

# u3a Third Thursday

Burgess Hill

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## Unlocking from the Pandemic from 19 July 2021

The Government has announced that from 19 July most of the current legal restrictions in England will be lifted and they will be replaced by guidance. They want us all to use our common sense. They will expect and recommend that people wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where they come into contact with those that you do not normally meet, such as on public transport or crowded indoor spaces. However, it is up to businesses and other organisations to specify any rules they consider necessary to keep people safe. As the pandemic is by no means over, we all need to act cautiously to protect ourselves and those around us, and we are encouraged to continue with – **HANDS FACE SPACE**

In the u3a, we will have to wait and see what instructions the Third Age Trust will require us to follow to comply with our u3a insurance. As we have gone through the different steps of the Government's roadmap for unlocking, the Third Age Trust has usually published their revised guidance about four or five days later. However, my best guess at this stage is we will be told to comply with the guidance to satisfy the conditions of our insurance!

In addition, for those groups meeting in rented indoors locations we need to wait to find out from each location what specific actions and rules they want us to follow. For example, I would not be surprised if a location, such as Cyprus Hall, said that each user group had to wipe down all the tables and other touch surfaces before leaving the premises.

If there are any of our members who are not fully vaccinated, I would strongly advise them

to arrange to do so unless they have been told by their doctor not to have the Covid vaccination. In the Prime Minister's press conference on Monday, it was made clear that most of the people who are suffering severely in hospital from the Delta variant have not been vaccinated.

Let us act cautiously and follow the guidance to protect those around us and ourselves,

*Chris Elkins, Chairman*

### Message to Group Leaders: Planning to Start Groups Indoors?

Please let me know by email if you are planning to re-start your group, and include dates, times and location. You will need to take account of the Third Age Trust's guidance, which may well include the need for a risk assessment, and any additional instructions from the venue you will be using. Contact Rosie Elkins at [rosieelkins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosieelkins@hotmail.co.uk).

*Rosie Elkins, Group Coordinator*

### French Conversation 1

Notre groupe a continué nos conversations en français pendant la pandémie grâce à Zoom. Nous espérons reprendre nos réunions dans les foyers des membres bientôt. Nous recherchons maintenant deux nouveaux membres pour nous rejoindre et partager nos conversations informelles mais intéressantes sur des sujets variés.

Veillez contacter Liz Burgess au 07766368866 ou [lizburgess50@hotmail.com](mailto:lizburgess50@hotmail.com) pour plus d'informations.

### Monday Evening Strollers

Our Monday evening ambles have been somewhat disrupted by the weather recently, indeed just four of us did a very short 20 minutes in the pouring rain this week. Hopefully

the weather looks set to be a little kinder so the next walk is planned for 19 July, start point yet to be decided. We only walk for about an hour, just a chance to enjoy the summer evenings (or not as the case may be!). If you would like to join this group and be notified of the start point each week then please email [margaretcarroll@talktalk.net](mailto:margaretcarroll@talktalk.net)



What is the history of this shop before it changed to barbering? Responses please to the Editor. Last year our u3a, along with others, contributed to a high street survey complete with photographs of each shop.



Bordeaux saw the arrival of 'Saffer' bear who took the opportunity to stay a couple of days to explore this west coast city of France. With more than 350 historic monuments and some of the best vineyards 'Saffer' bear had to be very selective as to what was visited. The Bordeaux bear colony stepped in and guided 'Saffer' bear round the city. The second day 'Saffer' bear visited a few vineyards complete with tastings and marvelled at the range of wines available.

With a short hop by train to Toulouse and an over-night stay 'Saffer' bear is hoping that there is an opportunity for a short trip on the Canal du Midi. Perhaps, the Toulouse bears have a surprise for 'Saffer' bear.

Regrettably, we have lost all contact with 'Aussie' bear who should by now be in Adelaide.

Hopefully, we will hear soon that 'Aussie' bear is in the safe hands of a few Adelaide bears. Perhaps it was not a wise idea to undertake the 500 mile journey by bus from Melbourne to Adelaide.

The two 'Itchy Feet' bears have finally agreed on their short UK trip and will be departing soon leaving two 'At Home' bears at home.



Any ideas as to the name of this plant? Colourful fresh leaves, pin cushion spines on the thin stems, a scrambling shrub up to 10m, native to South America.

Just because we are being let out of jail (no free 'get out of jail' card or three times round the board lark) on 19 August 2021, on credit, we will be paying the price, complete with interest, later unless we all act as responsible citizens.

Please pass a copy of Third Thursday to those you know do not have email. Please send your news, photographs and comments to the Editor, Peter Mitchell, at [mitchell@platform1.org.uk](mailto:mitchell@platform1.org.uk) for the next Third Thursday due out on 19 August 2021. Copy date is three days before the publication date above.