

Labor Gakuen Newsletter

Summer 2017



It's summer time again. As I'm sure you know we will be holding this year's Beer Garden Party on July 16th at the Shin-Miyako Hotel. It'll be great to see you there if you can make it for our 60th anniversary **bash!** And, of course, we hope you have a relaxing summer (and that you study a little!!) before lessons continue in September.

In this newsletter we would like to introduce you to our special summer holiday classes and we have a short quiz for you to try too.

Beatrix and Robert's special summer courses:



It's the first time we have tried lessons in the summer holidays and we hope that some of you will be able to come to escape the summer heat and keep up your English skills! Beatrix will be running three short courses in August and Robert will also have a 2 lesson special. Perfectly timed half way through the holidays so that you don't forget your English!!



Some of the teachers will be **jetting off** this summer to meet their families. We will be **taking in** some sights and **catching up with** our friends. We'll probably spend **bucket loads** of money but it'll be fun. It's a good chance for us to eat and drink things that are hard to **get our hands on** in Japan, like **bitter**, **Wensleydale cheese**, **Branston Pickle** and **bacon butties**. Will we miss the hot, humid summer in Kyoto? Probably not! Will we miss you? Of course!! We're looking forward to hearing about what you did in your summer break when we get back in September... (you will say "lots of English study", of course!)

To jet off – to fly somewhere **To take in** – to see, to experience **to catch up with** – to meet someone after a long time and hear each other's news **Bucket loads of** - lots of **get ones hands on** – finally get something you wanted **bitter** – a type of beer **Wensleydale cheese** – a dry, crumbly cheese **Branston Pickle** – great with cheese **bacon butties** – a sandwich with lots of bacon inside and either ketchup or brown sauce.

Summer English Study Idea 1: Why not get a DVD and watch it first in Japanese and then in English with English subtitles. See how much you can catch!

Summer English Study Idea 2: How about thinking about a country you want to visit and then researching it on the internet in English! E.g. "Things to do in Paris"

Summer English Study Idea 3: Get out your notes from this term and write them again in a new notebook. Green for grammar, red for new words etc.

To celebrate our 60th anniversary, we have made you a quick quiz. It's all about 1957, the year Labor was founded. How many can you get right?

1. In 1957, who was the Prime Minister in Japan?

- (A) Ichiro Hatoyama (B) Nobusuke Kishi (C) Eisaku Sato (D) Masayoshi Ohira

2. What was the biggest selling song in America in 1957?

- (A) Banana Boat – Harry Belafonte (B) All Shook Up – Elvis Presley
(C) Love Letters in the Sand – Pat Boone (D) Bye Bye Love – Everly Brothers

3. What was the population of the U.K. in 1957?

- (A) 45,000,000 (B) 51,000,000 (C) 62,000,000 (D) 75,000,000



4. Did McDonalds exist in 1957?

- (A) Yes (B) No

5. Who won the Japan Series in baseball in 1957?

- (A) Yomiuri Giants (B) Nishitetsu Lions (C) Osaka Tigers (D) Nankai Hawks

6. In America, how much was a gallon of gasoline in 1957?

- (A) 0.25\$ (B) 0.50\$ (C) 0.75\$ (D) 1.00\$

7. In the Space Race, what happened in 1957?

- (A) John Glenn went into orbit (B) Laika the dog flew in space (C) Sputnik was launched

8. What happened in Europe in 1957?

- (A) The Geneva Convention was started (B) The Berlin Wall was built
(C) There was a war in Yugoslavia (D) The European Economic Community started

Well, that's the end of this summer's newsletter. How did you do on the quiz?

The answers are at the bottom of this page. Don't forget to check out all the courses we have for next term and in the summer break – hopefully there is something there for you! Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you again after the break.

All the teachers at Labor

Answers: 1. (B) 2. (B) 3. (B) 4. (A) 5. (B) 6. (A) 7. (C) 8. (D)