



Crawley u3a

Lockdown News 6/21

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Dear members,

Welcome to the June newsletter. I hope you are able to take advantage of the further easing of restrictions. Several groups have enjoyed outdoor group meetings which I suspect were probably more filled with catch up chat than subject content!

There have been several walks and days out arranged and the Table Tennis group has restarted. We will await the pronouncement about 21st June before confirming our plans to restart groups and meetings.

It may be the case that your group has not yet restarted but you are keen to resume some form of activity. While the GDPR rules do not allow Group Leaders to share contact details themselves, if individual members are willing to share phone numbers and email addresses the Leader could then pass these on to Group Members. Members could then follow the lead of groups such as Quiz and Book Groups who are meeting outside. Or, like O&A7 and Amblers, have an informal day out eg to Chichester or Lewes. If you would like any more suggestions for restarting informal activities, please get in touch with me or another member of the Committee.

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I recently visited a local printer to collect some publicity material. The lady found it difficult to hear me through my mask and thought I'd said I was from Crawley Youth 3a. I found this to be very apt as Clive and I have always thought of the u3a as being a Youth Club for pensioners!

u3a National Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to see us in the Bandstand this week. It was a brilliant day! As well as attracting membership enquiries from more than 20 people, it was also a very sociable occasion for our existing members who were able to catch up in person with people they had only seen on Zoom, or not at all, in the last 15 months.

Huge thanks are due to everyone who contributed items for display, those who came along to chat to members and the public, the Ukulele and Folk Singing groups for their performances and Phil Light for leading a very popular walk around Historic Crawley.

I would like to particularly thank Isabel Baker, Gill Cooban, Maggie Berrill and Jean Manuel for all their suggestions and help and for all the laughs along the way. What a team!

The Needles Group made a spectacular amount of blue and yellow bunting with which we adorned the Bandstand. It was fantastic.

And also big thanks to our webmaster Stuart Spreadborough for his patience with my technical questions and for uploading all the u3a day information. Thanks all!



The National u3a are very keen to have an annual day of celebration and 2022 will be the 40th anniversary of the founding of the u3a. Watch this space for our next event!

Monthly Meeting

This month's speaker will be Judy Theobald who entertained us all so brilliantly at the Christmas party. This month's Zoom meeting, on Friday 11th June at 2.30pm is called "Life and Other Problems". A link will be sent next week.

Future monthly meetings

Assuming that the lockdown restrictions continue to ease we hope to resume monthly meetings on Friday 10th September at the Friary.

As usual our September meeting will be an Open Afternoon where you will be able to come along and meet our Group Leaders and find out more about their groups. More information nearer the time.

We are currently investigating the possibility of hybrid meetings where some members are in the hall and others connect by Zoom. This would involve either a speaker in the hall being broadcast by Zoom to those members at home or a speaker on Zoom being broadcast into the hall. The latter option would allow us greater scope in attracting speakers from a wider area. However both of these options are currently a work in progress and will depend on adequate wifi at the Friary.

Coffee morning

We are planning another virtual Coffee Morning on Friday 18th June at 10.30am. After an introduction, participants will be split into groups of 5-6 for a longer chat. This is a great opportunity to catch up with people you may not have seen for a while and also to meet other members. It was well received when we ran a similar event earlier in the year. Again the Zoom link will be sent nearer the time.

Interfaith network

Crawley Interfaith Network are looking for new members to join them. For more information please visit <https://www.crawleyinter-faith.com/>

TLAs

In my working life (in the dim and distant past) I worked in both the Civil Service and in a school. Both organisations were famous for their TLAs (Three Letter Abbreviations). It would drive Clive mad when we met work colleagues and nattered on in TLAs. How however with the recent smash hit of Line of Duty (I came round to liking the ending) TLAs are smattering through our every life again.

For a recent Quiz Group meeting Ann produced a quiz of TLAs. How many can you decode? Answers at the end of the newsletter.

The **OCG** entered the **ICU** at **UCH** looking for **LSD**. The **ARU** arrived with a **TFC** and a **DCI** from **AC12**. Looking at the **PNC** they realised **SRN** Smiffy was a **CHIS**. The **CPS** told the **CSI** to look for magic mushrooms.

Answers at the end of the newsletter.

Word puzzle

Can you find the word that can precede or follow the following sets of words:

1. Fox, Box, Rubber
2. Home, world, situation
3. Away, rain, wind
4. Beer, cat, feeling
5. Applied, Exam, pure
6. Bean, butter, powder
7. Crow, monger, tactics
8. Flying, Prison, Unexpected
9. Arms, Supply, Train
10. Cast, Joking, set

IT support

We are hoping to introduce a system of IT support within our u3a where members requiring assistance with any aspect of IT eg phones, tablets, laptops PCs etc are put in touch with other members who can support them. In order to start the process we are asking members what they would like to gain from the system eg from using whats app, to sending email attachments to online shopping and internet security.

Please get in touch with our Secretary Alan Pay, secretary@crowleyu3a.org.uk with some of your questions or for more information.

Similarly if you feel you would be able to offer some support, please contact Alan.

Quiz and TLA answers

The **Organised Crime Group** entered the **Intensive Care Unit** at **University College Hospital** looking for **LSD** (Lysergic acid diethylamide). The **Armed Response Unit** arrived with a **Tactical Firearms Commander** and a **Detective Chief Inspector** from **Anti Corruption Unit 12**. Looking at the **Police National Computer** they realised **State Registered Nurse** Smiffy was a **Covert Human Intelligence Source**. The **Crown Prosecution Service** told the **Crime Scene Investigator** to look for magic mushrooms.

1. Fox, Box, Rubber **Glove**
2. Home, world, situation **Ideal**
3. Away, rain, wind **Swept**
4. Beer, cat, feeling **Gut**
5. Applied, Exam, pure **Maths**
6. Bean, butter, powder **Cocoa**
7. Crow, monger, tactics **Scare**
8. Flying, Prison, Unexpected **Visit**
9. Arms, Supply, Train **Depot**
10. Cast, Joking, set **Aside**

Apologies for the brevity of this newsletter; my energies have been concentrated on u3a National Day!

Please continue to send me articles and photos and any suggestions for future newsletters.

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