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# Cranleigh & District U3A Newsletter: September 2020

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**Cranleigh and District U3A are following government and National U3A Trust guidelines regarding Covid-19. An update on our current situation is given on page 4 of this Newsletter in the Group Leader Coordinator's Report.**

## Message from the Chair

Dear Members,

I hope that you all had as good a summer as possible under the circumstances. With the easing of restrictions, it has been nice to be able to get out and about a little and also to see friends and family again. We now have the 'Rule of 6' but, hopefully, if everyone plays their part, we won't see such strict requirements back with us.

The new rulings obviously affect our U3A meetings, just at the point when we were hoping to see some get started again, but we have to follow U3A Trust and government directives. Our venues are also affected by this ruling and, of course, some of our members who have been shielding throughout the lockdown are now being advised to be extra careful once more.

As a Committee, we know how frustrating it is to be unable to resume 'normality' and to this end some of our outdoor activities will now be able to go ahead. Our membership of nearly 1,000 covers a large span of ages, abilities and interests and we need to ensure that everyone is comfortable and safe when we resume.

I have mentioned before the Trust U3A online courses and workshops and, whilst not a replacement for our usual U3A activities, they are certainly worth a look. Subjects range from 'Fun with Maths', through drawing, and even a look at Shakespeare. I am sure you would find something to appeal to you!

For those of you who, like me, shy away from technology, the U3A Trust website offers tutorials on all sorts of things, including one on a Beginners Guide to Zoom! Which leads me to the fact that our Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 11am, held on Zoom, and we would really like you to join us. You are receiving all the information in this Newsletter.

Most importantly - Stay Safe.

Very Best Wishes.

**Veronica**



Here is my third Newsletter Quiz, which I hope you enjoy. The answers can be found on page 6.

1. Which band released a 1984 album entitled 'Legend'?
2. Leontes, King of Sicilia, is a character in which Shakespeare play?
3. The medical condition Alpagia is the inability or refusal to do what?
4. The 1988 film 'Frantic' starring Harrison Ford is set in which European city?
5. Sweet Vermouth, Angostura Bitters and Bourbon Whiskey are the ingredients of which cocktail?
6. 'Jam and Jerusalem' is associated with which British institution?
7. Anserine relates to which creature?
8. Late singer Davy Jones can be heard asking a studio engineer 'What number is this, Chip?' at the beginning of which Monkees song?
9. Which French port did RMS Titanic call at after leaving Southampton in April 1912?
10. Singer Doug Trendle is better known by what name?
11. The 'Explorer belt award' is awarded to which group of people?
12. Barbara Pierce was married to which former US President?
13. What is the cube root of 343?
14. Bind, feint and parry are all terms used in which sport?
15. What is the only wild relative of the dog in Britain?
16. The Ligurian Sea is an arm of which body of water?
17. Which old-time movie actress played Lily Munster in the 'Munsters' TV show?
18. What colour was Moby Dick?
19. Who was the first Royal after Henry VIII to remarry after divorce?
20. Anagram: Rearrange these letters to give a name of a famous thoroughfare?  
'BERTS SOUND VALUE'
21. Who succeeded Edward Heath as Tory leader?
22. If someone or something is 'gravid' what does it mean?
23. In which country was cricketer Kevin Pietersen born?
24. In which year did Concorde make its first flight?
25. 'I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat' is a quote by whom?
26. Which British wrestler had the name Martin Ruane?
27. In the book of Genesis what is described as 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high?
28. The EM Forster book 'A Room with a View' is about British tourists in which city?
29. Who had 3 UK No. 1 singles in the 1960s, the second of which was 'Long Live Love'?
30. What extinct creature got its name from the Portuguese word for stupid?

### Blockbusters

31. The cities of Dresden and Leipzig are associated with which S, a region of Germany?
32. In Bridge, what Y is the term for a hand which has no cards value above a nine?
33. Which DB organised the 2012 Olympic ceremony in London?  
(Clue: It was not Derek Bonham!)
34. What Q is a celebrated pack of fox-hounds which hunt in Leicestershire?
35. Charles Dickens was also known as what B (a pseudonym)?
36. Which M is the capital of Bavaria?
37. The town of Carrara in Italy is famous for what WM?
38. What G is the collective term for a group of elk?
39. Which P had a hit in the 1970s with 'January'?
40. Which boxer LP failed a drugs test leading to a cancellation of a rematch with Amir Khan?

## NOTICE OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CRANLEIGH & DISTRICT U3A

Due to the restrictions of COVID-19, this meeting will be held VIRTUALLY by ZOOM on WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020 at 11.00 am, for the following purposes:

1. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 29 October 2019.
2. To receive the Chairman's Report for the period 1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020.
3. To receive and approve the Statement of Accounts for the above period.
4. To elect members of the Management Committee for the year.
5. To transact Any Other Business.

### Election of Officers

The following members of the Management Committee are willing to stand for election:

Veronica Barnard (Chairman)  
Jennifer Marty (Secretary)  
Martin Hayton (Treasurer)  
Hilary Ball (Membership Secretary)  
Angela Hardman (Group Leader Coordinator)  
Maggie Atkins (Outings)  
Barbara White (Newsletter Editor)  
Caroline Todman  
Don Henderson

**All members are invited to attend the meeting, but if they do not have access to the Internet and ZOOM they may join by telephone.**

To join the Zoom AGM, use the following link:

**<https://zoom.us/j/96986259641>**

Meeting ID: 969 8625 9641. Members may start joining the meeting from 10.45 onwards

To join the AGM by **telephone**, use either of the following numbers:

**0208 080 6591**

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**Jenny Marty, Hon Secretary**

### **Message from the Membership Secretary**

**Hilary Ball**

By now you should all have received your new Handbook and Membership Card/s. If for any reason you have not received them, please could you let me know via email – [membership@cranleighu3a.org](mailto:membership@cranleighu3a.org) or by telephone 01403 823343.

## Group Leader Coordinator's Report

Angela Hardman

I'm sure that most will have experienced sitting in a car at traffic lights watching them switch from red-amber to green, but for such a brief time that the traffic hardly moves. It feels as if our U3A groups are sitting at those traffic lights during these times of Covid-19!

During August and early September, in consultation with our Group Leaders, consideration was given as to which of our U3A activities might be able to resume. Like many of our Members, some of our Group Leaders had been shielding and with the Committee's support decided to postpone resuming their group until they felt the time was right. We also had to take into account government and U3A Trust guidelines as well as which venues were re-opening to hirers. The result was that only a handful of our groups would be in a position to meet in October.

With the recent announcement of the 'Rule of 6', a number of those groups that were almost ready to resume, such as Jazz & Nostalgia and Current Affairs, were put on hold for the foreseeable future.

The good news is that our Covid-safe French and German conversation groups will meet via Zoom and the Quiz and Photography groups will continue online. We also have a green light to resume a few of our outdoor exercise groups. When a Covid-19 Risk Assessment has been prepared, the Group Leader will contact group members with information about the safeguards put in place. If you are a member of one of those groups, you will be asked to consider those safeguards and decide if the time is right for you to re-join the activity, taking into account your own health and circumstances and those of your household. It remains the case that government advice is that *"Certain groups of people are at increased risk of severe disease from Covid-19, including all people aged 70 or over. Such individuals are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household."*

The Cranleigh and District U3A website gives the current status for each group. I know that we are all looking forward to a time when we can re-join our U3A activities and, until then, keep well.

## NEWS FROM U3A GROUPS

### Book Choice

Iris Bennett

I have compiled a list of titles of books that some members have been reading and enjoying during lockdown. I thought this might be of interest and provide suggestions for reading until we are able to meet again!

The library has now reopened and will order books if requested.

The Flight of the Maidens	Jane Gardam
The Goldfinch	Donna Tart
The Mirror and the Light	Hilary Mantel
Once Upon a River	Diane Setterfield
Fried Green tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe	Fannie Flagg
The Clouds beneath the Sun	MacKenzie Ford
The Walpole Orange	Frank Muir
House of Orphans	Helen Dunmore
The Various Haunts of Men	Susan Hill
Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens
A Place called Freedom	Ken Follett
The Penguin Lessons	Tom Michell

I hope you enjoy reading at least some of these books!

Keep well  
Very best wishes

### Betty Seeley - Flower Arranging



For many years this very popular group has been led by Betty Seeley. This year Betty was planning on focusing on designs that use only bio-degradable materials. Betty was also planning that this would be her final year of leading the group. I am sure that Members will join the Committee in thanking Betty for her dedication and contribution to Cranleigh & District U3A over the years and wish her a happy retirement. The Flower Arranging Group, all being well, will continue under new leadership in the spring.

## Thinkers Group on Zoom

Do you have an interest that you would like to share with others? Would you like to share other people's interests and, perhaps, find out more? If so, then perhaps an online 'Thinkers Group' may be of interest. Based on a similar group in another U3A area, the idea is that each member of the group chooses a topic to go in the programme, whether political, cultural, philosophical, recreational, or any other subject. They then host the Zoom meeting and talk about their subject when their chosen month comes around. Members then join in a discussion of the topic

If you would like to find out more, then please contact John Standish by email on: [standishjp@aol.com](mailto:standishjp@aol.com).

## VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Our Committee is looking for someone who is willing to be responsible for maintaining our website, mainly uploading quarterly copies of the Newsletter and, once a year, the Handbook.

There is no requirement to sit on the Committee itself. If you would like to follow this up, please telephone or email Veronica Barnard, Chair – 01483 890548; [chair@cranleighu3a.org](mailto:chair@cranleighu3a.org).

## ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1	Bob Marley and the Wailers	21	Margaret Thatcher
2	A Winter's Tale	22	Pregnant
3	Swallow	23	South Africa
4	Paris	24	1969
5	Manhattan	25	Winston Churchill
6	Women's Institute	26	Giant Haystacks
7	Goose	27	Noah's Ark
8	Daydream Believer	28	Florence
9	Cherbourg	29	Sandy Shaw
10	Buster Bloodvessel	30	Dodo
11	Boy/Girl Scouts	31	Saxony
12	George H W Bush	32	Yarborough
13	7	33	Danny Boyle
14	Fencing	34	Quorn
15	Red Fox	35	Boz
16	The Mediterranean Sea	36	Munich
17	Yvonne De Carlo	37	White Marble
18	White	38	Gang
19	Princess Anne	39	Pilot
20	Sunset Boulevard	40	Lamont Peterson