

u3a Update

Saffron Walden Spring 2023



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Cover photo:
Springtime on Saffron Walden
common.

Chairman's Report

"Membership numbers are creeping back up"



Last year was a momentous and memorable year for so many different reasons, some good some not so good. What will 2023 hold in store for us?

We'll obviously have to wait and see, but meanwhile the Saffron Walden u3a show goes on. Reviving memories of life before Covid, we held our first Christmas Buffet for quite a few years at the Golf Club which was a great success - see our centre spread.

Our popular Open Meetings are seeing record numbers of attendees and membership numbers are creeping back up - so the signs are looking promising, see Dates for your Diary on page 20.

Our Choir will be performing its Coronation Concert on the bandstand in Jubilee Gardens on the 15th July at 2:30 pm. It will be supported by the Ukulele group, so please come along for a good afternoon's entertainment and join in the celebrations.

We have some new groups: Gardening with Marilyn Hemmings is proving very popular and the Book Group has expanded with another 2 additional classes with Susan Brown at the helm.

I know that there are some members who would like to start new classes. I'd like to encourage those members to contact our Activities Organiser, Mary Curtis, who will advise and promote your class to our membership. Finally I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to this latest edition of Update.

Jim Dwyer, Chairman

It's the Chinese year of the rabbit, so the hidden animal is . . . a deer! No not really, it's a rabbit, see if you can find it. There's a deliberate mistake, some Dingbats and a crossword that will test your long-term memories. Give 'em a go.

Send your answers to the Editor at . . . jim_dwyer@btinternet.com

Membership Secretary's Report

"I would encourage everyone to join a group"



Thank you all for continuing your membership and welcome to all new members. We have over 700 members now and I would encourage everyone to join a group and take part in our activities.

Our membership declined in 2020 / 2021 because of Covid when we were all forced to stay in and keep socially distanced. Last year as restrictions were lifted our numbers grew a little and we all started to get back to normal. This year the trend continues, but we are still 100 members down on the pre-Covid level.

We have successfully introduced an on-line payment system for membership renewals and for new members to pay their fees. I am pleased to say that many of you used this facility. Yes there have been a few anomalies but most have been sorted out. I look forward to seeing you at the Open Meetings.

John Trueman, Membership Secretary

2023 is proving to be an active and exciting year for our u3a. We have several new, thriving groups, and are constantly hoping and encouraging members to start more.

The book groups have proved to be a great success and a 4th one would be welcome - do get in touch with me if you would like to coordinate this or any other group. I welcome all ideas, and u3a can't exist without the enthusiasm and participation of its members. So please remember "by the members, for the members" and consider what YOU can bring to our u3a. Looking forward to hearing from you and I, and the Committee, will support you with any new venture.

Mary Curtis,
Activities Organiser



Activities Organiser's Report

"by the members, for the members"

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Open Meetings

Our Open Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the month, except August and December, at the Bowling Club in

Abbey Lane, doors open 2:00 pm. Join us for an entertaining afternoon which always features an interesting talk or entertainment, free raffle, refreshments and plenty of socialising.



Classes and Coordinators

Class	Coordinator	Telephone & Email	Day	Time & Venue
Art	Jean Mead	01799 501405 j.mead@mac.com	Tuesday	2:00 - 4:00 pm URC
Art Appreciation	Linda Dyer	01799 218759 lindadyr70@yahoo.co.uk		10:30 - 12:00 pm Bowling Club
Ballroom & Sequence Dancing	Pauline Palmer	01799 502560 pauline.palmer3@ntlworld.com	Tuesday	9:45 - 10:45 am URC Hall
Birdwatching	John Adcock	07756 405947 johnwadcock@hotmail.com	Tuesday	From 19th October
Book Group 1	Mary Curtis	01799 524784 marycurtis@live.co.uk	First Thursday	10:30 - 11:30 am Café Cornell
Book Group 2	Susan Brown	07808 772774 susan_m.brown_swu3a@btinternet.com	Third Tuesday	10:30 - 11:30 am Café Cornell
Book Group 3	Susan Brown	07808 772774 susan_m.brown_swu3a@btinternet.com	First Tuesday	10:30 - 11:30 am Café Cornell
Choir	Walter Poulter	07766 330749 w.poulter9999@btinternet.com	2nd & 4th Wednesday	11:30 - 1:00 pm Quendon Village Hall
Cribbage	John Trueman Christine Taylor	01799 541288 joandjohn@btinternet.com 01799 501886 christine.e.taylor@ntlworld.com	Thursday	2:00 - 4:30 pm Faircroft
Drama	Gill Williamson	01799 524947 gill.e.williamson@gmail.com	Contact coordinator	Member's homes
Easy Riders Cycling	Colin and Anne Taylor	colinandannetaylor@live.co.uk	First Thursday	11:00 am

Classes and Coordinators

Class	Coordinator	Telephone & Email	Day	Time & Venue
Exploring Churches	Christine Hall	c.hall153@btinternet.com	Second Friday	Various
French Conversation 1	Joelle Doegar	01799 501897 joelle.doegar@gmail.com	Monday	2:00 pm Member's homes
French Conversation 2	Isobel Jones	01799 522552 isobel.jones@talktalk.net	Thursday	10:30 - 12:00 pm Member's homes
Gardening	Marilyn Hemmings	07788 544401 marilynhemmings@sky.com	Last Friday	1) 11:00 - 1:00 pm 2) 2:00 - 4:00 pm Bowling Club
Gym Fit 1	Judy Hervey-Murray	01799 543164 judyh@btinternet.com	Tuesday	11:30 - 12:10 pm Just Gym
Gym Fit 2	Judy Hervey-Murray	01799 543164 judyh@btinternet.com	Monday	3:00 - 3:40 pm Just Gym
History Byways	Diane Tucker	tucker.diane@gmail.com	Monday fortnightly	11:00 - 12:00 pm Baptist Chapel
Indoor Bowling	Derek Ayres	01799 521180 derekandjuneayres@yahoo.co.uk	Contact coordinator	Turpins Indoor Bowls (behind Butler centre)
Keep Fit	Lynda Sawkins	01799 521022 sawkins.roylynda@gmail.com	Wednesday	11:15 - 12:15 pm Baptist Hall
Knit & Natter	Penny Maystre	01799 501262 pennymaystre74@hotmail.com	Monday	10:00 - 12:00 pm Coordinator's home
Landscape & Literature	Alex Reeve	01799 522818 alex_reeve@hotmail.com	Contact coordinator	Contact coordinator
Latin 1	Ros Woodcock	07773 272748 roswoodcock@yahoo.co.uk	Thursday	2:00 - 3:00 pm Member's homes
Latin 2	Alex Reeve	01799 522818 alex_reeve@hotmail.com	Monday	11:00 - 12:30 pm Coordinator's home
Line Dancing	Sheila French	01799 530364 sheilamfrench@btinternet.com	Monday	12:00 - 1:00 pm URC Hall

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Class	Coordinator	Telephone & Email	Day	Time & Venue
Literature	Elise Collins	01799 540316 emcollins1@hotmail.co.uk	Last Wednesday	2:30 - 3:30 pm Faircroft
Lunch Club	Peter Cowper	01799 527161 petercowper@btinternet.com	Various	Monthly
Mah-Jong 1	Christine Greet Irene Bedward	01799 531732 tygreet@gmail.com 01799 528178 irenebedward@hotmail.com	Wednesday	2:00 - 4:00 pm Bowling Club Abbey Lane
Mah-Jong 2	Jess Grinyer	01799 500344 / 07811 382541 jess.grinyer@ntlworld.com	Thursday	1:30 pm Coordinator's home
Mah-Jong 3	Geraldine Plunkett	01799 599159 ger_plunkett@yahoo.co.uk	Contact coordinator	
Mandarin	Wen Zhang	07425 830888 zhangwenl@gmail.com	Tuesday Friday	1:00 - 1:30 pm both, contact coordinator
Natural History	David Saunders	01799 501696 david.saunders560@ntlworld.com	1st Tuesday monthly	2:00 pm contact coordinator
Nice'n'Easy Fitness	Jan Powell	01799 523855 janibobs@ntlworld.com	Wednesday	12:30 - 1:30 pm Baptist Church
Philosophy	Richard Gilyead	01799 510749 rgilyead@gmail.com	Tuesday monthly	10:30 am Coordinator's home
Photography	Bronwen Woods	01799 599950 bronwenwoods@btinternet.com	2nd Monday monthly	2:00 - 4:00 pm Bowling Club
Pilates 1	Hilary Price	01799 521696 hilaryprice127@gmail.com	Thursday	1:00 - 2:00 pm Friends Meeting House
Pilates 2	Irene Bedward	01799 528178 irenebedward@hotmail.com	Thursday	2:00 - 3:00 pm Friends Meeting House
Pilates 8	Chris Kerrison & Christine Simpson	01799 516586 briankerrison599@btinternet.com	Tuesday	11:30 - 12:30 pm Baptist Hall
Play Reading	Alan Nicholls	01799 522260 alannicholls36@gmail.com	Third Monday	Coordinator's home

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Class	Coordinator	Telephone & Email	Day	Time & Venue
Ramblers 1	Keith Patmore	01799 527568 keithpatmore@btinternet.com	Thursday fortnightly	10:00 am Leisure Centre
Ramblers 2	Colin Potterill	01223 834937 colinpotterill@hotmail.co.uk	Thursday fortnightly	10:00 am Leisure Centre
Scrabble	Bronwen Attenborough	01799 524772 bronwen.atten@googlemail.com	Thursday	10:00 - 12:30 pm Member's homes
Spanish Improvers	Jessica Reeve	01799 522818 jessicareeve@hotmail.co.uk	Wednesday	2:00 pm Coordinator's home
Table Tennis	Ann Cousins	01799 219072 cous.anns@gmail.com	Wednesday	2:00 - 4:00 pm Widdington Village Hall
Tai Chi 1 & 2	Angela Rowland	01799 521192 mrsarowland@gmail.com	Wednesday	1) 9:30 - 10:45 am Baptist Church 2) 10:45 - 12:00 pm Baptist Church
Theatre & Travel Holidays	Christine Duffy Jim Dwyer Pam Mugliston Jean Little	01799 520173 chrisduffy146@gmail.com 01799 521524 (07531 115160) jim_dwyer@btinternet.com 01799 521697 (07910 746887) pjmteddybear@btinternet.com 01799 513411 little361@btinternet.com	Last Friday monthly	1:30 pm Baptist Hall
Ukulele	Mary Curtis	01799 524784 marycurtis@live.co.uk	Wednesday fortnightly	10:00 - 11:30 am Wimbish Village Hall
Writing for Pleasure 1	Diane Drury	07870 900852 dianejdrury@gmail.com	Monday fortnightly	10:00 - 12:00 pm Football Club
Writing for Pleasure 2	Lisa Mades	07939 437191 lisa.mades@gmail.com	Tuesday fortnightly	9:30am Member's homes

Coordinators: please check your details and advise the Editor if there are any errors. If you don't want your details to appear on the website please advise the Website Manager (details page 5).

Flying High with Ramblers 2

Who'd have thought that a u3a ramble could be so interesting? In January we spotted a herd of at least 20 deer grazing in the beautiful countryside around Saffron Walden.

In February we had a surprise encounter with an East Anglian Air Ambulance - not for any of our walking group I hasten to add! A few of us had arrived at the starting point of the walk a little early. The air ambulance below was parked in a nearby field, the patient having been transferred promptly to Addenbrooke's by road ambulance. The air ambulance pilots asked us if we would like to see inside the helicopter while they were waiting for better weather to

take off. It was a cold and misty day with low cloud and they explained that if they flew above the cloud, the temperature would drop and there was a risk of the blades freezing. The area for the medics and patient is very compact, but warm and well-kitted out with life-saving equipment.

In contrast, the pilots' area is small and cold and the pilots often have to wear thermals! One of the pilots proudly told us he took over from Prince William who used to fly the same helicopter!

Steve Messenger



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is available to all u3a members.

If you have transport needs just get in touch on
01799 519008 or
info@uttlesfordcommunitytravel.org



It's All Greek To Me

In ancient Greece, a calendar in one city state, e.g. Thebes, differed from another, e.g. Corinth; but for one month of the year there was near unanimity, with the period around the winter solstice being named after the sea god, Poseidon. During Poseidon, there was a greatly anticipated festival called Poseidonia, comprising sixteen days of partying when the wine flowed freely and gifts were given. As is the way of partygoers, there were wild celebrations and drunken debauchery.

Here I turn away from recorded history and enter the field of speculation. Could it be that the ancient Greeks, recovering from Poseidonia, felt a little jaded? Could it be that they resolved not to party anymore, to live good and pure lives thereafter, and make their bodies their temple, so to speak? Possibly. In my musings I checked the

Latin for resolution. It comes from *resolutio*, which, scholars argue, could have two meanings, one is a slackening, a sort of unbinding; the other is more complex: *res* (thing) + *o* (a cry of surprise) + *luti* (a lot of muck) + *o* (surprise, surprise), which amounts to 'quelle surprise, the whole things turned to s**t'. Which is roughly what happens to my resolutions every year.

Did you have any New Year rezzies? I sought inspiration from some Greek pals and their responses were a bit predictable, Thales - "drink more water", Somnus, "get up a bit earlier", and Demosthenes, "stop talking with my mouth full". So not much joy there. Then I experienced a Eureka moment: I decided hereinafter to always steer clear of any resolutions. And that, dear reader, will remain my firm promise.

Alex Reeve

A History of the Ukulele by Mary Curtis

The ukulele is a small 4 stringed instrument which is currently very popular across all generations, but do you know its origins?

In 1879 Portuguese immigrants travelled from Madeira to Hawaii to work in the sugarcane fields. They brought with them their lute type instruments called machetes. The Hawaiian Gazette reported that "Madeira islanders recently arrived here and have been delighting people with nightly street concerts". The Hawaiians, loved the machetes and King Kalakaua promoted it into performances at royal gatherings.

The Hawaiians adopted the instrument and called it a ukulele – which roughly translates as "jumping flea" due to the

rapid movement of the players fingers. It was popularized in the U.S. in around 1915 and used in Vaudeville and films, and soon became an icon of the jazz age.

In 1929 the ukulele was introduced into Japan and had rapid success, despite western music being banned during World War II. In the U.K. in the early 1920's the ukulele gained popularity, with well known stars and musicians playing. Its popularity waned in the mid 20th century due to the rise of the guitar – which was louder and more complex.

But in the 1990's it made a huge comeback, and is now played all around the world, and taken seriously as a versatile instrument used for many musical styles, by classical and popular musicians.

What a big turnout we had for our Christmas Buffet on Monday 19th December at the Saffron Walden Golf Club (*photos grouped below*). As 60 members were met and greeted there was some wonderful background music from Jean Pattenden on her keyboard.

Once drinks had been purchased from the bar and everyone was seated, we were served with a wonderful array of Christmas food which had been prepared in-house by the Golf Club chef. The food was delicious, conversation flowed and crackers were pulled. There was a lovely atmosphere and the event was an excellent start to Christmas, with everyone appearing to enjoy themselves and entering into the Christmas spirit.



Trinity Church in Littlebury by Gordon Ridgewell, December.

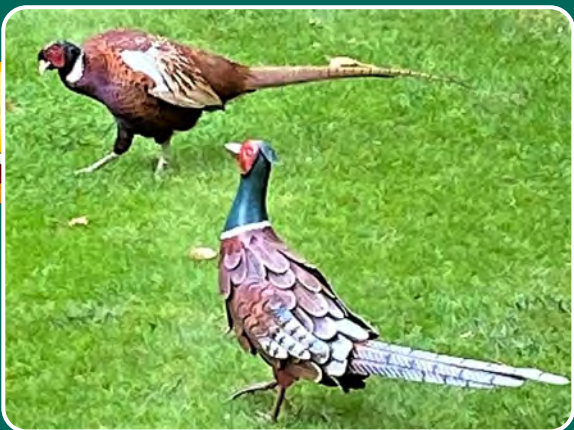




The Writing for Pleasure Group celebrated their Christmas (above) at The Crown pub in Little Walden on Tuesday 20th December. From the look on their faces I would say that a good time was had by all.



Below we see what happens when a real pheasant meets a garden ornament pheasant – absolutely nothing! The real pheasant totally ignored the tin one - he obviously didn't have the mettle!



Coordinator's Lunch

The coordinators got together for their annual lunch on 21st February at The Cross Keys Hotel in Saffron Walden. The event had been stopped, along with everything else, during the pandemic and we were happy to start it up again. Also present were the Committee, unpaid



tutors and the website manager. The event is held as a 'thank you' to our u3a coordinators and unpaid tutors for all the work they do throughout the year for the benefit of our u3a and its members. Good on them!

See your name in print

'Each day without writing is an uneasy day', someone once wrote to describe why they joined my Creative Writing Class. 'The class gives me a goal and direction'. People feel daunted at first at the idea that they haven't got anything worth writing about. Having taught Writing for Pleasure for many years I know that a chance remark, a photograph, a headline in the newspaper, someone's throwaway comment can spark an idea.

So if you feel like seeing your name in print, why not be a contributor for the next edition of Update? Experience the tonic of seeing your own name in print. Your contribution could take the form of a poem, a travel article, an observation or a short story. But keep it brief - brevity is the key to good, readable subject matter! Come on have a go, because without your contributions there would be no Update!

Barbara Pitman

Travel & Theatre

If you like to visit interesting places or to see a West End show and enjoy the company of like-minded people, then the Theatre & Travel group is waiting to hear from you.

Our monthly meetings are at 2:00 pm on the last Friday of each month (except December) at the Baptist Church in Saffron Walden. Doors open 1:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there when you can meet the organisers and book your trips.

For all the latest information, dates, costs etc, please contact one of our T&T coordinators, contact details appear on page 9, or check out our website www.saffronwaldenu3a.org.uk



A Happy Ending by Jean Little

In the Autumn, as the Theatre & Travel group plan their outings, the Winkworth Arboretum looked like an excellent idea – lots of beautiful trees and shrubs showing off their autumnal colourings.

So, on 20th October, we boarded our coach and headed for Surrey. As we drove the rain began and it soon became torrential, the clouds were dark and our hearts sank. Arriving at Winkworth, our leader Chris, got out of the coach and braved the rain, mud and puddles to purchase our tickets – only to get her mobility scooter stuck in the mud! After some discussion it was decided to abandon Winkworth because there was



no shelter anywhere and the outside café only had one table! The lady at the sales kiosk kindly recommended Milford Garden Centre, which was about 10 minutes' drive away – so that's where we headed.

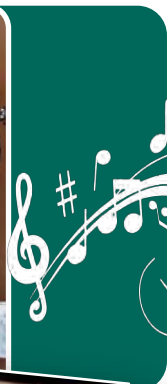
By now the rain had stopped and we all dined in the extensive restaurant after using the facilities. After our lunch we wandered around the big

shopping area and ventured outside where the sun was now shining. Amongst the many outdoor plants there was a beautiful garden with some stunningly colourful trees and a lake (*see photo*). What was very nearly a disaster had a happy ending after all.

Ukulele

The Ukulele Group (aka SW'Ukes) get together every other week at Wimbish to practice and increase its repertoire. It has become a popular entertainment act around the care home/residential circuit. Here we see some members who have just entertained a very enthusiastic audience at Cornell Court in Saffron

Walden. Several other venues have already booked them and, of course, they will be appearing with the choir at the Coronation Concert on 15th July on the bandstand at Jubilee Gardens. All enquiries should be directed to coordinator Mary Curtis whose details appear on page 9.



The Green Front Door

I looked back at the green front door
I wondered what fates lay behind
Is this where my future lies
What destiny will I find?

The wedding arrangements were finished
The invites were in the post
Next thing was finding somewhere to live
The thing that mattered the most

We had looked at ads in the papers
At many a two up and two down
Ones with an en-suite plus bathroom
With elegant stairs, coming down

Thatched cottages were sweet but draughty
The rooms were tiny and neat
But what if we had a large family
Just think of the trampling feet



A brand new estate had been finished
Near to the old Tesco
Could this be our longed for apartment?
On viewing, the answer was No!

So back home we sat with a cuppa
To write our finances down
Mmm, I think we'd better stay with my mum
I said with a thoughtful frown

The years I spent behind her green front door
Were the happiest I've known
So a few more won't come amiss
Until we can repay a loan!

Jean Pattenden

Gardening

The New Year saw the commencement of a new Gardening group. In fact, the enrolment was happily so large that two classes had to be formed. These are both on the last Friday in the month at the Abbey Lane Bowling Club.

The first half of the session is taken up by a talk about what jobs should be done during the coming month. This is followed by tea, coffee and biscuits to accompany general chitchat. Then we have plant exchange, any questions and finally a raffle. Members contribute £1 each session to cover the hire costs of the Bowling Club. If you are interested in joining either of these groups please contact me, details are on page 7.

Outing: We have an outing planned for Tuesday 20th June to Christopher Lloyd's garden at Great Dixter near Rye. If interested please let me know.

Marilyn Hemmings



Beware Scam Emails

From time to time you may well receive an email purporting to be from another u3a member or committee member. The message is usually brief and asks a simple question like "Are you available for a chat?"

To check if the email is from the person you think it might be click on the emailer's name. This will reveal who really sent the email – no doubt a person or an email address you do not know!

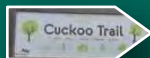
Immediately DELETE the email and DO NOT REPLY as this provides the scammer the opportunity to open a chain of emails to you offering or demanding something. This could eventually lead to a request for your personal or bank details so DELETE THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE!

For more information access the Essex Police website on:

Advice about fraud | Essex Police

Tony Treglown, Secretary

Easy Riders Cycling by Colin & Anne Taylor



Dateline 11th October shows (l-r) Brian, Jill, Roger, Colin, Sharon, Anne and Peter on The Cuckoo Trail just South of Heathfield by "Frenches Halt"; the attractive garden display of a real rail enthusiast. The memorabilia is interesting and amusing with working signals and train sounds. Our cycle ride along The Cuckoo Trail, a disused rail route leading to Eastbourne from the North, was the first of three rides during our recent "South Coast Sojourn".

Well, we thought that we could bet on the Spring weather being kind and inviting to we cyclists. That turned out to be only partly right.

Easy Riders had three different rides planned for March. The first was a great success. Early in the month, thirteen of us met up in Rickling Green and "cruised" along the quiet roads leading past the church, through Berden and Stocking Pelham, on to our pub lunch at Gravesend.

The return to Rickling Green was even more pleasant, passing through Maggots End on quiet lanes - with a climb out of Manuden. We enjoyed plenty of sunshine on this day. So far, so good. We were looking forward to cycling around Grafham Water on the 8th March, but the weather forecast was so bad that it was decided to take a rain check on this one. However, it was still hoped that the ride scheduled for the following day – around Rutland Water – would be possible (a small group of seven of us had booked in at the lakeside hotel). The photograph

shows that 'intrepid' group.

There being already plenty of snow with more falling, we all agreed that we would leave the bikes behind and take a ramble along the shores of Rutland Water. We walked 3 hours in, what was



for much of the time, a blizzard.

Strangely, we all enjoyed our hike – and the warmth of our lunchtime pub! The next morning there was even more snow! We will just have to re-schedule these two cycle rides for warmer times.

Photography

Our group has been running in its present form for nearly five years now. We aim to increase our enjoyment of photography by learning more about different aspects of the subject, taking a wide variety of pictures and having opportunities to show and discuss our images. We encourage members to take more photos by providing a different set subject for our photography each month. These subjects can vary from the specific (e.g. Locks & Keys) to the abstract (Initial letter R). We have a dedicated website where we can display our pictures so that other members can view them.

At our monthly meetings we view and comment on the images taken by members for each month's set subject, as well as other photos of interest. Our meetings usually include a talk by a

group member, on subjects covering both composition and technical aspects of photography. Recent examples include "Night Photography" and "Table Top Photography". We have regular "location shoots" where we gather as a group to take pictures in a specific place. A recent subject was Saffron Walden town centre after dark, where we had some good images of the Christmas lights!

We welcome anyone who enjoys and is interested in photography. You don't need to be an expert or have a special camera, our members take their snaps on anything from a phone to a DSLR. We provide support for new members who want to know more about the subject, and we have experienced photographers who are happy to offer guidance that can help you to improve your ability and get more out of your photos.

So if you like taking pictures and want to "develop" your potential, please come and join our friendly group!

Hugh Herdon



Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th April

OPEN MEETING: 'A Life in Antiques', talk by Paul Atterbury from The Antiques Roadshow

Sunday 30th April

OUTING: Madame Butterfly, Cliff's Pavilion, Southend

Monday 15th May

OPEN MEETING: 'Container Gardens', talk by Andrew Babicz Dip Hort (Edin)

Friday 19th May

OUTING: RHS Chelmsford Flower Show

Thursday 15th June

OUTING: Dover Castle

Monday 19th June

OPEN MEETING: 'Richard III with Harp', talk by Robert Dresner.

Monday 26th June

HOLIDAY: Llandudno

Thursday 6th July

OUTING: Windsor Royal Landscape Heritage Tour

Monday 17th July

OPEN MEETING: Saffron Summerfield sings 'Milton Keynes to Mississippi'

Wednesday 9th August

OUTING: Nene Valley

Tuesday 5th September

AGM: Baptist Church 1:30 pm

Monday 11th September

HOLIDAY: Bournemouth

Monday 18th September

OPEN MEETING: 'The Heritage of Gilbert & Sullivan' - talk by Bernard Lockett

Wednesday 20th September

OUTING: Dad's Army Museum

Thursday 5th October

OUTING: Southend - Creeks, Cockles and Cockneys

Monday 16th October

OPEN MEETING: 'Dr Livingstone I Presume' - talk by Fran Sandham



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Apologies

In the last issue, under 'Quiz answers from our Spring edition', the cat and the deliberate mistake were both found by Dolores Clew - not 'Crew'. Apologies to Dolores for misspelling her surname. *Editor*

J^{AN}OB

You Just Me

**Quack Quack
Cluck Cluck**

**TOFEE
TOFFE
TOPHY
TOFFIE**

**Hamlet
WORD WORD**

**COVER
COP**

Quiz answers from our Autumn edition

The hidden money was framed on the wall in the photo of the Cribbage group on page 21 and was spotted by Jean Pattenden and Christine Taylor.

The deliberate spelling mistake was on page 19 where the word 'scoop' was misspelt as 'Skoop' and this was spotted by Tony Treglown, John Martin and Dolores Clew. I'm afraid to say that there were also some unforced errors: on page 19 the Axe and Compasses was wrongly called the Axe & Compass – this was noticed by Dolores Clew. On page 3 the word 'principals' should have read 'principles'; this error was spotted by Tessa Bird, Brian Linford and, once again, the eagle-eyed Dolores Clew. We will try to do better!

The crossword was successfully completed by Jennifer Beard and Jane Eden and the answers were as follows:

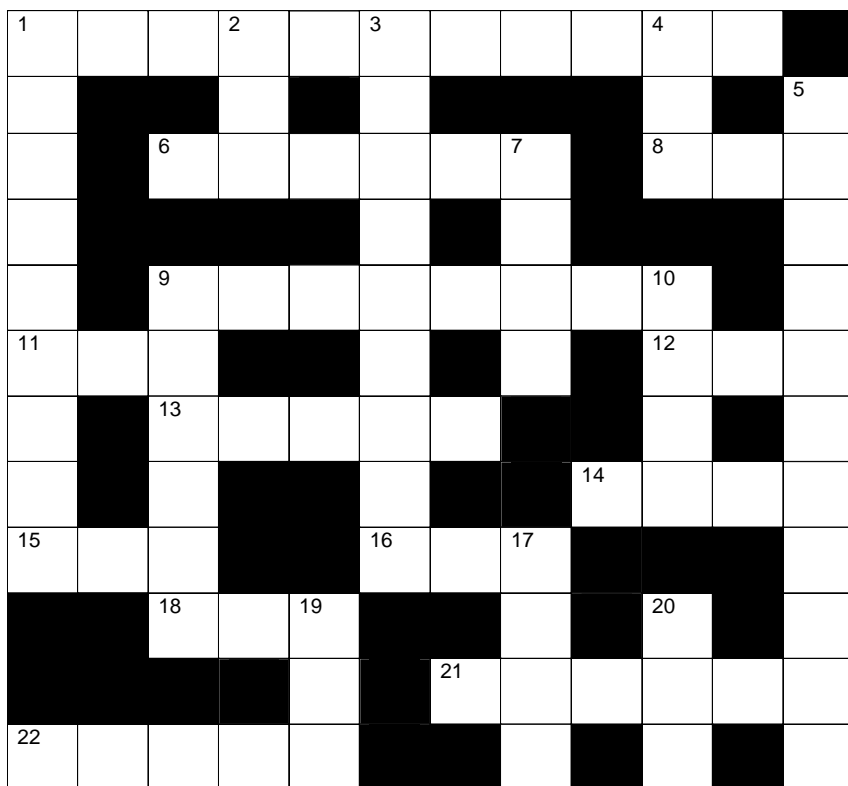
1a Beatles, 4a Abba, 7a Crystals, 8a Byrds, 9a Small, 11a Yardbirds, 14a Long, 15a Band, 16a Who, 18a Faces, 19a Boss.

1d Beach Boys, 2d Tams, 3d Ella, 5d Animals, 6d Cream, 10d Troggs, 12d Del, 13d Kinks, 15d Bob, 17d Of

Thank you to all our competition entrants

New crossword is overleaf

Crossword – TV quiz shows (old & new)



Clues across: 1. The presenter of this TV quiz show would often say: 'Say what you see!' 6. A child who often gets their own way. 8. Old TV musical quiz hosted by Marion Ryan (also 14a & 7d). 9. TV quiz hosted by Les Dennis among others (also 9d). 11. Modern English pop singer with Albanian roots. 12. Spanish shout of encouragement. 13. Take Your Pick inquisitor. 14. See 8a. 15. A nice round figure. 16. Abba sang this when in distress. 18. Up until the present. 21. TV quiz famously hosted by Bob Monkhouse (also 17d). 22. Hosted by Bradley Walsh (also 19d).

Clues down: 1. Five four three two one. 2. Held in your hand when humbly asking a favour. 3. The lower your score the better your chances in this TV quiz. 4. This word has the most meanings in the English language. 5. This is you if you were voted off Ann Robinson's TV quiz. 7. See 8a. 9 See 9a. 10. Coronation Street etc. 17. See 21a. 19. See 22a. 20. Poem.

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Pun fun



What did the grape say when it got crushed? Nothing, it just let out a little wine.

To whoever invented zero – thanks for nothing.

I had a dream last night I was swimming in an ocean of sparkling orange, turns out it was just a Fanta sea.

Ladies, if he doesn't appreciate your fruit jokes, you should let that mango.

There's going to be a restaurant on the moon, great food but no atmosphere.

If you need an ark to save two of every animal, I noah man.

Smaller babies are usually delivered by stork, but heavier ones need a crane.

I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger – then it hit me.

I heard some aquatic mammals escaped from the local zoo, it was other chaos.

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