



BENFLEET BULLETIN



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FROM THE CHAIR: Hello to you all again,

Another month has passed and sadly very little has changed with regard to our normal U3A activities. I long for the time when I can say we are back to normal.

Things are gradually easing and I know many of us have been delighted by being able to enjoy what used to be seen as normal activities once again such as visiting the hairdresser or barbers or shopping in a garden centre. Even those shielding will soon be able to join in.

Please remember if we can help in any way please get in touch with us. Any committee member will gladly help if they can or pass a message to any one of us. No-one should feel alone. That is one positive to have come out of this, that we are all more aware of the needs of others. Long may that last!

Keep Safe and Happy. Marion (Chair)



CURRENT STATUS AND NEWS UPDATES

Member Meetings: The 25 August 2020 meeting is **CANCELLED**.

Later meetings will be reviewed as Government advice changes.

Potential resumption of Specialist Group Meetings

- Any resumption of U3A group activities **MUST** always meet current Government Guidance. As we know, these can change quickly as situations develop. This effectively precludes any U3A meetings held inside.
- Outside meetings can have up to 6 people but must maintain social distancing.
- U3A National Office advice: for any U3A meeting/activity an appropriate risk assessment/checklist should be carried out. Government guidelines must be central to any risk assessment to ensure activity is Covid secure i.e. limiting numbers, using face coverings and hand sanitisers, own refreshments, limiting time and duration of activities etc. Each potential participant should undertake their own personal risk assessment.
- Any Group Contact considering restarting an activity should contact either:
 - Marion Coleman at [Chair](#) or Mavis Regan [Business Secretary](#) for copies of the guidance and risk assessment forms.

Outing Bookings: only ABBA, 1 October, and Hever Castle, 14 December, remains booked for this year. We will review nearer the dates.



Keep alert for fraud – telephone, internet, post and cold callers.
Details of recent scams are on our website. Direct access to:
Common Scams at <https://u3asites.org.uk/benfleet/page/104875>
Recent additions are:

National Office email hack: member email addresses being used to send false emails to U3A Members with potential viruses. Advice at present is DO NOT OPEN emails, previews and attachments supposedly coming from the U3A National Office.

Track and Trace: fraudsters calling to say you need a Covid-19 test and having gained your full address they ask for £50. **Don't fall for it.** These tests are free.

TV Licences: calls to older people now having to pay for a TV licence and asking them to pay over the phone. TV Licensing has said that everyone over 75 now needing to pay a licence fee should do nothing until they receive a letter from them.

As always don't respond to unexpected calls and emails, do not click on internet links from unknown sources and even be wary of emails that appear to come from a known source.

Always contact organisations using telephone numbers, internet and email addresses that you know are correct e.g. on your credit/bank card or statements.

DON'T LET THE FRAUDSTERS WIN

Another Quiz – how did you do last time? with thanks to Jan Lane

01. What did Charlotte Corday do to Jean Paul Marat while he was taking a bath?
02. What is the name of a 1986 song by a group called 'Europe'?
03. Which character said 'That's all folks'?
04. Whose epitaph was 'I told you I was ill'?
05. Who said 'It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done before; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known'?
06. Who wrote 'The last of the Mohicans'?
07. Who was the 6th wife of Henry VIII?
08. What word can follow Silver; Beazley; Causeway; Ford and Bran?
09. What did Scarlett O'Hara say at the end of 'Gone with the Wind'?
10. What connects Jane Austen; Charles Dickens; Beethoven and Antonio Gaudi?
11. Who said 'May your God go with you'?
12. What does a cobbler use to make shoes?
13. Who said 'I am just going outside and may be some time'?
14. What links Captain Edward John Smith; Donald Campbell; Percy Bysshe Shelley and Natalie Wood?
15. Who was reputedly poisoned, beaten, shot 3 times and drowned?
16. Who said 'It's goodnight from me – and it's goodnight from him'?
17. Which character disappeared from its tail until only its grin was left?
18. Where would you be standing if your postcode was TR17 7AA?
19. What is Cyborg T-800 better known as in the film series of the same name?
20. What is the last word in the sequence: egg; larva; pupa;

Answers on last page – NO PEEKING

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?

A few of the superb member photos you will find on our website. Try it! Go to:
Home page <https://u3asites.org.uk/benfleet> > QUICK LINKS > select activity/topic



THOUGHTS OF THE DAY with a USA bias

As I sat, strapped in my seat waiting during the countdown, one thought kept crossing my mind.....every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. [John Glenn](#)

The weather person is the only person that I know, that can be wrong 99.9 % of the time and still have a job the next day. [Johnny Carson](#)

When white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible, we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land. [Desmond Tutu](#)

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked. [David Letterman](#)

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. I'm a billionaire. [Howard Hughes](#)

After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box. [Italian proverb](#)

I married a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage. [Zsa Zsa Gabor](#)

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. [Prince Philip](#)

The best cure for sea sickness is to sit under a tree. [Spike Milligan](#)

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million. [Arnold Schwarzenegger](#)

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap. [Steve Martin](#)

Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is. [Jimmy Durante](#)

Quiz Answers

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| 11. Dave Allen | 1. Stabbed/assassinated him |
| 12. A Last | 2. The Final Countdown |
| 13. Captain Lawrence 'Titus' Oates on the ill-fated Scott expedition | 3. Porky Pig |
| 14. They all met a watery end | 4. Spike Milligan |
| 15. Rasputin | 5. Sidney Carton-'A tale of Two Cities' |
| 16. The Two Ronnies | 6. James Fenimore Cooper |
| 17. The Cheshire Cat | 7. Catherine Parr |
| 18. Lands' End | 8. 'End' all villages around Braintree |
| 19. The Terminator | 9. After all, tomorrow is another day |
| 20. Butterfly | 10. They all left UN-finished works |