



Pictured above a late winter scene painting by Dini Condy a local artist who seems to catch the essence of South African life in her paintings (see more inside)

FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE

July 2020.

Dear fellow residents,

So the COVID virus has found its way into our village. First was the un-named resident, then Thola Kasi, one of our duty managers and then Mary Ann Brews. The first resident had to be hospitalised but is out of high care and recovering well; Thola self-isolated at home and will be back at work shortly; Mary Ann is still very uncomfortable from her back operation but is well over her COVID infection, but must still remain in isolation. All good news stories, but they are the lucky ones!

The media abounds with personal testimonies from people who have survived who describe COVID 19 as the worst and most uncomfortable experience they've ever had. While we'll never hear the testimonies of those that didn't survive, their families and friends are feeling the pain so please take care. The restrictions that the state has imposed on us are for our own good and the restrictions that management is imposing on our friends and family members from entering the village are all there to protect us. Please be understanding of its actions and discourage friends and family from even attempting to visit.

Sue Jackson and Judy Stuart came up with the kind thought to send some chocolates to Thola. That turned out to be easier said than done. Kate van Rooyen, one of our Hospitality portfolio leaders couldn't find anybody that would deliver to Soweto. Not to be put-off, she asked around and eventually managed to organise a gift voucher through Checkers - well done Kate for persevering!

And Kate again: a while back she appealed to residents to buy 1 or 2 or more extra loaves of bread and to drop them off at her house. The response in the first month was excellent and more than 90 loaves of bread were delivered to her door. The bread ends-up in a soup kitchen in Diepsloot that feeds 500 people 3 times a week. Contributions have flagged in the past month, perhaps because of the Mandela initiative so this is as much a report on Kate's initiative as a reminder to residents to buy that extra loaf or two!

Heather Allan, the other Hospitality portfolio leader hasn't been idle either! She has continued with her initiative to get residents out to attend to the pavement gardens and during this month has organised 2 work-days and the Heron drive pavements have benefited. There are many more pavements and areas that need attention, so please respond positively on future work-days, enjoy a morning out in sun and the opportunity to make a positive contribution to our village.

Thank you, Kate and Heather, it's nice to see that when there aren't any social activities to organise, you haven't been sitting on your hands - well done!

In June, Dave Bromfield informed you that the Waterhole club had been wound-up and put into cold storage until the lockdown restrictions were lifted. Most tokens have been exchanged for stock, or redeemed for cash.

In July Dave closed off the accounts and handed them to ResCom's Finance portfolio leader to be included in our annual financial report. Those accounts showed that since its inception in November 2018, the Waterhole club has contributed R14 000 to ResCom funds!

Isn't that just the most wonderful achievement! And what a painless and enjoyable way of collecting funds! Thank you, Dave Bromfield, and Dave Nesbitt for giving up so much of your time to manage and operate the Waterhole and for preparing those well-loved roasted peanuts and boerie rolls. And to all its members, thank you for all your hard work to raise those funds! We look forward to the restrictions being lifted and the members once more being allowed to gather around the Waterhole.



A last minute note of thanks from Kate, Talfryn and Heather. The All Saints Anglican Church were overwhelmed by your kind donation of grocery items for Mandela Day. Talfryn took two trailer loads to All Saints and from there the Church transported the goods to Cosmo City.
Well done everybody and Thank You.



This bird was captured by our intrepid photographer perched on a branch. Kiloran says it is a Black Shouldered Kite.



These two birds happened to be perched on a log. Waiting to be captured! Anybody care to identify them?

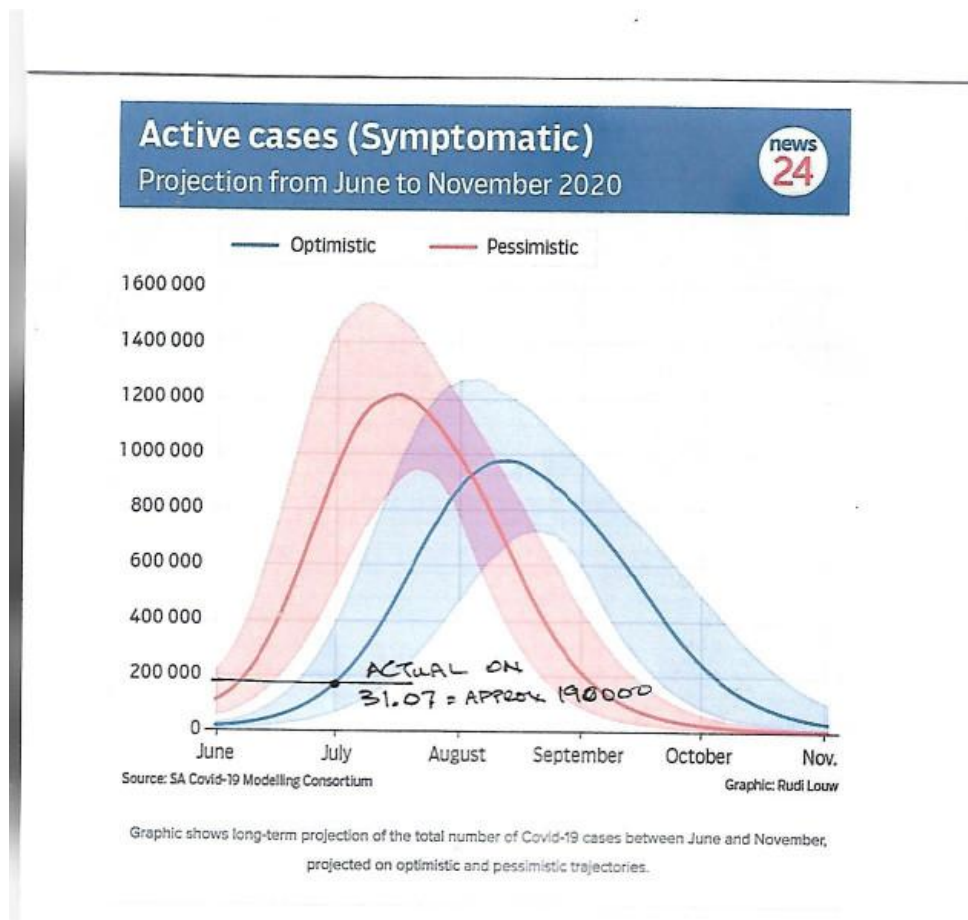
COVID 19 progression in S.A.

By Hennie du Preez

At the end of May, a team from UCT published predictions on the progress of COVID 19 in S.A. It's headline prediction was that by the end of November there would have been 40 000 deaths - a frightening figure that seemed unbelievable at the time. It also published the following projections of active symptomatic cases:

Note: active cases = total infections - minus recoveries - minus deaths.

As far as I'm aware the government has based its planning on these and subsequent predictions that I haven't seen.



The actual statistics published on 27 July plus my projections to 31 July are:

	27 July	31 July
Total cases:	452 525	490 000
Recoveries	274 925	292 500 = 60% of total cases
Deaths	7 067	7 500 = 4% of active cases
Active cases	170 537	190 000 = 39% Of total cases.

Comparing my projection to 31 July with the the curve you'll note that S.A. is almost exactly tracking the 'Optimistic' curve. That curve peaks in August with a total of nearly 1 000 000 active cases.

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Projecting the deaths at 4% of the active cases will give total deaths at the peak of 40 000. So total deaths at the end of November will be many more than the originally predicted 40 000!

What conclusions can we draw from this? Simply that things are going to get a lot worse before they start getting better, and that's not going to happen soon! Also, the end outcome in terms of deaths could well be a lot worse than originally predicted.

So again my message is: be patient and very, very careful!

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Our Public areas took another day of attention from the Verge Cleaning Squad.

Well done ladies and gents, your efforts are so appreciated.

Heather Allan, you Star!





It's the Bank scammers again. (these incidents happened over the last 2 months)

A good friend was tricked into revealing their banking details to a telephone scammer. They lost several thousands of rand by being panicked by what appeared to be a bank official telling them that somebody was trying to access and tamper with their account.

Please, Please, be very aware that these scammers are very clever at playing to peoples emotions, but no Bank will ever phone you and ask for your personal details. These scams are more prevalent nowadays due to the economic situation so if in doubt give me a ring to help you.

Whilst we are talking on this subject, the ATM's at Fourways Gardens Shopping Centre should be put out of bounds to everyone.

Two of our residents have been hassled there in the last month by a gang operating the card swap scam.

Make it a rule to use the ATM's at Broadacres, lots of people around and the FNB and Nedbank ATM's have a daytime guard on duty. OK it's a bit further, but are you prepared to loose your savings for a little inconvenience?

Please be very careful out there, Chris



He lost R13 000.
Hard earned savings

Can we help ??... Have we got what you want??..

Joseph Mthembu, our ever helpful Duty Manager, has an urgent need to buy a second hand flat screen TV. If you have an excess of TV's maybe give him a call or Whatsapp on 079 856 8677 or email, josephm@evergreenlifestyle.co.za. (I have lent him my little 28" Samsung for the meantime but I would like it back soon!! Chris)

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Now that the ADSL service is being stopped it may also be time to stop paying for the privilege of a tied email address. Please everyone just think of using a new Gmail address, **it is free, has unlimited post box size and can be accessed anywhere in the world.** All it means is you send one email to all your Address Book or Contacts telling them of your change of email address. It could also get rid of those annoying subscriptions and advertising that won't go away! Call Chris at Ext 1089 if you need help.

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Dave Campbell has a 50 year old Kenwood Mixer which needs some care and attention in order it will last for another 50 years! Does anyone know where he can get it serviced locally? Contact him on Ext 1061

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Penny Henegan has a mobility scooter available, her friend's Dad cannot use it anymore...sadly, he is now completely immobile. She bought it for him a year ago for R15 000, but would happily let it go to a person who needs it for R9 000.
. Would it be of value to anybody here? Call her on Ext 1039





Rainfall Report for July 2020.

Rainfall remains under lockdown but is typical for these cold months.

Much the same can be expected in August, after which we will hopefully welcome the September rains.

We remain keen to see the impact of the borehole system on our Municipal water usage. Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative as dam levels remain below those recorded last year.

Rainfall in mm for 2019/2020

Aug 2019	0.0
Sep 2019	3.5
Oct 2019	4.0
Nov 2019	153.7
Dec 2019	230.5
Jan 2020	79.5
Feb 2020	145.2
Mar 2020	81.1
Apr 2020	72.4
May 2020	23.0
Jun 2020	15.5
Jul 2020	0.0

12 Months 808.4

Rainfall in July over the years

2013	0
2014	3.5
2015	6.0
2016	12.5
2017	1.0
2018	1.0
2019	0
2020	0

Average for July since 2013 is 3.0mm

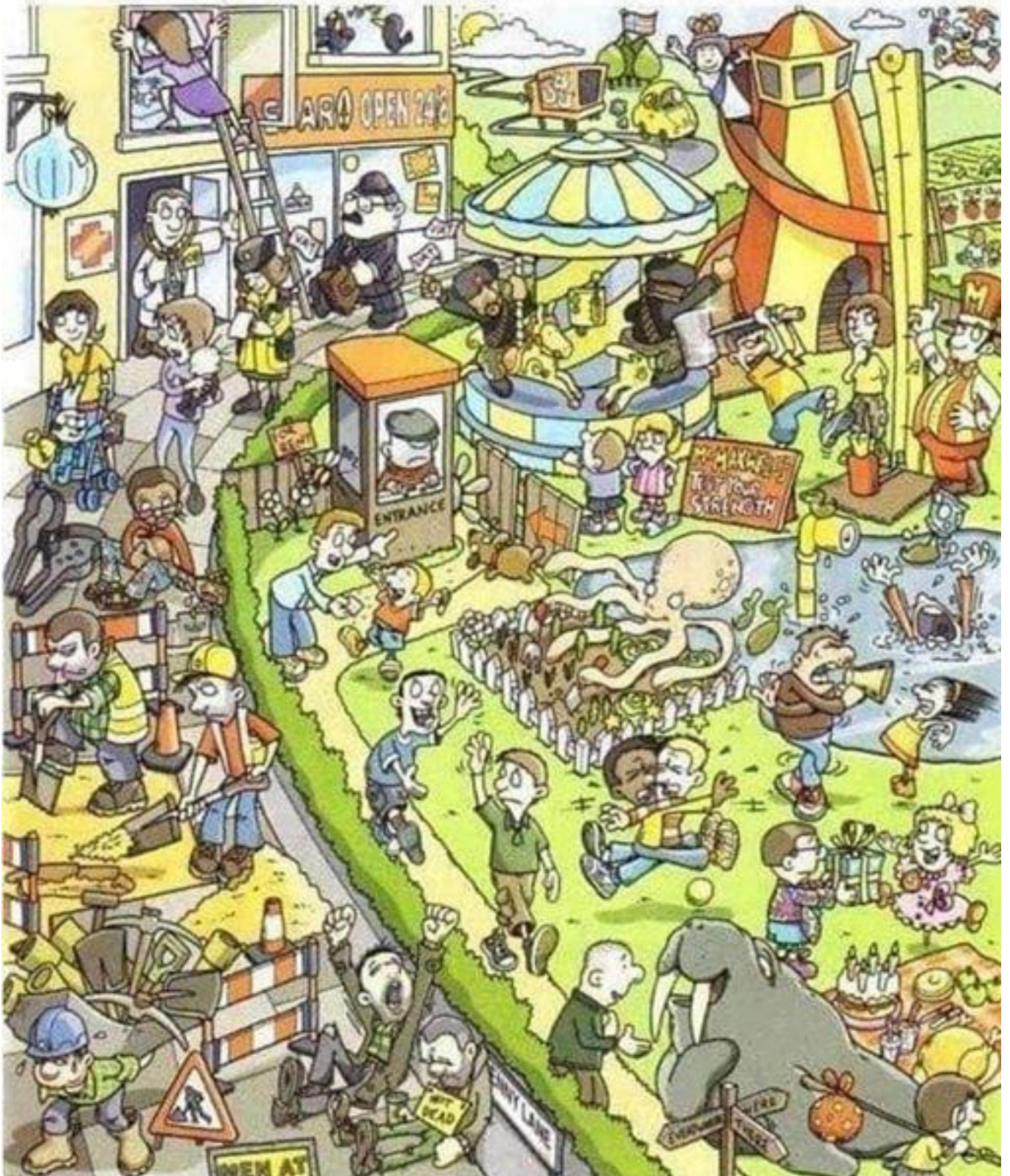
By Dini Condry

Just Like That.....

I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE
ACT ALL INTELLECTUAL
AND TALK ABOUT
MOZART WHILE THEY'VE
NEVER EVEN SEEN ONE
OF HIS PAINTINGS...



There are 39 Beatles songs in this picture. Name only one so everyone can try to guess.

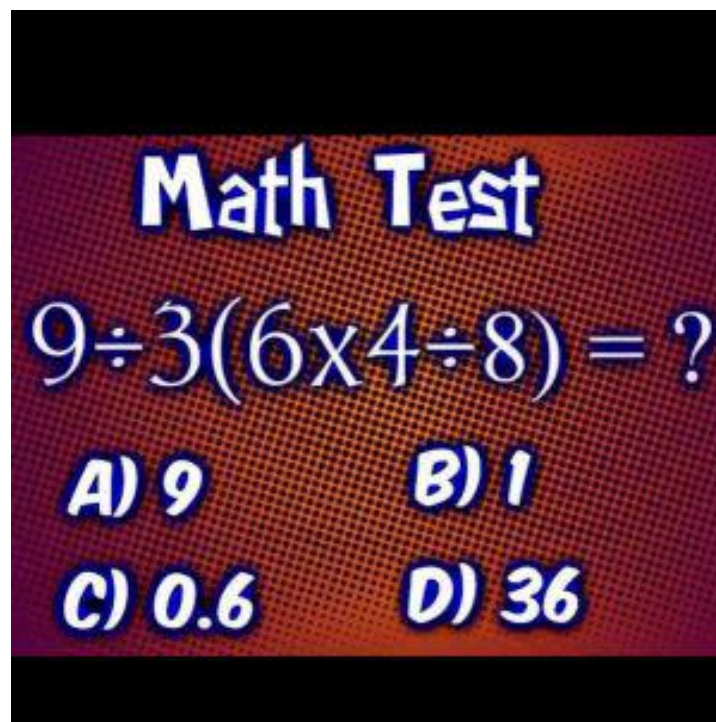


Answers to Whatsapp CHAT group





For the poms amongst us, a bit of nostalgia.



Now... why does this look familiar??

The Eleven Plus Exam Paper

ARITHMETIC

EXAMINATION 1

1. Simplify:

(a) 15×20

(b) $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}$

(c) 0.75×3

2. Write in figures the sum of ninety-five and four hundred and eleven.

3. A train leaves London at 11.30 a.m. and arrives at Bristol at 1.30 p.m., after stopping from 12.10 p.m. to 12.20 p.m. at Reading, which is 36 miles from London. It travelled both parts of the journey at the same rate. Find the distance from London to Bristol.

4. Out of a £6,000 donation, £1,000 was given as prizes to a local school, and half the remainder was given to charity. The rest was divided amongst 4 children. How much did each get?

5. Mary is 12 years old and her father is 42. Answer these questions:

(a) How old was Mary's father when he was 4 times as old as Mary?

(b) In how many years' time will her father be 3 times as old as Mary?

(c) How old will Mary be when her father is 10 times as old as Mary was 6 years ago?

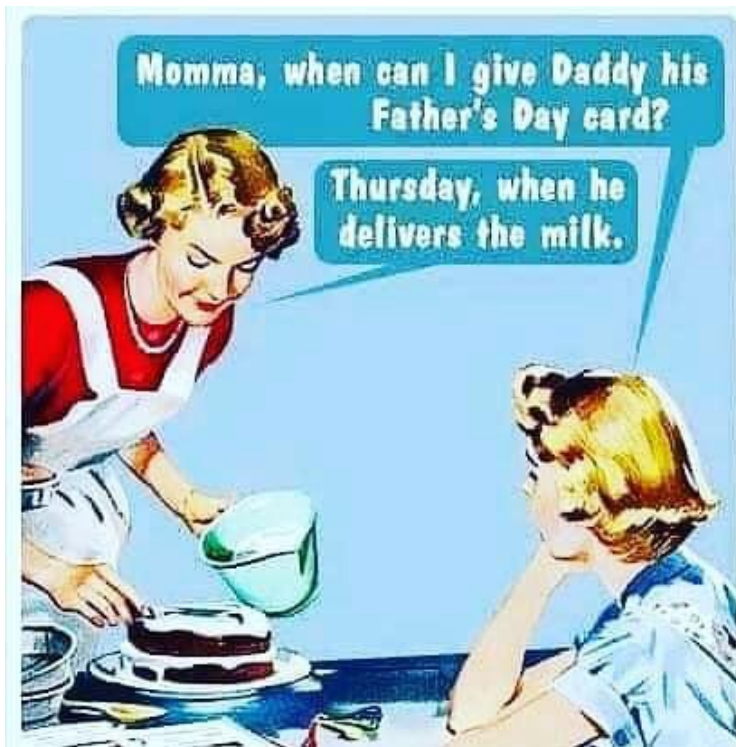
Another Pom piece of history.

This exam decided the future of every child put through the UK State school system.

I wonder if I could get through now??!!

SO, DO YOU REMEMBER THESE ONES?

- 1: **Because I said so.**
- 2: Wait and see.
- 3: **Ask your father.**
- 4: No pudding unless you finish your dinner.
- 5: **If someone asked you to jump off a cliff would you?**
- 6: I've told you a thousand times.
- 7: **Say pardon, not 'what'.**
- 8: What did your last slave die of?
- 9: **You will have someone's eye out with that.**
- 10: It'll all end in tears.
- 11: **I want, never gets.**
- 12: Close the door - you weren't born in a barn.
- 13: **Don't sit too close to the telly - you will get square eyes.**
- 14: There is no such words as 'can't'.
- 15: **Who is 'she'? The cat's mother?**
- 16: Carrots make you see in the dark.
- 17: **Take your coat off or you won't feel the benefit when you go outside.**
- 18: Don't make that face. If the wind changes you'll stay like it.
- 19: **Do as I say, not as I do.**
- 20: Back in my day.



Some of the best words ever!

Gallivant • Britches • Codger • Rigmarole
Hoodwink • Ragamuffin • Fiddle-faddle
Humbug • Skulduggery • Jalopy • Kibosh
Bejeebers • Flibberty-jibbit • Hullabaloo
Bamboozled • Flabbergasted • Brouhaha
Discombobulated • Lollygag • Malarkey
Cattywampus • Nincompoop • Skedaddle
Shenanigans • Flummoxed • Pumpernickle
Berserk • Periwinkle • Thingamyjig • Whatsit
Confuzzled • Kerfuffle • Poppycock • Bogus
Balderdash • Fuddy-duddy • Thunderation
Whosemegadget • Skewwiff • Lambasted
Flim-flam • Whatchamacallit • Concoction
Doohicky • Gobsmacked • Thingamebob
Camaraderie • Nucklehead • Wishywashy
Fiddlesticks • Caterwauling • Rigmarole
Tomfoolery • Bodacious • Fiddle-dee-dee
Willy-nilly • Decrepid • Persnickety • Egads
Audacity • Baloney • Kerfuffle • Numb-skull

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On a visit to Russia in 2006 our tour guides were from a Russian University where they had majored in English Language. We happened to mention "Higgledy Piggledy" in our conversation and they wondered what it meant as their lecturers had never covered this and the other expressions above. They were amazed at the variety of the words and meanings. We hope we gave them a whole new section of the language which they can study.

Maybe Colloquial English is an elective in Russia nowadays? More Rosy Lee, Comrade?