

CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS

Hello All,

My thoughts this month as we get closer to winter, centre on the welfare of our members. The aftermath of historic and current Covid infections is still very real and if you can take advantage of getting your Covid booster jab, then do so. Adding the flu vaccine at the same time can save you a journey too.

On top of all that, we have multiple economic challenges that are affecting us all in many different ways. It's more important than ever, now, that we keep an eye out for those amongst us who may need a little more support. If you need support, talk to your friends - there are things we can do practically. Share transport when it's sensible and someone else's heating by coming to a meeting or group event. I heard the latest chat up line is "come round to my place and I will put on the heating".

A couple of our members volunteer at the Repair Café that operates at the library on the 2nd Saturday of each month. If you need something fixed bring it in, and there's a good chance we can repair it.

Best regards and wishes,

John Twyde

Chairman

Covid Guidance

Main Meetings

There are currently no mandated rules, however it is clear Covid infections are on the increase again. We recognise there is a range of opinions on mask wearing - members are free to wear a mask or not - however mask wearing does reduce the risk of infection and we would hate one of our meetings to be a 'spreader' event. Bear in mind some members are vulnerable or care for vulnerable individuals.

If you are ill or have Covid, do not attend any event.

Group meetings

The convener of the group is the authority here - their wishes and views will be key in determining the approach their group takes.

John Twyde
Chairman

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 8th November at 2.15 for 2.30pm

'From Fast Jet to Wobbly Head'

In June this year, we were entertained by Sally Dearman, who told us the saga of how she had become the RAF's first female fast jet pilot. Many of you asked me to invite her back. In November, Sally will recount to us how she moved from jets to helicopters, or as she calls them, 'wobbly heads', which she claims are quite addictive to fliers. The first woman through the RAF's fast-jet flying training programme continues her aviation journey as she replaces the 'pointy-end' fast jet with one that sees her hovering a heavy-lift helicopter over heaving, pitching ships while the rest of the crew 'do the real work'. **'From Fast Jet to Wobbly Head'** promises to be another entertaining talk, so don't miss it.



Biographical Information:

As a private pilot, Sally flew herself into Royal Air Force, Cranwell, for her Initial Officer Training. After six years' service as a fighter controller, she re-rol'd to the pilot branch and became the first woman through the RAF's fast-jet flying training system. Following her military service and the birth of her first two children, Sally joined the Met. Office as a weather forecaster and presenter for the BBC. After the arrival of her third child, Sally moved into her present roles as public speaker, stress counsellor and self-development coach.

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. **We no longer require anti-Covid masks to be worn, but anyone who wishes to wear one is welcome to do so.**

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF OR SET TO SILENT.

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

New Members

We are delighted to welcome Miriam Alfred, Danielle Green, Suzanne Crockford & Jocelyn Parsons.

THE EVENT of the YEAR!

Maidenhead u3a CHRISTMAS PARTY

Those of you that attended last year's Christmas party will remember what a wonderful time we had. This year will be no exception so get your tickets now! These will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Here are the details:

Date: WEDNESDAY, 7th December at 2pm

Venue - Burnham Park Hall, Windsor Lane, Burnham SL1 7HR

Entertainment – The Traditional Jazz Quartet, The Maideleles (our very own u3a Ukulele group) and a festive sing-a-long.

Party food, tea, coffee provided – please come with an appetite. Pay bar available.

Entry by ticket only - £8 per person.

Apply for your ticket to the Treasurer, Linda Main. Ring her on 07962 255743 or email her at treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk. You can also purchase tickets at our November monthly meeting. Tickets will then be sent to you with details of how you can pay and directions to the venue.

There is plenty of parking available; however, do try to car share, if at all possible.

PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.

Bucket List Destinations?



Athabasca Glacier, Canadian Rockies - Derek Searle



Lake Louise, Banff, Canadian Rockies - Derek Searle

GROUP NEWS

For information about any of the groups below where a convener is not named, please contact Groups Coordinator, Kathy Bell, by email to groups@maidenheadu3a.org.uk or by phone on 07752 660537.

Calling new conveners

As always, we are seeking conveners to help set up new groups. If you have a particular interest for which we are not yet catering and would like to set up a group, please do get in touch. The convener role can be very rewarding and need not be arduous as, once a group is established, responsibilities are usually shared between the members. It is also possible to have joint conveners. Assistance and support is always available from Groups Coordinator, Kathy Bell, and the other committee members for the fairly simple process of setting up a group. Please contact Kathy for more information.

Solos

This would be both a social and a self-help group open to single or bereaved members and those whose partners are in full-time care. Members could meet in each other's homes to chat over coffee and support each other with the day-to-day challenges of living alone or caring for a partner. Individual skills within the groups might be able to help with problems such as filling in online forms, working out why a smart phone, tablet or computer just refuses to cooperate, or just offering support in coping with a difficult week. Assistance could also be requested from other local u3a members if needed.

We have had a little interest and an offer to host, but we are still looking for a convener so if you think that you could take on that role, please contact John Twydle or Kathy Bell.

Bucket List

We need to brainstorm some ideas for the Bucket List group for 2023. John Twydle has 3 or 4 ideas but needs your input to see which ones we will do.

Come for a coffee and a natter on this topic at John's house on **Wednesday, 23rd November** at **10.30** for an hour or so. Please contact John Twydle (details at end of newsletter or in programme) if you are new to, or interested in, joining this group.

SportsTalk

Derek Searle is still interested in discussing all aspects of sport with like minded members. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Groups Coordinator Kathy Bell.

Puzzles

Do you enjoy all kinds of puzzles - crosswords, jigsaw puzzles - and would sometimes like to work on them in the company of other people? This could be an entertaining group for the winter days so, if you would like to be part of it, please contact Groups Coordinator, Kathy Bell.

Relaxing Art

A few people are interested in this group but we need a few members and a convener. If you are interested in a stress free group for the colder days, please contact Kathy Bell.

Food and Nutrition

Several people are interested in this group. An initial meeting is planned for **Tuesday, 1st November @ 3pm** at the convener's home where members can introduce themselves, discuss what everyone would like from each meeting and plan the format of future meetings. These will probably be on the first Tuesday of the month.

If you would like to be part of this new group, please contact Chris Good by email at chrisgood.1939@yahoo.co.uk for full details.

Practical Gardening

A few people are interested in this group and one lady is prepared to be a joint convener. If you would like to join in, perhaps initially over the winter to discuss problems such as helping our gardens to recover after the long, dry heatwave, please contact Kathy Bell.

Singing for pleasure

Although many of the original members of this group are keen to start singing again, we have still not found a new convener or someone who could accompany them on piano, keyboard or, possibly, guitar. If you can help please contact Groups Coordinator, Kathy Bell.

Guitar group

We are also still seeking a convener and/or an accomplished player to help some members who are interested in reviving their former ability on, or learning to play, the guitar. If you are interested in this, please contact Kathy Bell.

Chess

Mal Geary has suggested that some members would like to meet to play chess. The number of people needed is less than for Bridge and members could play in each other's homes. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Bell.



Get ready for 2023

If you would like a u3a 2023 Pocket Diary, please contact Linda Main on 07962 255743 or treasurer.maidenheadu3a@gmail.com

We have 10 available on a first come, first served basis @ £3.50 each.

Also available to purchase at our next main meeting on 8th November.

Used Postage stamps

Liz Rowlands collects used UK and foreign postage stamps for the RNIB.

If anyone has any stamps or is prepared to collect them for her, especially in the run-up to Christmas, she'll bring a box along to the monthly meetings for members to drop them in.

Please leave at least ¼" of paper around each stamp as that makes them more saleable by the charity. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Contact Liz on l.rowlands271@btinternet.com

To all intrepid adventurers!

There's an advert on page 48 of the recent u3a TAM magazine for a great rail journey trip to India. I am sending this out to see IF anyone else might be interested in going to one of their holidays; either one for 11 days OR a 14 day trip that includes Shimla.

I don't intend to run a group trip; this notice is to see if others are 'Up for India'. We can then meet to agree a date so we travel together on the same trip i.e. book as individuals or couples but travel & experience together.

There are supplements for single rooms so it's more economical to share a twin room. Look at the website and see if this guided holiday in high class accommodation is for you. If yes, please contact me via email in the first instance. I have been advised this would not suit people with limited mobility.

Mandy Taylor
mandyofart@gmail.com

Newsletter January 2023

Christmas is fast approaching and our printers take the week off between Christmas and the New Year. This means that the printed version of the newsletter won't land on members' doorsteps until approximately 9th January 2023. The newsletter will not be emailed out until either Nuala or I have received the printed version, so let's hope there's no postal strike - if there is, we'll have a rethink.



Thames Valley Network

South East Region

TVN

Check their website for future meetings & outings at <http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/>

The Quiz by Ann Hay (answers further on in the Newsletter)

1. Add a letter to a gem to get a game.
2. What unusual thing did the then Princess Elizabeth take on her honeymoon?
3. What word links tea with golf?
4. Is it illegal to export potatoes from Poland into England?
5. What is the middle name of J.K. Jerome?
6. What was the 'tuppenny rush'?
7. How should you spell the Cambridge university college known as 'Keys'?
8. Which book is most frequently stolen from libraries throughout the world ?
9. Who, in 1947, was the last man to be hanged for treason?
10. What is meant by horripilation?
11. St Clement is the patron saint of which trade?
12. What is the origin of the phrase 'sleep tight'?
13. What is unusual about the narrator in Rudyard Kipling's story 'The Maltese Cat'?
14. What daily radio show began ' Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin.'
15. The combined weight of which creatures is the greatest on the planet?
16. What have Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis in common?
17. In ' Much Binding in the Marsh' what was Richard Murdoch's nickname?
18. What was a 'penny lick'?
19. Give two uses for a mortar-board.
20. In Lord's Cricket Ground museum, what is the significance of the stuffed sparrow clutching a cricket ball?

Glacier Bay, Alaska - Derek Searle



November Programme

Group information below is accurate as at **25th October 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 the usual time on 17 th November and continue our reading of Ovid's Metamorphoses. | |
| Art Appreciation | 1 st Frid | 10.30 | Mandy Taylor | 01628 298107 | In November, we will discuss the work of JMW Turner. We encourage everyone to contribute a short talk (max 10 mins) on a picture by a chosen artist - that way we do as much (or as little) research we have time for. The group plans to visit one of the National Galleries in 2023. We have TWO vacancies. | 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 | Dave Scott will tell the story of George Holt Thomas, High Wycombe's finest, and his many contributions to the progress of aviation. | V |
| Book Reading 1 | 3 rd Wed | 14.30 | Pauline Sparkes | 01753 642490 | Book - Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens Venue: Eunice McLeod T: 01628 318335. | W |
| Book Reading 2 | 2 nd Wed | 13.00 to 15.00 | Bobby Maunsell | 01628 828279 | 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 members' wishes. | |
| Bridge E | Every Mon | 13.30 | Mal Geary | 07973 193439 | Play starts at 13.45 on the dot. Mal says: We here press on rewardless & depart in pieces. Never a dull moment. | 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 07786 854920 | Meeting to brainstorm some ideas for the group for 2023 on Wednesday, 23rd November at 10.30 for an hour or so at John' house. | |

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| Canasta | 2 nd & 4 th Frid | 10.00 to 12.00 | Christine Wilkinson | 07887 887579 | Meet at The Shire Horse pub on the A4. Check what will happen when The Shire Horse closes. | |
| Carpet Bowls | Every Mon | 14.00 | Jenny Alder | 01753 859664 | Fifield Memorial Hall, Fifield. New members welcome. Come and try, no experience needed. | V |
| Classical Music | 2 nd Mon | 14.15 | John Noakes | 01628 637399 | We meet at Janice's & bring a CD. Please let her know you will be coming (or not). Phone 01628 530770. | V |
| Creative Cards 1 | 2 nd & 4 th Frid | 10.00 | Eileen Rogers | 01628 639656 | | |
| Creative Cards 2 | 1 st & 3 rd Frid | | | | | V |
| Creative Writing | 4 th Tues | 10.00 | Mo Wright | 01628 630023 | This group has recently restarted and has vacancies. | V |
| Cribbage | 2 nd & 4 th Thurs | 15.00 | Nigel Furneaux | 07721 426768 | Meet at Shire Horse pub. Check what will happen when The Shire Horse closes. 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 address is pam.may508@gmail.com | |
| Dog Walking | 2 nd & 4 th Mon | 11.00 to 12.00 | Sandra Brooks | 07717 043462 sandrabrooks341@gmail.com | The group meets every 2 weeks at Hurley and then at Braywick. We've had two regular walkers each time we have met. Unfortunately one of the walkers has now lost her lovely pooch but still walks with us. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Sandra. | V |
| Exploring World Faiths | 1 st Thurs | 14.30 | Michael Gammage | 01628 637801 07763 405699 | 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 final meeting this year is at Sandra's on 15th November . Please ensure she knows to expect you (or not). Call 01628 522234 or email. No meeting in December as it's too close to Xmas. | V |
| Film | Wed 16 th Tues | 14.00 to 16.00 | Jenny Webb & John Twydle | jenny.webb50@btinternet.com jtwydle@gmail.com | 12 people watched "Breakfast at Tiffany's" in October. In November we meet at The Studio, The Courtyard, Berry Hill, Taplow, SL6 ODA: a) Wed, 16 th , 2 to 4 pm "The Road to Perdition" b) Tues, 22 nd , 2 to 4 pm "American Graffiti" Maximum number is 16; please inform John or Jenny by email if you wish to come. | |

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| French 2 | 2 nd & 4 th Wed | 10.00 | Margaret Scharff | 01628 666218 | 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 will meet on Monday, 7th November , as our tutor/native French speaker is unavailable on the 14th. We still have one vacancy. | V |
| 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 | There is 1 vacancy. If anyone would like to go on to a waiting list, it means that if a person is unable to attend, their place can be offered to another person. | V |
| Garden Visits | 4 th Wed | 12.00 | Maura McGinley | 01628 629088 07767 446349 | Wednesday, 23rd November - annual planning meeting. Venue and time to be decided & confirmed by phone. | |
| German Advanced | 2 nd & 4 th Frid | 10.00 | Rhona Latham | 01628 638740 | We have a vacancy for anyone interested in practising their German. Enquiries to Rhona. | V |
| 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. | V |
| Jazz Appreciation | 2 nd Mon | 14.00 to 16.00 | Richard Kellaway | 01626 482605 | Note that Richard has taken over from Kath Evans. | |
| Latin | 2 nd & 4 th Mon | 10.45 | Mick Stringer | 07836 211314 | We will meet by Zoom at the usual time. We will continue with our dramatic efforts in reading Plautus' Bacchides. We'll also look at more tales from Livy and Ovid and letters from Cicero. | V |
| London Explorers | Monthly | Varies | Janet Rose | 01628 624709 | There are no vacancies at the moment. | |
| Lunch Club | Monthly | Varies | Linda Rahmatalla | 01628 671766 07740 853952 | Lunch Club will be on Thursday, 24th November . 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 | New members welcome, beginners or improvers! We now have vacancies. | V |
| Meditation | 3 rd Wed | 14.00 | Marie Krag | 01628 632683 | We now have 2 vacancies. | V |
| MOTO (Members on their own) | Mainly Sundays | | Jean Gale | 01628 825107 | | |

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| Nature Amble | 3 rd Frid | | Jill Waites | 01628 628993 | Our last amble of the year was held on 21 st October and many thanks to all who came. We saw many plants flowering past their normal flowering period, including violets and garlic mustard. Thanks to those who came to all the ambles and I look forward to seeing you all when I restart the ambles in March 2023. | V |
| Photography | 2 nd Tues | 11.15 | John Twydle | 07786 854920 | Meet 11.15 on Tues, 8th November at The Studio, The Courtyard, Berry Hill, Taplow, SL6 0DA. The topic is Culture. Send images to John before the day. | |
| 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 | | |
| Poetry Reading | 1 st Tues | 14.30 | Michael Gammage | 01628 637801 07763 405699 | This group reads, not writes poetry. michael.gammage@outlook.com | 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 on Monday, 7th November . Email Derek at drs05drs@gmail.com if you need more information. | 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 Friday, 4 th November. Due to temporary closure of The Shire Horse, our meetings on 18 th November, 2 nd & 16 th December will be at The Thatched Cottage on Cannon Lane, SL6 3PE . | 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). Each member to present their area of expertise or interest 5 minutes each. | |
| Scrabble | Last Mon | 14.15 | Hilary Brodie | 01628 522331 | This is a small, friendly & relaxed group. Meet at Hilary's house. | V |
| Spanish for Holidaymakers 1 | 1 st & 3 rd Tues | 10.00 | Kathy Bell | 07752 660537 | | |
| Spanish for Holidaymakers 2 | 2 nd & 4 th Tues | 10.00 | | | | |

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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 | | | | |
| Threads & Needles | 3 rd Thur | 11.00 to 13.00 | Maggie Kearney | 01628 637160 | Meet at Maggie's - 18 Wayside Mews SL6 7EJ. New members welcome. Contact Maggie for more information. | V |
| Walk 1 (long walk) | Wed 9 th Nov | 10.15 for 10.30 | John Twydle | 07786 854920 | Meet at Boulter's car park SL6 8JN for a 3½ mile walk to/from Cookham. This is a flat walk with no obstacles on the Thames Path. Lunch if wished at Jenner's Cafe. | |
| Walk 2 (short walk) | Tues 22 nd Nov | 10.45 for 11.00 | Maggie Snook | 07837 487233 | Meet at the National Trust car park in Cookham for an easy 2 mile walk. Lunch at the King's Arms, Cookham (newly refurbished) if wished. | |
| Walk 3 (stroll) | Wed 30 th Nov | 10.30 | John Twydle | 07786 854920 | Meet at the Guards Club car park, Maidenhead SL6 0BB for 0.8 mile stroll to Taplow Lake for coffee. A further 0.8 mile to return. | |
| Yoga | Every Mon | 14.30 to 15.30 | Barbie Bellman | 01628 773653 07740 288498 | Yoga will resume on Monday, 7 th November and the last class for this term will be on Monday 5 th December. | |

Submissions to Newsletter - especially Pictures

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. It would help the editors if you would crop them and reduce the image size before sending.

Please email us anything that you would like us to consider for the December newsletter NO LATER than **22nd November 2022**.

Thank you.

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

October's Monthly Talk

On 11th October, Heather Adams gave a lively, fascinating, well illustrated and detailed account of Emma Hamilton's life from her impoverished birth near Liverpool to great wealth and fame, then dying in poverty in Paris. After working as a housemaid from the age of 11, she moved to London and became one of some thirty thousand prostitutes around Covent Garden, before being chosen by a gentleman to entertain his stag party by dancing on the table. She caught the eye of Charles Greville, son of the wealthy Earl of Warwick, who took her as his mistress and had her painted many times by George Romney. Her beautiful and fashionable portraits made her famous. When Charles married, he passed Emma, now 21, on to his 56 year old uncle Lord Hamilton, whose wife had just died. Emma used her dance background to entertain and Lord Hamilton loved showing her off. Returning from Naples, where he was ambassador, Lord Hamilton married Emma with the King's permission.

Back in Naples, Hamilton became ill. Emma, as his surrogate, played an important role gathering information for Britain during war with France. Falling in love with the wounded hero Nelson after his defeat of the French fleet at the battle of the Nile, she helped secure shelter and repair of the British fleet at Naples, through her friendship with the Queen of Naples. She was awarded the Maltese Cross for helping the Neapolitan Royal family to escape on a British ship when France invaded.

Emma, pregnant, Nelson and Hamilton returned to England where they lived together until Hamilton died in 1803. When Nelson died in 1805 at the sea battle of Trafalgar, Emma was left virtually penniless, neither man having provided for her in his will. Heavily in debt from lavish entertaining, she fled to France and died a pauper in 1815, aged just 41.

Heather clearly felt strongly that poor Emma had been grossly exploited by men, but that through her intelligence, charm and beauty, had managed to make the best of a poor life, until let down by both her men when they died. A sad tale, beautifully told by Heather.

Chris Good



Having a sandwich and enjoying the view from the lounge with the bed in it!

Lyn Dixon

Photography Group



The group's theme in September was the colour "Orange".

Rachelle Walker's picture is entitled "The Kiss". Depending on the culture and context, a kiss can express various sentiments love, passion, affection, respect, greeting, friendship, romance, peace and good luck, among many others.

Also dependent on the relationship and context, a person may kiss another person on their lips, cheek, head, hand and each of these gestures carry a different social significance. In today's world, especially in western culture, kissing on the cheeks is recognised as a common form of greeting. In some situations, a kiss is a ritual, formal or symbolic gesture indicating devotion, respect, or sacrament.

When Rachelle captured this moment, it brought to mind the softness, the exchange a loved one feels before a Kiss.



The theme for the Photography group in October was 'Cracked Glass'.

This was Derek Minter's contribution.

2 more photos from October's Cracked Glass theme



Jacqueline Turner



John Twydle

Answers to November Quiz

Any queries, email Ann at annghay@icloud.com

1. Add 'g' to ruby and get rugby.
2. Her corgi, Susan.
3. Caddy.
4. Yes. That law has never been repealed.
5. Klapka.
6. In the 40s, children could get into the cinema on Saturday mornings for twopence.
7. Caius.
8. The Guinness Book of World Records.
9. Lord Haw Haw.
10. The hairs on the back of one's neck standing up through fear or shock.
11. Blacksmiths.
12. Medieval beds were usually mattresses on ropes strung across frames. If the ropes stretched, the beds sagged, so needed to be tightened to get better sleep.
13. He is a polo pony, as are the other characters.
14. Listen with Mother.
15. Krill.
16. Both were American jazz trumpeters.
17. Stinker.
18. Ice cream, served in a tiny glass, costing a penny.
19. a) for mixing plaster, cement etc. on it b) the flat cap worn at graduation by students.
20. The ball was expected to cross the boundary line, awarding the batsman 6 runs, but it hit (and killed) the sparrow before it reached the line, therefore counting against the batsman. The sparrow was honoured with a place in the museum as having played for the MCC.

Committee Members & other u3a links

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