

MAIDENHEAD

JULY 2021

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**Chairman's Thoughts**

Well, the Delta variant put paid to a full release of restrictions in July and as a result our main meeting will, once more, be on Zoom. That said, some groups managed to meet outdoors in June allowing face to face communication again after approximately 15 months. I would like to appeal to the membership for support in taking on the role of publicity on committee. As we come out of lockdown, we need to attract some new members and start to get u3a active again. It will be something we need to work at, but I am confident we will get there. If you think you can help, please contact me or any member of the committee for an informal chat.

Our motto in u3a is Learn, Laugh, Live. Within our u3a, I see lots of opportunities for learning, but I am not sure we are getting enough laughter yet. Help us restore the balance! Your u3a needs your input. If you have any ideas to help us laugh more, let me know and we will try and get some action behind those ideas.

When I look at what some other u3as managed during the Covid crisis, I think we can be really proud of our efforts. Thank you to all those convenors who took on the challenges of running Zoom meetings and kept their group active. Others, by force of circumstance, had no option but to suspend meetings - I want to encourage those groups to seek help if they need it to get their groups active again.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

John Twydale  
Maidenhead u3a Chairman

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**Monthly Talk for July****13 July @ 2.30pm**

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, this month's talk will again be on Zoom.

In 1950 the world population was around 3 billion. It is now nearly 8 billion and the UN projects that by the end of the century, it could be as much as 13 billion. Can the world cope? Our guest speaker is Alistair Currie, Head of Campaigns at the think tank Population Matters. The title of his talk is:

**"Choices For Our Future: The Population Problem And How To Fix It."**

Alistair will present the evidence that human numbers matter and the potential consequences if we don't address them. He will also explain how the solutions to this problem are empowering, positive and effective. Expect graphs - but some humanity too!

Alistair has been a professional campaigner for 20 years, including at PETA UK, Cruelty Free International and Free Tibet before joining Population Matters in 2016.

Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5851172637>

Meeting ID: 585 117 2637

## A WARM WELCOME TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE FEBRUARY

Ganick Piwowar, John Watson, John Roberts, Michael Cross, Charlotte Bonning,  
Chris Moss, Ann Harris, Charlotte Cropper and Arthur Little

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### Brain Teasers

Courtesy of Facebook

Below are four (4) questions and a bonus question. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time, answer all of them immediately. OK?

Let's find out just how clever you really are. Ready? GO!!! (scroll down)

#### First Question:

You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Answer: If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

Try not to screw up in the next question, please. What would your friends think, if they saw your answer? To answer the second question, don't take as much time as you took for the first question.

#### Second Question:

If you overtake the last person, then you are...?

Answer: If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST Person?

You're not very good at this, are you? To what, exactly, do you attribute this? WELL!!!!???

#### Third Question:

Very tricky maths! Note: This must be done in your head only. Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it.

Based on your previous performance, we are not holding out much hope for your success. However, hope always springs eternal. . .

Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?

Scroll down for answer. Did you get 5000?

The correct answer is actually 4100.

Don't believe it? Check with your calculator! Today is definitely not your day. Maybe you will get the last question right? But that's only a 'maybe'. . . and we are not holding our breath.

#### Fourth Question:

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono.

What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Answer: Nunu?

NO! Of course not.

Her name is Mary.

Read the question again, please. Tsk!

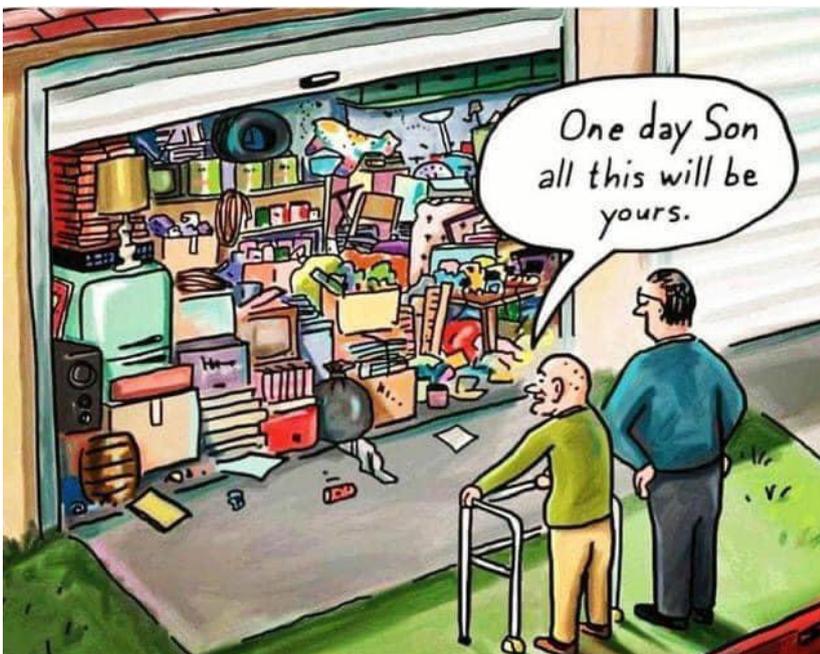
OK, now the bonus round -- PLEASE TRY HARDER THIS TIME!

There is a mute person who wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing one's teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done.

Now if there is a blind man who wishes to buy a pair of sunglasses, how should he express himself? WELL?!!!

He just has to open his mouth and ask. So simple!

“Total liberty for wolves is death to the lambs.”  
*Philosopher Isaiah Berlin,*  
*quoted in The Nation*



Just failed my driving test. When the examiner asked me "what sign would you expect to see down a narrow country road?" Apparently 'fresh eggs for sale' wasn't the answer...

I asked my Doctor today how long he thinks this COVID thing will last. He responded with: "How should I know? I'm a doctor, not a politician".

**July Quiz**    Compiled by Ann Hay    (Answers at end of the newsletter)

1. How were Robert Leroy Parker and Harry Alonzo Longabaugh better known?
2. Where would you find Goldie and Isis in contention?
3. What is frass?
4. Who or what was Hunca Munca?
5. Where might you find a Queen post?
6. What was the previous name of the port of Klaipeda?
7. What is the full name of TNT?
8. What word can mean an obsolete currency, a type of boat and to take a chance?
9. What is the collective noun for a group of (a) owls? (b) starlings? (c) meerkats? (d) budgerigars? (e) goldfish?
10. In the animal/reptile world, what is the most endangered species?
11. Which of the Hairy Bikers addresses his colleague as 'Dude'?
12. What is unusual about Wharram Percy?
13. What apart from prize money, is the difference between the 1000 Guineas and the 2000 Guineas horse races?
14. What is a Worcester Pearmain?
15. Which is the only colour that is entirely man-made with no natural elements?
16. When Henry IV married Mary Bohun, how old was she?
17. Which comedian had the punch-line "Just like that."?
18. Why is the dance "tarantella" so called?
19. Father Christmas was originally shown wearing green. Why was this changed to red?
20. How is a brown horse different from a bay or a chestnut horse?



Walking Group at Temple Lock, 10 June

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR GROUPS USING EXTERNAL VENUES

So that venues used by groups, such as The Shire Horse pub, fulfill their responsibilities to TRACK and TRACE everyone who use their premises, it is essential that you notify the group's convenor if you plan to attend **before** a meeting at an external venue. Your name will be recorded together with your contact details. We will keep your details **for a particular session** safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

**Cribbage:** Contact Nigel Furneaux on 01628 635488

**Rummikub:** Contact Kath Evans by email [kmevans4012@gmail.com](mailto:kmevans4012@gmail.com) or by text her 07743572146 if **you plan to attend** at least 24 hours prior to **every** session.

Also, in view of increased numbers, it would be helpful if members now considered purchasing their own "sets", labelling "racks" clearly with their names. Unfortunately, borrowing is proving to be an unsatisfactory process.

**Lunch Club:** Contact Linda Saunders on [freelin@talktalk.net](mailto:freelin@talktalk.net)

**Quiz:** Contact Jean Myhill on 01189 034769 by 8pm on the day prior to the monthly session.

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Partial solar eclipse on 10 June at 10.15.56.

John Twydle.



### **FREE IT COURSES**

Many of us can get stuck in a 'digital' rut when we don't understand or know how to use the technology correctly that we actually own! So the courses offered by '3' could be the help you are looking for. The company offers a wide range of courses ranging from "Phone Basics", "Digital Security for Android or iOS (Apple)" to "Creating a Website".

At the moment, all the courses are online using Zoom - hopefully with subtitles. However, as a community group, the website indicates that we could request a bespoke session. If enough of you were interested in a common topic, I could find out more. Please contact me at [newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

Go to <http://www.three.co.uk/discovery> to see available courses.

Group information below is accurate as at 25 June 2021. More details are available on our website but make sure you have registered as a user first. If you wish to join a group please ring the convenor, even if it is known to be full. You can always be entered on a waiting list.

### July Programme

ACTIVITY	DAY(s) in MONTH, TIME		CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
Ancient Literature	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Will meet as usual on Zoom on <b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b> & continue reading Oedipus Rex.	
Art Untutored			Wyn Greenhow	01628 788873	This class may start up again subject to government regs & our ability to find a suitable venue. Would past members & potential new members call Wyn for further details.	V
Aviation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	14.30	Bill Teasdale	01628 672873	On 8 <sup>th</sup> July, the group (& anyone else who is interested) will have a private visit to Berkshire Aviation Museum at Woodley. Meet in WLAC car park at 13.45 for a 14.30 start at Woodley. Transport can be arranged if needed. Cost is £3.50pp. Face covering & social distancing to be observed; hand sanitiser provided on site.	V
Book Reading 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	14.00	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	The usual Zoom meeting was held in June. As the next meeting is due on 21 July, we hope that all restrictions will have been removed & the meeting will be at Pauline's house. Book: The House of Special Purpose by John Boyne	W
Bridge C	Every Thurs	14.00	Frances Foster	07548 306782	This Bridge group has been meeting 1 table per garden & looks forward to being able to play in rather more comfort and warmth inside, though still one table per host for the moment.	
Bridge E	Every Mon	13.30	Malcolm Geary	07973 193439	Group members await government instructions re meeting at home.	
Bridge F - Beginners	Every Wed	9.30	Susanna Jones	07583 447789	We will start meeting again in person as soon as we can; in the meantime, some of us continue to play online, and all bridge players are welcome to join in - contact Susanna Jones at <a href="mailto:susannavj@hotmail.com">susannavj@hotmail.com</a> for information. Online play will continue indefinitely for those who like it, in addition to face to face play.	V
Bridge on Sunday	Every Sun	14.30				
Carpet Bowls	Every Mon	14.00	George Bourne	07792 570353	Fifield Memorial Hall, Fifield.	W
Classical Music	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	14.15	John Noakes	01628 637399	The group is low on numbers at present so if anyone would like to join it, please contact John for details.	V
Cribbage	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	15.00	Nigel Furneaux	01628 635488	Our first meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> June was held at The Shire Horse pub. Everyone sat at socially distanced tables & were happy to meet up again for a chat & game of cards. Future meetings will continue as scheduled. See extra info on page 5.	
Current Affairs	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	TBC	Malcolm Stebles	01628 630699	The group has started to hold ad hoc garden meetings.	V

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Family History	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.30	John Noakes	01628 637399	Once we are permitted to meet as a group, everyone is ready to go. We have space for 1 or 2 extra members. Contact John.	V
French Improvers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	10.30	Evelyne Withey	01628 627603	Meetings continue on Zoom.	
French 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.00	Margaret Scharff	01628 666218	Meetings continue on Zoom.	W
Garden Visits	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	14.00	Maura McGinley	01628 629088	<b>28<sup>th</sup> July.</b> St Timothee, Darlings Lane, Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead <b>SL6 6PA</b>	
German Advanced	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Frid	10.00	Rhona Latham	01628 638740	Still Zooming. We are looking forward to meeting up again.	
German Conversation	Every Wed	14.30	Vreny Breadon	07900 831041	Meetings will continue fortnightly, in the garden if possible.	
Latin	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	10.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Will meet on Zoom on <b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> to fit in with members' holidays.	
Lunch Group	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs		Linda Rahmatalla	01628 671766 / 07740 853952	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> at The Palmers Arms, Dorney. Please email Linda in advance on <a href="mailto:freelin@talktalk.net">freelin@talktalk.net</a> if you plan to attend. See extra note on page 5.	
MOTO (Members on their own)	Mainly Sundays	1.30	Jean Gale	01628 825107	Contact Jean at <a href="mailto:jeaniegale@hotmail.com">jeaniegale@hotmail.com</a> for details of next meet up for lunch. This is unlikely to before 19 <sup>th</sup> July.	
Nature Amble	3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid		Jill Waites	01628 628993	Our next amble is on <b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b> when we will walk around the Jubilee River looking for water plants, birds & insects. Please contact Jill for more info. All are welcome.	V
Photography for Beginners	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	11.00	Jenny Leverett	07838 173655	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b> - all day boat trip to Windsor with the Walking group - an opportunity to take photos along the river & in Windsor. See more details at the end of the programme in the Walks section. Please let Jenny know if you plan to join the party.	
Play Reading 1	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	14.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Will restart as soon as Reading Library reopens. Date TBA.	
Play Reading 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Frid	14.00	Janet Rose	01628 624709	Please contact Janet for information about the July meeting.	W
Poetry 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Will restart in July. Please contact Barrie for more information.	
Poetry 2 (from 1 <sup>st</sup> July)	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	14.30 (in person)	Michael Gammage	01628 637801	We read and discuss all sorts of poetry from Samuel Taylor Coleridge to EE Cummings, from John Dryden to Brian Patten. We are in no sense experts; we are just interested to enjoy and learn. We would welcome new members. Those interested would be welcome to join us for one or two sessions to see if they like it.	V
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	10.30 (Zoom)				
Popular Music	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	TBC	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Formerly Popular Music 1 & 2. Contact Barrie for further information.	

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Quiz	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	19.10 for 19.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769	Meet at the Shire Horse pub - <b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b> . Phone Jean if you plan to go. See extra info on page 5. New members welcome.	V
Rummikub	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	10.30-12.30	Kath Evans	07743 572146	Meet at the Shire Horse pub on <b>16<sup>th</sup> July ONLY</b> . Contact Kath on <a href="mailto:kmevans4012@gmail.com">kmevans4012@gmail.com</a> . See extra info on page 5. New members welcome.	V
Theatre Visits			Mo Wright	01628 630023	Mo suggests to wait until September these trips restart. If you wish to speak to her about this, please phone her.	
Science	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	11.00	John Twydle	01628 621644	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b> - all day return boat trip to Windsor. Depart Jenner's Café at 11.00, lunch somewhere outdoors in Windsor followed by look at power generation scheme at Romney Lock on river. Return at 16.15. Approx £21 pp + lunch + car park cost. Book your own ticket at <a href="https://www.frenchbrothers.co.uk/public-trips/maidenhead-to-windsor-service">https://www.frenchbrothers.co.uk/public-trips/maidenhead-to-windsor-service</a> Let John know if you plan to attend (for numbers).	
Scrabble	Last Mon	14.15	Hilary Brodie	01628 522331	The first meeting for Scrabble after lockdown will be at Hilary's house on <b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b> . Please phone or email Hilary beforehand to confirm you will be attending.	
Spanish Conversation	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Continues on Zoom until we are given the go-ahead for groups of more than 6 to meet inside.	
Spanish for Holidaymakers 1	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	07752 660537	Continues on Zoom until the data around the Delta variant becomes clearer, and we are given the go ahead for groups of more than 6 to meet inside.	
Spanish for Holidaymakers 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	10.00				
Spanish Improvers 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Barrie has kept in touch via email. Contact him for more info about group restarting.	
Spanish Improvers 2	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	10.00			Continues on Zoom until we are given the go-ahead for groups of more than 6 to meet inside.	
Spanish Improvers 3	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid	10.00			Barrie has kept in touch via email. Contact him for more info about group restarting.	
Walks x3	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00	John Twydle		All day boat trip to Windsor with Photography group. Depart Jenner's Café at 11.00. Lunch somewhere outdoors in Windsor followed by a wander & return at 16.15. Approx £21pp + lunch + car park costs. Book your own ticket at <a href="https://www.frenchbrothers.co.uk/public-trips/maidenhead-to-windsor-service">https://www.frenchbrothers.co.uk/public-trips/maidenhead-to-windsor-service</a> Let John know if you plan to attend.	

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Apologies, there will be no walk at start of the month because of personal commitments.  John Twydle 01628 621644 / 07786 854920	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July	10.00	Tony Hatch		10.00 for 10.15 start from car park off A404 Henley Road just off Thicket roundabout towards Stubbings. What3words rather aptly apply <a href="https://what3words.com/endlessly.best.hikes">https://what3words.com/endlessly.best.hikes</a> Distance 4 miles taking in Pinkneys Green & Stubbings. Lunch possible at Stubbings Garden Centre or Shire Horse. No advice needed but call John Twydle if you have any queries.	
	Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00	John Twydle		Short walk of 2 miles commencing at Jubilee River car park on Lake End Road, Dorney, Windsor SL4 6QT. Meet at 11.00 for 11,15 start. Level walk along part of Jubilee River, Dorney and across fields. Lunch afterwards at either The Pineapple or The Palmers Arms.	



View of beautiful beaches at Bournemouth.

Photo taken on path just up from Russell-Cotes Museum. Well worth a visit, so thank you, Philip, for organising a talk about it.

Pat Laković (15 June)

South East Region

Events in JULY

Please go to [http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/?page\\_id=44](http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/?page_id=44) for more details of each event, their associated flyers and how to book.

If you do not wish to book on line you can still complete the application form and post it with a cheque to the organiser.

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**The Job of a Laughtime** - Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30

A talk by Brad Ashton - an accomplished writer who has worked in comedy for half a century, writing top TV comedy shows in eleven different countries.

Cost is £1 per device.

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**Art as Therapy** - Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 14.30

A talk by Lizzy Rowe who will share with us her delight in a range of images, all of which cause pleasure and may lift us above the more mundane aspects of life. The talk is lavishly illustrated.

Cost is £1 per device.

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**Garden Design** - Wednesday 28th July at 15:00

A talk by Richard Rogers. Further details to be announced soon.

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National News

There are many online events, learning activities and ideas listed at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/> LOTS of workshops and events are available BUT you need to keep an eye on when they are posted as you need to book very quickly to guarantee a place.

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**Submissions to Newsletter**

If you wish to send me photos, please ensure that they are no more than 500kB each. Also, please do not email me .pdf files for the newsletter as I cannot get my open source software to insert these files without considerable additional effort. Acceptable formats are are: .docx, .doc, .jpeg & .xls or .xlsx.

Please email/send me comments or anything that you would like me to consider for the next newsletter **NO LATER THAN 10<sup>th</sup> July** as I am away later in the month.

Thank you.

Pat Laković ([newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk); 01628 782038 / 07789 482632)

### Committee Members & other u3a links

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Thames Valley Network	<a href="http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk">www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk</a>
Third Age Trust	<a href="http://www.u3a.org.uk">www.u3a.org.uk</a>

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### Answers to Quiz

1. Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid.
  2. Before the Boat Race - they are the second crews: Goldie for Cambridge, Isis for Oxford.
  3. The dust caused by woodworm action.
  4. A mouse in a Beatrix Potter story.
  5. In a roof - a type of beam joining rafters.
  6. Memel
  7. Trinitrotoluene
  8. Punt
  9. a) parliament b) murmuration c) mob d) chatter e) troubling
  10. The pangolin.
  11. Si King.
  12. It is a deserted medieval village
  13. The 1,000 Guineas race is only for fillies
  14. An apple.
  15. Mauve
  16. Twelve
  17. Tommy Cooper.
  18. It appears that the dancer has been bitten by a tarantula spider.
  19. Coca Cola sponsorship insisted its colour was used.
  20. Bays have black manes & tails, chestnuts same colour as the body but the brown has a brown mane & tail.
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