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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

What will the new decade bring? The 80s were the Thatcher era, the 90s brought the dissolution of the Soviet Union, 2000 the bursting of the first dot.com bubble, 2010 the age of austerity and populism through much of Europe. Will the 20s be the Boris era, an age of effective climate change action and a resurgent independent Britain? Who knows? As Voltaire said: "il faut cultiver votre jardin" ("we have to look after our garden") and carry on with our U3A activities, as we proceed through our third decade.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

These are held on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm @ SportsAble, Braywick Road, Maidenhead.

This month's meeting will be held on **14 January** when Terry James will give a talk on **"The RNLI - More Than Just Lifeboats"**.

Terry has been with the RNLI for eight years as a Development and Fundraising Manager covering 7 counties. His talk will bring you up to date on the work of the RNLI as it is much more than 'just lifeboats'. The photo shows Terry on a Severn Class Lifeboat training in Poole. (Cont. over.....)

Future monthly meetings:

11 Feb: Local publisher, Mike Bryan, gives us a 'Brief History of Penguin Books'.

10 March: Former senior British Airways pilot, John Hutchinson presents "Concorde - 20thC icon: a celebration of 27 years of unblemished service in British Airways".

Over 80 members enjoyed the Christmas Party held on 10 December. We were entertained by the extraordinary magic of Roy Davenport and the smooth music of Swing 42 Jazz, ably assisted at the start of the afternoon by our Chairman, Ian Ross. Thank you for supporting this event and to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a success.



Bucket List / Experience group

REMINDER

Those who have an interest in any of the suggested experiences below, please inform John Twydle (phone: 621644 or email him at johntwydle@sky.com by the end of January.

- O2 Arena roof walk. Cost £30-£36 pp; some physical restrictions.
- Steam train driving on the Bluebell Line. Cost from £160 to £350 from a 1 hour experience, up to all day.
- Tall Ship sailing from Portland to Lulworth; £75 to £85 for 4-5 hours.
- Skid pan driving at a variety of venues; £110-£130 for a 2-3 hour session.
- Gliding at Booker; £85 to £110 for a 30 minute flight. Minimum weight of 7 stone and maximum weight of 16 stone.
- Go karting in Maidenhead; about £50 for an hour.

All experiences are entirely at each member's risk.

Activities will take place between May and September and we hope to agree the events, dates etc. by end March.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Dear U3A Member,

Your annual subscription is due on 1st January 2020 and prompt payment would be much appreciated. Subscription is **£16**. However, if you require your newsletters printed and posted to you, a supplement of **£10** is required to cover the costs of printing and postage. Hence, **£16** if you print your own or **£26** if we print the newsletters and post them to you.

If you are not already doing so, may I recommend you start paying by **STANDING ORDER** as this significantly reduces the administration of subscriptions each year. Once set up, your membership renewal is automatic in subsequent years. You may also pay by bank transfer, details of which are set out below in 4B.

Please detach and send the completed slip below to me, at the address shown. If any of your details have changed please write them on the back of the form or advise by email (treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

Many of you have already signed up for our Gift Aid Scheme and the money we receive back from HMRC (currently 25% of your subscription) goes into benefits for members. If you do not already participate in this scheme, but are a taxpayer and wish to do so, please tick the appropriate box at the end of the form.

If you decide not to renew, please give me a call and let me know. **(01628 621644)**.

Yours sincerely,
John Twydle - Treasurer

To: John Twydle, Maidenhead U3A, The Courtyard, Berry Hill, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0DA

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Membership No.</i>
This renewal application is from:	_____	_____
and:	_____	_____

Please tick the boxes as appropriate:

1. My/our annual subscription for 2020 is: £16 Single £32 Dual

2. Please print and post the Monthly Newsletter to my/our household
for the additional annual cost of £10..... £10

3. Please send me a Gift Aid declaration form
(I have not yet joined the Gift Aid Scheme)

- 4A. I/We enclose a cheque for above made payable to **Maidenhead U3A**

OR

4B. A Standing Order (SO) with my/our bank has been made to pay the above on 1st January annually into the following Lloyds Bank a/c: **Maidenhead U3A, 30-95-36, 02728719**

Your bank will give you their SO form on request. Fill in the Reference box with your Surname, Initials and Membership Number(s). I need this reference to identify your payment on the bank statement. If you bank online you can set this up yourself.

You must return the completed standing order form to your bank.

Please inform any changes to your details by writing on the reverse of this slip.

FOR OUR WALKERS

**Walking Group Brenda Finnigan 625618
John Twydle 621644**

The walks in January will take place on Thursday, 9th January and Tuesday, 28th January (short). Details are given at the end of the programme listings.

All members walking need to carry some ID and walk at their own risk.

P.S. We are very short of volunteers to lead walks between February and June. Please let Brenda know if you could lead one.

UNTUTORED ART GROUP

This art club is looking for new members - it's very friendly and sociable.

Anyone who's thinking of joining or would like to find out more, is most welcome to come along to the group's Christmas lunch on 21st January at The Bull at Bisham. Further details are available from Wyn Greenhow.

Wyn's current phone number (01628 822884) is changing soon. From 10th January, she can be contacted on

01628 788873.

COFFEE MORNING

Our next monthly coffee morning will be held on
**Friday, 17th January,
10.00 - 12.00**

We are now established in the Methodist Church Coffee Shop, King Street, Maidenhead.

Open to all, no need to advise if you are attending..... all very informal and you may come and go at your leisure.

If you are a new to U3A, this is a great way to meet up with more experienced members.

MOTO (Members On Their Own)

Jean Gale 825107 / Joy Lamont 624747

MOTO is not a lunch club as such, although Sunday lunches are the most popular. This is a group for members who are on their own and would like the company of others in the same situation. It is hoped that members will also contact each other to meet up for a coffee, drink and chat, or to arrange days out, theatre or cinema outings etc.

A list of email addresses and/or phone numbers is available from Jean.

2020 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM

You can also find this form on our website at
<https://maidenheadu3a.org.uk/renewal/>



THEATRE TRIPS

If you are interested in any of the performances below, please contact Mo Wright.

<u>PERFORMANCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COST</u>
The Last Temptation of Boris Johnson (Payment due by 10 th January)	13 th February	Windsor	£19.50
The Sleeping Beauty (Vienna Festival Ballet) (Payment due by 16 th February)	19 th March	Windsor	£17.50
The King & I (Payment due by 25 th January. If there are enough people, we will go early for lunch).	16 th April	Woking	£45.00

Normally, all performances are MATINEES and start at 2.30pm.

Please note: You will be informed of how much the coach costs once we have total numbers.

REMEMBER: **If we don't have at least 12 people, the event will be cancelled** (as far as Maidenhead U3A is concerned).

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THEATRE TRIP BOOKING FORM

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____

Phone no.: _____

I would like _____ ticket(s) for _____

to be held on _____ at _____ Theatre.

I enclose my cheque, made out to Maidenhead U3A, for £ _____

I do wish to go by transport. Please advise me of cost when you are aware of total figures.

Contact: Mo Wright, 52 Lyneham Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 6SJ T: 01628 630023

NON U3A MEMBERS ARE NOT COVERED BY U3A INSURANCE & JOIN EXCURSIONS & OUTINGS AT THEIR OWN RISK.

If you are not a member of the U3A, please tick this box to acknowledge & agree to the above.

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be distributed on
February 1st.

Please send your contributions to Pat Laković no later than
22nd January 2020.

Thank you.

(newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

If you wish to join a group please ring the convenor, even if the group is known to be full. You can always be entered on a waiting list.

January Programme

V = Vacancy W = Waiting List

ACTIVITY	DAY(s) in MONTH, TIME		CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V/W
Ancient Literature	3 rd Thurs	14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	The Ancient Literature Group is full but if there is sufficient interest I would consider setting up a second group. Contact Mick Stringer if you are interested.	W
Art 1 Untutored	1 st & 3 rd Tues	14.00	Wyn Greenhow	822884	Venue: St Joseph's Centre, Cookham Road, SL6 7EG. New members are always very welcome. See entry on Page 4.	V
Aviation	2 nd Thurs	14.30	Bill Teasdale	672873	Meet at WLAC, White Waltham. Brian Madge will talk about "Airlines Come and Go.... Mostly Go", and will recall his life with BA in USA, West Africa and Latin America.	V
Book Reading 1	3 rd Wed	14.00	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	Book: "Clock Dance" by Ann Tyler. Venue @ Pauline Sparkes 01753 642490; please let her know if you are unable to attend. The book for February is "The Bone Clocks" by David Mitchell.	
Book Reading 2	4 th Thurs	14.00	Pat Bird	664760	Christmas lunch at The Bird in the Hand followed by a discussion of 'Transcription' by Kate Atkinson (Farhat's choice).	V
Book Reading 3	3 rd Thurs	14.15	Marie Hague	484991	Meeting is at Molly Hurley's home to discuss 'The Good People' by Hannah Kent.	
Bridge A	Every Thurs	10.00	Brian Commins	626038		
Bridge B	Every Frid	09.30				
Bridge C	Every Thurs	14.00	Penny Moriarty	622823		
Bridge D	Every Wed	14.00	Colin Morgan	01344 360217		
Bridge E	Every Mon	13.30	Malcolm Geary	07973 193439		
Bridge F - Beginners	Every Wed	09.30	Susanna Jones	07583 447789		V
Sunday Bridge	Every Sun	14.00	Susanna Jones	07583 447789		V
Bucket List			John Twydle	621644	See entry on Page 2.	
Canasta	Every Frid	19.30	John Farrant	675447		
Carpet Bowls	Every Mon	13.30	George Bourne	07792 570353	Braywood Hall, Fifield.	W
Classical Music	2 nd Mon	14.15	John Noakes	637399	Meet on 13 th January at Mollie's when Derek will present the programme. Please let her know if you will attend or not (415821 or email).	V
Coffee Morning	3 rd Frid	10.00	Bill Teasdale	672873		V
Computing	2 nd & 4 th Tues	09.30	Stephen Waites	628993	If you are not a Computing group member, please contact Stephen if you wish to attend.	V

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Craft	2 nd Wed	13.30	Ann Marshall	07887 692539		W
Creative Cards	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00	Eileen Rogers	639656		
Creative Writing	Last Tues	10.00	Mo Wright	630023		V
Cribbage	2 nd & 4 th Thurs	15.00	Nigel Furneaux	635488	Venue: Shire Horse Pub on A4 towards Reading	
Current Affairs 2	2 nd Thurs	14.15	Janice Waterman	530770	How is Parliament doing post election? The NHS & Ageing in the UK.	
Current Affairs 3	4 th Tues	14.00	George Chamberlaine	670891		
Everyday French	1 st & 3 rd Tues	14.00	Colin Goodman	670714	New vacancy.	V
Family History	3 rd Tues	14.30	John Noakes	637399	The meeting is at John's house on 21 st January. Please let him know if you will come or not (637399 or email).	
French 1	1 st & 3 rd Tues	10.00	Colin Goodman	670714		W
French 2	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00	Margaret Scharff	666218		
French Advanced	3 rd Thurs	15.00	Ian Ross	626849		
French for Beginners / Near Beginners 1	1 st & 3 rd Wed	14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	Dates changed to 15 th & 29 th January; venues TBA.	W
French for Beginners / Near Beginners 2	1 st & 3 rd Frid	14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009		V
French Games	1 st Mon	14.30	Ros Shotter	482548		V
French Improvers	2 nd Wed	10.30	Evelyne Withey	627603		
Fun with Wine	4 th Thurs	14.30	Judith Down	631640		
Garden Visits	4 th Wed	14.00	Maura McGinley Shirley Forde	629088 07980 604416	No meeting in January; group reconvenes in February.	V
German 1	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00	Rhona Latham	638740		
German Conversation	2 nd & 4 th Wed	14.30	Vreny Beadon	770731		V
History	2 nd Frid	14.15	Molly Hurley	523484		V
Investment & Personal Finance	2 nd Wed	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220		
Jazz Appreciation	3 rd Mon	14.15	Douglas Talintyre	781612	Meeting on 20 th January @ Douglas's.	
Latin	2 nd & 4 th Mon	10.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314		V
Listening to Jazz	1 st Mon	14.00	John Woodcock	620898		V
Lunch Group	4 th Tues (usually)	12.15	Linda Rahmatalla	671766 / 07740 853952	Thursday January 23 rd at The Windsor Castle Pub, Bath Road, Maidenhead SL6 4JT at 12.15 for 12.30. Please email Linda on freelin@talktalk.net if you plan to go.	

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Mahjong	1 st & 3 rd Wed	14.00	Jill Waites	628993		V
Mathematics	Every Tues	10.00	Betty Lowe	477172	We study Maths at A level. Topics include 1 st & 2 nd order differential equations, Maclaurin and Taylor series, polar coordinates, the maths calendar and input by members.	W
Meditation & Relaxation	3 rd Thurs	14.00	Marie Krag	632683	Belated Christmas lunch is on 16 th January at The Windsor Castle Pub, Bath Road, Maidenhead SL6 4JT. Please note time change for future meetings. New members are welcome.	V
Military History of 20 th C	3 rd Wed	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220		
Monthly Meeting	2 nd Tues	14.30	Philip Ratcliffe	671220	See Page 1 for more information.	
MOTO (Members On Their Own)	Mainly Sundays	12.30	Jean Gale Joy Lamont	825107 624747	No meetings in January.	V
Music Appreciation	3 rd Tues	14.30	Mary James	629850	2 nd part of Tchaikovsky presentation Host and presenter: Tony Fox. For details, contact Mary James.	
Nature Amble	3 rd Frid		Jill Waites	628993	Restart in March 2020.	V
Photography for Beginners	2 nd Wed	14.00	Jenny Leverett	07838 173655	We'll start 2020 with a session on portrait photography. Ideas for future content and outings welcomed.	V
Play Reading 1	1 st Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Contact Barrie for further information.	V
Play Reading 2	2 nd Frid	14.00	Janet Rose	624709 / 07762 339873	For further details contact Janet Rose by phone or email: janetcrose@btinternet.com .	W
Poetry and Prose	Every 3 rd Tues	14.15	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Poetry Studies	Every 1 st Tues	14.00	John Ashford	633911		
Popular Music 1	Last Mon	14.30	Sylvia Wimpenny	622949		
Popular Music 2	Every 3 rd Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Quiz	1 st Mon	19.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769	19.15 for 19.30 start at Shire Horse pub on the A4.	V
Recorder Group	1 st & 3 rd Mon	13.30	Pat Fairbairn	01753 336030		V
Rummikub	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.30	Kath Evans	07743 572146	At the Shire Horse on A4 towards Reading. Contact Kath on kmevans4012@gmail.com for more information.	V
Russian	1 st & 3 rd Frid	10.00	Arnold Kremenstein	632434		V
Science	3 rd Thurs	14.30	John Twydle	621644	Topic - 'Greenhouse gas removal' @ Jacqueline Turner's.	V
Scrabble	Last Mon	14.15	Hilary Brodie	522331		V
Singing for Pleasure	Every 3 weeks	14.30	Brian Commins	626038	January 10 th @ Brian's house; January 31 st - venue TBA.	W
Spanish Conversation	2 nd & 4 th Mon	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V

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Spanish for Holiday Makers 1	1 st & 3 rd Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 07752 660537	No meetings in January.	
Spanish for Holiday Makers 2	2 nd & 4 th Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 07752 660537	No meeting on 14 th January.	
Spanish Improvers 1	2 nd Tues	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 2	1 st & 3 rd Mon	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 3	1 st & 3 rd Frid	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Walks	Brenda Finnigan 625618 John Twyde 621644				2 walks (see detailed information below)	V
	Thurs 9 th Jan	10.00	Brenda Finnigan	625618	Walk off that Christmas pudding! Meet at 10.00 for a 10.15 start for a walk of 4½ miles starting from the National Trust car park on Cookham Moor SL6 9SB to Hillgrove Farm and Winter Hill, returning via Cockmarsh. Gradual uphill and downhill slopes. Lunch is available afterwards at the Kings Arms Cookham, if required.	
	Tues 28 th Jan	11.00	Cliff Sparkes	01753 642490	Meet at 11.00 for a 11.15 start at The Palmer Arms, Dorney SL4 6QW for a short walk featuring the Jubilee River and surrounds. One easy stile. Lunch at the Palmer Arms afterwards for those who wish.	