

**CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS**

**Hello All**

One of the challenges of writing this some 2 weeks before you receive it, is that I have to be something of a mystic Meg. On that basis, the heatwave is over and we have all had enough rain to see the lawns start to head back to green.

I only get to see about 5-10% of the activity that happens in our u3a, but I have seen that bit heading in a good direction this month. Walks and London Explorers were well supported and Sir George Young attracted a record 103 members at the monthly meeting.

This month I want to focus more on our groups. We have two or three new groups starting up and we have had interest in getting Photography active again. No group can function without an effective convener. Members of the committee come and go but conveners continue to offer their expertise year after year in some cases. Please remember to thank them for what they do. You may want to think about having joint conveners sometimes to share the load. If you have ideas to improve any of our groups, talk to the convener concerned and our groups co-ordinator Kathy Bell.

If you have not considered being a convener, please do so. Some require very little work but do help share the administrative burden of running our u3a.

John Twytle

**New Members in August**

A very warm welcome to:

Roger Williams  
Sarah Summerbell  
Jennifer Mitchell  
Penny & Brian Ford  
Gill Hudson  
Ann Anwyl  
Sonia Palethorpe  
John Veazey

**In the August heat .....**



## MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm**

Have you ever wondered where all the insects have gone? In summers past, every car journey meant you had to clean squashed bugs from your windscreen but that is an increasingly rare task. Scientists estimate that more than 40% of insect species are declining and a third are endangered. The rate of extinction is eight times faster than that of mammals, birds and reptiles. No insects means no plant pollination, fewer plants, smaller crops, and less food, with the consequent threat of starvation in affected parts of the world.

Our speaker for September is Kaitlyn Elverson from charity Buglife, Europe's only organisation devoted to the conservation and protection of invertebrates. Buglife's aim is to stop the extinction of invertebrates and achieve sustainable populations. In her talk entitled "**Un-bee-lievable Insects and how we can help them**" Kaitlyn will explain how insect populations are in crisis. We can stop, and reverse the global declines in our insects, but only if everyone pulls together to do their part. Kaitlyn will tell us what is causing insect decline and the things we can all do to end it.



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.

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](mailto:speakers@maidenheadu3a.org.uk) (Chris Good's report about August's talk can be found further on in the newsletter.)

Prospective members who would like to attend the talk as a u3a 'sample' should please first contact the Membership Secretary, Maggie Kearney, on 01628 637160.

Heron standing on concrete bridge behind  
Stafferton Way Sorting Office



## GROUP NEWS

### Calling New Conveners

As autumn approaches, we are hoping, as always, to be able to set up more new groups for our members. We have looked at subjects that other local u3a branches offer but that we do not have at present.

Our first step must be to find conveners for these groups. If you think that you would like to lead any of the groups listed below, or would like more information while you think about it, please contact me, Kathy Bell, Groups Coordinator, by email at any time to [groups@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@maidenheadu3a.org.uk) or phone me on 07752 660537 after September 12<sup>th</sup> (on holiday until then).

The convener role can be very rewarding and need not be too 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 me and the other committee members for the fairly simple process of setting up a group. Some suggestions for new groups....

- ✓ Beer Appreciation
- ✓ Bird watching
- ✓ Computer Bits and Bytes (see note below)
- ✓ Curry Club
- ✓ Cycling
- ✓ Food and nutrition
- ✓ Industrial Heritage
- ✓ Jewellery making and repair
- ✓ Practical Gardening
- ✓ Railway Studies
- ✓ Relaxing Art (Adult colouring)
- ✓ Solos (see note below)
- ✓ Sports Talk (see note below)
- ✓ Theatre Visits

#### **Computer Bits and Bytes**

Problems with your iPhone or iPad?  
Aggravation with your Android?  
Want to be smarter with your SmartPhone or Smart TV?  
How about a group where members could share and hopefully solve their problems or swap short cuts and applications they have found?  
Yes please - but it would need a clever tekkie convener.....  
Please contact Kathy if you are that person.

#### **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 others 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 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 members within the local u3a.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

#### **Calling all budding Photographers!**

I have been asked to see if we can get the photography group going again. It is proposed to take pictures on a different theme each month and then show your efforts.

**The theme for September is Orange.** Come and show us your images.

Initial meeting will be on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am in The Studio, The Courtyard, Berry Hill, Taplow SL6 ODA. Please let John Twydle know you are coming on 07786854920.

## Sports Talk

**Calling all sports fans!** What a brilliant few weeks we've had - tennis, golf, Grand Prix, cricket, the Lionesses, the Commonwealth Games and, oh, now the new domestic soccer season. I love it all, both live and on TV, and it would be fun to share my thoughts, feelings and even occasional scorn with other enthusiasts on a regular basis - maybe fortnightly, either in each other's homes or even at a local pub. I would be happy to be your convener (with somebody willing to deputise when I'm away).

Let me know (after 5<sup>th</sup> September please) M: 07801 926246 or by email: [drs05drs@gmail.com](mailto:drs05drs@gmail.com)

Derek Searle

## Film group

A new film group is proposed. They will meet monthly on the last Thursday afternoon of each month from 2pm to 4pm. The plan is to show 1 film a month, initially. The first meeting will be on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the format of the group and show a short film. Refreshments will be served at The Studio, The Courtyard, Berry Hill, Taplow, SL6 0DA, - access from Saxon Gardens.

The group will be co-convened by Jenny Webb and John Twyde. To express an interest and get details please email John at [jtwyde@gmail.com](mailto:jtwyde@gmail.com). There is an initial limit of 16 members.

## TECH CORNER



**This is the first of a new series providing bits and bobs of technological interest for members each month. We start with the famous.....**

From Nigel Roper, the  
u3a Website Man

# facebook

### Do you love it, hate it, or just tolerate it?

6 years back I set up a group for **Maidenhead u3a**. Despite Newsletter publicity, we never stretched beyond 6 members and usage dwindled to nothing.

During lockdown a group of enterprising u3a members set up **u3a: Keeping In Touch**. Subscribed members have now reached 6.1K and is growing fast with 24 joining in the last week. In a typical month there can be up to 1K posts. Contributions are diverse, including anecdotes, group activities, commentary on u3a National activities, puzzles, requests for information and much more. There is the occasional humorous rant, but contributors are always kind.

So, if you haven't joined why not give it a go on your smartphone, tablet or computer. As it's a private group, you will need to apply to join.

Just click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/U3AKeepingInTouch>

**Nigel Roper**

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

1. In which film was Kay Kendall insistent that she would “tray the plumpet” while under the influence of drink?
2. Who was the man on the Clapham Omnibus?
3. Which ‘pop’ song sold more than any other?
4. What was the first film ever to win an Oscar for Best Picture?
5. What were the names of the Titanic’s sister ships?
6. What are the collecting hobbies of the following - (a) sucrologist (b) philographologist (c) vexillologist (d) arctophile (e) deltiologist (f) dissectologist?
7. Who was the captain of the ship hunting Moby Dick, and what was the ship’s name?
8. Who was said to have what written on whose what?
9. Who was in whose what and how many what away?
10. What is the meaning of (a) pinnacle and (b) pinnate ?
11. In imperial measurements, how long is (a) a furlong (b) a chain (c) a rod, pole or perch?
12. What was a ‘tweeny’?
13. How did William Walker save Winchester Cathedral?
14. What are the four main moons of Jupiter?
15. Who were the ‘Brylcream Boys’?
16. In ‘Bambi’ who were (a) Thumper (b) Little Flower (c) The Great Prince of the Forest?
17. Where is the Rowley Mile?
18. What is the oldest continuously active Parliament in the world?
19. According to the painting, when did who last see whose what?
20. What, originally, was a typewriter?

While London Explorers were investigating Canary Wharf, they came across the ‘Hot Tug’ - a semi-submersible hot tub that offers water borne tours of the area! - one for your personal Bucket List? It takes up to 6 passengers.



## **Lord George Young on ‘Herding Cats’ – The Role of a Government Whip in Parliament**

**Report by Chris Good**

Our speaker at the August monthly talk was Lord George Young of Cookham, whose family seat in Cookham goes back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Lord Young was educated at Eton and Oxford, then worked as an economist before entering parliament in 1974. He served in the governments of five Conservative Prime Ministers in a variety of positions, several in the Cabinet. An MP from 1974 to 2015, he was Chief Whip of the House of Commons from 2012 to 2014. He was elevated to the House of Lords in 2015 where he served as a junior whip from 2016 to 2019, resigning from Boris Johnson’s government over the proroguing of Parliament.

Lord Young explained that he had titled his speech “Herding Cats” because cats are about the hardest of animals to herd, as are Members of Parliament. The key role of the whips is to ensure that the government has sufficient support to push through its legislative programme in Parliament by having a majority in any parliamentary votes. It was a long, difficult and thankless task to round up diffident MPs and persuade them to vote in support of the Government motion, whatever their personal views. It could be even harder keeping them in the chamber during a debate, as some were wont to stray to local restaurants where they could be called to vote by the parliamentary division bells. Lord Young illuminated the audience on the various cunning stratagems that whips had to employ!

As Lord Young pointed out, MPs are expected to vote in accordance with their party’s manifesto. It is therefore beholden on them to vote in support of their party’s policies, whatever their own feelings. Without Whips to try to herd party members through the correct voting “gate”, we would have to have frequent general elections, as happens in some other countries, where MPs split into many minor parties, none of which have the power to rule effectively.

Other important but less formal roles for the Whips are to keep their fingers on the pulse of the party and to keep the Prime Minister informed about the ‘mood’. In addition, they help newer MPs to learn the ropes and are the nearest thing that MPs have to an HR department. Another vital aspect is advising the Prime Minister on candidates for ministerial positions whenever a ‘reshuffle’ is being considered. Talent is not the only consideration, as political leanings, which wing of the party candidates tend towards, and these days gender and diversity all go into the mix.

Lord Young summarized by quoting Churchill who said “democracy is the worst form of Government except for all the others”. To make it operate effectively, party whips were clearly needed to perform the thankless task of making sure that all MPs supported their party’s policies and voted them in.

Lord Young’s speech ended to great applause from the more than one hundred audience, following which he answered questions. His response to ‘what advice would you have for a new Prime Minister?’ was simply ‘ensure unity amongst your party members’. Afterwards, many said how much they had enjoyed the talk.



## September Programme

Group information below is accurate as at **25<sup>th</sup> August 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Meets on Zoom on <b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> (1 week later than usual) & will continue reading Gilgamesh.	
Art Appreciation	1 <sup>st</sup> Frid 10.30	Mandy Taylor	01628 298107		V
Art Untutored	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 14.00	Peter Neville	01628 674097		V
Astrology	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 14.00	Marie Krag	01628 632683	Have fun discovering how your friends and family might see the world differently from you by exploring the ancient symbolism of Astrology.	V
Aviation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 14.30	Bill Teasdale	01628 672873	The next meeting is on <b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b> with a visit from Chris Scivyer, with tales & photos of the many seaplanes which operate in British Columbia in a variety of important roles.	V
Book Reading 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 14.30	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	<b>Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September.</b> Venue – Shirley Kay’s house. T: 01628 527604 - please tell her if you can’t attend. Book – The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles.	W
Book Reading 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 13.00 to 15.00	Bobby Maunsell	01628 828279	Meet at Veronica O’Shaughnessy’s home on <b>Wed, 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> . 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 <b>13.45</b> on the dot.	V
Bridge F - Beginners	Every Wed 9.30	Susanna Jones	07583 447789	Meet at Susanna’s house. <b>New members welcome.</b>	V
Bridge on Sunday	Every Sun 14.00	Susanna Jones	07583 447789	<b>New members welcome</b> - you can come as frequently or as rarely as you like. Meet at Susanna’s house.	V
Bucket List	Varies	John Twyde	01628 621644		
Canasta	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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. <b>New members welcome.</b> Contact Jenny on <a href="mailto:beandjlalder@gmail.com">beandjlalder@gmail.com</a> if you are interested in joining.	V
Classical Music	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon 14.15	John Noakes	01628 637399		V
Creative Cards 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Frid 10.00	Eileen Rogers	01628 639656		

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Creative Cards 2	1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid					V
Cribbage	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	15.00	Nigel Furneaux	07721 426768	Meet at Shire Horse pub. New members welcome.	V
Current Affairs 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	14.15 for 14.30	Barbara Walmsley	01628 522255	<b>New members welcome.</b> Meetings are held at Spindlewood, High Road, Cookham SL6 9JT. Contact Barbara for more details.	V
Current Affairs 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	14.15	Janice Waterman	01628 530770	Co-convener is Pam May. Her email is <a href="mailto:pam.may508@gmail.com">pam.may508@gmail.com</a>	
Dog Walking	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	14.30	Michael Gammage	01628 637801 07763 405699	No specialist knowledge required! Please call or email <a href="mailto:michael.gammage@outlook.com">michael.gammage@outlook.com</a> for details. New members welcome.	V
Family History	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.30	John Noakes	01628 637399	Meet at Pauline's. Please ensure she knows you are coming (07849 857068)	V
Film	Last Thurs	14.00 to 16.00	Jenny Webb & John Twytle		Possible new group with initial size of 16 members. See Group News for more information.	
French 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	15.00	Ian Ross	01628 626849		V
French Conversation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	12.15 to 13.45	Tim Lodge	01628 627882	We meet in a member's home. We now have ONE vacancy.	V
French Improvers	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	10.30	Evelyne Withey	07939 083996	Meetings continue on Zoom. We have 3 or 4 vacancies.	V
Fun with Flowers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid	14.00	Chris Smith	01628 663764		
Garden Visits	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	12.00	Maura McGinley	01628 629088 07767 446349	Destination of visit on <b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b> , TBC.	
German Advanced	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Frid	10.00	Rhona Latham	01628 638740	Our meetings resume on <b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> . We have ONE vacancy. Enquiries to Rhona.	V
German Conversation	Alternate Weds	14.00	Vreny Breadon	07900 831041		
History	2 <sup>nd</sup> Frid	14.00	Chris Sayers	01628 620647	We have several vacancies & <b>new members would be very welcome.</b>	V
Jazz Appreciation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	14.00 to 16.00	Kath Evans	07743 572146	Venue for September is Leila's house. Contact Kath for more information.	
Latin	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	10.45	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	The group will meet via Zoom on <b>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> & look at some more events from Livy's history & try acting out some Plautus.	V
London Explorers	Monthly	Varies	Janet Rose	01628 624709	There are no vacancies at the moment.	



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Lunch Club	Monthly		Linda Rahmatalla	01628 671766 07740 853952	Lunch Club will be on <b>Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> . Venue to be decided. New members always welcome.	V
Mahjong 麻将	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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! With the new venue from September we now have vacancies.	V
Meditation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	14.00	Marie Krag	01628 632683	We now have 2 vacancies.	V
MOTO (Members on their own)	Mainly Sundays		Jean Gale	01628 825107		
Nature Amble	3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid		Jill Waites	01628 628993	The next amble will be on <b>Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> , when we will walk around Winter Hill at Terry's Lane, looking for signs of Autumn & how the plants are recovering from the drought. All are welcome; please contact Jill for more info.	V
Photography			John Twydle	07786 854920	Possible restart of this group - see information in Group News.	
Play Reading 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	14.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Play Reading 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Frid	14.00	Janet Rose	01628 624709		
Poetry Reading	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	14.30	Michael Gammage	01628 637801 07763 405699	This group reads, not writes poetry. <a href="mailto:michael.gammage@outlook.com">michael.gammage@outlook.com</a>	V
Popular Music	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Quiz	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	19.15	Derek Searle	01628 822562 07801 926246	Meet at Shire Horse pub on <b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> . Derek is away before this date, so email him at <a href="mailto:drs05drs@gmail.com">drs05drs@gmail.com</a> if you need more <u>information</u> .	V
Recorder	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	13.30	Edwina Shelley	07708 044152		V
Rummikub	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid	9.30 to 11.30	Janice Walker	01753 852403	Meet at Shire Horse pub. New members very welcome.	V
Science	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	14.15 for 14.30	John Twydle	07786 854920	<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b> . Discussion on TED Talk - The Blind Spots of Green Energy Transition. Meet at Jacqueline Turner's (Larkspur House, Mill Lane, Taplow. (07545 504880).	
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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	07752 660537		
Spanish for Holidaymakers 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	10.00				

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Spanish Improvers 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Spanish Improvers 2	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon				
Spanish Improvers 3	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid				
Threads & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur	Maggie Kearney	01628 637160	Meet at Maggie's - 18 Wayside Mews SL6 7EJ. Contact Maggie re vacancies as this is a newly formed group.	
Walk 1 (longish walk)	Thurs, 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Julie Veazey	07710 278087	Meet at 10.15 for 10.30 start at The Royal Standard, Wooburn Green Common Road, Wooburn Green <b>HP10 0JS</b> for 3.4 mile walk & lunch afterwards for those who want it.	
Walk 2 (short walk)	Wed, 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Pam Tyrrell	01628 627509	Meet at The Cricketers, Littlewick Green at 10.45 for 11.00 start for 2 mile easy, level walk mainly following the Knowl Hill Bridleway. Lunch at The Cricketers for those wanting to stay.	
Walk 1 (long walk)	Tues, 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Keith Ponchaud	07494 705977	Meet at 10.15 for 10.30 start at the Flower Pot pub, Ferry Lane, Aston (near Henley) <b>RG9 3DG</b> for a walk of about 4 miles with a few hilly bits. Lunch afterwards at the pub for those who want it.	
Yoga	Every Mon	Barbie Bellman	01628 773653 07740 288498	Meet at St Mark's Methodist Church, Allenby Road, Maidenhead. Classes restart on <b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b> until <b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b> inclusive.	

### **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 size before sending.

Please email us anything that you would like us to consider for the October newsletter NO LATER than 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

Thank you.

Pat Laković & Nuala Smith [newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk) or [newsletter.maidenheadu3a@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.maidenheadu3a@gmail.com)

## Answers to September Quiz

Any queries, email Ann at [annghay@icloud.com](mailto:annghay@icloud.com)

1. Genevieve.
2. Early 20<sup>th</sup> century term used in courts of law as the typical 'man in the street', one moderately well-educated, unbiased.
3. Elton John's 'Candle in the Wind'
4. Wings.
5. Britannic, Olympic.
6. (a) sugar-packets (b) autographs (c) flags (d) teddy bears (e) postcards (f) jigsaw puzzles
7. Captain Ahab of the 'Pequod'.
8. Mary Tudor was said to have Calais written on her heart.
9. "Drake was in his hammock and a thousand miles away".
10. (a) a small boat carried aboard ship, having oars and a sail (b) shaped like a feather
11. (a) 1/8 mile, 220 yards or 660 feet, used in horse-racing, (b) 22 yards, distance between wickets (c) 5½ yards, all the same
12. A Victorian servant, the 'between-maid' who worked partly as junior housemaid and partly as kitchen-maid.
13. He was a deep-sea diver, who went down into the flooding area beneath the building and spread powdered concrete to fill up the parts filled with ground water.
14. Ganymede, Europa, Io, Callisto
15. Nickname for the R.A.F. during World War 2.
16. (a) a rabbit (b) a skunk (c) Bambi's father, the stag
17. Part of the racetrack at Newmarket.
18. The Tynwald on the Isle of Man (closely followed by Iceland's Althing, which broke up for a few years).
19. When Did You Last See Your Father?
20. In early offices, the typewriter was the typist, who worked on the typing machine.



**Thames Valley Network**

**South East Region**

**TVN**

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

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Maidenhead u3a Walking Group enjoying a river trip from Marlow

