

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council kindly invited us to mount a stall at their Volunteers' Picnic in Calverley Grounds on 18<sup>th</sup> September. As you will see from the photos, it was a beautiful day and many people visited our display, including the Mayor and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kent for our area. Many membership application forms were taken away. If you took one and are reading this – welcome to Tunbridge Wells u3a!



It was impossible during lockdown to invite new members to a welcome meeting so we were delighted to be able to hold a New Members' Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in Langton Green Village Hall. It was lovely to be able to meet so many of you at last.

You will find details and application forms for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Christmas Lunch on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December below. Numbers are limited, so please send your applications in as soon as

possible. Unfortunately the Major Thirds are no longer able to provide the entertainment for us at the Tea, but the Rock Choir have kindly stepped into the breach with a programme well-known hits and top-tapping tunes. It promises to be a lively afternoon.

There has also been a change to our speaker this month and you will find details on page 3.

Members seem reluctant to share their reminiscences. If you intended to send us a short piece by 30<sup>th</sup> September but have missed the deadline, please send it to the [editor](#) now. The December issue of the Newsletter celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will only be as good as its contributions, so please don't hold back.

Autumn seems to have arrived with a vengeance. Keep warm and stay safe. [Eryll Fabian](#), Chairman (01892 513805)

**Coming up this month**

**7th Oct Zoom talk: Agatha Christie**

**21st Oct Hybrid talk: Choice Joyce**

**29th Oct Coffee morning at Trinity**

**4th Nov Zoom talk: Royal Court Gossip**

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## Rock Choir Saves the Day!



**ROCK  
CHOIR**

Sadly the Major Thirds have had to pull out of our Tea but happily members of the West Kent Rock Choir have come to the rescue!

**ROCK  
CHOIR**

**So, please join us in celebrating  
TWu3a's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

at a special tea and performance by

**THE ROCK CHOIR**

**The Date: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November AT 2.15 for 2.30**

**The Place: The Masonic Hall**

**The cost: £15 per person**

**Further information and application form at the end of this Newsletter**

## Christmas Lunch

**Christmas Lunch on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Christmas Lunch will be at the Masonic Hall again this year. We hope that many of you will join us for a delicious meal and a chance to get into the Christmas spirit.

The hall is in St John's Road and is easily accessible.

It is on several bus routes and has plenty of free parking.

The application form is on page 14.

Numbers are limited, so please send your application in soon!

Our (free) Monthly Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December will include a **Christmas Quiz** and Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Look out for further information  
in the next Newsletter!**

## Would you like to Help Shape the u3a Movement for the Future?

u3a Office would like you to complete their survey. For more details click this link:

[Link to Newsletter Express](#)

### Autumn Talks

Here are the next dates to put in your diary. **These talks are free of charge and start at 2.30.** However, you can still use Zoom but you will need to be on the mailing list. Please email [Eryll](#) for if you would like an invitation.

<b>7th Oct</b>	David Allen	<b>Zoom Talk:</b> The life of Agatha Christie
<b>21st Oct</b>	Pat Bryer	<b>Please note—change of speaker</b> <b>Hybrid Talk:</b> <i>Choice Joyce</i>
<b>4th Nov</b>	Sarah Slater	<b>Zoom Talk:</b> Sex, Secrets, Scandal and Salacious gossip of the Royal Court 1660-1830

#### ZOOM TALK October 7th

##### David Allen THE LIFE OF AGATHA CHRISTIE

A fascinating visual presentation on the world-famous crime writer exploring her incredible life, from her young days roller-skating on Torquay Pier to her mysterious disappearance. Following her glittering career and illustrating the inspiration for her two most famous characters. With wonderful photographs of Agatha & her family.



**\*Please note - unfortunately the talk on Edith Cavell had to be changed\***

#### HYBRID TALK October 21st **Choice Joyce by Pat Bryer**



This unique one-woman show spans a wide range of monologues and songs by the wonderful actor, writer and comedian, Joyce Grenfell, lovingly recreated by Pat Bryer.

Amongst the host of characters selected are, of course, the nursery teacher in the famous and much loved 'George Don't Do That', as well as the well-known 'Old Girl', Lumpy Latimer. There is also, however, an exciting opportunity to hear Mrs. Bolster for the first time, a character Joyce Grenfell wrote but never performed. **Choice Joyce** will appeal not only to those who have known and loved her work for years, but also to people hearing it for the first time.

For those coming in person please arrive in good time for the 2.30 start. Please note that face masks are required in communal areas and the use of hand sanitiser on arrival. **Unfortunately we shall not be serving refreshments but you are welcome to bring your own.**

If anyone not already on the list would like to receive a Zoom invitation, please email [Eryll Fabian](#) who will also be happy to help you set up Zoom if you would like to try it.

## U3A HIGH STREET PROJECT

### WHAT IS IT?

This is a national u3a research project. Peter Cox (North London u3a) wanted to discover the impact that online shopping and Brexit has had on the High Street. The project was launched at the beginning of 2020 and when Covid struck, the project started monitoring the effect of the pandemic.

### HOW IS THE PROJECT RUN?

Each u3a taking part was asked to survey their local shops and upload details and photographs to a central website. The idea was to carry out a survey in 2020, to revisit it in 2021 and in future years although the present website is only licensed for 10 years. Already over 500 u3as are taking part generating over 20,000 entries for the website!



### HOW IS TUNBRIDGE WELLS u3a INVOLVED?

Joy Podbury, Carole Harvey and I agreed to take it on and after attending a workshop via Zoom given by the National Co-ordinators, we were off! As we only joined this year we have telescoped our survey to cover both 2020 and 2021. We decided to concentrate on the High Street area, Chapel Place and the Pantiles. The survey has now been completed and uploaded. We have really enjoyed unearthing the past and comparing it with the present. A big thank you to the staff of the Tunbridge Wells Library Museum and Art Gallery who assisted us with our research.

### WHAT DID WE FIND?

A few years ago this part of TW was in the doldrums with empty shops and declining footfall. Now there is hardly an empty shop and the area is thriving. The businesses have of course changed over the years but it is encouraging that most of the shops we looked at are independent and many started quite recently. We now have once again a greengrocer, a butcher, a baker and, if not a candle stick maker, shops that sell scented candles!

### WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The information gathered will form the basis of a landmark report for publication by the u3a Trust in 2022 which it is hoped will raise the u3a's profile in its 40<sup>th</sup> year. The project has also generated a number of actual and potential spin offs. These include generating tourist information, translating into foreign languages as a learning tool, as well as providing a local and social history resource.

### WHAT OF THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS PART OF THE PROJECT?

Our team felt that it would be a great pity if the results of our research were not readily available, so we have setup our own website which can be accessed via a link from the Tunbridge Wells u3a website. This will be a free resource not just for u3a members but anyone else who may be interested. We are working with the Amelia Scott so that when it opens our website will be included in its local history resources.

There is still time to survey the other shopping areas in Tunbridge Wells if anyone is interested in taking it on.

Here are the links to our local website

<https://twu3ahighstreetproject.weebly.com>

and the national one [www.u3ahighstreet.co.uk](http://www.u3ahighstreet.co.uk)

*Helen Sanders*



## Outings Coordinator

On a glorious morning in September we went on our long awaited outing to Highclere Castle, and we were not disappointed it was a spectacular castle—even better than expected. A full review by one of our members follows this outing news.

A review of our October outing to Audley End will be in next month's newsletter.

For our final trip of the year, we are planning to go to Wisley Glow. This is a tour of the garden illuminated by lights, fire candles, fountains and with a spectacular horticultural display inside the glasshouse. The application form for this festive event will appear at the end of this newsletter, please send your forms in ASAP because I am sure this will be a very popular event.

[Joan Young](#)



### Outings News— Highclere Castle



As the coach approached the grounds the sheer size of Highclere took your breath away. Thanks to our driver Barry's impeccable driving we arrived pretty much on time and couldn't wait to scramble out of the coach on this perfect day. The castle's undulating grounds stretched out enticingly; dotted here and there with huge trees, strategically placed follies, walled gardens, and tables set for tea.

Fans of Downton Abbey were in for a treat. All the public rooms had billboards highlighting set pieces from the drama with the actors in situ, an inspired idea. We could see Lady Mary standing just in front of "that fireplace" or the Dowager Countess of Grantham, (Maggie Smith) straight backed, holding forth from "that sofa", Lord Grantham in the smoking room, and was that Carson waiting in the wings?

As we moved through the library and sitting rooms light flooded in highlighting painted ceilings and painted walls; rooms full of colour, amber, ochre, burnt orange and gold. No magnolia here. Family and Royal photographs decorated every surface.

Upstairs were more treats as the bedrooms were open; each enjoyed a different colour scheme with sumptuous drapes and, since they are still in use, modern plumbing!

We were so fortunate in being the last public tour of the season. The castle was due to close to the public the very next day and the Count and Countess were moving back in to host private tours and their own guests for the rest of the year. We were assured the bedrooms were all in use by the guests as were the state rooms, this was no museum it felt really lived in.

Finally, the Tutankhamun display in the basement was mesmerising and merits a paragraph of its own, but I haven't the space! Our coach drew away leaving a lingering view of the castle and the remembrance of how the other half live!

Joan thank you for organising such a wonderful day.

*Sheila Casey*



## Colin's Animal Quiz

1. Felis domesticus is the Latin name for which animal?
2. Which are the only birds capable of flying backwards?
3. What is the name of a female boar?
4. Alligators are native to only which two countries?
5. What is the collective name for a group of crows?
6. How many legs does a lobster have?
7. Which is the fastest bird?
8. Australian, Yorkshire, Kunekune and Hampshire are breeds of which animal?
9. The Cottontop Tamarin is what type of animal?
10. A "Flutter" is the collective noun for which creature?



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## Groups coordinator

TW u3a groups.....by the members, for the members.



Our thanks to all the Group Contacts who came along to the New Members Meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The following groups are welcoming interest and new members. Contact details can be found on our website or we can email you the updated groups contact list.

Galleries & Museums    Military History    Art Appreciation  
Walking groups    Table Tennis    Singing for fun  
Bridge    MOTO (Members On Their Own)    Golf  
London Explorers 5    Poetry    Computer Tech Users  
Discussion    Matters Arising    Mah-jong    Rummikub    Gardening    Theatre Visits

Science & Technology    Lunch group 2

The following groups sent brief resumes about their groups which can also be requested and forwarded by email:

Watercolour Painting    Film Visits    French Conversation  
Rail Group    Volume 2 book group    Out & About 2  
Nordic Walking    Intermediate Spanish    Beginners Spanish  
Gilbert & Sullivan (listen and watch)    French Group 1



Lindsay Hasell



## Group News

### Art Appreciation Group Autumn 2021

**Wednesdays 13th October & 8th December at 2.30 p.m.**

There will be two meetings of this group before Christmas on Wednesdays in the **Victoria Suite, at the Camden Centre, Tunbridge Wells**. I have not arranged a meeting in November as it would clash with the Anniversary Tea Party.

The Victoria Suite is next door to the Main Hall on the ground floor and we are hiring it from 2 p.m. so we should be able to start the talks promptly this year at 2.30 p.m. I suggest people arrive any time after 2.10 p.m.



On 13th October, I shall open our meetings with a talk on Albrecht Dürer, the 16th Century German artist whose printing and marketing of woodcuts and etchings influenced the development of art across Europe. German artists are not very well known in the UK and I hope that I shall inspire you to visit the new exhibition at the National Gallery - *Dürer's Journeys - Travels of a Renaissance Artist* which opens on 20th November.

On 8th December, Sarah Stopford who lectures at the Tate Galleries and has given talks for us before, will talk about Hogarth whose pictures of British life in the 18th century is compared with that of his European contemporaries in a new exhibition opening at Tate Britain on 3rd November.

If you want to join the group the cost of these two sessions will be a total of £8. To join the group please either email me [here](#) or telephone me on 01892 524537

*Elaine Royal*



### Out & About 2

Six of us had a lovely sunny visit to Borde Hill Gardens. The gardens were beautiful with lots of interesting sculptures.



*Liz Adams*

### The Tea Ladies

In September the Tea Ladies enjoyed their latest walk at Aspens, Pembury, previously known as Pepenbury. It is set in the beautiful Kent countryside and it is the charity's mission to care and support children, young people and adults with a range of disabilities and complex needs, enabling them to live their lives to the fullest.



We had a lovely walk meeting the pigs and donkeys before continuing through the beautiful woodland. There were several interesting tubular bells and xylophones on which most of us had a go. Ann even had a go on the balancing blocks!!

We finished the walk at Aspens cafe for a very welcome cup of tea and cake which the adults had helped to make. It was a lovely afternoon and we learnt a lot about how Aspens works.



*Stella Westrup*

## Last Month's Talks

### Fishy Tales A Fun Afternoon with Kevin Little

The Smelly Alley Fish Company conjures up quite a thought on a sunny afternoon in Tunbridge Wells however Kevin was quick to let us know that this name had origins in the 16<sup>th</sup> century in Reading and did not cast aspersions on the many fish and butcher shops situated there. A fishmonger for 54 years he was the son of a fishmonger. His father had gone into business for himself after leaving MacFisheries, a name which brought back memories for many of us.

We were made familiar with many fishy phrases and names before the end of the afternoon. Holy Mackerel... in the 1500's you were not allowed to work on a Sunday. However, the church finally made an exception for fishermen therefore Holy Mackerel! "Red herring" salted for 6-8 weeks smoked for 5, the chippings were sold in pubs, they were very salty to give you a thirst of course. The term comes from The Master of The Hunt. A common prank was to tie the herring to a string to waylay the dogs. The Master would shout "It's a red herring!" ie a false trail!

Kevin's encounters with Health official were numerous and humorous. On one of his many run-ins he was asked what kind of dye was used for his kippers. On enquiring, his supplier in Hull told him BFK which he duly relayed to The Health Inspector: explanation ..."brown for kippers!" Kevin had been selling goose eggs for years but the inspector was not happy. And went on to explain the rules - they could be sold outside a farm, or at a fete up to 14 miles from the farm, or at a market without a roof up to 60 miles away, but only 14 miles from the farm if it was a covered market. Or he could travel from the Shetland Isles to the Scilly Isles selling them door to door!



However, perhaps the most hilarious encounter of the afternoon was.....a hoofed shark! Carrying out a favour for his neighbour the butcher, he had stored a pig in his freezer. The Health Inspector of course called. On being informed it was a hoofed shark she then went on to enquire how it came it have the face of a pig!

That the Fishmonger's trade is enriched with some pretty amazing Fishy Tales was evident from Kevin's very entertaining and amusing anecdotes!

Anne Stobo

### Why be a birder? Asked Erik Brown of the Four Seasons Birding Group

Quite a question to answer. So Erik started with the statement ...**because birds are fantastic**... and then explained.

\***They can fly.** So do superheroes, angels, witches, fairies and aren't we all envious of that.

\***They can sing.** From the skylark to the crow what a vast array of songs, calls and mimicry.

\***They are beautiful.** Think peacocks, humming birds, swans and tiny firecrests.

\***They have character.** Just watch [Sam the seagull](#) on youtube, the robin who joins you in the garden or remember Donald, Woodstock, Roadrunner and Tweetie.

\***They have secret powers.** A cuckoo who has no contact at all with its parents finds its way to Africa. The Lammergeier almost exclusively eats bones. Kestrels can see in UV light and follow the urine trails of voles. The increasing numbers of Little Egrets and Blackcaps signifying our warming planet.

And so, it is a pleasure to be a birder and observe them in our shared world and maybe even learn to identify them. Erik calls himself a casual birder and, I'm sure, would agree with the author Simon Barnes when he says 'I don't go birdwatching, I go for a walk and if I see a bird I watch it.'



Photo by Phil Sumner

## Virtual walks group

Members of the virtual walking group automatically get details of each 'walk'. The walks cost £5 each. Please email me if you wish to join the group.

### Here are the dates and topics:

Tuesday 19th October at 2pm -

**Virtual Tour of the V&A British Galleries 1500 - 1760**

Tuesday 9th November at 2pm - **A Virtual Urban Safari; Exploring the Animals of London**

Wednesday 8th December at 2pm - **A Virtual London Christmas Quiz**



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[Sue Brimlow](#)

## Last Month's Walk

### Clever Bloomsbury

This talk was so chock full of history it would take several books to relate. Here are a few highlights.

Looking at this picture locals can easily spot the links to the Tunbridge Wells area. The Skinners company owned a lot of land in Bloomsbury and the profits from the livery company went to schools and other good works.



Bloomsbury Square was the first official London square (1565) and was originally just grass and paths for the surrounding houses.

It was a private garden fenced by iron railings until these were taken and used during WWII.

There are many houses of consequence in this area of London, the Senate house being one of the most iconic. It is a 1930s Art Deco building and currently houses the university of London library. During the war it became the Ministry of Information and many famous literary names worked there – Evelyn Waugh, Dylan Thomas, Graham Greene and George Orwell. Orwell. It has also been used for numerous films.



"Senate House"  
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Of course the Bloomsbury Group of writers, intellectuals and artists has a famous connection with the area. Virginia Woolf and her sister, Vanessa Bell, lived here and the first meeting of the Bloomsbury set was held at No 46 Gordon Square - the home of John Maynard Keynes.



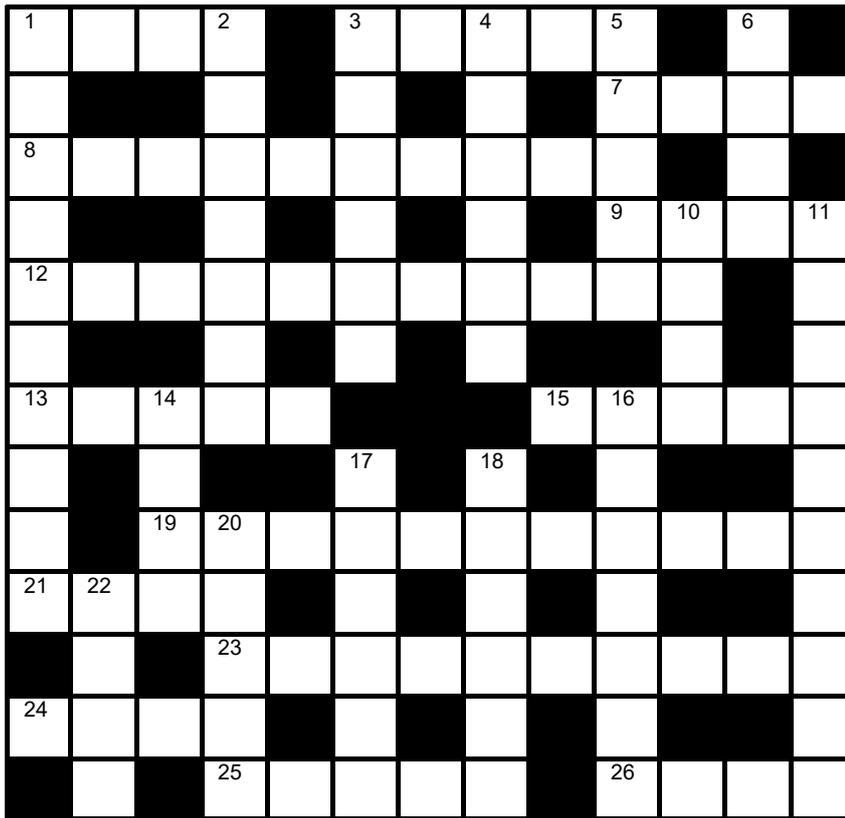
The Foundling hospital had much of its origins in this area. It was set up by the sea captain, Thomas Coram, and 'Coram' remains a children's charity today. (See the article on p.41 in the current Third Age Matters issue)

There were many famous benefactors including, Hogarth, Handel and Dickens. The Foundling Museum today is a rebuild using some of the original's architecture. It notably has a child's glove on the railings outside which, on closer inspection, is actually made of bronze and is part of a Tracey Emin artwork called *Baby things*.



Photos courtesy of Caroline

**NATURE THEME CROSSWORD** answers to CRYPTIC and QUICK clues are Identical.



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Cryptic Crossword Group  
2021*

*Answers on the next page.*

**CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS**

- 1 Primates exercise in empty aisles (4)
- 3 Top to bottom, hospital must follow department cut-back (5)
- 7 Element of subtle humour Yankee misses (4)
- 8 Transformation of particle by magic mushroom! (7,3)
- 9 Chum Mike provides dates (4)
- 12 Terrific trick about any American tourist destination (5,6)
- 13 Culinary, aromatic plant used to flavour some unhealthy meat! (5)
- 15 Thank you, good person! Clue finally makes sense! (5)
- 19 Chilly climate where old cat runs wild (4,7)
- 21 Sounds like someone looking for deer (4)
- 23 Pet eats mice as stew (7,3)
- 24 Flightless bird sends community website into chaos! (4)
- 25 Indian antelope found in open woodlands, as in lightly forested areas (5)
- 26 Reportedly annex large bodies of water (4)

**CRYPTIC CLUES DOWN**

- 1 Every one shredded to rags by fearsome creatures (10)
- 2 Expresses doubt after part of vessel found in chest (7)
- 3 Silence watch and remove parasites! (2-4)
- 4 Pelicans are fifty one too many – nuts! (6)
- 5 African mammal greeting very quiet duck (5)
- 6 Sliced loaf for infant (4)
- 10 Workers sack half of analysts (4)
- 11 Alien bodies landed here from outer space! Martian left remote items flying around! (10)
- 14 Gossip overheard about foreign bovine (4)
- 16 Hunter's trophies discovered in messy rentals (7)
- 17 Trade is outside? Standards! (6)
- 18 Two English articles, for example, washed up in the sea (6)
- 20 Desert location for Omani with a half-sister (5)
- 22 Long legged bird seen occasionally in blissful setting (4)

**QUICK CLUES ACROSS**

- 1 Primates (4)
- 3 Profundity (5)
- 7 Metal (4)
- 8 Magic mushroom (7,3)
- 9 Part of hand (4)
- 12 Natural Wonder of the World (5,6)
- 13 Herb (5)
- 15 Flavour (5)
- 19 Wintry climate (4,7)
- 21 Exotic deer (4)
- 23 Pedigree feline (7,3)
- 24 Fruit (4)
- 25 Blackbuck (antelope) (5)
- 26 Oceans (4)

**QUICK CLUES DOWN**

- 1 Swamp dwellers (10)
- 2 Bone (7)
- 3 Detach parasitic arachnid (2-4)
- 4 Nuts (6)
- 5 Large African animal (5)
- 6 Young horse (4)
- 10 Insects (4)
- 11 Rocks from space (10)
- 14 Talk non stop (4)
- 16 Horns (7)
- 17 Perfect standards (6)
- 18 European sea (6)
- 20 Watering hole (5)
- 22 Egyptian bird (4)

## CLOSURE OF ZOOM COFFEE CLUB

All good things come to an end!

It has been fun meeting so many of you over coffee on Zoom during lockdown but, as there is now very little demand, we have decided to close this group. We know that some of you will be disappointed but hope that you will understand.

## NATURE THEME Crossword - Solutions

**ACROSS:** 1 Apes 3 Depth 7 Iron  
8 Liberty Cap 9 Palm 12 Grand Canyon  
13 Thyme 15 Taste 19 Cold weather  
21 Sika 23 Siamese cat 24 Kiwi 25 Sasin  
26 Seas

**DOWN:** 1 Alligators 2 Sternum 3 De-tick  
4 Pecans 5 Hippo 6 Foal 10 Ants  
11 Meteorites 14 Yack 16 Antlers  
17 Ideals 18 Aegean 20 Oasis 22 Ibis

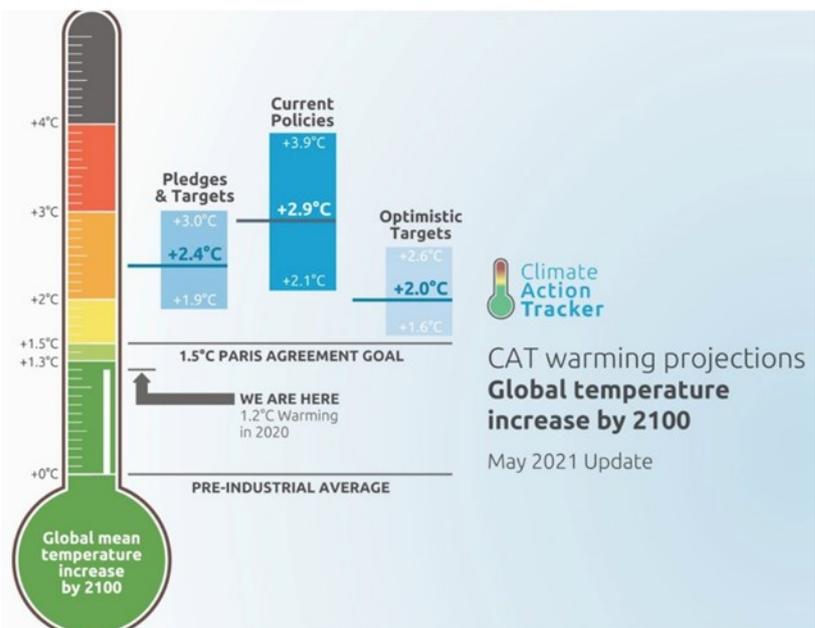
## Colin's Quiz Answers

1. Cats 2. Hummingbird 3. Sow 4. USA & China 5. A murder 6. 8  
7. Peregrine Falcon 8. Pig 9. Monkey 10. Butterfly

## COP26

As you are no doubt aware, COP26, the United Nation's conference on climate change, is taking place in Glasgow in November. U3A is getting involved in various ways which are open to all:

- If you are looking for resources have a look at <https://sites.google.com/view/countdown-to-cop>
- On 21 October, Brenda Ainsley, of Cotgrave & District u3a, will talk about what COP is and why this conference is so important. She will briefly summarise the scientific background to climate change and look at examples, in the UK and worldwide, of how it is impacting on people's lives. The session will conclude with taking a further look at what we can all do. There will then be time for Q&A. You can book a free ticket at: [The Climate Emergency: Is COP 26 'Our last Best Chance'? Tickets, Thu 21 Oct 2021 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)
- Some u3a members will be taking part in four 'fringe' sessions in central Glasgow on 5th and 9th November. Ann Keating, Trustee for Scotland, will give a few opening remarks about the u3a and hopefully there will be some u3a members who can tell stories of the environmental changes they have seen during their lives. If you would like to be one of them, click [here](#).
- There is an article on Saving the Planet in the Autumn edition of TAM. The full version is at: <https://sources.u3a.org.uk/2021/09/03/what-can-be-done-about-climate-change/>
- Lichfield u3a Climate Change group holds meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month on Zoom. If you wish to join the meetings please email [David Dundas](mailto:David.Dundas@u3a.org.uk), stating which u3a you belong to.
- Finally, here is a link to the u3a Climate Change website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/climate-change/members>.



## Important information

### Forthcoming Events For Your Diary

10 November 2021	30th Anniversary Tea at Masonic Hall
10 December 2021	Christmas lunch
19 March 2022	Barn Dance (details later)

### New members

A big welcome to our **33** new members this month.

Michael Adams Allen Brookes Marion Brookes Carol Checkley Guy Cherry Linda Collins  
Marilyn-Chantal Connelly Rosemary Donovan Michael Duckett Malcolm Flanagan  
Jean Hefford Doreen Anne Joice Hella Keevil Kathy Kromm Paul Kromm David Lennon  
Wendy Lennon Jean Lewis Pam Matthews Carole Minkey Peter Moon Sue Moon  
Sue Perry Andrew Posnett Cynthia Ramage Janie Ramsay Peter Ramsay Colin Sergeant  
Diane Sergeant Joan Smith Helen Walton Gildas Watson and Eve Wright

### Your Committee

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### **A Message from the Editor**

Any publication is only as good as its contributors and I do hope you will continue to support the Newsletter as it is such an easy and effective way to communicate with you all. If you have a great idea for an article or there is anything interesting you would like to see in the newsletter in the future please let me know.

If anyone objects to their photo being reproduced in this Newsletter, please contact me as soon as possible.

All contributions to the **November** Newsletter should be e-mailed to **Bridget** by October 31 at the latest (**earlier submissions are always welcome!**) or phone 01892 546161.

### National Office



Keep up to date with National Office news on the website:

[www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) or write to:

The Third Age Trust, Room 104, Lenta Business Centre,  
156 Blackfriars Rd, London SE1 8EN

**RHS WISLEY GLOW**

On December 1st we will be travelling to Surrey to visit RHS Wisley gardens for the festive Wisley Glow event. This is a walking tour of the garden illuminated by lights, fire candles, fountains and with a spectacular horticultural display inside the glasshouse. You can celebrate in style with a seasonal supper in their terrace restaurant or look in the food hall for food on the go, where you can find hot drinks and tasty treats to keep you aglow along the trail. The garden centre will be packed full of beautiful decorations and gift ideas for all the family. Don't miss the festive chalets by the garden entrance for seasonal goods to buy or browse. So let's get into the festive mood with this spectacular event.

- 2.00pm. Coach departs Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells (Opposite the Assembly Hall)
- 2.05pm. Coach leaves the bus stop opposite Sainsburys local, St Johns Road
- 2.10pm. Coach leaves Southborough Fountain
- 4.00pm. Coach arrives RHS Wisley Gardens
- 7.30pm. Coach departs for Tunbridge Wells
- 9.00pm Coach arrives back at Southborough Fountain
- 9.05pm. Coach arrives back St Johns Church
- 9.10pm. Coach arrives back at Crescent Road.

The cost for this trip to include the gardens, coach and drivers gratuity is £25.00 for non members of RHS, or £22.45 for members of RHS.

Any queries to Joan Young by email or telephone 01892 546687. Payment ideally on-line bank transfer to Tunbridge Wells U3A Sort code 40-52-40 Account number 00024097 reference Surname F4 eg. for me it would be Young F4.

Or enclose a cheque made payable to TWU3A with your application form. Please post your completed application form (with a cheque if not paying by bank transfer) to Joan Young 21 Coniston Avenue, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9SP.

I will confirm by email or alternatively please enclose a SAE for confirmation of your application. Please note once monies have been paid out full refunds will only be given if your place can be filled by another U3A member. Members are advised that neither the TW U3A nor the outings organisers will accept responsibility for any mishap of whatever nature during this outing. Members are advised to consider personal insurance cover.

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TWu3a Outing to RHS Wisley Glow on Wednesday 1st December 2021

Please print your name and U3A number

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Please reserve .....place/s for the outing.  
I/We have transferred £ .....by Bacs or I/We enclose a cheque with a SAE for £ .....

I/We will join the coach at Crescent Road at 2.00pm.....  
Opposite Sainsburys local, St Johns at 2.05pm .....  
OR Southborough Fountain at 2.10pm.....

Telephone number home & mobile .....

Signed.....Date.....

# TUNBRIDGEWELLS U3A 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TEA

The Masonic Hall, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
with music by the West Kent Rock Choir



Our u3a will be holding an anniversary tea at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15 for 2.30 to celebrate our 30th anniversary. The Masonic Hall is located between 188 and 190

St Johns Road, TN4 9UJ. It is on bus routes, and there is plenty of free parking on site.

We shall be served with sandwiches, scones and cream, farmhouse fruit cake and Victoria sandwich with tea or coffee. Prosecco will be available to purchase at the bar. Music will be provided by The West Kent Rock Choir.

The cost per person will be £15.

If you would like to join our celebrations, **please send an email to:**

[marilyn.tw@btinternet.com](mailto:marilyn.tw@btinternet.com) including your name, email address and phone number. If you are applying for your partner or another u3a member please include their details too.

**To pay, make an online transfer to:**

Tunbridge Wells u3a

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account No: 00024097

Reference: Surname TEA- e.g., mine would be Smart TEA



Your tickets will be emailed to you. Any queries, please phone Marilyn Smart 01892 510194

**Applications by 2<sup>nd</sup> November please.**

**If you DO NOT USE online banking**, please complete the application form below and send it with your cheque and SAE for your tickets to:

Marilyn Smart, 49a Birling Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5LY

**PLEASE BRING YOUR TICKETS WITH YOU**

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## APPLICATION FORM

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Tunbridge Wells u3a

Name.....

Phone no.....

If you are paying for your partner or a u3a friend, please include their details below

Name.....

Phone no.....

# TUNBRIDGE WELLS u3a CHRISTMAS LUNCH

## FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

To be held at the Masonic Hall, St Johns Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9UJ at 12.30 for 1pm.  
£30 per person to include a welcome drink, three course Christmas lunch and gratuities.



S1 Prawn Cocktail  
S2 Carrot and Coriander Soup  
S3 Duck Salad



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M1 Roast Turkey plus all the trimmings  
M2 Baked Salmon with rosti potatoes  
M3 Vegetarian Risotto Cake topped  
with Mediterranean vegetables  
with glazed goat's cheese

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D1 Christmas pudding  
D2 Baileys crème brûlée  
D3 Pear and Fig Tarte Tatin with ice cream and butterscotch sauce  
D4 Cheese and Biscuits

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Tea or Coffee

Please indicate your choice of starter (S), main (M) and dessert (D) in your application.

To join us: **If paying by BACS please email:** [marilyn.tw@btinternet.com](mailto:marilyn.tw@btinternet.com) including your name, email address, phone number and date of payment. **If paying by cheque please post application below but add your email for reply if appropriate.** If you are paying for your partner or another u3a member please include their details.

We will be making a table plan with tables of nine. If you would like to sit with friends, please include their names with your application. Please use a separate sheet of paper or reverse of application form if necessary. If you are coming on your own, we will place you with other friendly people!

**To pay, make an online transfer to:** Tunbridge Wells u3a Sort code: 40-52-40 Account No: 00024097 Reference: Surname XMAS- e.g. mine would be Smart XMAS

Your tickets will be emailed to you. Any queries, please phone Marilyn Smart 01892 510194  
Applications by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December please.

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### PLEASE BRING YOUR TICKET WITH YOU

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#### APPLICATION FORM

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Tunbridge Wells u3a

Name and phone number .....

Menu choices: .....

If you are paying for your partner or a u3a friend, please include their details below

Name and phone number .....

Menu choices: .....