



## **January Newsletter**

### **A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN**

Dear All,

Another year - another lockdown!

I always find January a depressing month. After the festivities of Christmas and New Year, Easter always seems a long way away with only dark winter days to look forward to. This year seems especially grey as we are so restricted in what we can do. Even going for a walk risks drowning in mud and, if you survive that, you may have to evade the Derbyshire Constabulary. Happily, the Leicestershire force seem to have rather more sense.

Fortunately, it is not all gloom and despondency. The vaccine is being distributed and, despite what the BBC's daily dose of problems and shortages would have us believe, is going very well. Apparently we have inoculated, per 100,000 of population, about four times as many as the next best European nation (Italy) and about six times as many as France. As I wrote this, I heard that the rollout is about to be extended to those over 70, which should mean a good proportion of our membership will have some protection soon. There is even muttering about relaxing the lockdown. Much as I would welcome a return to normality, I don't think that will be achieved any time soon. Sadly, it will still be a while before we can resume our U3A programmes in person but at least there is definite hope for the future.

It is almost exactly a year since I returned from China, completely unaware of the situation until advised by the friend meeting me at Birmingham Airport. Little did I imagine the lack of activity which lay ahead. But it really wasn't my fault; not all of it, anyway!

Until such time as we can meet in person, I hope you all stay safe and as active as circumstances permit. As always, do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance or even just for a chat.

Best Wishes,

Colin Ellis

## FROM THE EDITOR

We are of course still in Lockdown with little sign of that easing just yet.

So for the foreseeable future, the rules are no meeting anybody outside of our household or support bubble, either indoors or in private gardens, but we can meet one other person in public open spaces.

That makes organising any sort of u3a gathering impossible, even walking. However you can go walking as a household or with one other person, so I hope you can all get out safely for some exercise, fresh air and maybe some company.

The good news is that many members are now reporting that they have been vaccinated or at least have appointments to get the jab. Yours truly is no yet among them unfortunately, but I'm sure my time will come and both the government and local surgeries seem to think we are still on track to get the over-70s vaccinated by mid-February

Stay safe and keep well.

Mike Stow

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

The committee are doing our utmost to keep in contact with as many members we can during this time of enforced isolation. Can we ask everyone, but particularly Group Leaders, to keep in touch with their group's members to see how they are coping.

If any Group Leader wants phone numbers for their members, Membership Sec Iain at [members@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:members@ashbyu3a.co.uk) or Mike at [webmaster@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@ashbyu3a.co.uk) will be able to provide them.

## HELP & WELFARE

If you know of any member who is unwell or shielding or has a family member who is unwell, please contact Estelle or any other committee member and we can see if there is anything we can do to help, whether it is collecting shopping or prescriptions, having a chat or just sending a card.

If at any time you would like or need someone to talk to, the following people are always ready to chat:

Our Chairman, Colin Ellis 01530 272592

Colin Woodland 01530 413867

Ann Donegan 01283 760348

Tony Smith 01530 831822

Our Welfare Officer, Estelle Sandles 01530 459858, 07919 986456 or email [welfare@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:welfare@ashbyu3a.co.uk).

Estelle can also offer support and welfare information. Any chats will of course be confidential.

### ZOE COVID-19 Symptom Tracker

If you wish to help Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals to track the spread of Covid-19 across the country and find out what type of person is getting infected, you can sign up to the Covid-19 Symptom Tracker here at <https://covid/joinzoe.com> You need a smartphone to which an app is installed.

It asks you for some personal details of age, height, weight etc. and general health and medication. This can all be anonymous if you wish.

You can then report each day how you feel even if you are well, it takes seconds. You can see how Covid 19 is spreading or retreating and you will be helping research into how and why it spreads, and who is most vulnerable. Over 4.5 million people are already signed up and contributing.

**AgeUK** - [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) has lots of information and advice on all matters regarding coronavirus including matters financial or health.

**The u3a National Office** has an email Newsletter which you can sign up for at <https://u3a.org.uk/email> It has the latest advice on the virus and also lots of information and advice on how to keep safe and occupied.

### **NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace**

If you have a smartphone, we would encourage you to download the NHS app. It tracks whether you have been in close proximity to someone who subsequently tests positive for Covid-19 and allows Test and Trace to contact you and ask you to isolate for a number of days. Remember this app only works if you carry your phone with you when you go out!

## **POSSIBLE MONTHLY MEETINGS ON ZOOM**

The Committee have been considering trying Zoom talks to replace the usual monthly meetings which we can no longer hold at present. Science & Technology group have been conducting meetings via Zoom and this month have an external speaker giving a talk via Zoom. (See below). We shall be watching to see how that talk goes.

Many speakers such as those we normally book are now offering online talks but we would like to know if there will be sufficient interest from the membership before booking someone. To make it work we would need a reasonable number of people to look in to make it worthwhile. How many that is will likely depend on the speaker. These talks would be free to members, just as it is for the usual in-person talks at the church.

If you would be interested to look in on a free Zoom meeting, can you drop me a line at [webmaster@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@ashbyu3a.co.uk) so that we can get an idea of numbers. Then we can maybe try to book some speakers.

## **FREE YOGA CLASSES ON ZOOM**

There is still time to sign up for the free yoga classes which continue to run all through February.

The Patients' Group (PPG) charity at Castle Medical Group has organised free Yoga Classes for it's patients using Zoom to join in from your own home.

They would like as many people as possible to take advantage of this program for maintaining good health during the Covid-19 restrictions. There are 4 sessions next month, on Fridays at 11am:

Feb 5, 12, 19 and 26<sup>th</sup>

Each session is approx 45mins and is mostly sitting on a chair in your own home whilst looking at your laptop or tablet.

If you are registered at Castle Medical Group (i.e. the Surgery on Burton Road) you are eligible.

For further information contact Bic Mistry on:

07813 689227 or 01530 414845 or [bntmistry@ntlworld.com](mailto:bntmistry@ntlworld.com)

## **INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTERS**

If you have anything that you would like to see in these newsletters, whether it is a report of something you or a Group have managed to organise despite all the difficulties or you have some information on safety, health, scams or anything similar please contact me, Mike Stow at [webmaster@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@ashbyu3a.co.uk) or 01530 469152.

## A QUIZ ON THE ORIGINS OF WORDS AND SAYINGS

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The origins of words and sayings are sometimes lost in the sands of time, based on apocryphal stories or are just suggestions. There are plenty of alternative theories to those here.

### Origins of words

1. Roald Dahl wrote a children's book about the antics of mischievous creatures causing mayhem. Their name was based on a word used in the RAF during WWII to describe mysterious faults occurring in aircraft. What is this name, the title of the book and a later film?
2. In Florence, Venice, Dubrovnik and other areas during the Black Death in the 1340's boats were required to moor offshore for 40 days. The maximum time for the plague to kill you was 37 days, so if anyone survived on board after that period they could be assumed free of the disease and allowed onshore. What word meaning "a period of isolation" is derived from the Italian for forty days?
3. Which word, commonly used in regard to exploiting laws for tax avoidance, is derived from the figurative meaning of a 17th century word for a small opening used for firing arrows or as an outlet of escape.
4. What word meaning "acting in an uncontrolled and aggressive manner" derives from the Old Norse description of a warrior who wore a shirt of bearskin rather than armour to go into battle on the basis this would make him more fearsome.
5. What 4 letter word describing well-to-do people allegedly derives from an abbreviation on tickets for passengers on ships travelling between England and India who chose the more desirable cabins on the shady side of the ship for the outward and return journey.
6. What word is attributed to a Lord who devised a way of making portable food so he didn't have to leave his beloved gambling table to go to eat? Others believe he ate food in this fashion only so he could stay at his desk and attend to his political commitments. (Yeah, right!)
7. In the days before phones and computers, politicians who required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some ale' and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Which single word based on this is now used when referring to local opinion?
8. What word describing a form of employment derives from mercenary knights who would fight for any side willing to pay them for the use of their bodies and weapons, i.e. owed no particular allegiance.
9. What word meaning to "make, carry, or sell illicit goods" comes from the practice of 19th-century alcohol smugglers hiding bottles in their boots?
10. What word describing a method of finance is from the French for "death contract".

### Origins of expressions

11. "Larger than life" refers to a flamboyant, gregarious person whose mannerisms or appearance are considered more outlandish than those of other people. Its first recorded use was in the mid-20th century by The New Yorker magazine to describe which English person?
12. A pretty 8 year old girl was murdered in Hampshire in 1867. Her psychopathic killer claimed she was "worth nothing at all". In 1869 rations of poor quality tinned mutton were introduced for British seamen. They cynically suggested it might be her rotted remains. What phrase did they use, based on her name, to describe these rations, now used to mean "nothing at all"?
13. Which expression meaning "to pretend not to notice" is based on an event during the naval Battle of Copenhagen in 1801?

14. During the 18th-century if you wanted someone to paint your portrait it was cheaper to have just the head and shoulders without other limbs showing. Having a full body portrait gave rise to what expression meaning “very expensive”?
15. Britain’s 20th Prime Minister Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, had a reputation for nepotism, including appointing his favourite nephew, Arthur Balfour, to several political posts. What phrase meaning “everything’s worked out alright” is based on this?
16. To train young hunting dogs to follow a scent, a smoked fish would be dragged along the ground. What expression meaning “a false scent” or “totally irrelevant” is based on this?
17. Oliver Cromwell’s face was disfigured but when he had his portrait painted by Sir Peter Lely he ordered the artist not to flatter him. His insistence gave rise to which phrase meaning “take me as I am”?
18. The Parthians were a warlike race. To confuse their enemies they would pretend to flee a battle on their horses, get the enemy to chase them, then turn around in their saddles and fire their arrows, which often proved an effective tactic to win the battle. What expression meaning “to have the last word”, often a cutting or derogatory remark, is based on this?
19. What expression meaning that something is heading into a failure is based on the unsuccessful attempts of trainee RAF pilots in the 1940s to fly a perfect circular aerial route?
20. Wounded sailors during Nelson’s time were taken by ships which docked in the Solent. Then they were transported up a muddy tidal waterway to a secure naval hospital from which they could not easily desert. What phrase meaning “in a hopeless situation” did this give rise to? (A cruder version describes those who attempted to escape via the sewers!)
21. Pubs in Bristol used to have sand on the floor, collected from local beaches. The lads who collected the sand were not paid in money, but in beer, which kept them merry. What phrase did this give rise to?
22. In 1837 the Marquis of Waterford had a wild night out in Melton Mowbray with his group of friends, during which they knocked over flower pots, broke windows and splashed the doors of several homes with paint. What expression meaning “Go out and enjoy oneself flamboyantly” did this give rise to?
23. What expression meaning “to betray someone, especially so as to benefit oneself” originates from 19th century, in the Southern states of America? During this period it was already illegal to import slaves, so there would be internal trades where people would ship slaves down the Mississippi river and sell them at the market.
24. What expression meaning “to make a very great effort to achieve something” originates from organists using devices on the instrument to play at a much higher volume.
25. During the middle ages, the condemned ones were taken through what today is known as Oxford Street to their execution. During this final trip, the cart would stop and they would be allowed to have one final drink before their death. What expression did this give rise to?
26. What expression meaning “pursuing a mistaken or misguided line of thought or course of action” originates from dogs chasing other animals up a tree, but then sometimes continue barking even if the prey was no longer there?
27. There was an old law stating that if someone butchered an animal that didn’t belong to him, he would only be punished if he was found with blood on his hands. If one was found with the meat but his hands were clean, he would not be punished. What expression did this give rise to?
28. What expression said to someone who remains silent when they are expected to speak originates from a whip called “Cat-o’-nine-tails” that was used by the English Navy for flogging and often left the victims speechless.

29. At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A barmaid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in pints and who was drinking in quarts. What expression did this give rise to?

30. For ships with cannons it was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls nearby. The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with 1 ball on top, resting on 4 resting on 9 on 16. But how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others? The solution was a metal plate called a 'monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution was to make the monkey out of brass, but this still caused a problem because brass contracts much more than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the cannonballs would roll off. What expression meaning "very cold" derives from this?

Misquotes. Which stars reputedly said these lines, but never actually did:

31. "Not a lot of people know that"

32. "You dirty rat"

33. "A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do"

34. "Is that a gun in your pocket, or are you just glad to see me?"

35. "Play it again, Sam."

36. "It's life, Jim, but not as we know it"

37. "Mrs Robinson, are you trying to seduce me?"

38. "Do ya feel lucky, punk?"

39. "I did everything Fred Astaire did, but backwards and in high heels"

40. "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy ride."

Answers on the last page

## **GROUPS MEETING REMOTELY OR VIRTUALLY**

### **Science & Technology**

S&T have arranged for an external speaker to give a talk via Zoom on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The talk is on Garden Wildlife by Dave Hollis, a freelance wildlife photographer, filmmaker and author with over 20 years experience as a public speaker. This talk is free to all Ashby u3a members.

If you would like to watch and listen in contact Paul McKay on [science@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:science@ashbyu3a.co.uk) and he will add you to his list. Zoom invites will be sent out the week before with a reminder on the day.

Last month's talk was by John Hoddy of Burton u3a on "Unknown Heroines of Science"

Many scientists have contributed greatly to science but are relatively unknown. A number of these were women who also had to face discrimination. Starting in the 18th century, Caroline Herschel, whose more famous brother William discovered the planet Uranus, achieved a number of firsts in the area of astronomy. They built themselves the best telescopes then in existence and amongst other things discovered were several new comets. Moving on a century, two contemporaries were Emmy Noether and Lisa Meitner. The former was a mathematician who overcame resistance to her entry to Gottingen University to create an equation that links two important concepts in Physics, i.e. symmetry and conservation laws. The latter was not even allowed into the University itself, where in an outbuilding she did the work that led to the discovery of the neutrino and nuclear fission. She never received the Nobel prize, even though her fellow workers did.

The work that Rosalind Franklin did in discovering the structure of DNA was described. Again she was shabbily treated by her colleagues. Finally arriving in the 20th century the discrimination against the coloured women who were NASA's so-called "human computers" was outlined.

The Science and Technology Group are keen to encourage members to share their interests or career experiences by giving a talk to the group using Zoom. Any science, technology, engineering or maths subjects are welcomed and it can be of any duration. The virtual meeting format can be off-putting but it is not complicated. Many of you may have used it to stay in touch with family and friends during lockdowns. To contact the Group leaders, Tanya, Paul and Bill please email [science@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:science@ashbyu3a.co.uk).

### **Computer Group**

The Computer Group is still able to help people with their computer, tablet or smartphone problems. Obviously we can't do repairs, but if you have software problems or other difficulties email [help.computer@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:help.computer@ashbyu3a.co.uk) or phone John Howlett on 01530 461774 and someone will have a look at your problem and get back to you. Subject to the social distancing regulations in force at the time, we may even be able to do house calls.

We've been answering queries from members about anti-virus software, Windows updates, online banking and choosing a new PC amongst other things.

Last month it was a case of "physician heal thyself" or at least thine own computer! When my laptop started crashing and rebooting several times a day and I assumed the worst i.e. buy a new computer, but it always pays to try to fix it first. Unfortunately my attempts to fix it were short lived when the hard drive crashed and there seemed to be other hardware problems too, so I had to bite the bullet and buy a new one after all.

### **Drawing and painting**

Six members worked from home this month on the theme of trees. This one was done by Jenny. All the other paintings are viewable on the Drawing and Painting Gallery page of our website.



### **Literature Group**

The group appear to be continuing with their WhatsApp group so that they can read at home and then discuss the books they are reading.

## Music Appreciation

We only had three contributors this month but I have been promised more next month. Luckily Nev gave us 5 pieces to stretch out the listening session.

From Nev

“Last month’s selections reminded me of one of my favourite song and dance routines. It is “Good Morning” from the musical “Singin’ in the Rain” and features Gene Kelly, Donald O’Connor and Debbie Reynolds. The music was written by Nacio Herb Brown and lyrics by Arthur Freed, originally written for the film “Babes in arms”. After shooting the “Good Morning” routine, which had taken from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. to shoot, Reynolds’ feet were bleeding. Years later, she was quoted as saying that “Singin’ in the Rain and childbirth were the two hardest things I ever had to do in my life.”

My second choice is an early recording by the “King”. Elvis Presley recorded “Heartbreak Hotel” in January 1956, his first recording for RCA Victor. It was written by Tommy Durden and Mae Boren Axton.

The third choice is the Hank Williams song “I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry”. Hank Williams recorded the original version in 1949. This recording is by Johnny Cash featuring Nick Cave and was recorded in 2002 on Cash’s last album “American IV: The Man Comes Around”. Sadly I feel many people will identify with the song’s title during the latest lockdown.

Finally I have chosen a song which was allegedly the all time favourite of DJ John Peel. “Teenage Kicks” is the debut single by Northern Irish punk rock band The Undertones. Written in the summer of 1977 by the band’s principal songwriter, John O’Neill, the song was recorded on 15 June 1978.

As a PS and if you feel there is time I would draw your attention to a song played by Jools Holland on his recent Hootenanny. It is the classic Rodgers and Hart standard “Blue Moon” written in 1934. This performance is by Jools and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra and sung by Tom Jones and Celeste (the girl with built-in headphones – amazing hair!).”

From Mike

“Probably the first piece of classical music I was aware of was “Troika” from “Lieutenant Kije” which I heard in school aged about 8. (My parents weren’t into classical music at all, barely into any music except Glenn Miller.) It’s a great Christmassy tune and I should have chosen it last month, but Neil chose “I believe in Father Christmas” by Greg Lake which uses the Troika motif, so it has had to wait for this month. There maybe snow again soon, in which case this will be appropriate after all. This version is played by the LSO.

The “Nutcracker” is also a favourite piece of music of mine, nearly always shown on tv over Christmas, but not this year. So here is Francesca Hayward dancing with the Royal Ballet “Dance of the Mirlitons” but I bet you can’t not think of Frank Muir and a bar of chocolate. By the way Mirlitons are a cross between a flute and a kazoo apparently!

Nev chose an old rocker in the form of 80 year old Tom Jones. I can go 12 years older with that great jazz singer Tony Bennett. In 2018 at the age of 92 he recorded a new album of standards with Diana Krall. Here they sing “Love is here to stay”. While his voice isn’t quite as good as it was, he is still pretty good and he has great timing. And he’s still cool.”

From Dorothy

“‘Take Five’ in any version, on the death of Eugene Wright, bassist in the Dave Brubeck Quartet, - the original versions seem to be at a much quicker tempo than some of the more modern versions, and ‘You’ll never walk alone’, on the death of Gerry Marsden.

The one to lift the spirits and bring back memories of younger days, and the other the hope we all need for the coming months.

Corny, but I like them!”

## **Family History**

A very good session today with five logging on, and two making apologies.

It is very useful to make apologies as we know you are still with us!

John H John has identified his great grandfather's father, but has run into problems with an anomaly in the birth date of his GGF. We looked at the possibility that his age was incorrectly reported on his marriage record. This fits with other evidence, but needs final verification

John D is working on understanding Find My Past Hints, to see how they match up with his known information. So far the hints have suggested a different GGG grandfather to Edward. On examination of this man's history it turns out to be wildly inaccurate.

Audrey logged on but will report later by email.

Shirley has an intriguing mystery surrounding her William Hepworth. Born in 1846 he married a lass called Ann Hay. But in 1871 she appears as 'Anne Hay' - his sister! We decided that this was an enumerator slip, with Anne being deemed his sister in law which is often written 'sister'. Sure enough, in 1881 she reappears as his wife. But the child mentioned in 1871 has disappeared. Possibly died. More research needed to tidy this up. Also intriguing is the presence in her tree of a Gillette Hepworth: as the Hepworths were in the cutlery trade in Sheffield, can he be one of the famous Gillette family, of razor fame?

Carolyn has had a problem with a duplicated family of 13 children. She is working through the 'Merge' function to eliminate the extras. Also she wanted to know how to cancel her Ancestry subscription and then rejoin with a discount. Eileen offered advice on that one. Good team work!

She also wanted to find out where her grandfather in law (?) is buried. We looked at getting a death certificate via the Ancestry reference from the GRO which John D located.

Sylvia did not log on but reported that she has been working through her Ancestry Hints. Hopefully double-checking on the way!

Eileen is still plugging away at her mysterious Kenfield ancestor. She now finds the name appearing in parallel Dumolo family trees at about the same time but without an apparent connection. She will take up the suggestion of tracing both families back together to see if there is a connection between the two trees at an earlier point. There may be a clue in that the families were close to each other in earlier times.

Well done everybody! We next meet on Wednesday February 10th

## **Walking**

Walk leaders are obviously not currently organising walks as we can only walk in twos unless everyone is from one household.

## **OTHER THINGS TO DO**

Visit the **U3A National website** at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

There is information about COVID-19, but also lots of more interesting stuff such as what other U3As are doing around the country, bird migration tracking for the British Trust of Ornithology, photography challenges, ideas to keep learning and there are quizzes and maths puzzles to occupy a few minutes or hours!

**Google Arts & Culture** – <https://artsandculture.google.com> has high resolution photos of many of the world's great paintings and other artworks from 2000 museums round the world, plus you can explore the most famous places in the world such as Eiffel Tower, Angkor Wat, Sydney Opera House plus loads more. Somewhere to get lost for a few hours.

## THE COMMITTEE

If you want to get in touch, our current committee are:

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## Quiz Answers

1. Gremlins
2. Quarantine from quarantena, meaning "forty days". It's a better word than "trentino", for the alternative 30 day isolation period in some areas. Imagine having to "trentino" during this lockdown!
3. Loophole
4. Berserk. The Old Norse form of the word was berserkr meaning "bear-shirt"
5. Posh: Port Out, Starboard Home. However, researchers for the 20-volume historical Oxford English Dictionary have found no supporting evidence for this explanation of the origins of this word from enquiries, including interviews with former travellers and inspection of shipping company documents.
6. Sandwich
7. Gossip
8. Freelance
9. Bootleg
10. Mortgage
11. Winston Churchill
12. Sweet Fanny Adams
13. Turn a blind eye. Horatio Nelson famously put his telescope to his blind eye so he couldn't see any order to withdraw from the battle
14. Costing an arm and a leg
15. Bob's your uncle
16. A red herring
17. Take me warts and all
18. A parting shot

19. Going pear shaped
20. Up a creek without a paddle (or for those who tried to escape via the sewers maybe it's up \*\*\*\* creek)
21. As happy as a sandboy
22. Painting the town red
23. Sell down the river
24. Pull out all the stops
25. One for the road
26. Barking up the wrong tree
27. Caught red handed
28. Has a cat got your tongue
29. Mind your P's and Q's
30. Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.
31. Sir Michael Caine never said this. Peter Sellers once did an impersonation of him on Parkinson's BBC chat show, in which he used the now legendary phrase which has wrongly been attributed to Sir Michael ever since.
32. James Cagney never said this, though everyone who impersonates him thinks he did. However, in Blonde Crazy, he did say, "That dirty, double-crossing rat!" Which is close enough.
33. Reputedly John Wayne in Stagecoach, but he actually said "Well, there's some things a man just can't run away from."
34. Mae West. What she did say with a leer in the Broadway play "Catherine Was Great" was "Lieutenant, is that your sword or are you just glad to see me?"
35. In Casablanca Ingrid Bergman (as Ilsa Lund) requested of Sam: "Play it once, Sam, for old time's sake...Play it, Sam. Play 'As Time Goes By'." The closest Humphrey Bogart (as Rick Blaine) came to the phrase was his angry command to Sam: "You played it for her, you can play it for me...If she can stand it, I can. Play it!"
36. Allegedly said by Spock (Leonard Nimoy) or McCoy (DeForest Kelley) in Star Trek, but neither did. The line is in "Star Trekkin" a 1987 song by British band The Firm. It features comical voice caricatures of the original Trek characters:
37. The line in The Graduate is actually "Mrs Robinson, you're trying to seduce me. Aren't you?" A crucial difference, as Benjamin (Dustin Hoffman) in the misquote appears as if he genuinely doesn't know whether the older woman is trying to seduce him or not, whereas the actual line suggests he is fully aware.
38. Not quite accurate. In Dirty Harry the cop (Clint Eastwood) says after losing count of how many bullets he's fired " ...this is a . 44 Magnum, the most powerful handgun in the world, and would blow your head clean off, you've got to ask yourself one question: Do I feel lucky? Well do ya, punk?"
39. Ginger Rogers never said this about dance partner Fred Astaire. In her autobiography My Story, she writes that the quotation actually came from a newspaper comic.
40. Bette Davies as aging, jealous stage actress Margo Channing in All About Eve took another stiff drink during a birthday party. She walked over to the staircase, turned, and told everyone to buckle up their airplane seatbelts (cars didn't have seatbelts in the 1950s!) and said "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night." (not ride)