TRANSPORT BINGO SONGS - FUN FACTS/HINTS/BRAIN TEASERS

Use this information however you like to provide hints/information/ask questions and promote discussion and reminiscing among the residents while completing the Music Bingo.

I remind the residents that they may not know all of the songs but if they listen carefully, they can often pick the "hook line" (or most repeated word/phrase which is often the title of the song)

- <u>Chattanooga Choo Choo</u> performed by the Andrew Sister. Were they sisters? Yes Glen Miller made the song famous with his catchy little tune in the 1940s. It won the first gold record awarded by the USA music industry and became the number one song across the US on December 7, 1941.
- 2. <u>Mustang Sally</u> This song is about a girl who lives a wild life in her brand-new Mustang car. The singer bought her the car, which transformed her into "Mustang Sally," and now she's running around town, paying little attention to her sugar Daddy. A mustang is also a WW11 plane and a wild American horse.
- **3.** <u>Yellow Submarine</u> performed by the Fab Four (Beatles) 1966. There was also a Psychedelic Animated Beatles Movie of the same name. Written as a kid's song.
- There Is a Ship 1960's Peter, Paul and Mary were American Folk Singers who made many songs hits example: Leaving on a Jet Plane (written by John Denver) and Puff the Magic Dragon (not about drugs just a kids song).
 *You will need to listen to this carefully to pick up the first line of the song.
- 5. <u>Surrey With a Fringe on Top</u> from Oklahoma written by Rogers and Hammerstein 1943 Surrey - a light four-wheeled horse-drawn carriage having two or four seats.
- 6. <u>Bicycle Built For Two</u> (Daisy Bell) was composed in 1892. When the English popular composer, first came to the United States, he brought with him a bicycle, for which he was charged import duty. His friend, another songwriter, remarked lightly: "It's lucky you didn't bring a bicycle built for two, otherwise you'd have to pay double duty." The composer was so taken with the phrase "bicycle built for two" that he soon used it in a song. That song, Daisy Bell, first became successful in a London music hall, and later in the USA in 1893.
- 7. <u>Ferry Across the Mersey</u> English group Gerry and the Pacemakers 1964 Did you know that the famous Ferry 'Cross the Mersey was first recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086? The Benedictine Monks from Birkenhead Priory actually ran the first regular ferry service to Liverpool in the 12th century, taking people to Liverpool's markets. The Ferry still runs today (every 20 minutes) but it is mainly for tourists.
- 8. <u>Swing Low Sweet Chariot</u> C. 1850 is an African-American spiritual, also referred to as a Negro folk song. It was a popular song, sung throughout the South by slaves while they worked and during their occasional times of rest and prayer. They express the desire for a release from bondage and a return to home.
- 9. <u>Come Fly with Me</u> This was written in 1958. The composer had a passion for flying and moonlighted part-time as a test pilot during World War II. This song went well with Sinatra's image as a debonair jet-setter, and it was a song he often played at his concerts.

- **10. Pushbike Song** written and performed by Australian group The Mixtures in 1970. The sound effects (chorus) could be the sounds you make when trying to pedal up hill without gears on your bike!
- 11. Banana Boat Song Harry Belafonte (1955) A (tweaked version) of a traditional work song, "The Banana Boat Song" originated around the turn of the twentieth century when banana trade in Jamaica increased. It was sung by workers who loaded shipping vessels with bananas down at the docks. The dockworkers typically worked at night to avoid the harsh heat of the day. "Work all night for a drink of Rum". "Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch (bananas)". When daylight arrived, they knew the boss would come to <u>tally</u> up the loads so they could go home. This song started (or introduced) the calypso craze to the world.
- 12. Sleigh Ride listen for the clip clop of the horse hooves, the neighing of the horse and the sleigh bells at the beginning. The original was an instrumental written in 1950 and the words were added later to broaden its popularity. Although this song is associated with Christmas it does not mention the word at all, it was written during a heat wave and the composer also wrote another very popular song about a typewriter.
- **13.** Sailing made popular by Scottish singer Rod Stewart in 1965.
- 14. Walk Like a Man Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons 1963. This song is about father telling his song to grow up and mature to face his responsibilities as a man. Frankie Valli possesses a three-octave range. While in today's music industry this has become the norm among vocalists, Valli had a remarkable range for the time, easily hitting high notes without his voice breaking. With no formal vocal training, Valli taught himself to sing by doing impressions of other artists. By doing so he cultivated his falsetto into what has remained his signature sound. The story of the Four Seasons was bought to the stage in the long running Broadway musical Jersey Boys in 2006. A film of the same name hit the big screen in 2014.
- **15. Cruising Down the River** is a 1946 popular song. Cruising Down the River became the winner of a public song-writing competition held in the UK. Words and music were entered by two middle-aged women.
- **16. Michael Row the Boat Ashore** is an old American folk song that hails from the slave era. It was sung through the years and, most notably, became a popular anthem during the civil rights movement of the 1960's. Its existence was first noted in the early 1860s, although the song itself is probably much older.
- 17. Good Ship Lollipop was the signature song of child actress Shirley Temple. Temple first performed it at six years old in the 1934 film "Bright Eyes". In the song, the "Good Ship Lollipop" travels to candy land. The "ship" referred to in the song is an aircraft.
- 18. These Boots Are Made For Walking is a hit song written for and recorded by Nancy Sinatra (daughter of Frank Sinatra Ol' Blue Eyes himself). It tells the tale of someone who's had enough. She's clearly been putting up with the bad behaviour of a partner or lover for some time ... doing her best to forgive and forget. This lady has "attitude" and she is not going to take it.
- **19.** Take the A Train where is it going? (Harlem) The A train refers to the A line of the New York Train system.
- **20. Sloop John B** This is a traditional West Indies tune about a sunken boat. It was adapted in 1951 and later became famous by the Beach Boys.

TRANSPORT BINGO SONG LIST

- 1. Chattanooga Choo Choo
- 2. Mustang Sally
- 3. Yellow Submarine
- 4. Sloop John B.
- 5. There Is a Ship
- 6. Surrey With a Fringe on Top
- 7. Bicycle Built for Two
- 8. Ferry Across the Mersey
- 9. Swing Low Sweet Chariot
- 10. Come Fly with Me
- 11. Pushbike Song
- 12. Banana Boat Song
- 13. Sleigh Ride
- 14. Take the A Train
- 15. Sailing
- 16. Walk Like a Man
- 17. Cruising Down the River
- 18. Michael Row the Boat Ashore
- 19. Good Ship Lollipop
- 20. These Boots Are Made for Walking

Instructions for Music Bingo

- 1. Each pack contains Dementia friendly 20 Music Bingo cards, Song List and Fun Fact/Hints/Brain Teasers list.
- 2. Locate specific Music Bingo on Spotify (Kurrajonglodge).
- 3. <u>Connect to portable speaker</u>.
- 4. Hand out music Bingo sheet and Bingo tokens.
- 5. Each card contains 8 songs although 20 songs will be played.
- 6. Each game should take approximately ½ hour.
- 7. Play 10-20 seconds of the song (or until the chorus has been sung as this usually contains the key word/s or phrase). Often the song will be recognised long before 10 seconds has been played.
- 8. Explain to the residents that they may not recognise the song but if they listen carefully, they should be able to pick up the title/keyword of the song. (If they don't recognise the song one of the other residents will know the song or you can tell them after hints etc).
- 9. You can give HINTS, FUN FACTS AND BRAIN TEASER'S (see folder) to entertain, add stimulation or assist to recognise the song. Sometimes this will provoke a discussion/reminiscing about the song so just go with the flow. Occasionally you might end up singing a verse or chorus.
- 10. When Bingo is reached ask the residents to choose one of their favourite songs from the card that they would like to hear all the way through. Play the song then redistribute the sheets and begin a new game. IF YOU REPEAT A GAME PLAY THROUGH THE SONGS IN REVERSE.
- 11. At the end of the session wipe down all the cards with Clinell, spray bingo tokens with Glen 20 and return cards/fact sheets and song list to Bingo folder.
- **12.** Return Music Bingo, tokens and portable speaker.

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