

CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS

Hello All

I hope you are all managing to enjoy some of the sunny weather we have been having and avoiding the thunderstorms. As we enter summer, lots of momentous events in the world but more locally the Elizabeth Line has opened, even if currently you still have to get off at Paddington. It was also delightful to see the Queen enjoying the Platinum Jubilee Celebration at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, clearly enjoying her passion for horses.

We had the new members' meeting and about 30 new members came to listen to what was on offer and give their input to the committee about what they want. Our u3a is starting to thrive again and it is good to see some of the new members being active in leading walks and joining interest groups. Our u3a is only as good as its members, the more you participate the more you will get from your membership. If you want more of something or something new let a member of the committee know and we will work towards providing it if we can. Conveners and the Committee thank you for all you do.

Enjoy the Jubilee holiday.

John Twydle

MONTHLY MEETING**Tuesday, 14th June 2022****2.30pm**

Our speaker **Sally Dearman**, joined the Royal Air Force as a fighter controller, and then became the first woman through the RAF's fast-jet flying training system, later re-training as a Search and Rescue helicopter pilot.



On leaving the RAF in 1995, she joined the Met Office presenting the weather for the BBC, before becoming a counsellor and consultant.

The talk will be held at the Desborough Bowling Club at 10 Green Lane, Maidenhead **SL6 1XZ**. Please aim to arrive between 2.00 and 2.15pm. You will be asked to show your membership badge, so please don't forget to wear it! **Please wear a mask for mutual Covid 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

Membership News

A warm welcome to: Ian Drummond and Gerald and Patricia Newth who joined us recently.

We have now renewed and posted out membership cards valid to the end of 2022. Please check your card and if it is not up to date please get in touch with the membership secretary so we can keep our records correct.

From the June monthly meeting onwards, we will ask to see your membership cards so please search them out and bring them along. Thank you.

New members get-together

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the New Members' meeting last month.

Maggie Kearney - Membership Secretary

GROUP NEWS

Calling All Carpet Bowlers

This lively group would be delighted to welcome some new members. We meet every Monday from 2-4pm at Braywood Memorial Hall in Fifield. Carpet Bowls is played on a carpet of 6 feet wide by 30 feet long, which is marked out with a delivery space at the centre of each end of the carpet and two contrasting blocks of wood placed on these guide lines. A block of wood approx 18" long and 2" high is placed in the centre of the carpet, equidistant from each end and each side. A white jack is placed at the opposite end to play, with the bowlers using two woods each, and bowling against an opposing team member, who endeavours to bowl the wood closest to the Jack. The wood has a weight bias on one side, which helps it 'curve around the wood 'in the centre of the carpet. The game is played 'end to end', with each team scoring after the closest distance to the jack being awarded the points.

There is a weekly charge to help cover the cost of hall hire, but newcomers are not charged for their first two attendances. All ages welcome, no previous experience necessary, so, if you are looking for a new experience, or are already a player and would like to join us, please contact Kathy Bell or Bill Teasdale (01628 672873).

Explore Relationships through Astrology

Possible new Group?

Discover through Astrology, insights into how your friends and family might see the world differently than you do.

To be held, 1st Wednesday in the month in Marie Krag's home. Tel: 01628 632683 or email her at mariekrag@talktalk.net

London Explorers

On 28th April, a small group of London Explorers visited the Old Operating Theatre and Herb Garret. It was originally part of St Thomas' Hospital. In June 1862, the Hospital moved from its ancient site in Southwark to make way for a railway line to Charing Cross. When St Thomas' moved, the operating theatre, situated in the attic of St Thomas' Church, was sealed up and lay in darkness for nearly 100 years. It was rediscovered in 1956, restored and opened as a museum in 1962 and has been largely preserved.

The herbs were originally preserved in the attic, and the museum holds much information about the herbs and potions used from the 1500s onwards. There is also a display of the many and varied instruments used during operations, in an age before anaesthesia or antiseptics! The operating theatre itself is a small amphitheatre with benches for pupils and the public to sit and view the operations. Steve Rose tried the operating table for size! If you are in the Southwark area, it is definitely worth a visit.

Janet Rose (Convener)



On 19th May, the London Explorers' group visited Holland Park and the Design Museum. The photo shows some of the group enjoying the Kyoto Garden in Holland Park. (Nigel Furneaux)



Art Appreciation Update

The u3a is all about bringing like minded people together, for learning, laughter and living mature life to the full. The Art Appreciation group is working hard to do this by sharing the joy of our favourite artists / craftspeople and their work. Group numbers had risen so we now meet in Taplow. However 3 of our newest members have dropped out, leaving vacancies for anyone interested. I no longer use a Waiting list as this has not proven to be a worthwhile exercise. Contact Mandy on 01628 298107. We meet on 1st Friday of the month 10.30-12.30.

Two of us (who only know each other through u3a walking and Art Appreciation) decided to fulfil a bucket list wish to visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow! The Salvador Dali picture "Christ of St John of the Cross" was a highlight along with work by Picasso, the impressionists and Matisse. It was a splendid trip via BA. The weather was kind and we also got to see the newly re opened Burrell collection of art and artefacts, set in beautiful park grounds featuring Highland Cattle.

We are now planning a trip by train to Oxford to The Ashmolean Museum & Gallery in the 1st week of June, where a special Pissarro exhibition is also on. If you're interested, please contact me.

This is a friendly, enthusiastic group; we try not to be too academic and our interests spread to ceramics, sculpture and possibly architecture. Maybe architecture appreciation could be another group?

Mandy Taylor (convener)

ADVANCE NOTICE of EVENTS

Tuesday, 19th July

Return river trip to Windsor

Organised by Walking Group and open to ALL members

Departing Maidenhead at 11.00. Book your own ticket at [French Brothers Boat Trips - Maidenhead to Windsor Service - BOOK ONLINE](#) Cost is £21.75 for seniors.

Lunch in Windsor or for those walking bring a packed lunch. Optional 3.7 mile flat walk towards Datchet, then back via Eton to the Thames Path and return.

2 ways to get to website: 1. Highlight the complete blue French Brothers hyperlink, copy & then paste into your browser or 2. Double click on hyperlink & the URL should(?) open in your browser.

Walk Leader: John Twydle 07786854920. Please advise John if you plan to come at jtwydle@gmail.com

Summer Science at the Royal Institution

This is a free event on Wednesday, 6th July. Whilst primarily for the Science group members it can be open to all. Please advise John Twydle if you wish to join 07786854920 jtwydle@gmail.com

More information can be found on the Royal Society Public Events website. <https://royalsociety.org/science-events-and-lectures/public-events/>

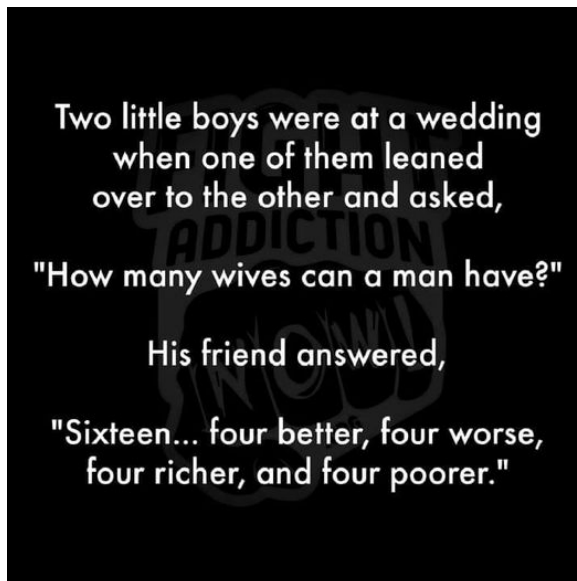
Quiz by Ann Hay (Answers are further on in the newsletter)

1. With what might one eat members of the the army?	11. What fruit-bearing stem is said to be an aid to communication?
2. What was the name of the nun who presented Art programmes on TV?	12. What is unusual about Vitruvian Man?
3. Who was the Rugby schoolboy who first picked up and carried the ball?	13. What numbers are represented by these bingo calls? (a) Two little ducks (b) two fat ladies (c) doctors' orders (d) life begins (e) steps
4. What was the name of the fascist leader who led his 'army' in the Battle of Cable Street?	14. If feline and canine refer to cats and dogs, what animals are: (a) equine (b) ursine (c) lupine (d) ovine (e) porcine
5. What are nematodes?	15. Name two flowers that are called after their colours.
6. In what language is the Book of the Dun Cow written?	16. Who is the most successful male Olympic gymnast ever?
7. What was the nickname of the jazz musician Charlie Parker?	17. What were the first names of the children in these films? (a) The Railway Children (b) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (c) Mary Poppins
8. Which items of cutlery are known as Apostles?	18. Which two sites on the traditional Monopoly board are purple?
9. What was the function of the 'tic-tac' man?	19. What is the only English word (of two syllables) that cannot be rhymed with anything?
10. What one-syllable word means: stubby nail, rough stitching, zigzag sailing, harness?	20. What princess of late medieval Spain is linked with a district of London and how?



And the year is?

A Bit of a Laugh



and a Bit of Pageantry



Royal Windsor Horse Show pics courtesy of John Twytle

June Programme

Group information below is accurate as at 26th May 2022. More group details are available on our website but make sure you are registered as a user. If you wish to join a group please ring the convener. Even if it is full, you can always be entered on a waiting list.

V = Vacancy(ies), 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	We will meet by Zoom at 14.30 on 16th June . We will begin reading Aristophanes' Wasps - a play satirising the Athenian jury system.	
Art Appreciation	1 st Frid	10.30	Mandy Taylor	01628 298107	mandyofart@gmail.com See extra information in Group News.	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	Presentation by Stan Chandler " Don't Look up ". Stan spent many years in the air freight sector with several different operators & recalls some of the more unlikely & difficult cargos flown & how the problems were overcome. Meet 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	This new 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	We usually meet with 1 or 2 tables. More hosts / players would increase # of tables. 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	Note new start time. New members welcome. You can come as frequently or as rarely as you like. Meet at Susanna's house.	V
Bucket List			John Twydale	01628 621644		
Canasta	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00	Christine Wilkinson	07887 887579	Meet at The Shire Horse pub on the A4.	
Carpet Bowls	Every Mon	14.00	George Bourne	07792 570353	Fifield Memorial Hall, Fifield. See entry in Group News.	V
Classical Music	2 nd Mon	14.15	John Noakes	01628 637399	We will meet on 13th June at Mollie's. Please let her know you will be coming on 01628 415821.	V
Creative Cards 1	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00	Eileen Rogers	01628 639656		
Creative Cards 2	1 st & 3 rd Frid					V

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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	Note new time for summer months. New members welcome. Meetings are held at Spindewood, 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	Our meeting on 21st June is at Brian's. Please ensure he knows you are coming & to get directions (01628 819460).	V
French 2	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00	Margaret Scharff	01628 666218	We will have our first in-person meeting on 8th June . We have space for 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	Note new time. We meet in a member's home. 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	14.00	Maura McGinley	01628 629088 07767 446349	Annual coach trip on Tuesday, 28th June to Hidcote National Trust , Chipping Camden GL55 6LR. Free admission for NT members. Check with Maura if there are any spare seats. Leave Braywick Leisure Centre car park @ 9.15, return @ 18.00. Remember that you have to pay to leave your car in the car park!	
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	The next meeting is on Friday, 10th June when members (and anyone new to the group) are invited to speak on a favourite artefact they own. The meeting venue has changed, so phone Chris to find out where this is.	V
Jazz Appreciation	2 nd Mon	14.00 to 16.00	Kath Evans	07743 572146	Meet at Richard's home on 13th June . Vacancy for ONE more member. Contact Kath on kmevans4012@gmail.com	V

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Latin	2 nd & 4 th Mon	10.45	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	We will meet on Zoom on 13th & 27th June . We will continue the story of Ruth from the Latin Vulgate, read more of Livy's history of Rome & enjoy further poems by Catullus. New members always welcome - suitable for anyone with some Latin, however rusty & patchy.	V
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, 30th June . Venue to be decided. New members 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	This group is full but would consider a second one if people are interested. 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	The June amble takes place on 17th June when we will walk to Hurley Nature Reserve to hopefully find bee orchids & other chalk land plants. All are welcome; for details please contact Jill Waites.	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 is now meeting in person. It has no vacancies.	
Poetry 2	1 st Tues	14.30	Michael Gammage	01628 637801	The group will revert to in-person meetings on 1 st Tuesday only.	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		V
Rummikub	1 st & 3 rd Frid	9.30 to 11.30	Janice Walker	01753 852403	Meet at Shire Horse pub on 3rd & 17th June . New members very welcome.	V
Science	3 rd Thurs	14.15	John Twydle	07786 854920	Meet at Jacqueline Turner's (Larkspur House, Mill Lane, Taplow. Phone 07545 504880). Brian Reed will talk on street drugs & their impact.	
Scrabble	Last Mon	14.15	Hilary Brodie	01628 522331	Meeting as usual on last Monday, June 27th , at Hilary's house.	V
Spanish for Holidaymakers 1	1 st & 3 rd Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	07752 660537	No meetings on 21 st June, 5 th & 19 th July. Next meeting thereafter on 2 nd August.	

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Spanish for Holidaymakers 2	2 nd & 4 th Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	07752 660537	<u>No</u> meetings on 28 th Jun & 12 th July. Next meeting on 26 th July.	
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 Note start time	Thurs, 9 th June	10.15	John Twydle	01628 621644 07786 854920	Meet at George on the Green, Holyport SL6 2JL at 10.15 for 10.30 departure. A 3 mile walk along lanes and footpaths towards Fifield & return. Generally flat. Thanks to Brenda for providing the walk. Lunch at George on the Green for those who want it.	
Walk 2 Note start time	Wed 15 th June	11.00	Mandy Taylor	01628 298107	Meet at Memorial Gardens car park, Church Lane SL2 4NZ. Short walk around Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens & other points of interest in the vicinity. Lunch at Red Lion, Wexham for those who want it.	
Walk 3 Note start time	Tues 21 st June	10.00	Julie Veazey	07710 278087	Meet at the Spade Oak PH, Coldmoorhome Lane, Bourne End SL8 5PS at 10.00 for 10.15 departure. 4 mile walk. Good parking and also public parking for members not staying for lunch.	
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 **June** newsletter NO LATER than **21st June 2022**.

Thank you.

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



Thames Valley Network

South East Region

JUNE event

Summer Quiz

This event will be on **Friday, June 10th**, at 2.30 p.m., on Zoom. It is free, and booking is via TicketSource. The link can be found on our website at <http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/?p=2535>

We divide the participants up into teams on a random basis, so as well as being fun and informative, this is also a great way to meet members from other u3as.

More info can be found at http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/?page_id=44

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Answers to June Quiz

Any queries, email Ann at annghay@icloud.com

1. Boiled eggs (with toast soldiers)	2. Sister Wendy
3. William Webb Ellis	4. Oswald Mosley
5. Tiny worms, which eat slugs underground	6. Ancient Irish Gaelic, or Erse
7. Bird.	8. Spoons, especially coffee spoons.
9. He signalled, with gestures, advice on betting on the racecourse.	10. Tack
11. The grapevine	12. The drawing by Leonardo had four arms and four legs.
13. (a) 22 (b) 88 (c) 9 (d) 40 (e) 39	14. (a) horse (b) bear (c) wolf (d) sheep (e) pig
15. Pink, Violet, Bluebell, Scarlet Pimpernel	16. Max Whitlock
17. (a) Roberta (Bobbie), Phyllis, Peter. (b) Jeremy, Jemima (c) Jane, Michael	18. Old Kent Road and Whitechapel Road
19. Orange	20. The Infanta of Castile, supposedly the origin of the Elephant and Castle

Do any of these phrases ring a bell?

