



# NEWSLETTER

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## **Message from our Chair**

New Year Greetings and welcome to the January 2021 Newsletter

Looking back to 2020 as in most of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic dominated events in the UK during this year.

As early as the 31st January COVID-19 was in the UK: The first two cases of infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2, then known as 2019-nCoV) in the United Kingdom were confirmed.

In February Storm Dennis initiates record number of flood warnings and February records the highest monthly rainfall in the UK since records began in 1862.

The old adage 'It never rains but it pours' seems to sum up the rest of the year.

In March, as the number of British cases start to rapidly rise the government holds COBRA meetings to discuss its preparations and response to the Covid outbreak,.

March was our last live monthly u3a meeting and so we moved through various levels of lockdown and travel restrictions to where we are now.

In December a new highly infectious strain is confirmed to be present in London and the East of England leading to Tier 4 restrictions.

However the good news is that we should celebrate the science that has led to the production of Covid vaccines in record time. The widespread community transmission which has been partly curtailed by the various levels of lockdown restrictions should start to be lower as more people receive the vaccine. Herd immunity will require a majority of the population to be vaccinated which requires a high level of public trust not misinformation (there is plenty of that on social media)

The first vaccine was introduced by British physician Edward Jenner, who in 1796 used the cowpox virus (vaccinia) to confer protection against smallpox, a related virus, in humans.

Since then vaccines have saved millions of lives.

Optimistically we could see restrictions lifted as soon as a significant proportion of the population, especially the elderly and high risk people have received the vaccination.

We may then be able to resume our meetings and activities once more.

The good news was the approval of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine which can be stored in a normal fridge which makes it much easier to distribute.

Conversely we heard that we have all been promoted to another lockdown until Mid February.

Hopefully this will be a period of short term pain for a long term gain.

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Finally thank you all for:


- your patience and understanding throughout this most unusual of times
- for taking part in Zoom meetings and events
- and outside groups of 6 events
- keeping in touch with each other by phone, text and WhatsApp mini groups
- all contributors to the newsletter

And thanks to:

- Group Leaders
- Members of the committee and social sub committee
- Lynda Jackson for designing the Christmas card and the cycle group for delivering
- Graham Daft from the Methodist Church for continuing to print the newsletter
- Barrie Saunders and Mark Jackson for distributing the newsletter with me
- Steve Lawrence for continuing to produce a quality newsletter for all of us

Happy New Year

## David Rose, Chairman

Guidance for England from 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Travel	You can continue to travel to venues or amenities that are open. When travelling plan ahead or avoid busy times and routes, walk or cycle if you can. Avoid travel into tier 3 areas	Reduce the number of journeys you make where possible and avoid travel into tier 3 areas unless necessary for work, education, healthcare etc.	Avoid traveling out of the area unless necessary for work, education, healthcare etc. Reduce the number of journey's made where possible.	Travel should be minimised as much as possible. You may not travel out of your area or overseas. Exceptions apply for work, education and care.
Permitted activities 	Exercise classes and organised sport can take place outdoors following an appropriate Covid risk assessment.  Indoor exercise groups following an appropriate Covid risk assessment can meet in a Covid-Secure venue if the rule of 6 is followed.	Exercise classes and organised sport can take place outdoors following an appropriate Covid risk assessment.  People can participate in a Covid-Secure venue, in a single organized sport activity such as exercise classes if they can stay separate and distinct from any other households and avoid physical contact and proximity.	Exercise classes and organised sport can take place outdoors following an appropriate Covid risk assessment, but avoid higher risk contact activities.  People can participate in a Covid-Secure venue, in a single organized sport activity such as exercise classes if they can stay separate and distinct from any other households and avoid physical contact and proximity.	Indoor gyms, sports facilities and community venues will close. Outdoor sports courts, gyms, golf courses, swimming pools can remain open for individual exercise or with one other person from another household.

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## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Notes from the Zoom Committee meeting**

The committee met on Jan 6th at 10am

Apologies were received from Sandra Green and Dianne White

The minutes of the December meeting were agreed.

Siobhan reported that a new group 'Seated Tai Chi' course via Zoom meets every Friday at 1.30pm.

Melvyn has organised an' Emergency Aid First Aid 'course for the monthly meeting on the 13th at 2pm

Angela reported 3586 'hits' on the website in December and that she has set up a Hucknall and District u3a page on Facebook .It is an information page only, please take a look and 'Like ' it.

Christine had previously circulated the monthly accounts which showed little change from November. The financial accounts for Jan 2020 to Dec 31st 2020 are ready to submit for the annual scrutiny.

Greg and Mark have been busy organising for membership renewals which will be sent out to members in the coming week.

Mark as our Business Secretary submitted a suggestion for a change in our constitution as both the Charity Commission and the Third Age Trust in the interest of good governance are encouraging U3A's to amend their constitutions to empower them to hold meetings virtually. The wording need first to be approved by TAT it will then be subject to a vote at our next AGM.

In AOB I outlined some aspects of a survey recently submitted to the TAT on behalf of our group.

The meeting closed at 11.20am. The next meeting is on Wed 3rd Feb at 10am.

### **Christmas at Hucknall and District u3a**

This year we were 'Dreaming of a Zoom Christmas'

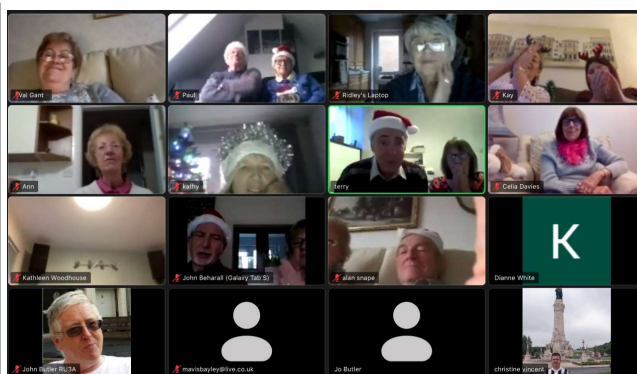
Unable to hold our annual Christmas social event we had a 'Christmas Spectacular' via Zoom on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. The programme featured a festive quiz, host Terry Hill with his Bumper Book of (old) Jokes , Christmas themed poems ,a recording of our last year's 10 minute pantomime 'Cinderella' and a finale of 2 songs live from the living room of The Rockin Rev Duo ,the Rev Ian and Ann Murray.

It was wonderful to see and hear a live performance thanks Ian and Ann.  
Many members were in full Christmas livery and enjoyed each other's virtual company accompanied by a drink and party snack.

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We also had a Christmas film via Zoom, an enjoyable Dad's Army feature followed by 'Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street' on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

This 2020 Hucknall Christmas Tree Festival, which is held inside the church, was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. However in its place there is a Christmas Wreath Festival with the 34 wreaths made by local schools, businesses and community groups displayed on the church railings alongside the market place. Our wreath designed and created by the Groups Coordinator Siobhan celebrates our Interest Groups.



Hopefully and optimistically our next year's events will be real meetings in person.

David Rose

## Accessing Zoom Events

The Zoom app is required on Android and Apple devices (though it is not necessary to create an account).

It is possible to join a meeting on a pc/ laptop without installing the app by using the browser.

In summary a Zoom account is not required however the Zoom app may need to be installed, at least on some devices e.g. Android and Apple phones and some tablets.

It is a free app from Google Play.

You can also access with your sound only rather than sound and vision but you still see all the activities of the meeting .

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Mark is offering assistance to any member who would like guidance and advice

Email : Mark Jackson at <hucknallu3abusiness@gmail.com

### **ACCESSING THE MEETING WITHOUT THE INTERNET or ZOOM**

This is a Zoom event however if you do not have Zoom, do not like Zoom or have Zoom fatigue then the meeting can be accessed by phone.

It is your normal call rate (they are not premium numbers)

It allows you to join in and listen to the meeting.

How to access : If you do not have an internet connection you can join the meeting by telephone. Dial any one of the standard rate numbers below:

0203 901 7895

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

When prompted enter the meeting ID, which is 718 4497 8566, followed by #

When prompted for Participant ID, press #

When prompted for the meeting password, enter 136162, followed by #.

You will then be in the meeting.

To mute / unmute yourself during the meeting press \*6

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## NEW GROUPS, GROUP NEWS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS

### Recycling Spectacles

Many of you have donated your unwanted old specs to a charity via member Terry Moulton

Terry informs me that unfortunately the charity can no longer pass them on. However Specsavers and other opticians do accept unwanted pairs broken or otherwise so please recycle this way.

### Driving Licence

Christine Vincent would like to share her recent experience and advises us to check our licence expiry dates (otherwise time in Wormwood Scrubs beckons....)

She writes:

Just a thought! Whilst rummaging through my personal effects I realised my driving licence had expired.....2 years ago. This was a shock to me and I was ashamed! However several of my friends have also had the same experience, including those who are really on the ball. I think the problem is that we have no reminder that we need to send off for another one.

And here is a useful link:

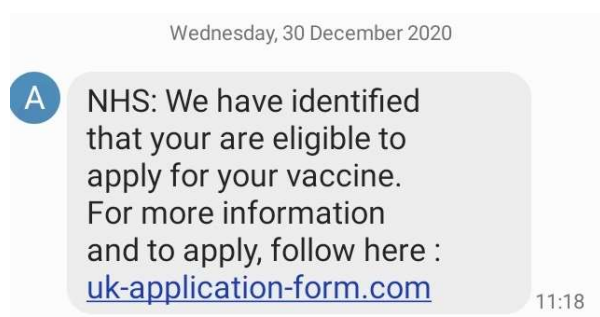
Information can be found here: <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/driving-licence-renewal>

## SCAM NEWS UPDATE

### COVID-19 vaccine scam text

Fraudsters are taking advantage of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout through a cruel but convincing text in an attempt to steal people's personal and financial details. The text contains a link that leads to a very believable but bogus NHS website with an application form to register to take the vaccine. A member got in touch today when they received a text message purporting to be from the NHS.

It confusingly stated that "we have identified that **you are** eligible to apply for your vaccine" and advised him to follow a link to get more information and 'apply':



This URL(in blue) takes you through to an extremely convincing fake NHS website that asks for your personal details, but the member became suspicious when it asked for his bank/card details in order to 'check his identity'

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It was then that he began spotting spelling mistakes on the site and in the SMS itself e.g. '**your are**' which are classic signs of a phishing scam.

Remain vigilant of coronavirus scams. We know that criminals will use the confusion and urgency around the pandemic as a way to target potential victims.

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue as fraudsters look to take advantage of the rollout to so many people.

Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also beginning to take place – I've already had reports of scammers asking people to pay for it over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, hang up.

**If you think you may have handed over your card details to scammers, let your bank know what's happened immediately.**

David Rose

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## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### ARTS & FILMS INFORMATION GROUP

If you wish to be included with the 150 other members in the circulation of the ongoing Arts Information Calendar each month, please drop an e-mail to [alansnape@Hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alansnape@Hotmail.co.uk) or ring me on 07940146542.

### CHOIR GROUP

I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas, in whatever way you celebrated. We opted out of a family gathering, so spent it quietly at home, thankful for Facetime enabling us to see and chat safely to our loved ones, and admire all the gifts our grandchildren received. I imagine a few of us did the same thing.

There was a little interaction over the festive season though. Thanks to Rose (really, many thanks, Rose) the choir were able to present our usual floral token of thanks to our accompanist and musical director, Margaret. I had been concerned as to how we may manage it this year (I'm going nowhere, so felt reluctant about asking it of someone else) but Rose agreed right away, and to taking a photo' to mark the event, and you can see from the super photo' she provided that we were, as usual, able to express our thanks with flowers. Thank you for all your efforts, Margaret.

All good wishes for a happy and peaceful 2021.'

### How much work goes into getting a picture into the newsletter ?.....



'That sounds easy, and should be it, but naturally, the photo' didn't reach you quite as easily as it appears. Rose thought you may enjoy hearing of its journey to the Newsletter. As the Newsletter deadline was approaching, I had contacted her to request a copy of the photo', and she had replied that Fred (thank you, Fred, great work) had taken the photo' on his camera, Rose's 'phone being out of action, and she didn't know how to transfer it to her computer. She felt out of sorts, and I sympathized, I wasn't having a good day

either. (I'd just received a letter cancelling a request for a long-awaited hospital appointment, I had been discharged, my GP must refer me again, and again I should be at the back of the queue. They have, apparently, introduced a novel but effective way of cutting their waiting list) When I then started my computer to check for the photo', my mouse wasn't working, so, using my technical knowledge, I overturned the keyboard and twiddled the batteries. Great, the mouse worked. Unfortunately, my screen had been turned 180 degrees and everything was upside down! The taskbar was upside down at the top of the screen, I couldn't read anything, my mouse went right when I went left, and vice versa. I couldn't even get to consult Google. I didn't find David's suggestion that it would be fine if I balanced on my head whilst I worked, particularly helpful. I rang my computer consultant, or son-in-law, who hadn't come across it before, but he made some suggestions more acceptable to me than David's, and I tried variations of them until, between us, we got the screen to return to normal. Rose received familial help too, and the result is the super photo' included with this article, which I was then able to send on! I think you'll agree it was worth everyone's effort, the ladies look great, and happy, spreading a little cheer at Christmas.

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## FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

Well we are here and holding our own as a group despite a challenging 2020. We have sadly lost a few zoomers on the way, which is a shame, but understandable in these circumstances. As yet we do not know what 2021 holds for us, but we hope that things will gradually improve as we get vaccinated and feel more able (and rules allow) to meet in person. Until then we Zoom on.

Our December meeting went well with a variety of new vocabulary and video clips; plus a jolly Xmas French song. We also met for drinks in the evening and a chat to wish each other a happy Christmas.

Our next meeting on Zoom will be Thursday 14th January at 10.30. I will email out a link and details nearer the time. We continue with French for a few more sessions then we shall take up some work again on Spanish. may you all have a peaceful, safe and happy Christmas; and those who are ill a healing one! - Liz and Ann

## GARDENING GROUP

A happy New Year to all!. Now is the time to enjoy all the planning and ordering for your plot for the new seasons ahead. There are lots of offers in magazines and newspapers to encourage us to add colour and scent to our gardens and to remind us what a benefit they have been to us this last year. Some things we will be glad to see the back of - (hopefully a vaccination will help us to move forwards) but others may well become part of our routine, such as taking time out to enjoy nature in all its glory, observing what is happening season by season in our gardens, and even visiting each other's gardens, and not having to socially-distance.

This year in the newsletters I have shared pictures from my garden and hope to share more in a talk when we can meet once again. If anyone has pictures of plants, shrubs, pots etc they don't mind sharing please send them to me and I will include them in future newsletters.

The winter-flowering clematis "Freckles" is full of blooms at the moment as is the winter jasmine, but there is also the promise of flowers to come as the daffodils, iris and primulas are all sending up leaves and buds as well in some cases. In a sheltered spot a (summer) honeysuckle is beginning to leaf up!, and the cyclamen flower heads are poking through too. There is always something to see. You can still visit NGS gardens virtually too. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can do it in person.

The speakers we had booked for last year have all agreed to come this year, so we have a full diary starting in March if we are allowed to start by then. If not we will just put them back until we can! Looking forward to seeing you all in person, meanwhile enjoy your outdoor spaces when it is fit to get out. - Anne

## HISTORY GROUP

The History Group always welcomes all U3A members. Our indoor meetings are held at Central Methodist Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month commencing at 2pm. At present I am not sure when indoor meetings will restart - but - watch this space! I decided to re- schedule the visits due in 2020 to 2021 which means Richard III is set for March 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 - and remember money already paid for the trip is safe in the U3A bank. Please cross fingers, toes and anything else you can - that the visits will go ahead. Doddington Hall will be on 16<sup>th</sup> June. I am still waiting for Sharpes Pottery to reply. I look forward to seeing everyone but in the meantime please take care and stay safe.

No-one came back to me objecting or otherwise when I mentioned re-booking the speakers from this year for 2021 which means I will go ahead. (**See booking list**) However at present I feel booking a

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speaker for February is still a bit iffy so if we **can** meet I will think of something history based we can do to entertain ourselves.

I went to a day school years ago about writing articles. The tutor told us if using a computer "Never rely on the spell checker picking up miss-spelled or wrong words". The following poem is (I think) interesting; what do you think?

Eye have a spelling chequer  
 Witch came with my pea sea  
 It plainly marques for my revue  
 Miss steaks I kin knot sea  
 I strike a quay and type a word  
 And weight four it to say  
 Weather eye am wrong oar write –  
 It shows me strait a weigh  
 As soon as a mist ache is maid  
 It nose bee four to long  
 And I kin put the error rite –  
 It's rare lea ever wrong  
 Eye have run this poem threw it;  
 I am shore your pleased two no  
 It's letter perfect awl the weigh –  
 My chequer tolled me sew.  
 How many corrections can you find?

This poem went through my computer without showing any red lines.

Happy new and better year to all members. T.T.F.N. & God bless from Maureen

## 2021 HISTORY GROUP

Meeting dates 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month except July August & December. Venue for Indoor meetings: Central Methodist Church. Time 2pm prompt.

This year early meetings do depend on the Covid situation, government tiers and vaccines. All dates have been booked.

January 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 ?????

February 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 Members Meeting. ?????

March 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 Visit to Richard III Centre & Leicester Cathedral. Leave Hucknall 10.30am; Leave Leices. 4pm. Return Hucknall 5.30 (ish) Cost £18 If this visit does not happen I will try to re-arrange it later in the year. July or August or November. Alternatively we may have an indoor meeting????

April 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 Malcolm Darroch is coming to talk about 'When the Balloon went up'.

May 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 Friends of Bennerley Viaduct. (Kieran Lee)

Coming to talk about this historic monument past and future.

June 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 Visit to Doddington Hall & Gardens. Leave Hucknall 9.30: Leave Doddington 4pm. Return Hucknall 5.30 (ish) Cost £20

Price cut to the bone.

July & August – holidays.

September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 Robert Mee is coming to talk to us on Bradshaws and an early railway Tour. (He says it is the famous railway timetable and a mystery tour.)

October 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 Visit to Sharpes Pottery and The Magic Attic. Leave Hucknall 12.15pm: Leave Sharpes 4.30pm, Return Hucknall 5.30pm (ish) Cost £11. I am still awaiting confirmation from the museum and book a visit elsewhere if there is a problem.

November 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 Members Meeting – Christmas theme.

December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 No meeting. Close to Xmas.

I will photocopy this list for the 'first' meeting we can attend.

T.T.F.N. & God bless from Maureen

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## LUNCH GROUP

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch in your own homes this year. I am hoping to organise a Christmas Lunch at somewhere very posh for next July! Do you think we will be out of lockdown by then and all vaccinated?. Perhaps you could let me have your suggestions as to where we could go. I promise there will be crackers and a Christmas quiz!.

## PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP

Thanks once again to David Rose who keeps us supplied with excellent quizzes on line. The answers to last month's Pub Quiz questions were as follows:

1. Which Rat Pack member died on Christmas Day 1995 aged 78? **Dean Martin**
2. What were the names of the 3 wise men? (1 point for each) **Melchior, Gaspar, Balthazar**
3. Which Dr Seuss character lives near Whoville and tries to steal Christmas? **The Grinch**
4. Father Christmas, Santa Claus, there are many names for the jolly fellow all over the world, but what is he called in Germany? **Kriss Kringle**
5. Who was King of Judaea at the time of Jesus' birth? **Herod**
6. Who directed 'It's a Wonderful Life' starring Jimmy Stewart? **Frank Capra**
7. What is the surname of the family in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol? **Cratchit**
8. Who invented the Christmas cracker and when? **Tom Smith 1845**
9. On what date does the Feast of Stephen fall? **Dec 26<sup>th</sup>**
10. Which country's parliament abolished Christmas in 1640 and only re-instated it as a public holiday in 1958? **Scotland**
11. Which Bruce Willis film is based around a Christmas Eve office party that it is hijacked by terrorists? **Die Hard**
12. What is the name of the traditional Italian Christmas cake? **Panettone**
13. By the end of which date should all Christmas decorations be removed so as to not bring bad luck upon the house? **January 6<sup>th</sup> or Twelfth Night**
14. What is the star sign of a person born on 25<sup>th</sup> December? **Capricorn**
15. 26<sup>th</sup> December is known as Boxing Day and which saint's day? **St. Stephen's Day**
16. True or False – if you add together all the gifts in the song The Twelve Days of Christmas you get 363 gifts. **False - 364**
17. The German song, 'Oh Tannenbaum' is about what object? **Fir or Christmas Tree**
18. In which Christmas song do 'Treetops glisten and children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow'? **White Christmas**
19. What number of pipers piping are there in the 12 days of Christmas? **Eleven**
20. What instrument do Greek children play when singing the traditional Kalanda songs? **Triangle**
21. Clement Moore wrote the poem 'A Visit From St Nicholas', but it is better known by its first line. What is it? **'Twas the night before Christmas**
22. The song Mary's Boy Child reached No1 twice in the UK charts – name both acts who performed it? **Harry Belafonte in 1957 and Boney M. in 1978**
23. What is the greatest selling Christmas single of all time? **White Christmas Bing Crosby**
24. Who wrote the book "The Snowman"? **Raymond Briggs**

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And to start off the New Year here's your General Knowledge Pub Quiz questions:

### **SECTION ONE – Name the profession from the description given.**

1. Someone who designs dance moves.
2. He makes and fits shoes for horses.
3. A medical professional who collects and tests blood.
4. A professional wine waiter.
5. Front of house at a restaurant.
6. A head chef's second in command.
7. A brain surgeon.

### **SECTION TWO – Entertainment**

8. Which stage musical tells the story of an Argentinian dictator's wife?
9. Who sang with UB40 for their 1985 hit, 'I Got You Babe'?
10. Which horror film used Mike Oldfield's 'Tubular Bells' as its theme?
11. Who played the title role in the 50s/60s TV show, 'Dr Kildare'?
12. Who was the Prince of Denmark?
13. What was the name of the spaceship in Blakes 7?

### **SECTION THREE – Trivia**

14. What is the children's game, Noughts and Crosses, called in the USA?
15. What two names are given to a group of swans on the ground, beginning with B?
16. Which of the sciences is regarded as the oldest?
17. Born on 5 May 1818, who was known as the father of communism?
18. Which word can go after PUPPY and before LETTER to make new words?
19. Which animal's English name means earthpig in Afrikaans?
20. What name is given to the chalk rocks situated in the Solent, just off the Isle of Wight?
21. Which book features a pub called 'The Admiral Benbow'?
22. In which year did Jesse Owens become the first black athlete to win 4 gold medals at the Olympic Games?
23. The Whitsunday Islands are located off the coast of which country?
24. Which artist's studio was known as the Factory?
25. What is the lightest of all the elements and has the atomic number 1 ?

### **READING GROUP**

The December set book was *Becoming* by Michelle Obama which has been reviewed by Goodreads website as follows; In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, *Becoming* is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations—and whose story inspires us to do the same.

I personally enjoyed the first third which covered her upbringing the most but got a bit bogged down in the rest but still enjoyed the book on the whole.

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## SCIENCE GROUP 2

Our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December was opened up for other members to attend for a talk by Professor Nicola Pitchford of Nottingham University.

Nicola's theme was about her current research looking at the impact of using educational technology to improve access to primary education. She explained that in some countries where due to trained teacher shortages and a weak economy for many children, especially girls, schooling only lasts about 3 years. This together with a very short school day leads to weak literacy and numeracy skills which limits lifetime opportunities.

The intervention is to provide what are basically a mini computer tablets containing only 2 programmes, literacy and numeracy in the native language for each individual child.

They work on this at home and it has a built in small solar panel which recharges the battery since many places have limited mains electrical supplies.

Progress is measurable and the research includes using the same software in some Nottingham Primary Schools as a comparator.

Nicola demonstrated some of the evidence that shows the effectiveness of the programme with different groups of children in different countries.

Her team then evaluate and quantify the evidence to consider if this programme of intervention can be scaled up and is sustainable for many more children in countries across the world.

Next meeting by Zoom: January 15<sup>th</sup> 10.am

## WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH)

Where am I?

With more people out and about at the moment, a useful App to know about is called 'what3words'. The world has been divided into 3 metre squares, and each square has a unique identifier, using 3 random words. For example, Hucknall Market Place is 'acted.engage.lowest'.

The App can be downloaded onto your phone, and any location can then be found on the map grid, and also on satellite view. The phone GPS needs to be on, then this location can be given to the 999 service – it is much quicker than trying to read an Ordnance Survey map on top of Kinder Scout, and when not on a road or a known location.

Our walking groups take great care not to get lost, but this would be useful in an emergency, particularly in an area with no particular landmarks.

## WEEKENDERS GROUP

The January Newsletter will be sent out on 11<sup>th</sup> January. Once again, many thanks to Margaret Wilde for printing off copies for those members not on email and for delivering them on her morning walk. We hope those members who unfortunately had to be alone on Christmas Day still managed to enjoy the day. I managed to persuade my daughter to drive me round Hucknall to do a 23 address card delivery. She refused to get out of the car to ring doorbells in case they were infected so I had to get in and out of the car 23 times; I've not had so much exercise in ten months of lockdown! She also made me sanitise my hands every time I got back into the car! Can't wait

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for the Nabb Inn to re-open fully so that our Weekenders Coffee Club could have a meet up at long last.

### AND FINALLY.....

Just be careful, because people are going crazy from being in lock-down! Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking tea and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge, as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine; no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to .....yes, you guessed it .....pull myself together

### WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

Not to be deterred from holding our annual Christmas murder mystery party, the Wine Appreciation group took to Zoom to solve the mystery of the death of Matt Finish, the well known interior designer.

In a theme that blended characterisations of the likes of Arthur Daly, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, Mary Whitehouse, Alan Titchmarsh & Charlie Dimmock the group set about to solve the case. Officer Dibble was unable to remotely 'cuff the suspects and failed to guess the murderer but the powerful deductive powers of others in the group meant justice prevailed.

Not quite the same as meeting up in person but everyone went the extra mile to make it a memorable evening.



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## **HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS**

### **January 2021**

For further details contact check the website at [www.hucknallu3a.org.uk](http://www.hucknallu3a.org.uk) from there you can email the respective Group Leader

#### **ARTS**

ACOUSTIC GUITAR	1 <sup>st</sup> &3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10:00
CHOIR	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 13:20
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 11:20
DISCUSSION	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 13:45
DRAMA	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 10:00
FILM CLUB	Thursday 12:30
HISTORY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 14:00
NATIONAL TRUST	Various dates & times
READING (BOOKS)*	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 14:00
SINGALONGA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:30
THEATRE	various dates
UKULELE	2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 10:00

#### **ACTIVE WELLBEING**

CYCLING	Every Wednesday 9:00
EASIER CYCLE	Every Friday 9:00
GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY*	Various
GRUMPY OLD MEN	Various
NOT SO GRUMPY OLD MEN	Various
KURLING	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 3-5pm
PICKLEBALL	Thursday 14.00
SEATED EXERCISE	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 14:00
WALKING (LONG)	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 10:00
WALKING (MID)*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 10:00
WALKING (SHORT)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10:00

#### **FOOD & DRINK**

BREWERY SCIENCE & HISTORY	Various
GINOLOGY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 19:00
INTERNATIONAL DINING	As Arranged
LATE BREAKFAST	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday 09:15
LUNCH GROUP	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00
PUB QUIZ & LUNCH	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 12:00
WINE APPRECIATION*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 19:30
WINE TASTING *	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 19:30

#### **HOBBIES & PASTIMES**

CANASTA	1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 19:00
CRAFT 1 *	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 13.45
CRAFT 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 14:00
GARDENING	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 14:00
HOLIDAYS	various dates
KNITTING & CROCHET	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 14:00
MAH JONG	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 19:00
POT LUCK *	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 19:30
RUMMIKUB1	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 14:00
RUMMIKUB2	Thursday 13.00
SCRABBLE	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 14:00
TABLE GAMES	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 19:00
WATER COLOUR	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 14:00
WEEKENDERS	various Sat & Sun.

#### **LANGUAGES**

FRENCH CONVERSATION*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:00
FUN WITH LANGUAGES	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10:30

#### **SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

SCIENCE 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 10:00
SCIENCE 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 10:00

\*Indicates group full. If you are interested then contact Siobhan who will happy to help you set up a further group. Please be aware that some Interest Groups have a limited number of places due to activity, venue etc.

Group Leaders are normally available in the Board Room at the monthly U3A meetings to answer any questions that you may have about their group. Their contact details are displayed on the Interest Group Information Board.

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