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Deadline Monday 21st September

Message from the Chairman

Dear all

I've just been reading about how people are booking holidays in the UK. Obviously the concerns about foreign travel and the possibility of having to quarantine are having an impact. On the positive side we could see a return to the great British beach holiday; blankets, deck chairs, wind breaks, flasks, sandy sandwiches, buckets, spades etc

We are going to Scarborough at the weekend and have hired two beach huts. The weather forecast isn't quite up to Mediterranean standards but I'm looking forward to spending time with the family and fantastic sea side fish and chips. Yum yum!

Chris

WEBINAR BY THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

To support those of us who have not done much driving over the last few months.

The session will last for 40 minutes plus questions.

Wednesday 26th August at 10.00 am.

Are you ready to get back on the road?

Is your car ready for the road?

Are other people ready for the road?

See ***STOP PRESS*** on the Eastwood & District U3A website for more information.

A tweet by Pam Ayres

Oh, somebody make me a beautiful mask,
Of shimmering silk, or brocade, or damask
Sequinned and spangled, my visage to cup,
In fabric that won't make me glasses steam up.

Yeah, give it some frills and some lace furbelows,
Frollicking playfully over the nose,
With entry to viruses firmly refused,
Or is it for keeping them in?
I'm confused.

JUST A THOUGHT.

Can your support bubble help you to join a group zoom meeting?

If you don't have the Internet but other people in your support bubble do, perhaps you could use their computer/iPad/tablet/smart phone to join in a group Zoom meeting.

If your support group consist of younger people perhaps they could help you to join the meetings.



Caroline Winfield

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BODY PARTS QUIZ

- 1 WHAT CARPENTERS USE
- 2 NAME OF A FISH
- 3 TOP THE HILL
- 4 PART OF A COMB
- 5 STUDENT
- 6 WHAT DOGS CHEW
- 7 THE NAME OF A BABY ANIMAL
- 8 RABBIT WITH LONG EARS?
- 9 A STICKY SUBSTANCE
- 10 USED TO MAKE BLACK PUDDING
- 11 USE WHEN YOU HAVE A COLD
- 12 SEE LOTS OF THESE ON VALENTINES DAY
- 13 A LARGE CONTAINER
- 14 A JOINT OF LAMB [3 POSSIBLE ANSWERS]
- 15 TO PULL SOMEONE'S LEG
- 16 BREATHING APPARATUS
- 17 USED WITH STEAK IN A PIE
- 18 A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
- 19 TYPE OF SHELLFISH
- 20 RUBBISH



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Pat Potter

COFFEE MATES



Elevenises in lockdown for 5 members.

Andrea Sadler

FAMILY HISTORY

The Family History group had their first Zoom meeting this month. It had been organised by one of the members, Janet, and six people took part. As it seemed to go well we intend to repeat the experience on our normal meeting days and encourage others, who can, to join us.

Diana Pigeon

ART APPRECIATION ACTIVITY SINCE MARCH 2020

I have sent out emails around the dates of the scheduled meetings which are the third Monday of each month. This has included links to virtual museums and art galleries, tv programmes to catch up on etc.

In July we met by Zoom. This was a chatty catch up really but we discussed what we had been 'visiting' and studying and passed on other ideas.

We are not meeting in August.

September will either be a socially distanced get together at Patchings Farm Art Centre or a Zoom meeting on our planned topic 'The Newlyn School'.

Helen Baker

TREAT YOUR MASK LIKE YOUR KNICKERS OR PANTS

- Do not touch or adjust – especially in public.
- Make sure the fit is tight but comfortable.
- Do not borrow or lend.
- Make sure it is clean.
- If it's damp, change it.
- Don't go commando

VEGETABLE GARDENING

The Group took advantage of the lovely sunny weather to meet in one of our member's garden on the first Friday in August. Although we have managed a couple of Zoom meetings, and shared seedlings and plants over the spring and summer, it was such a pleasant change to meet face to face again and share stories of gardening successes (and the odd failure) with each other. Sandra and Paul produced a magnificent afternoon tea and Sue distributed succulent plums from her garden. A very pleasant afternoon all round. Our final meeting for 2020 will be in Sue W's garden (weather permitting) at Heanor.

Ann McGillivray

PSYCHOLOGY GROUP CONCENTRATING ON ZOOM



After sending out links to websites and YouTube prior to the meeting, the group met on zoom to discuss different kinds of cognitive biases. There was also a link for entertainment to a Ted talk "Your brain hallucinates your conscious reality".

Bob

A man goes to the vet.

The vet says, "I hear you've got a problem with your cat."

"Tha reyrt theer. Ees got an ear ripped. A think ees been feighting." the man replies.

"Is it a tom?" the vet asks.

"Nay lad," says the man, "Av brought it in wi' mi!"



Don't know about the others in the Ukulele Group, but I am still practicing hard.

Hoping one day we will all be playing together.

Chris Jackson

EASTWOOD & DISTRICT U3A AGM

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

to be held on Zoom



All members have been notified of the meeting and those that have expressed an interest in taking part either by video or telephone will be sent an invitation.

On the day of the meeting, if the meeting is not quorate it will be adjourned to another day and time.

All members will be given 21 days' notice of any future meeting. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

BIRD WATCHING & WILDLIFE GROUP

During these unusual times we have kept ourselves busy walking in the local countryside with our dog Cali, observing and photographing wildlife.

In spring and early summer the concentration was on birds and we have been fortunate enough to see, hear and photograph many of these, including Warblers and Buntings such as Chiffchaff, Whitethroat, Blackcap, Yellowhammer and Reed Bunting as well as the more common Robin, Blackbird and Thrush.

Visiting nearby water features we have seen many water birds including Grey Heron, Little Egret, Mandarin Ducks and Great Crested Grebe, but the rarest bird we have photographed is the Black-necked Grebe (see photo) which is described in RSPB handbook as a rare local erratic breeder (50 pairs)

During late July and August the birds are much quieter as they recoup their strength after mating and often moult at this time before growing their winter plumage. It is at this time we spent more time photographing butterflies and insects. Locally we have regularly seen many Butterflies and Insects such as Large white, Small white, Green-veined White, Common Blue, Holly Blue, Tortoiseshell, Comma, Peacock, Small Copper and Skipper butterflies, but one we had never seen before was a Silver-washed Fritillary (pictured). When we put pictures of this on the Facebook page of Kimberley & Eastwood Wildlife as we often do, we were informed that the Butterfly Conservation should be notified as it so rare in these parts and sighting should be logged. We were very pleased to have spotted such a rare butterfly in these parts.

One other creature rarely seen these days that we have been able to photograph is a Common Lizard (photo below) This is just another aspect of the wildlife that we have locally and we have enjoyed discovering during this time.

Barbara & Keith Sherwood



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this month's newsletter. Please send your contributions for October to:

newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

What is the most pointless thing ever? A 2020 planner!



Group Information

Now that the Directory is available the newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities. Latest up-to-date information at:

www.EastwoodU3A.org

Directory: If you would like a copy and have access to the Internet it can be found on the Eastwood U3A website but if anyone would like a Directory printed out for them contact:

newsletter@EastwoodU3A.org

New Groups

If you have ideas for new groups or need further information contact:

groups.coordinator@EastwoodU3A.org

Group News

In line with government recommendations, the U3A does not currently support groups meeting face to face.

However, small groups of people have begun to meet socially outdoors - not as a U3A group – but following Government guidelines.

Art Appreciation: see report on Page 2. Contact Helen 01773 710743

Bird Watching – now renamed Bird Watching & Wildlife: intend to get together on usual dates if possible. This will be as a social outing, socially distanced and following Government guidelines. Contact Paul 07986 037 871

Coffee & Co: a small number of members are meeting on Zoom at the usual date and time. Contact Barbara 01159 468 721.

Coffee Mates: groups of up to 6 meeting outdoors, following Government guidelines. Contact Andrea 01159 382 299

Creative Writing: a small number of members are meeting on Zoom every 2 weeks. Contact Chris 07891 032 300

Family History: meeting on Zoom on the usual date and time. Contact Diana 0115 9169343

History of England: meeting on Zoom on the usual date and time. Contact Janet 01773 770 183

Psychology: meeting on Zoom on the usual date and time. Contact Peter 01159 384 033

Veg Gardening: meeting on Zoom and in members' gardens following Government guidelines. Contact Ann 01773 767 686

THE BRITAIN FROM ABOVE WEBSITE

(www.britainfromabove.org.uk)

I recently came across the 'Britain from Above' website which contains aerial photographs of various locations throughout the country, most of them dating from 1919 up to the 1950s. They provide a fascinating glimpse of our recent past so I thought they may be of interest to some members.

Britain from Above is a project aimed at conserving 95,000 of the oldest and most valuable photographs from a collection created by Aerofilms Ltd, a pioneering air survey company set up in 1919 by First World War veterans Francis Lewis Wills and Claude Grahame-White. Once conserved, the images were scanned into digital format and made available on this website for the public to see. The project was made possible due to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and support from The Foyle Foundation and other donors. The website provides the opportunity to share and record memories and knowledge about the places shown in the collection and to explore content created as part of the project. It's also possible to download copies of the images for personal, or educational, 'not for profit' use.

I've found images so far that are of local interest include:

- At Langley Mill, from the 1930s and 1950s, Lovatts Potteries, Turners Wagon and Engineering works, and Vic Hallams
- At Ripley, from the 1930s, the Waingroves Brickworks and Butterley Ironworks (also the Butterley Ironworks at Codnor Park)
- At Ilkeston, from the 1920s and 1940s, the town centre, Booth and Sons Hosiery, and Stanton Ironworks.

In the attached image of Vic Hallams from 1950, you can make out the Midland Hotel (now a vets), the old Nottingham Canal alongside the Erewash Canal, and also the Great Northern Railway as it passed under the main road more or less where the A610 bypass now is.

Geoff Gratton



BODY PARTS QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. NAILS | 11. TISSUE |
| 2. SOLE | 12. HEART |
| 3. BROW | 13. CHEST |
| 4. TOOTH | 14. LEG, BREAST
SHOULDER |
| 5. PUPIL | 15. RIB |
| 6. BONE | 16. LUNG |
| 7. CALF | 17. KIDNEY |
| 8. HAIR | 18. ORGAN |
| 9. GUM | 19. MUSCLE |
| 10. BLOOD | 20. WAIST |