

MAIDENHEAD

JUNE 2021

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**Chairman's Thoughts**

Hello All,

Well, we sort of moved nearer to normality on 17<sup>th</sup> May but it is still uncertain as to how much impact there will be from the so called "Indian variant". Despite the clear nervousness, it is good to see some groups starting to be active face to face again. Seventeen of us walked yesterday as a group and nine stayed for refreshment afterwards. I have heard that the Lunch, Rummikub, and Recorder groups are planning activity and the London Explorers group seems set to launch in July.

We continue to work towards finding a new venue for our monthly meeting and are currently negotiating with Desborough Bowling Club to meet at their new premises at Green Lane in town. I hope we can start face to face main meetings together again in July. This is a new modern venue and has 150 car parking spaces.

As some semblance of normality returns we will have to learn to be social again; our membership dropped by about 80 in the last year. A small number succumbed to the virus and our condolences to those impacted; a few became unable to be active and a few moved away, but the majority who left found other things to do or took on family related commitments. If you have friends that are not members, encourage them to join and help make Maidenhead u3a as strong as it was before the pandemic.

We still need to build the committee team stronger and sorely need help with publicity. If any member has the relevant experience or background we need your help. Please contact me or any committee member.

Stay safe and well.

John Twydle  
Maidenhead u3a Chairman

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**Monthly Talk for June****8 June @ 2.30pm****'My Ancestors in the British Raj'**

India was the Jewel of the British Empire. But what was it like to live there as a British expatriate? Jenny Mallin's ancestors lived and worked in India and she has extensively researched their lives. In her illustrated talk she will cover the history of the infrastructure of India and her grandfathers' work on the Indian railways, telegraph, and as founder of an English

medium school. She will also talk about her great grandfathers who fought in the third Anglo Mysore war.

She will present her talk entitled 'My Ancestors in the British Raj' via Zoom on

**Tuesday 8 June starting at 2.30pm.**

Please log on from 2.15pm using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5851172637>  
Meeting ID: 585 117 2637

## Scam awareness

Spot the Difference?

[maybank2u.com](http://maybank2u.com) is not the same as  
[maybank2u.com](http://maybank2u.com)

[citibank.com](http://citibank.com) is not the same as  
[citibank.com](http://citibank.com)  
(the first one is correct, the second one  
is from hackers)

The "a" in the later url is a cyrillic  
alphabet.

An average internet user can easily fall  
for this. Be careful for every mail  
requiring you to click on a link.

Please Stay Alert

(courtesy of FB u3a Keeping in Touch group)

There was also an interesting article on the BBC  
website about the ramifications resulting from  
the hacking of insecure wi-fi routers which was  
a few years old. You can find it at  
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-  
57156799](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-57156799)

Hackers are becoming more & more  
sophisticated. Did you change the password on  
your router when it was installed? Do you check  
email addresses carefully etc. If in doubt, take  
your finger off the 'click here' button!! Do you  
have antivirus software installed on your device  
e.g. smartphone, tablet etc.?

There are local companies & members of  
Maidenhead u3a who are quite tech savvy who  
can help.

Has anyone ever fallen for a scam? It would be  
good for others to learn from your experiences.

Pat

**In spite of the unseasonably cold and wet weather, flowers abound .....**



Mo Wright



Eileen Rogers - Punch Bowl in Valley Gardens, Windsor  
Great Park

## June Quiz

(Answers towards the end of the newsletter)

1. What is a caldera?
2. Whose chest was tattooed with 24601?
3. What is most noticeable about Zaphod Beeblebrox?
4. What football clubs have these nicknames? (a) the Toffees (b) the Seagulls (c) the Saints (d) the Rams (e) the Blades
5. Which joint of one's body is it impossible to touch with one's right hand?
6. What present did the King of France send to Henry V ?
7. What is (a) a gudgeon and (b) trudgeon?
8. What did 'the lady love'?
9. What is a 'clouded yellow'?
10. What is the modern name for 'parcheesi'?
11. What did 'sphairistike' become?
12. In a deck of playing-cards, which the only King without a moustache?
13. Which is the only planet to rotate clockwise?
14. What West Country village is called after an obsolete coin?
15. What prize was offered by Alice to the winner of the Caucus Race?
16. What is (a) a mizzen ( b) a frizzen?
17. How many beans make five?
18. The three British vessels at the River Plate were the Ajax, the Achilles and.....?
19. In which county is Rime Intrinseca?
20. In the 1920s, what was known as a "wagger-pagger-bagger"?



John Twytle - Cliveden

## RUMMIKUB NEWS

From Kath Evans - for more info, contact Kath by email at [kmevans4012@gmail.com](mailto:kmevans4012@gmail.com)  
I'm happy to announce that the Rummikub Group is reconvening on Fridays at 10.30am, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Members should be made aware that the new dates are on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month, a change from the previous agreement with The Shire Horse. I trust that this is still convenient for you all.

I'd also like to welcome those new u3a members who had expressed an interest in joining our Rummikub Group prior to the Covid situation.

There are a few rules (ours, for your peace of mind, not The Shire Horse).

1/ Bring your own racks or borrow if needs be.

2/ Bring your own tiles (if you have sets) sanitise before you play (I have containers for you).

3/ Bring your own gloves (optional).

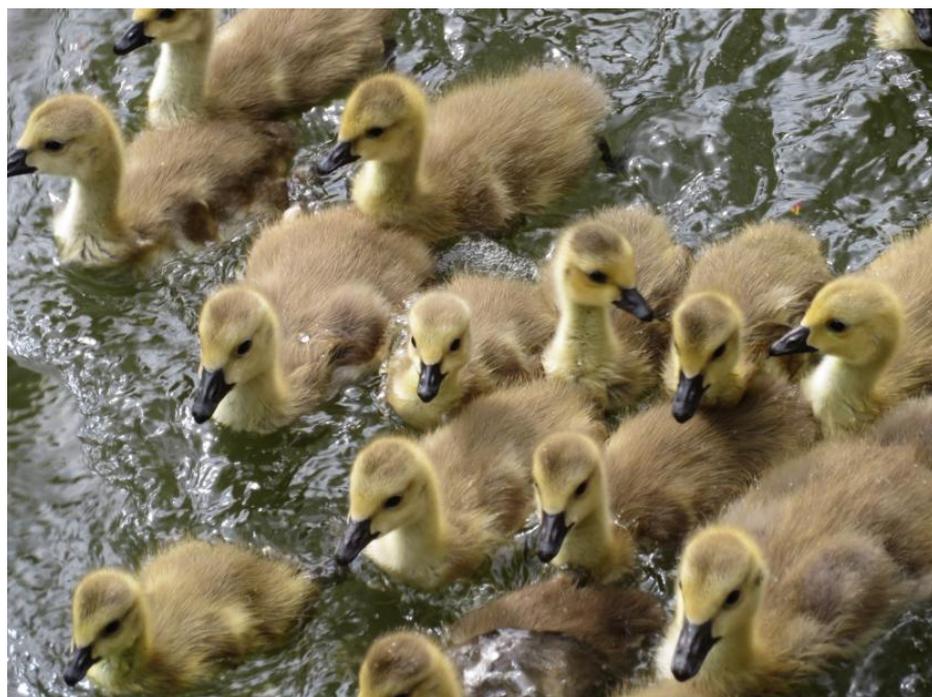
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When you are in deep .....,  
say nothing and try to look  
like you know what you're doing....



Bill Teasdale - great tits in tree outside his house

John Twyde



Information about the groups below is accurate at 25 May 2021. Groups' plans may have to alter if the government changes its 'road map' proposals, due to come into effect on 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### June 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 on as usual on Zoom & start reading Sophocles' Oedipus plays, concentrating more on ancient views of destiny and personal responsibility than Freudian psychoanalysis.	
Aviation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	14.30	Bill Teasdale	672873	Continues to meet on Zoom. On 10 <sup>th</sup> June at 14.30, Alan Pickford will present the People's Mosquito, the story of the current restoration of this iconic aircraft, hopefully back to flying condition. A quick Google of "The People's' Mosquito" should give you an idea of the project and the presentation. If you are not on the group's contact list, contact Bill.	V
Book Reading 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	14.00	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	Will meet on Zoom again in June, but hoping to meet in person for our July meeting if the restrictions are lifted.	W
Bridge C	Every Thurs	14.00	Frances Foster	07548 306782	The Thursday afternoon bridge group has been meeting 1 table per garden for the past month & now looks forward to being able to play in rather more comfort and warmth inside, though still one table per host for the moment. Everyone appreciates being able to meet face to face, though Bridgebase happily filled a wet afternoon for many.	
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 - just contact Susanna Jones at susannavj@hotmail.com for further 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

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Classical Music	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	14.15	John Noakes	637399	The group is low on numbers at present so if anyone would like to join us (as soon as we are permitted to meet again!) please contact John for details.	v
Cribbage	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	15.00	Nigel Furneaux	635488	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting is on <b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b> at The Shire Horse pub.	
Current Affairs 3			Malcolm Stebles		We are planning to be active as soon as the weather warms up a bit. Newcomers are welcome.	v
Family History	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.30	John Noakes	637399	Once we are permitted to meet as a group, everyone is ready to go. We have space for one or two extra members if anyone is interested. Contact John.	v
French Improvers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	10.30	Evelyne Withey	627603	Meetings continue on Zoom.	
French 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.00	Margaret Scharff	666218	Meetings continue on Zoom.	
German Advanced	2 <sup>nd</sup> -& 4 <sup>th</sup> Frid	10.00	Rhona Latham	638740	Still Zooming but with forthcoming relaxations, we are looking forward to meeting up again, maybe in a garden when it stops raining!	
German Conversation	Every Wed	14.30	Vreny Breadon	07900 831041	Meetings continue on Zoom fortnightly.	
Latin	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	10.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Meets on Zoom. To allow some of us to enjoy some long delayed holidays (we hope), the group will meet only once on <b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b> . Continue to read Sallust on the Catiline conspiracy & Tacitus on the machinations of Nero as he attempts to remove his mother.	
Lunch Group	Thurs, 24 <sup>th</sup> June		Linda Rahmatalla	671766 / 07740 853952	The George on the Green, Holyport. Please email Linda on <a href="mailto:freelin@talktalk.net">freelin@talktalk.net</a> if you plan to go.	
MOTO (Members On Their Own)	Mainly Sundays	12.30	Jean Gale	825107	We are hopefully going to arrange a lunch out in June, most probably towards the end of the month. Contact Jean at <a href="mailto:jeaniegale@hotmail.com">jeaniegale@hotmail.com</a> .	
Nature Amble	3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid		Jill Waites	628993	The Nature amble will resume on 18 <sup>th</sup> June when we walk to and around the chalk pit Nature Reserve at Hurley, to look for orchids and chalk loving plants. All are welcome please contact Jill.	v
Photography for Beginners	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	14.00	Jenny Leverett	07838 173655	Meetings continue on Zoom.	

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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	624709	We had another successful Zoom meeting last week. We read the second play in the Separate Tables set by Terence Rattigan. We are looking forward to getting together in person in July, but our next meeting, on 11 <sup>th</sup> June (all being well) will be our last Zoom get together. We are all very grateful to Roger for hosting the Zoom meetings, and very pleased to see a couple of members come back after missing some meetings due to unexpected circumstances.	W
Poetry 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Will restart in July.	
Poetry 2 (from 1 <sup>st</sup> July)	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	14.30 (in person)	Michael Gammage	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 (on Zoom)				
Popular Music	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	TBC	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Formerly Popular Music 1 & 2. Contact Barrie for further information.	
Rummikub	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	10.30- 12.30	Kath Evans	07743 572146	Meet at the Shire Horse pub. Still free of charge. New members welcome. Contact Kath on <a href="mailto:kmevans4012@gmail.com">kmevans4012@gmail.com</a> for more information. More detailed information on page 4.	V
Theatre Goers			Mo Wright	630023	Mo writes: it seems like an age since we visited the theatre. Due to this new Indian variant, I am still loathe to start going to the theatre. I realise this will be disappointing to so many people but I suggest we wait until September to see what progress is made. If anyone wishes to speak to me about this, then please phone me.	
Science	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	14.30	John Twydle	621644	On 17 <sup>th</sup> June, we will try and have a summer social at The Courtyard, Berry Hill, Taplow, SL6 0DA commencing at 2.30 pm. Come and enjoy tea and cake and science chat. Let John know if you plan to attend (for numbers).	
Scrabble	Last Mon	14.15	Hilary Brodie	522331	Plan is to start at end of June; Hilary will contact members.	

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Spanish Conversation	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Continues on Zoom until the data around the Indian variant becomes clearer, and 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 Indian 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 restarting.	
Spanish Improvers 2	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	10.00			Continues on Zoom until the data around the Indian variant becomes clearer, and 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 restarting.	
Walks x2	Thurs, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	John Twydle	Meet at Pound Lane car park, Marlow, at 10.00am for a 10.15am start. A 4.2 mile walk through town and up to the ridge above before turning west and down to the river at Temple Lock before returning to Marlow via the Thames Path. Lunch afterwards at the George and Dragon Pub near the bridge for those who want it.		
John Twydle 621644 / 07786 854920	Tues, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	11.00	Pam Tyrell	Meet at 11.00am for a 11.15am start at The Cricketers, Littlewick Green <b>SL6 3RA</b> . Crossing farm land and down a quiet lane with far reaching views - on a clear day! Lunch available at The Cricketers with lots of outside tables if preferred. Contact John Twydle if you need more info.		

### Hybrid meetings

For those groups who would like to consider different formats for their meetings, national u3a has made a video which discusses various ways that u3a members could hold meetings that include members meeting both face to face and online.

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAfduMSe3Pk> Please ask if you need any extra technical support.

P.S. Subtitles are available on this video.

✓ On your computer / laptop - to turn the subtitles, go to the box in the bottom right hand corner that says CC in it and click on it.

✓ To turn subtitles on your iPhone, pause the video and click the box that says CC in it on the top right hand corner.

South East Region

Events in JUNE

Please go to <http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/> for more details of each of the events below, their associated flyers and how to book.

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**The Lady and the Generals** - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am

A talk given by Bjorn Watson on the iconic Aung San Suu Kyi and her fall from grace.  
**This talk is FoC.**

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**Fighting Franco, Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. **Cost is per device is £1.**

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And various visits to interesting places.....

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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.

Their latest monthly newsletter (May) can be found at <https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=9bcf35a68e>

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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 by **23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

Thank you.

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

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## Answers to Quiz

1. A large crater inside a volcano, often filled with water.
  2. Jean Valjean in 'Les Misérables'.
  3. He had two heads.
  4. (a) Everton (b) Brighton & Hove Albion (c) Southampton (d) Derby (e) Sheffield
  5. One's right elbow.
  6. A box of tennis balls.
  7. (a) a fish (b) a swimming stroke
  8. Milk Tray chocolates
  9. A butterfly
  10. The board game Ludo
  11. Lawn tennis
  12. The King of Hearts
  13. Venus
  14. Sixpenny Handley
  15. A thimble
  16. (a) the stern-most mast on a sailing boat (b) the cover on the touch-hole of a flintlock pistol or gun.
  17. Traditionally, 'a bean, a bean, a bean and a half, half a bean and a bean'.
  18. The Exeter.
  19. Dorset
  20. A waste paper basket, according to The Bright Young Things.
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Eileen Rogers