



## Early August Come Singing newsletter

Dear Everyone,

My newsletters always seem to start with weather and the garden, probably because both are well beyond my control and constantly keep me guessing! This morning I managed to steal a few (very) early hours for weeding and cutting back, then had to dodge downpours when I went shopping and now it's too hot to sit in the conservatory... But the strange weather also means that things are growing wonderfully, if a little alarmingly: the second flush of roses has started, the apples are swelling and my three(!) remaining runner beans look as if they're rehearsing for the pantomime - climbing, filling out and plumping up as I watch! I long for a lovely well-tended flower garden like Howard's (picture on the right) but am very grateful for anything that survives my clumsy care!



I still don't know what to think about Covid since 'Freedom day' but am choosing to carry on being very cautious and avoid taking risks. As usual, Judy has put the situation beautifully into words:

### Freedom Day

Freedom? Freedom Day?  
Will you be doing  
Much more, or going  
Somewhere far away?

We may be free to roam  
But there is a caveat  
If we stray far from home  
Feel the lift? Confined we're sat.

I shall stick with the same  
Life has seemingly shrunk  
(But I hope not the brain).  
Hols, clubs, parties I debunk -  
The risks of virus too high;  
Home, sweet home - just me and I!  
Dream, dance and sing all day  
Be content, happy - you may!

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Time for a quiz... Some fantastic films here! (Answers at the end)

### SOUNDTRACKS FROM THE BIG SCREEN

1. Set in the American Civil War, this epic film's theme music is named after a plantation in Georgia?
2. A young man just out of college is seduced by an older woman - what's her name? A hit for Simon and Garfunkel.
3. A Shirley Bassey classic, from a film starring Sean Connery and Honour Blackman, featuring the character Oddjob?
4. A disaster film - unfortunately we knew what was going to happen to many of the passengers on board. What was the main soundtrack song?
5. A couple of Wild West outlaws heading for Bolivia being chased relentlessly by a posse. What was the soundtrack song that featured Paul Newman and Katharine Ross on a bicycle?
6. This hit for Roy Orbison was used as the title of a film starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere?
7. The theme tune from an animated film about rabbits, sung by Art Garfunkel?
8. Humphrey Bogart was misquoted in requesting this song to the pianist?
9. Richard Gere (again) proved he was a gentleman at the end of this film. What was the song that accompanied the happy ending?
10. The rousing soundtrack music to an epic war film about RAF 617 Squadron and Barnes Wallis's bouncing bomb?

Helen's neighbours have clearly been using their energy and ingenuity some to make wonderful scarecrows. Can you name these six famous worthies?



## Thinking of famous people, do you remember William Henry Crump?

He's probably better known by the stage name **Harry Champion**, (17 April 1865 – 14 January 1942) and was an English music hall composer, singer and comedian.

Crump was born in East London and made his stage debut at the age of 17 at the Royal Victoria Music Hall in Bethnal Green. He initially appeared as Will Conray but changed his stage name to Harry Champion and started to perform elsewhere in London, building up a wide repertoire of songs. His trademark style was singing at a fast tempo and often about the joys of food. His best-known recordings include "Boiled Beef and Carrots"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8GCTqB0oY0> "I'm Henerey the Eighth I am" "Any Old Iron" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4GdWK\\_WoNs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4GdWK_WoNs) and "'A Little bit of Cucumber". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPIFMCKpqFU>



After more than 40 years Champion took early retirement but returned later to appear on radio and again in music hall during the 1930's.

Any of you who join us on Thursday mornings for phone singing will know that we have our very own Harry Champion, whose "I'm Henerey the Eighth I am" is second to none...

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Not quite the Olympics...

I don't have a television and so haven't been watching the Olympics but have been following the news avidly on the radio, trying to visualise the modern pentathlon, the madison, omnium and all the other exotic things! It reminded me of some of the great TV theme tunes when I was a child.

Do you know which sports or events these tunes introduced? (Answers at the end)

1. A Musical Joke!  
(Mozart) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILjRDInbyOw>
2. Nessun Dorma - from Turandot  
(Puccini) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWc7vYjgnTs>
3. You'll never walk alone  
(Broudie) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV5\\_LQArLa0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV5_LQArLa0)
4. Swing low, sweet chariot  
(Spiritual) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVsYJjaAvFI>
5. Pavane (Fauré) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhiVuIRw4tM>
6. Jupiter from The Planets  
(Holst) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3cpOrB1GW8>
7. Light and Tuneful  
(Mansfield) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y8T\\_9G6QTo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y8T_9G6QTo)
8. Jerusalem  
(Parry) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKRHWT6xdEU>

## Gluts and gustatory delights

One of my favourite things about August is runner beans! I love everything about them: the way the seeds burst so rowdily through the soil, the twirling, the glorious flowers and then all the delicious ways of eating them! It's a sin to waste a single bean, so why not use some in this very simple pickle? Absolutely delicious, even though the ingredients don't sound terribly promising!

### Runner bean pickle

2lb (900g) beans (weighed after trimming and slicing finely)  
1 lb 8oz (700g) onions, chopped  
1.5 pints (850ml) malt vinegar  
1 heaped tbsp cornflour  
1 heaped tbsp dry mustard powder  
1 tbsp turmeric  
8oz (225g) soft brown sugar  
1 lb (450g) demerara sugar



Simmer the chopped onions gently with 0,5 pint (275g) of the vinegar for about 20 minutes or until soft.

Meanwhile cook the sliced beans in boiling salted water for 5 minutes, drain and add to the onions.

In a small basin mix cornflour, mustard and turmeric to a smooth paste with a little of the vinegar and add this to the onion mixture.

Add remaining vinegar and simmer for 10 minutes.

Stir in both sugars until they dissolve and simmer for 15 minutes more.

Pot, seal and label. Best kept for a month before eating.

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Have a lovely August, whatever you're doing - or eating! We're having a break from telephone singing this month, but will joyfully be back in September. Keep safe and well, and do keep singing whenever you can!

With much love from all of us at Come Singing.

#### QUIZ ANSWERS:

***(Please be aware that some of the video clips come from films that were classified for over 18's.)***

1. Tara's Theme, from Gone With The Wind.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgF-rcHcPgE>
2. Mrs. Robinson, from The Graduate.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDIAMjM-77Y>
3. Goldfinger, from the 007 film Goldfinger.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6D1nK7q2i8I>
4. My Heart Will Go On, from Titanic.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gK\\_2XdjOdY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gK_2XdjOdY)
5. Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head, from Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyA2f6hGW4>
6. Pretty Woman, from the film Pretty Woman.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGIKIKt9-k8>
7. Bright Eyes, from Watership Down.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m88kgA7rGsU>
8. As Time Goes By, from Casablanca.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-p6xFMGK7g>
9. Up Where We Belong, from An Officer and a Gentleman.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IRTMH0Rlzk>
10. The Dam Busters March, from the film The Dam Busters.  
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=The+Dam+busters+march+from+the+film+the+dam+busters+youtube&&view=detail&mid=054319E2A6B9E15A3187054319E2A6B9E15A3187&&FORM=VDRVRV>

#### Sports tunes - answers

1. BBC Horse of the Year Show
2. BBC World Cup '90
3. Football anthem
4. Rugby anthem
5. BBC World Cup '98s
6. World Cup Rugby '98
7. Wimbledon
8. ITV Euro '96

#### The worthies...

1. Albert Einstein
2. Mary Anning
3. Professor Witty
4. Dr Livingstone
5. Charles Darwin
6. Corona Crusher

