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**FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE RING THE ABOVE BETWEEN 9AM-6PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY. THANK YOU.**  
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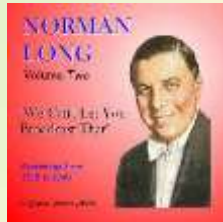


# RECORDS BANNED BY THE BBC 1931 - 1957

## A TALK BY ROSE GRIFFIN TWYDELL

We welcomed Rose, a fellow u3a member, to our September meeting to talk about some of the records banned by the BBC from 1931-1957 and to explain the reasoning behind the decision making which in many cases from a 2022 viewpoint seems rather amusing.

She started her talk by playing a record by Norman Long entitled " We Can't Let You Broadcast That." It was played in Music Halls making fun of the BBC with all its rules and regulations. However Norman Long had been a BBC broadcaster for five years but after this record was never to work for the corporation again.



In 1940 the government had realised the importance of radio as by then 80% of households owned one so it had warned the BBC to be careful what it was broadcasting especially with families being separated by war. It wanted an output of robust dance music such as from the Glenn Miller Orchestra which would boost morale around the world although even he had a record banned for being too similar to Tchaikovsky's 6th Symphony!

The BBC appointed a Dance Music Policy Committee to vet records to be suitable for play on the station. The criteria included no words of advertising in the songs or anything considered bad taste or smutty and some records were also checked by the head of religious broadcasting for being too slushy and fear of lowering the nations' morals.

We were then given the opportunity to listen to a number of records from these decades to decide why the committee had banned them from being broadcasted. They were often songs that had been very popular in the Music Halls or classic Blues Songs or music performed by very popular entertainers.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your newsletters contain the private contact details of many of your fellow members and we must ask you to ensure that when you have finished with your newsletter you dispose of it thoughtfully. Where possible please shred pages containing private contact details. While these members are happy to share their details with you, they might not be so happy to receive contact from anyone who has obtained their details from a thoughtlessly discarded newsletter. Many thanks.

## CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

I would be grateful if you could please let me know of any changes you have made to your:

- HOME ADDRESS
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- TELEPHONE NUMBER/S
- I.C.E. CONTACT/S

as soon as possible so that I can update my records.

Many thanks, Jan

## CERTIFICATES AND LICENCES

Details of our U3A Insurance, our PPL Licence and our MPLC Umbrella Certificate can be found on our website [www.u3asites.org.uk/canvey-thameside](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/canvey-thameside) under the 'INFO' tab.

A PPL licence is required when recorded music, including radio and TV, is played in public.

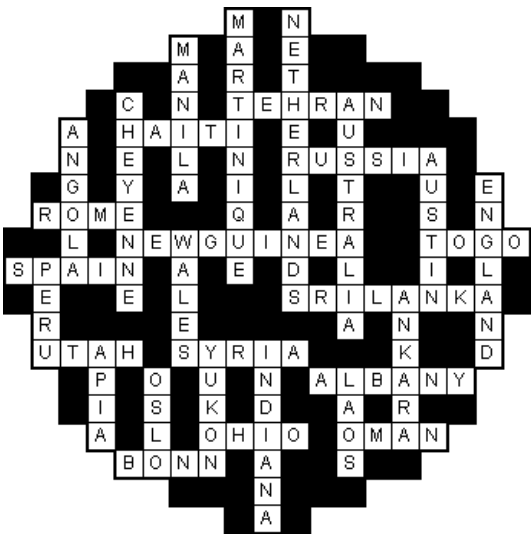
An MPLC Umbrella Certificate allows us to show films and TV shows



# MAXINES MAXIMS



## GLOBAL WORD-FIT SOLUTION



## SUDOKU 1 SOLUTION

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## SUDOKU 2 SOLUTION

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7	4	2	9	3	8	5	6	1

## BRAIN TEASERS ANSWERS

1. Rain Man, Local Hero, High Noon, Paper Moon
2. 131 (The series consists of prime numbers)
3. Stevie Wonder
4. Each may be preceded by GREEN to form a new word
5. Unchained Melody
6. 18 peppers

This is a selection of them-

1933 – George Formby –“ With My Little Ukulele In My Hand” – too smutty.



1934- Henry Hall Dance Orchestra with Dan Donovan- “Radio Times” -advertising- although one would have thought the BBC would have appreciated that!

1942- Billie Holiday – “God Bless The Child”- unsuitable as the title line was a prayer.



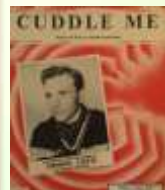
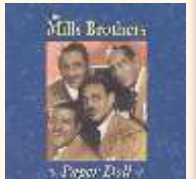
1942- Frank Sinatra – “Light A Candle In The Chapel” – bogus religiosity.

1942 – Bing Crosby – “Deep In The Heart Of Texas” – banned during working hours as it was so infectious that there was a fear that factory hands would damage machinery by banging tools to the beat!



1943- Frank Sinatra –“ I’ll Be Home For Christmas” - too sentimental and fear of lowering the morale of the troops who were not able to get home for Christmas.

1943- Mills Brothers – “Paper Doll”- not appropriate in war time as there was a need for female faithfulness when men were away fighting for their country.



1954- Dennis Lotus and the Ted Heath Orchestra –“ Cuddle Me” – smutty provoking a complaint by them to the BBC as it was the third time one of his records had been banned although it was much played by Radio Luxembourg.

Many of these records were later re-recorded when the BBC had relaxed some of their criteria and Rose completed her talk by hoping that by listening to this banned music it had not had a detrimental effect on us!

Sue (standing in for Paul)

# GROUPS



## ART



The Art Group hold their meetings at  
The Jubilee Hall at the rear of  
Waterside Farm Sports Centre on  
alternate Thursdays from 10am – 12pm

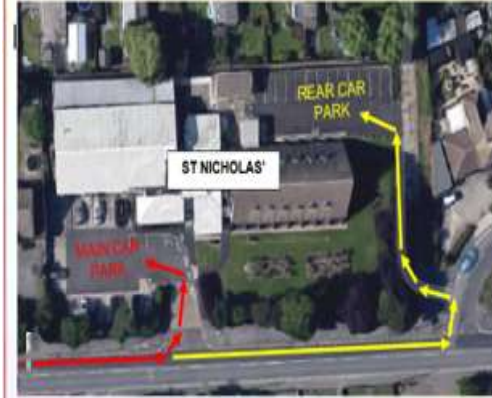


## CINEMA



THIS GROUP IS  
FOR MEMBERS WHO WOULD  
LIKE TO VISIT THE CINEMA  
AS A GROUP

### PARKING AT ST. NICHOLAS'S CHURCH



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We appreciate parking can be tight when we have a full Friday meeting, especially if you arrive close to 10am. Although most members do park sensibly, we have been asked by the church to remind members again not to double park or block people in as not all the cars in the car parks are for our meeting and to take special care if parking on the road by the side particularly to leave plenty of access room for prams etc. to get down the middle. Sensible parking prevents embarrassing interruptions to the meeting asking people to move cars.

We would also like to ask our members not to arrive at the car park until after 9.30 please.

Many thanks,



\*\*\*DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE\*\*\*

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There's lots of information about our U3A, events details, groups information, news, etc.  
and on the 'Links' page there are links to other websites that are full of help and information.  
E.g. local services, local travel information, sites that warn of scams, etc. etc. etc.

Please bookmark our site or add it to your favourites in your web browsers.

*[If this is all Greek to you why not join the computer group!](#)*





## Birthdays of the Month



# NOVEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> Lillian Douse



9<sup>th</sup> Margaret Deacon



11<sup>th</sup> Stella Norton

14<sup>th</sup> Sheila Powell

16<sup>th</sup> James Trevellion

16<sup>th</sup> Mandy Hide

20<sup>th</sup> Robert Kemp

23<sup>rd</sup> Evelyn Hollington

29<sup>th</sup> Jan Dullee



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If your name is not shown here your birth date was omitted from your membership form.  
Please let Jan know your birthday to add to our records.

## CANASTA

### AND PERHAPS WHY YOU SHOULD THINK OF JOINING THE GROUP

Canasta – what on earth is Canasta? Isn't it the Spanish word for basket? Is it a card game? Is it easy to learn and fun to play?

Perhaps as you flicked through the pages of the monthly newsletter or as you noticed the group information slips on Linda's desk at the monthly meeting, a passing thought may have been "I wonder what Canasta is?" Then you have flicked the page over or continued on passed the table and dismissed the thought of Canasta and joining the Canasta group.

Or, perhaps you lingered a while on that page or paused to look at the Canasta Group information slip and thought of finding out a bit more about the game and the group.

#### What is Canasta?

Canasta is an easy to learn card game which is played by four or 6 players in two teams with two standard decks of cards and wild cards. Each card has a score value and the object of the game is for each team to score points and one team to reach 5000 points before the opposing team.

To score points players in each team together attempt to make canastas. A canasta is a group of seven cards of the same numerical rank. A team "goes out" by one of the team playing all the cards in his hand. The points are then counted and a new game begins again until one team reaches 5000 points.

Then you may have asked yourself:

- > If I am interested in joining this group, is the group a friendly one?
- > Do they welcome new group members with open arms?
- > Do they help new group members learn the game?
- > Does that help continue until the new member is comfortable with the game?
- > Would it be a way of pleasantly passing an afternoon, learning new card skills with a group of friendly group members, some of whom I may currently know, or other members I will get to know and become friends with?
- > Will playing help keep my brain active with a gentle workout?
- > Does the alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays timetable fit in my schedule without a commitment?
- > Do the playing times of 2pm to 5pm suit me?
- > Would I be able to play just occasionally if other commitments crop up?
- > Does playing in the Morrison's community room have its attractions because it's free and convenient to pick up some shopping before or after the game?



On the other hand, if you have played Canasta in the past, you may be thinking whether you would enjoy getting reacquainted with the game. Perhaps you play occasionally with other non-u3a groups already and you may be thinking it would be good to meet and play with new players. You probably then are asking yourself the same questions a member with no Canasta knowledge has.

Well, there is just one answer to those questions and that answer is YES.

So why not join our friendly group and enjoy a relaxing game of cards in great company while keeping your mind active and giving your brain a gentle workout at the same time.



[The group meets on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 2pm and 5pm in The Morrison's Community room].



# CRAFT



**GROUP NOW FULL**

We meet every 4 weeks.  
We provide everything.  
The cost is £4 per session.  
You take home your masterpieces!  
Refreshments can be bought instore or bring your own.

**WE MEET IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM,  
MORRISONS STORE, NORTHWICK ROAD**

**FROM 13.30 TO 15.30**

# CRIBBAGE

The crib group is full as we meet at people's houses and 8 is our maximum. Perhaps if anyone else wants to play a new group could be formed?

We aim to meet about every two weeks but this will depend on people's other commitments.

Jan



## BOOST YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME WITH A STATE TOP-UP

Pension credit is a benefit aimed at retired people on low incomes and can be worth £1,000s a year. Plus, if you claim it you can access a whole raft of other benefits including council tax discounts and free TV licences for over-75s. However, about 800,000 eligible households don't claim – often because they don't know they can or that they need to. This guide tells you how to check if you qualify and how to claim.

It's a national tragedy that close to one million pensioners, many of whom have been paying into the system for years, are missing out on an average income boost of £3,300/year via pension credit. Here, we've a summary and quick links to get you started if you already know the basics.

- It takes minutes to check if you qualify, so don't stall, just call. The exact rules of who can get pension credit are complex, so we have a simple rule of thumb – if you're of state pension age (66 or older) and have total weekly income under roughly £200, then [get online](#) or call the [pension credit helpline](#) to see if you're due.
- Pension credit can be worth £65 a week on average.
- Pension credit has a superpower... it's also a gateway to FREE TV licences and MUCH MORE. Those who claim the main part of pension credit can get discounts on other bills such as a council tax reduction – worth about £1,000/year typically – and the warm home discount – worth £140/year.
- It's NOT automatic so you MUST claim – here's how. You can [apply via Gov.uk](#) if you've already claimed your state pension, but otherwise you'll need to phone the Pension Service on 0800 99 1234 (or the Northern Ireland Pension Centre on 0808 100 6165). You can backdate it for three months, so the quicker you check, the quicker you'll benefit.

Over eight million households will get a one-off cash boost as part of the Government's new cost of living support package. If you hit state pension age on or before 25 May 2022, apply for pension credit by 24 August 2022 to get the full £650.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM MONSEYSAVINGEXPERT WEBSITE. PLEASE VISIT THE SITE FOR FULL DETAILS AND FURTHER HELP.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/savings/pension-credit/>



# NEWS & INFORMATION

## MONTHLY MEETINGS 2022

These are the 2022 Friday monthly meeting dates for your diary

To be held at St. Nicholas' Church Hall,  
Long Road, Canvey Island  
FRIDAYS - between 9.45am – 12pm

**25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**DOORS WILL OPEN at 9.45**

We aim to be seated by 10am ready for notices to be read, etc.

We would ask that our members do not arrive at the car park until after 9.30 please



## CROCHET & KNITTING



This group meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of every month

## DINING CLUB



Jeanette has booked the Fortune Garden Chinese Restaurant in London Road, Leigh on Sea

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. The cost is about £24.50 + 10% service charge for as much as you can eat!

We will be collecting names and a £10 deposit at both the September & October meetings.

# INDOOR GAMES

The Indoor Games group meets every other Wednesday at the Jubilee Hall from 1.45pm till 3.45pm.

We play a variety of games - mostly board and card games.

We are full at the moment but if you would like to start a second indoor games group please contact Linda, our Groups Co-ordinator.

Regards, Jan & Den



## KEEP FIT

Our Keep Fit Group meetings are held:

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
(2 morning sessions)

**At: THE JUBILEE HALL**

at the rear of Waterside Farm Sports Centre

**The sessions are run by Karen Lawrie**

(Who was our guest speaker at our May Friday meeting and everyone at that meeting had a great time!)



## SUDOKU 1

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				3		4
	5	9			2	7
8			2			
5		3		9		2
			1	8		
1			3		6	

The objective of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 subgrids that compose the grid contain all of the digits from 1 to 9.



# 数独

## SUDOKU 2

	2				9	4
			4		6	2
			3			
	5		8	7	9	
		1		6		3
			4	1	3	8
					4	
5	8	9		2		
7		2				6



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# BRAIN TEASERS

1. Arrange the following words into suitable pairs.

**MAN HERO HIGH RAIN  
MOON NOON LOCAL PAPER**

2. What is the next number in this series?

**101 103 107 109 113 127 ...**

3. Rearrange the following letters to give the name of a famous singer.

**WESTERN VIDEO**

4. What do the following words have in common?

**HOUSE SHANK WOOD FLY HORN**

5. Rearrange the following letters to give the title of a popular song.

**ECHO IN MUDDY LANE**

6. Peter picked one pepper more than Paul.  
Pat picked one pepper more than Pam.  
Peter and Paul picked 10 more peppers than Pat and Pam.  
Peter, Paul, Pat and Pam picked 60 peppers.  
**How many peppers did Peter pick?**



## PC/LAPTOPS & PHOTOGRAPHY



The PC/Laptop and Photographic groups meet regularly every two weeks, from 1.30–3.30pm, at B.O.P.H, Charfleets Close.



*If anyone has old photos they wish repaired or transferred to disc, we are willing to do this.*

*A small donation would be welcome for this service, if possible.*

## GROUP CONVENORS

We have had to remove eight pages in our monthly newsletter due to the removal of our groups that do not have convenors.

All u3a groups require the involvement of its members to run interest groups and to promote the ethos of the u3a movement but unfortunately, except for a notable few committed convenors, our members appear reluctant to get involved.

Becoming a Group Convenor does not have to be an onerous task, and help is available if you are thinking of becoming one, so if you have an interest or skill that you think may be of interest to other members, please discuss it with Linda, our Groups Co-ordinator.

Thank you.

YOUR U3A NEEDS  
**YOU**

## MINION MOMENTS

I never said I hated you. I just said that if you were on fire, I might consider roasting marshmallows.

**BIG DIFFERENCE.**



Does anyone else

have a plastic bag full of plastic bags in their house, or is it just me?



Rabbits jump and they live for 8 years.

Dogs run and they live for 15 years.

Turtles do nothing and live for 150 years.

Lesson learned.





# SOCIAL, FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

HISTORY



WE MEET AT THE CAFE/BAR IN SANDY BAY,  
THORNEY BAY ROAD

(The bar is left past the entrance, near the pool)

**AFTER 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER WE WILL MEET EVERY 4<sup>th</sup>  
TUESDAY FROM 10AM**

**15th November:** My great grandfather in the City of London Police, led by Geraldine.

**13th December:** It's a funny old game, Jimmy Greaves, led by Pam.

**10th January:** The changing face of Canvey seaside resort, led by me. (A Local History talk, as I am sure you guessed).

We continue 4 weekly meetings after this, **7th February, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 30th May**, etc. If you want to do a slot with a talk on any aspect of what we do, then please email me. You have escaped the Christmas Quiz! I know you will be really upset, but there you are.....

Paul

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FORWARD THIS TO ANY  
MEMBERS THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED**



## ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY?



### TO ABSENT BROTHERS

An Irishman walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finished all three, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender says to him, 'You know, a pint goes flat after I draw it; it would taste better if you bought one at a time.' The Irishman replies, 'Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in America, the other in Australia, and I'm here in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days we all drank together. The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar and always drinks the same way: he orders three pints and drinks the three pints by taking drinks from each of them in turn.

One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars in the bar notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, 'I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss.' The Irishman looks confused for a moment, then a light dawns in his eye and he laughs. 'Oh, no,' he says, 'Everyone is fine. I've just quit drinking!





# FUN FACTS

In 1998, Burger King announced the "Left-Handed Whopper", where all the condiments were rotated 180° to suit the left-handed people. It was an April's Fool hoax but people eagerly tried to order it the next day.



In 2016, a man called Lawrence John Ripple robbed a bank and then waited in the lobby, later telling the investigators he'd rather be in jail than with his wife.

The people of Shitterton, UK, banded together to buy a big rock to put the name on, as people kept stealing the sign.



In 16th century Europe, it was believed that eating a tomato could turn you into a werewolf.

Mitsubishi had to change the name of its Pajero model in Spanish-speaking countries, where it means "wanker."  
*(I checked the translation for this and its true!)*



In 2017, a man was leaving his house in Mainhausen, Germany only to run into a wall that was built in the doorway of his home during the night.

In 2004, Los Angeles planted a pine tree in memory of Beatle, George Harrison. Ten years later, it died of a beetle infestation.



There's a book called "Everything men know about a women" that is just 120 blank pages.



# SUNDAY GROUP

ARE YOU AT A LOOSE END/WOULD LIKE COMPANY AT THE WEEKEND?

JOIN THE SUNDAY GROUP.

WE HOPE TO MEET ONCE A MONTH, MOSTLY ON SUNDAY, TO HAVE LUNCHES, VISIT PLACES OF INTEREST, ETC.

SUGGESTIONS ARE MOST WELCOME.



# THEATRE

PLEASE CONTACT THE CONVENORS FOR DETAILS OF FUTURE THEATRE EVENTS



# WALKING



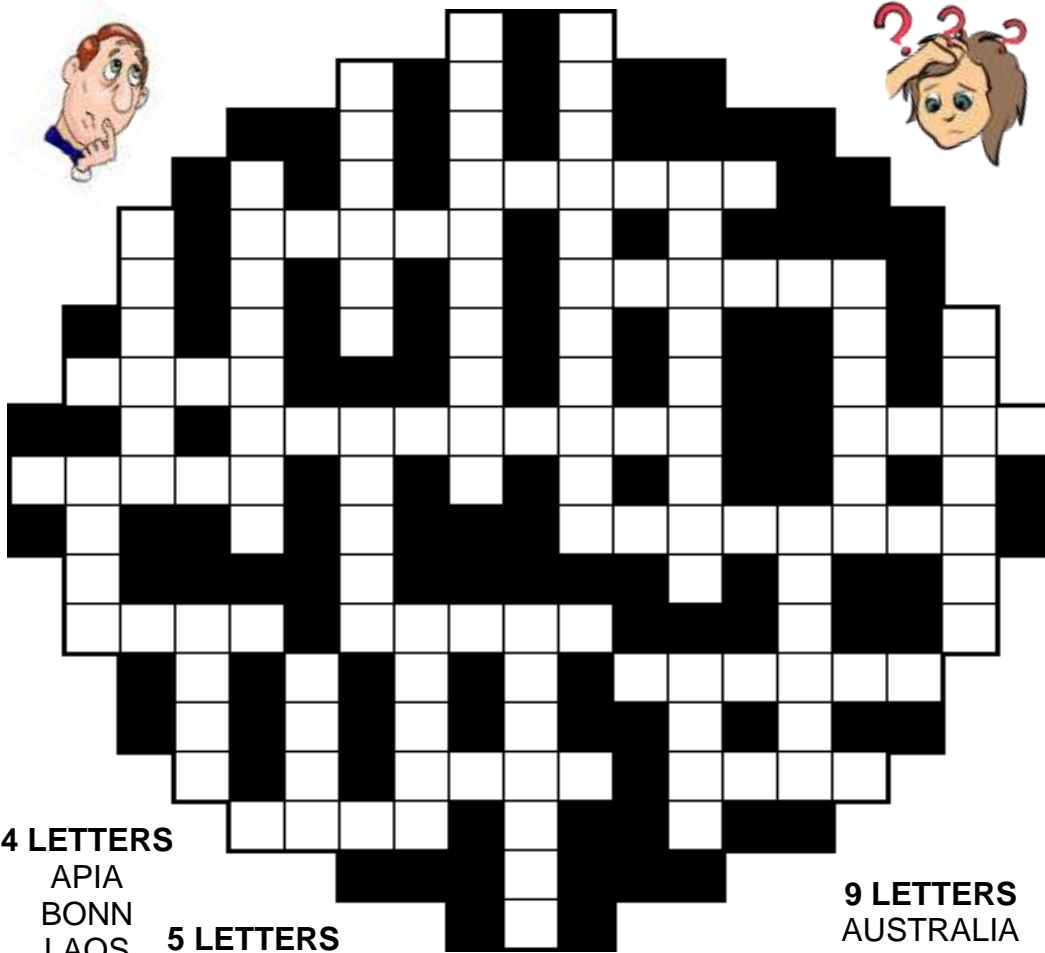
We intend to walk once a month, keeping the walks easy and as local as possible and will increase the frequency, walk length and travel further afield in the Spring.

Strong shoes/trainers or walking boots are recommended.

Please contact Sue and Dave for details of their next walk.

# FUN STUFF

## GLOBAL WORD-FIT



4 LETTERS

- APIA
- BONN
- LAOS
- OHIO
- OMAN
- OSLO
- PERU
- ROME
- TOGO
- UTAH

5 LETTERS

- HAITI
- SPAIN
- SYRIA
- WALES
- YUKON

6 LETTERS

- ALBANY
- ANGOLA
- ANKARA
- AUSTIN
- MANILA
- RUSSIA
- TEHRAN

7 LETTERS

- ENGLAND
- INDIANA

8 LETTERS

- CHEYENNE
- SRI LANKA

9 LETTERS

- AUSTRALIA
- NEW GUINEA

10 LETTERS

- MARTINIQUE

11 LETTERS

- NETHERLANDS

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## FLU VACCINATION

October to early November is the flu vaccination time

**DON'T FORGET YOURS!**

Get your Flu Shot!

