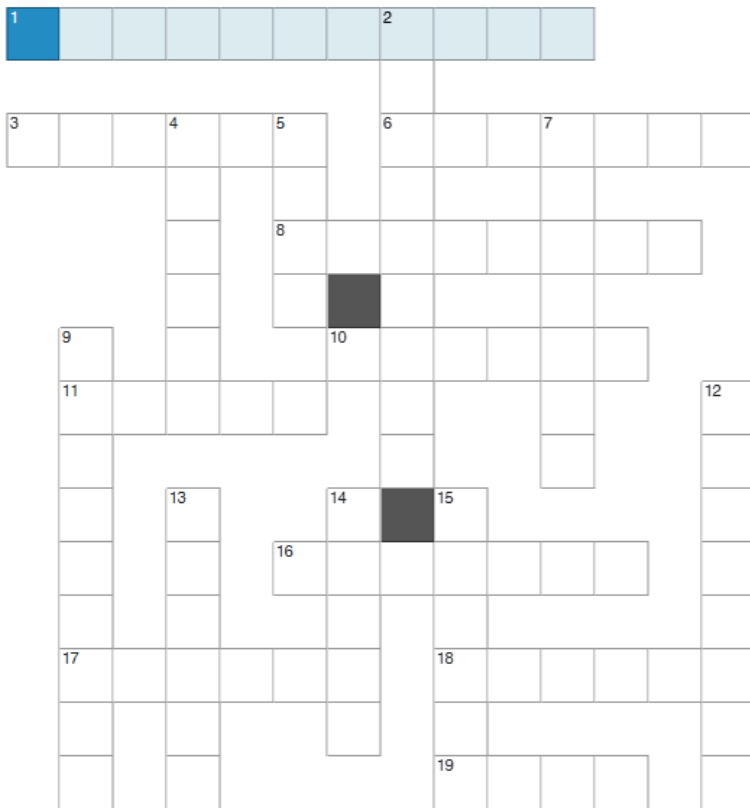
Colour film became widespread in the 1950s, and the 60s–70s saw a boom in sci-fi with titles like 2001, Star Wars, and Alien. The 80s are often seen as Hollywood's modern golden age, with many iconic films still being remade today. The 90s brought CGI breakthroughs with Jurassic Park and Toy Story.

Now, with streaming on the rise, cinema faces challenges—but new tech like AI and drones could empower independent creators to launch the next film revolution from home.

For more information about Robert's summer course, please check the flyer or with the staff.



# Europe Crossword



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## Europe Bucket List

A typical '**bucket list**\*' of places to visit in Europe often includes the following: Porto in Portugal, the Amalfi Coast in Italy, Pamukkale in Turkey, island-hopping in Greece, the fjords of Norway, Iceland's volcanic scenery, Barcelona's Sagrada Familia, and Dubrovnic in Croatia. Have you been to any of these places?

**Bucket List\*** - a list of things you want to do before you die.

### ACROSS

- 1 Known for watches, the Eiger and the Matterhorn
- 3 Spain's famous rice dish
- 6 Smallest country in the world. The Pope's home
- 8 Mountain range between France and Spain
- 10 Known for its fjords
- 11 Norwegian artist who painted 'The Scream'
- 16 A famous department store in London
- 17 Europe's second-longest river
- 18 Home to ancient civilization. Santorini, Delphi and Mykonos are here
- 19 Currency used by many nations in this area

### DOWN

- 2 Home of the Beatles
- 4 Portugal's hilly capital
- 5 Mountain range across Italy, France, and so on
- 7 A rugged volcanic island country. Famous for the Blue Lagoon
- 9 Netherlands' canal-filled capital
- 12 Famous beer from Ireland
- 13 Austria's capital. Famous for classical music and Sachertorte cake
- 14 Part of the UK, known for its dragons. William is the Prince of \_\_\_\_.
- 15 Czech Republic's historic capital

## Europe's Hidden Gems

Here are some beautiful places in Europe that most tourists don't know about. Which one would you like to visit?

### Albaraccin, Spain



### Bosa, Italy



### Bokodi Floating Village, Hungary



**Hidden Gem\*** - a place or person that is wonderful which most people don't know about.



There are hundreds of breweries in the UK, making thousands of different 'bitter' beers. Some are famous and can be bought anywhere, but many of them are made by small breweries. Nowadays, beers like these are often called 'craft beers' in Japan or America, but they have a long history in the UK. 'Bitter' is a pale ale with a colour from gold to dark amber. It used to be called 'pale ale' in England but around 250 years ago the word 'bitter' became popular.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century bitter was the most popular draught beer in England.

It is usually stored in casks in the cellar of the pub, at 11-14C. It is not refrigerated, even in summer.

Many small breweries were closing in the 1980s because they only sold their beer in their own pubs, so the law was changed to make pubs offer 'guest' beers from other breweries. Nowadays you can sample beers from all over the country in a local pub.

Did you know?

About 225 billion liters of beer are drunk every year around the world!

## Crossword Solution



Shakespeare: "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet"



Roses are synonymous\* with England for many people (\*if you think of one, you think of the other, like samurai and Japan).

The best time to visit rose gardens in England is in June and July, but many gardens still have blooms until September or later.

Some famous gardens include Alnwick Castle in Northumberland (Where some of Harry Potter was also filmed), Mottisfont Abbey in Hampshire, and Castle Howard in Yorkshire.

Did you know, the most expensive rose in the world is the Juliet Rose? It cost a whopping\* (enormous) 3 million pounds to develop when it was shown at the famous Chelsea Flower Show in England in 2006! It was named after Shakespeare's Juliet in Romeo and Juliet. Now you can buy it for your garden, but it still isn't cheap.



Do you have a garden? Or just a planter on your balcony? What do you grow? Are you an avid flower grower, or do you prefer vegetables? Do you grow rice or even bamboo?

If you do enjoy gardening there is some good news. A recent study has shown that gardening can help with keeping your brain healthy in old age - just like studying English can!

So, get out in the garden and study some English!!