

CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS

Hello All

As we move into summer a couple of topics are on my mind. Pre Covid we had about 640 members and as I write we have about 500. Adverts in the Maidenhead Advertiser have so far, at least, met with no responses at all. You, our members are the best advertisement we have for our organisation. So bring along a friend or former colleague, they can have 2 taster sessions for free. Maintaining our membership is important, because membership turnover keeps us viable both financially and brings in fresh ideas to our organisation. If you have good ideas about recruitment talk to Maggie Kearney our membership secretary.

The cost of living is impacting me and I am sure every member of u3a. Give some thought to sharing transport when you come to a main meeting, event or a group. By sharing the cost and giving your driver a small donation, you can keep costs down and benefit the environment at the same time. Convenors where practicable encourage your groups to apply this common-sense advice.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe and well.

John Twytle

Membership News

A warm welcome to Brenda Hamilton and Bridgett Gray who joined us recently.

Desborough Bowling Club serves light meals and drinks until 3pm - a range of sandwiches, pizza, baked potatoes, full English breakfast etc.

You may like to consider having lunch at the Bowling Club before our monthly meeting.

Maggie Kearney - Membership Secretary



MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 12th July 2022 at 2.30pm

Desborough Bowling Club at 10 Green Lane, Maidenhead SL6 1XZ

Our speaker for July is **Richard Marks**. His talk is entitled:

So You Think We Don't Make Anything Anymore? Britain's Manufacturing in the 21st century

After the Second World War, Britain was a world leader in many industries: no.1 in shipbuilding, motorcycles, jet engines, nuclear power; no. 2 in car production, computers and aircraft, just as examples. In 1950, Britain's share of world manufacturing was over 25%. By 2009, it was just 2.9%. Where are we now?

Much of the media reports negative news about British manufacturing but this could not be further from the reality, claims manufacturing systems engineer and industrial historian Richard Marks. In this talk, he looks at British manufacturing today and whether it really is as dead as the news would have us believe - or are reports of its demise greatly exaggerated?

You will be surprised at the current state of British industry!

Please aim to arrive between 2.00 and 2.15pm. As Covid is on the increase once more, please wear a mask for mutual protection.

If you have any comments before or after the meeting, or suggestions for talks, please contact Speaker Organiser, Philip Ratcliffe, on speakers@maidenheadu3a.org.uk

Some conveners at the recent Group Conveners' Party



GROUP NEWS

JAZZ Appreciation

Hello Music Lovers.

However you interpret JAZZ, our new format caters for all genre. Members are now encouraged to bring their own CDs to our meetings, ensuring we have the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate an amazing variety of music in the 2 hours we spend together every month.

The Maidenhead u3a JAZZ Appreciation Group is still open for new members. So check the Newsletter for details and please don't hesitate to contact me, Kath Evans - kmevans4012@gmail.com - to arrange a one-off taster, and don't forget to bring along one of your own CDs.

Calling all Walkers

You will see that there are only 2 walks this month. We need additional leaders to organise 3 a month. Could you help? If you can, please contact John Twydle on 07786 854920.

WALK AND RIVER TRIP

Tuesday, 19th July

The trip to Windsor advertised last month, has been cancelled because French Brothers have decided not to run the service this Summer. Instead there will be a 2 mile level walk commencing at Gossmore recreation Park Marlow SL7 1QQ at 10.00 for a 10.10 departure. Walk to Higginson Park, Marlow, to board a Salters River cruise for 45 minutes. Return at 11.45 and walk back to the Premier Inn (George and Dragon for lunch for those that want it), then returning to start point.

The cost of the river cruise is £8.50 and cannot be prebooked. First come first served on the day.

The Walk Leader is John Twydle 07786 854920. Please advise him if you plan to come at jtwydle@gmail.com

History Group

We met during June when each of us gave a short talk on a historical item we possessed which included maps, a royal menu from the early 20th century and an ancient inscribed clay tablet etc. - a wide variety of interesting items! We also decided to spend the next few months exploring social history beginning with the Iron Age and progressing through the ages to modern times.

There are plenty of spaces if you would like to join us, and it would be lovely to welcome some new members.

Chris Sayers (01628 620647)

HELP WANTED

Assistant Website Editor

The job of keeping the Maidenhead u3a website current is no mean feat and Nigel Roper, our webmaster would appreciate some help. He has written a comprehensive training manual for all aspects of our website so if you are that way inclined and would like to either use your existing web editing skills or develop your IT skills in that direction, please contact Nigel at web@maidenheadu3a.org.uk or ring him on 01628 636893.

Did you know that Anne Frank's diary was published 75 years ago, in June 1947?

How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world! How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution toward introducing justice straightaway... And you can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness!



Anne Frank (1929 - 1945)

COMING EVENTS

Maidenhead Heritage Centre Boat Trip - 6th September



As French Brothers are not running boat trips on the Thames this Summer, members might be interested in the Maidenhead Heritage Centre Boat Trip. It will be on **6th September** and the cost is £30 per head. Members will need to book their own places. For more information see <https://maidenheadheritage.org.uk/shop/>

Quiz by Ann Hay (Answers are further on in the newsletter)

1. What river flows through more countries than any other in the world?
2. Where might one find a slipper stern?
3. In which county is the Rainham Marshes birdwatching site?
4. What is the most dangerous animal in Africa?
5. What region of London, measuring 1 square mile, is bounded by Oxford Street, Regent Street, Leicester Square and Charing Cross Road?
6. What did Argentina call the Falkland Islands.?
7. What capital city has changed its site five times during the 20th century?
8. What is meant by 'hip-shotten'?
9. What is the largest entirely landlocked empire that the world has ever known?
10. What are the names of the two reserve crews for the Boat Race?
11. What is a burgage-plot?
12. During World War Two, in Ireland, what was the occupation of the Glimmerman?
13. What is the main language spoken in Sri Lanka?
14. What are staddle stones used for?
15. What word links a mix of egg, water and flour, a striking cricketer, the inward slope at the base of a tower wall, to beat.
16. What is the difference between a pastern and a postern?
17. Pears' Soap used as an advertisement a painting called Bubbles. Who was the artist?
18. What is diaper-work?
19. What significant event started on 4th May 1926?
20. What are the capital cities of the following countries? (a) Madagascar (b) Suriname (c) Honduras (d) Eswatini (e) Djibouti

As we start wandering around the world again, where do you think this beautiful beach is?

(Answer on last page of newsletter)



ACTIVITY	DAY(s) in MONTH, TIME		CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
Ancient Literature	3 rd Thurs	14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	We will meet by Zoom at 14.30 on 21 st July. We will finish reading Aristophanes' Wasps & look at some extracts from 2 of his other plays.	
Art Appreciation	1 st Frid	10.30	Mandy Taylor	01628 298107	Those of us who went to the Pissarro exhibition at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford had a fabulous day. The exhibition was very informative and well curated. The Ashmolean is a treasure trove of other art works including Stanley Spencer. Meeting on 1 st July is about the recently deceased Paula Rego. mandyofart@gmail.com	V
Art Untutored	1 st & 3 rd Tues	14.00	Peter Neville	01628 674097		V
Aviation	2 nd Thurs	14.30	Bill Teasdale	01628 672873	We welcome the return of Chris Goss, who was originally due to speak during lockdown. A prolific author, Chris has published 53 books & is currently working on 2 more! His presentation "Luftwaffe Aces in the Battle of Britain" will be held on 14 th July, as usual at White Waltham Aeroclub.	V
Book Reading 1	3 rd Wed	14.30	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490		W
Book Reading 2	2 nd Wed	13.00 to 15.00	Bobby Maunsell	01628 828279	Meeting on 13 th July will be at Marie Krag's home. Venue for August meeting TBC. This group would welcome one more member.	V
Bridge C	Every Thurs	14.00	Frances Foster	07548 306782	This Bridge group continues to meet in members' houses according to current regulations, common sense & members' wishes.	
Bridge E	Every Mon	13.30	Mal Geary	07973 193439	With welcome new group members, we had a table at 2 different host locations on 13 th June. New members welcome - contact Mal for information.	V
Bridge F - Beginners	Every Wed	9.30	Susanna Jones	07583 447789	Meet at Susanna's house. New members welcome.	V
Bridge on Sunday	Every Sun	14.00	Susanna Jones	07583 447789	New members welcome - you can come as frequently or as rarely as you like. Meet at Susanna's house.	V
Bucket List	Varies		John Twydle	01628 621644	Thurs, 7th July - 6 hour trip across Weymouth Bay on a Dutch sailing barge. See https://www.moonfleetsailing No vacancies at present, but contact John in case someone cancels at short notice.	
Canasta	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00 to 12.00	Christine Wilkinson	07887 887579	Meet at The Shire Horse pub on the A4.	
Carpet Bowls	Every Mon	14.00	Jenny Alder	01753 859664	Fifield Memorial Hall, Fifield. New members welcome - contact Jenny on beandjaldalder@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.	V
Classical Music	2 nd Mon	14.15	John Noakes	01628 637399		V

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Creative Cards 1	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00	Eileen Rogers	01628 639656		
Creative Cards 2	1 st & 3 rd Frid					
Cribbage	2 nd & 4 th Thurs	15.00	Nigel Furneaux	07721 426768	Meet at Shire Horse pub. New members welcome.	V
Current Affairs 1	4 th Tues	14.15 for 14.30	Barbara Walmsley	01628 522255	New members welcome. Meetings are held at Spindlewood, High Road, Cookham SL6 9JT. Contact Barbara for more details.	V
Current Affairs 2	2 nd Thurs	14.15	Janice Waterman	01628 530770	Co-convenor is Pam May. Her email is pam.may508@gmail.com	
Dog Walking	2 nd & 4 th Mon	Flexible	Sandra Brooks	07717 043462	The regular days may be altered to reflect holidays. Exact times and locations vary.	V
Exploring World Faiths	1 st Thurs	14.30	Michael Gammage	01628 637801 077630405699	No specialist knowledge required! Please call or email michael.gammage@outlook.com for details. New members welcome.	V
Family History	3 rd Tues	14.30	John Noakes	01628 637399		V
French 2	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00	Margaret Scharff	01628 666218	No meetings in July. We have space for 1 or 2 more members. Please contact Margaret for more information.	V
French Advanced	3 rd Thurs	15.00	Ian Ross	01628 626849		V
French Conversation	2 nd Mon	12.15 to 13.45	Tim Lodge	01628 627882	We meet in a member's home. The group is now full.	
French Improvers	1 st & 3 rd Wed	10.30	Evelyne Withey	07939 083996	Meetings continue on Zoom. We have 3 or 4 vacancies.	V
Fun with Flowers	3 rd Frid	14.00	Chris Smith	01628 663764		
Garden Visits	4 th Wed	TBC	Maura McGinley	01628 629088 07767 446349	Wed, 27th July - visit to Deepwood Stud, Henley Road, Stubbings, Maidenhead SL6 6QW, Time & more details available from Maura.	
German Advanced	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00	Rhona Latham	01628 638740		
German Conversation	Alternate Weds	14.00	Vreny Breadon	07900 831041		
History	2 nd Frid	14.00	Chris Sayers	01628 620647	We have several vacancies & new members would be very welcome. Please see more info in Group News.	V
Jazz Appreciation	2 nd Mon	14.00 to 16.00	Kath Evans	07743 572146	See entry in Group Information. It has vacancies. Contact Kath on kmevans4012@gmail.com for details of July's venue.	V
Latin	2 nd & 4 th Mon	10.45	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	July dates are still TBC. New members always welcome - suitable for anyone with some Latin, however rusty & patchy. Please contact Mick on mick_stringer@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining.	V

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London Explorers			Janet Rose	01628 624709	There are no vacancies at the moment.	
Lunch Club	Monthly		Linda Rahmatalla	01628 671766 07740 853952	Next meeting is on Thursday, 28th July . Venue to be decided. New members always welcome.	V
Mahjong 麻将	1 st & 3 rd Wed	14.00	Jill Waites	01628 628993	Please contact Jill for more details.	
Maideleles (Ukulele)	Every Wed	10.30 to 12.30	Carolyn Bell	07940 333709	The group is now full. Carolyn may consider starting another group if there is sufficient interest. Her email address is carolynbell64@gmail.com	W
Meditation	3 rd Wed	14.00	Marie Krag	01628 632683	There is a vacancy for 1 person in this group. Contact mariekrag@talktalk.net	V
MOTO (Members on their own)	Mainly Sundays		Jean Gale	01628 825107		
Nature Amble	3 rd Frid		Jill Waites	01628 628993	We had a successful June amble, finding many different types of orchid. Our next amble is on 15th July when we will walk through Braywick Park & Nature Reserve looking for meadow plants, butterflies & insects. All are welcome - contact Jill for details.	V
Play Reading 1	1 st Thurs	14.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Play Reading 2	2 nd Frid	14.00	Janet Rose	01628 624709	The group now meets in person. Unfortunately, it has no vacancies.	
Poetry 2	1 st Tues	14.30	Michael Gammage	01628 637801		v
Popular Music	3 rd Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Quiz	1 st Mon	19.15	Derek Searle	01628 822562 07801 926246	Meet at Shire Horse pub. Derek's email address is drs05drs@gmail.com	V
Recorder	1 st & 3 rd Mon	13.30	Edwina Shelley	07708 044152	Meet as usual in July. No meetings in August.	V
Rummikub	1 st & 3 rd Frid	9.30 to 11.30	Janice Walker	01753 852403	Meet at Shire Horse pub on 1st & 15th . New members very welcome.	V
Science	3 rd Thurs	14.15 for 14.30	John Twydle	07786 854920	Meet at Jacqueline Turner's (Larkspur House, Mill Lane, Taplow. (07545 504880). There will be a report back on the Royal Institution summer exhibition.	
Scrabble	Last Mon	14.15	Hilary Brodie	01628 522331	This group is small, friendly & relaxed. Meeting as usual on last Monday, July 25th , at Hilary's house.	V
Spanish for Holidaymakers 1	1 st & 3 rd Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	07752 660537	No meeting on 19 th July. Next meeting thereafter on 2 nd August.	
Spanish for Holidaymakers 2	2 nd & 4 th Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	07752 660537	No meeting on 12 th July. Next meeting on 26th July .	

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Spanish Improvers 1	2 nd & 4 th Tues	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Spanish Improvers 2	1 st & 3 rd Mon	10.00				
Spanish Improvers 3	1 st & 3 rd Frid	10.00				
Walk 1	Thurs, 14 th July	10.15	John Twydle	01628 621644 07786 854920	Meet at Hurley Village car park SL6 5NB at 10.15 for 10.30 departure. Longish level walk (with tea break) of 3.4 miles along river & across fields. Lunch at The Olde Bell afterwards for those who want it.	
Walk 2 Note start time	Tues, 19 th July	10.00	John Twydle	01628 621644 07786 854920	Short social walk and river trip - see full information in Group News. Note: This replaces the advertised Maidenhead to Windsor river trip because French's service is not running this season.	
Yoga	Every Mon	14.30 to 15.30	Barbie Bellman	01628 773653 07740 288498	Meet at St Mark's Methodist Church, Allenby Road, Maidenhead. Note: there will be no meetings in school holidays. Group is now full.	

Submissions to Newsletter

If you wish to send us photos, please ensure that they are no more than 750kB each. Also, please do not email .pdf files for the newsletter as the open source software we use to insert these files requires considerable additional effort. Acceptable formats are: .docx, .doc, .jpeg (.jpg) & .xls or .xlsx.

Please email us anything that you would like us to consider for the **August** newsletter NO LATER than **21st July 2022**.

Thank you.

Pat Laković & Nuala Smith newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk or newsletter.maidenheadu3a@gmail.com

THE STORY OF WALLINGFORD

Friday, 8th July 2022 at 10.30 am on Zoom

A talk by **Judy Dewey**, Curator of the Wallingford Museum



It is a fascinating tale of survival through war, wealth, power, poverty and recovery. It can even claim to be the place that William the Conqueror chose to cross the Thames in 1066.

The cost is £2.

There is more information on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk and a link to TICKETSOURCE to book your ticket.

Answers to July Quiz

Any queries, email Ann at annghay@icloud.com

1. The Danube (19 countries)
2. At the rear end of a Thames launch.
3. Essex
4. The hippopotamus.
5. Soho
6. Islas Malvinas.
7. Ulaan Baator in Outer Mongolia.
8. A four-legged animal standing on three legs while resting the fourth on tiptoe, or a person putting most of his/her weight on one leg.
9. The Mongol Empire.
10. Goldie for Cambridge, Isis for Oxford.
11. A long narrow back garden dating from medieval times.
12. Since the use of gas for cooking was restricted to certain hours, the Glimmerman could come into your house, put his hand on your gas cooker to see if it was hot outside legitimate times, and fine you heavily.

13. Singalese also Tamil.
14. Mushroom-shaped, they supported granaries so rats could not get in to eat the corn.
15. Batter
16. A pastern is a part of a horse's leg, a postern is a small gate in a castle.
17. John Everett Millais.
18. Diamond-patterns in brickwork, using darker bricks (originally Roman economy using up over-fired bricks!).
19. The General Strike.
20. (a) Antanarivo (b) Paramaribo (c) Tegucigala. (d) Mbabane (e) Djibouti

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Photo quiz: the beach is in the Algarve - Praia Arrifanas, the first beach west of Albufeira.