

DONCASTER U3A

December 2020 - January 2021





From the Chair



Winter is rapidly approaching, and it's time to get the heating checked. Our boiler has been making some unusual noises of late since the radiators have begun to serve their purpose once more. It's at this time of year that I consider whether any of last year's winter clothes have seen better days and need to be replaced. This year

however, such thoughts don't apply as Diane and I are more or less isolated now and just slopping around in old work clothes for most of the day.

With the new lockdown rules coming into force it looks as though our grandparenting skills are going to be in greater demand. Normally the tasks are shared between us and two others, but it is likely that we will have to take it all on for the time being as part of a new 'bubble'.

I find it all a little depressing but at least I am lucky that there are two of us to share our thoughts and concerns, unlike many of our members who are alone. We are fortunate to have so many U3A friends who join us online at our various 'Zoom' Meetings. They are a real lifeline and provide an opportunity to meet and chat with people, not just about the topic but just general Chit Chat.

I know many members do not take advantage of the online meetings and I think it is a shame. If you have the internet in your home, then it really is ever so easy to get on to Zoom.

I would love to see more members doing this, though I am very aware of some of the reasons why people feel unable to do so.

One factor may be that your equipment is old or does not have a camera fitted. If that is the case, then you might consider getting a new tablet or laptop. You can buy a brand-new tablet from Amazon or Currys or many other places for less than £50 which would be all you would need. They may be even cheaper at the 'Black Friday' sales which are coming up on 27th November.

It's an excellent investment which I absolutely recommend. If anyone wants more advice or help to get on to Zoom, then please don't be afraid to ask. Give me a call on the number shown at the back of this Newsletter.

The committee continues to meet on Zoom once a month. We are currently reviewing our constitution and at the same time moving our archives from paper to digital format. This has become necessary so we can keep up with modern technology and methods. The new secretary, Diane, and I will be undertaking this task over the next month or two and we have purchased a small laptop for the purpose. We are also looking into the possibility of additional 'Cloud' backup.

We were given an interesting talk at our October General Meeting on Zoom, by Dr Rupert Suckling, who is Director of Public Health for Doncaster MBC. The talk was attended by about 50 members and was followed by a question and

answer session. We also had an online quiz with questions based upon our interest groups, which was very well received by all.

We are hoping to provide some sort of Christmas Zoom event though the format and content is yet to be decided.

I wish you all well and implore you to do all you can to keep yourselves safe and adhere to the lockdown restrictions. If you are struggling with anything, or just need a chat, please just give us a ring or call one of the committee members or group leaders who, I am sure, would be very happy to pass the time of day with you. The telephone numbers are all at the back of this Newsletter.



Chris Woolven



Coronavirus Doncaster: Update

Dr Rupert Suckling is the Director of Public Health in Doncaster. You can subscribe to his updates from Doncaster Council. Go to:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDONCO/bulletins/2a8ade8>



Local Covid Data / Video updates / FAQ / Other information



WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new member

Lesley Bassett



February—March 2021 Newsletter

Articles for the February/March newsletter need to be received by

Wednesday 30th December.

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to

du3newsletterbmt@btinternet.com



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GROUPS - UPDATES / NOTICES

INTEREST GROUPS

Contact group leaders to find out if alternative arrangements have been made for meetings.

NB: Please be aware of any new Government guidelines/rules. If any group leader is considering a restart after the current lockdown they must contact the Groups Co-ordinator for advice before doing so.

GENERAL MEETINGS

All face-to-face meetings are cancelled until further notice. The Chair of DU3A will be in touch with you when these meetings start again. Please check your emails as some Virtual General Meetings may be arranged via the web.

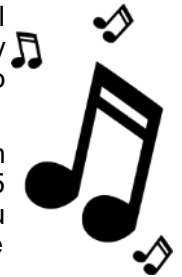


CHRISTMAS GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM



I am thinking of putting on a Christmas General meeting on Zoom this year. I am not entirely sure what it will consist of yet, but I would like to involve as many people as I can.

If you would be willing to be involved with something to share with members in a 3 to 5 minute spot - singing, reading, poems, jokes, whatever you would like to offer, then please let me know as soon as possible and I am sure we can have a bit of fun.



I know one or two people have made suggestions and I thank them. However, I need you to step up and suggest something that you will be willing to do. We may even have a panto of sorts - who knows!

As usual I will be prepared to make a fool of myself so why not join me?

Chris Woolven



FAMILY HISTORY

A few of the Family History Group members have been meeting on Zoom and the subjects covered have been diverse, from the Workhouse to Criminal Transportation. One of the meetings was held in the evening where we explored the food our ancestors would have eaten with several members cooking meals from wartime recipes. The success of that meeting has spurred us on to decide on a WW2 themed Zoom Christmas meeting with one member volunteering to make a cake and I'm sure more ideas will come through as Christmas approaches.



New members are always welcome even if it's just 'to be nosey and see what we do'. Our meetings are held fortnightly on a Wednesday morning at 10.30 a.m. and posts are put on the DU3A Facebook page.

Dawn Jarvis



Spam Hash



Cheese and Potato dumplings

Yorkshire
And
Humber
Region

yahru3a.co.uk

The **Captain Cook event** this summer is cancelled. The organisers, Whitby U3A are proposing to hold the event next summer, on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th June 2021.

Summer Learning Break: The Hawkhills venue has been retained from 26th to 29th July 2021. Details will be published later in the year.

U3A Life in Lockdown

A national film has been produced. It celebrates the wonderful things U3A members up and down the country have been doing in these difficult times, duration is approximately 7 minutes.

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBSfUGiszz0taht>

Out and about with my camera



Photographs by
Diane Woolven,
Digital Photography group



'One Trunk or Two?' by Chris Woolven, Digital Photography Group



WALKING CRICKET



Well it has finally happened. We were doing so well to keep the Walking Cricket group going too. The weather has done us proud through October and into November and allowed us to extend our season by a few weeks. The Group

has shut down now for winter and unless the rules for indoor organised sports change then we will sadly have to wait until spring before we hear the sound of plastic on plastic again.

It had been such fun though. A core group of about 16 or so members have managed to get a game in once a week recently. We even played twice in one week!

We have come a long way since we started last year and we have had quite a number of new players join us since our brief television appearance at Barnsley on "Look North" or whichever program it was. (See Photo).

At our last match we had a first..... There were more ladies playing than gentlemen! This is something we should be proud of. Admittedly some of the newer players are still learning the rules and quite a few have never played before, but we always try to divide the players up evenly in terms of ability and experience. Using the soft ball and the very light composite bats has made the whole game safer and more accessible to all.

We are such a friendly bunch too. I don't think we have ever fallen out in a serious way, even though there have been some decidedly 'Dodgy' umpiring decisions which have set some banter off between (mostly) those of us who should know better.

If anybody would like to join us when we begin again please let me know and I will put you on the mailing list. That way you will be able to join us when we begin again, or even come along and watch. You may not know the rules..... but then neither do some of our current players. All that is required is to turn up and have fun (you won't be the only one who can't bowl either!)

Chris Woolven



MY FATHERS OCCUPATION

My first recollection of my father's working life would be about 1930. My first impression was that he was away from home for long periods each day when he was working. He was not working full time as this was just after the great depression of the late twenties. I found out later that he had tried almost anything to get some money into the household, even trying to sell vacuum cleaners 'on the knocker', in other words, door to door.

He had progressed to the wild heights of labouring at Steel Peach and Tozer's mills at Templeborough. This was a long way from home as we lived in with my grandmother on the south side of Sheffield. He would be up at around 4 in the morning on his working days, this was soon to become full time. He then had to travel by tramcar into Sheffield and then change to go on to work on the Rotherham service. I know from personal experience that the Rotherham service took 50 minutes to do eight miles.



Now onto the work that he did. He was a 'tyre bowler' moving railway tyres from one working operation position to another. Railway tyres are of course simply steel rings varying from carriage and goods wagon wheels to those very large ones that went on to be the driving wheels of engines. The tyres were subsequently heated to a high temperature in order to be shrunk onto the cast iron part of the wheel. While he was at work, he was the one and only qualified first aid man. There was no other facility there at the time. It seems that Health & Safety was a long time coming to SP & T and yes he was frequently involved after serious accidents.

We moved to live in Rotherham in 1935 for obvious reasons. We were very happy in the little house which we rented. However, only some three months after moving my father considered himself very fortunate to get employed on the Sheffield Ambulance Service. This was a position which he had been trying to get for several years so he had to start travelling the opposite way to get to work on a three-shift system.

Naturally it was not long before we moved back to Sheffield where everything seemed to be well until grandmother died in January 1939. At that time, we were living in a flat upstairs and grandmother on the ground floor of the house which we had moved from in 1935. This was grandmother's property and had to be sold. My parents decided to move to South Africa to be with mother's sister and family. Father had been promised employment as a masseur, the house had been cleared and sold and we were due to sail for South Africa on September 7th and father had worked his leaving notice when we were informed on Monday 4th September that there was no chance of getting to South Africa until the war had ended.

Father was welcomed back into the Ambulance Service (he loved every minute of his work) until the German air raid on Sheffield in December 1940. He was on duty that week and left us in an Anderson shelter about 8pm to get to work by any means.

LOVE OF NATURE



October, and more curfews, but a few of the Love of Nature group ventured out into the autumn colours of Potteric Carr.

Risk assessments done and armed with sanitiser, mask and waivers we set off into the drizzle.

The plan had been to have an Autumn Walk with one of the educators but sadly due to changing pressures of covid we were on our own.

I do not profess to be any kind of expert in nature terms, most of the group are more knowledgeable than I am therefore I suggested we just enjoy the reserve and observe the autumnal changes, so undaunted and socially distanced we set off.

We settled into an easy socially distanced pace, reminding each other if we stepped up too far. Potteric has some narrow pathways so you do have to be careful but we chattered and observed and chattered some more.

There was a decided lack of birds due to the weather but an abundance of fungi. Luckily one of us had a reference book, but we just enjoyed being out and about in company.

We aim to share some of the photos next week with any other members of the group that care to join on Zoom, then discuss what we could be doing together now the days are shorter, darker and colder.



We proved we could be covid secure therefore we are hoping a few at a time might brave the weather and share on Zoom regularly to maintain some semblance of normality through the wintery months. We will let you know how we progress. Please feel free to join us at anytime.

Vanessa Whaley

NEXT ZOOM SESSION:

10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 24th November

If interested contact

Vanessa.



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Explore Wildlife



Want to learn more about a native species or habitat, garden for wildlife, or after a bit of wildlife advice? Our wildlife information pages have what you're looking for. For YWT's main site go to:

<https://www.ywt.org.uk>

For wildlife information:

1. **Species:**

Learn more about our incredible native wildlife at

<https://www.ywt.org.uk/wildlife-explorer>

2. **Habitats:**

Explore habitats from sand dunes to ancient woodlands at

<https://www.ywt.org.uk/habitats>

3. **Potteric Carr and Adel Dam sightings at:**

<https://www.ywt.org.uk/wildlife-sightings>



New Year Resolutions - some thoughts

"I don't believe in New Year's resolutions. I think if you want to change something, change it today and don't wait until the New Year".
Georgina Bloomberg

"Work on your strengths, not your weaknesses. How many of your New Year's resolutions have been about fixing a flaw?"
Jonathan Haidt

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."
Oprah Winfrey

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
Anatole France

Holidays – What are those?



Each year since my husband retired we have organised a long distance walk with friends. Usually this is a linear walk and we have a company to move our bags on each day. Last year it was the Wicklow Way in Ireland, the year before the Cotswold Way. At the beginning of this year we decided to try something different.



We proposed to our friends that we should walk the Anglesey Coastal Path following a visit there at the beginning of the year – we had never been to Anglesey before but realised we had been missing a treat. Although it is a linear walk we suggested staying in self-catering accommodation and using our cars to drop off and pick up.

All was duly booked for the middle of October and then you know what arrived. When the first spike was over and everything calmed down it was looking good – then schools and universities went back and as you know infection rates started to go up. We carried on planning, food deliveries, lunch stops, starts and finishes with carparks for each day's walk and all the while the infection rate going up.



Then Wales started closing down. Our WhatsApp group was buzzing with messages. We were still walking weekly in Derbyshire but who knew what each day's news bulletin would bring.



We were so lucky. A week later and Wales had banned all travel from England. Not only did we love the walking, but the accommodation was great with views over the Menai Straits to Snowdonia and we had good weather and beautiful views throughout the week.

We have always thought the East Coast - where the moors meet the sea - was a great place for a holiday and had never thought to go to Anglesey. It's three hours from home to Beaumaris, where we stayed, and we will certainly go back. We managed to see a red squirrel on our first day – the island has no grey squirrels. We found many unspoilt coves and beaches as we walked.



Everyone was very welcoming and our friends also enjoyed the new scenery. The island is steeped in history which provides us with other areas to discover – next time.



Wendy Hattrell

WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE

I have had quite a few comments about the piece I wrote for the last newsletter so I thought you might like an update - for when we are allowed to travel again.

The indoor visits have now resumed from Wednesday to Sunday each week – advance booking is mandatory. Instead of a guided tour you now wander at your leisure and read



the information boards. The gardens too are open on the same days as the house and soon they will be opening the stables. They currently have 'The Flock' wooden birds hand painted by the public on show on the front lawn. The tea room is open but seating is limited. You can go just to the tea room or gift shop Wednesday to Sunday without booking a house tour. You would need to check the latest information either online or by ringing 01226 351161.

Wendy Hattrell

PLEASE NOTE: This article was written pre-lockdown. The mansion, tea room and gift shop are closed from November 5th to December 3rd. The gardens are still open. Whenever possible, please book your Open Gardens tickets online to ensure timed arrivals to keep you safe. Refreshments will be available from mobile catering units.



National Poetry Competition 2020

Calling all poets who do know it! You are invited to take part in the National Poetry Competition 2020 - an opportunity to get creative and to show off your poetry writing skills.

How it works:

- It must be in English, not published before or submitted to another competition.
- The poem must be your own work, in your own words entirely.
- It must be a maximum of 16 lines, plus the title.
- Your poem must have a rhyming component and be humorous.
- Your submission must be on the theme of: 'hobbies or interests'.
- It is very important you fully read the Poetry Competition Rules – there is additional information in these that you will need.

You have until 12 noon on **Friday 20th November** to submit your poem.

For more information go to:

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes/poetry-competition-2020>



THE JOYS OF ZOOM!

During these very difficult lockdown times one of the joys of my life has been the Zoom sessions that I have enjoyed in a variety of situations. The most important is probably that of being able to see the grandchildren and to talk to them and to watch them play. Other very precious sessions have been spent talking to other members of the family and our very special friends in France. For U3A meetings it has been superb as it is really nice to get together and chat in our groups very much in the same way that we used to meet and chat before the lockdown. It is also wonderful to continue with our learning especially as the extra time has given more time for research. It is certainly the next best thing to meeting in person.



It is so simple to use. I can highly recommend it. All that is necessary is to go to the app store on iPad or iPhone, click 'get' and it downloads to your device. It can also be downloaded on a computer or laptop by searching for zoom in the web address then go to download. Once downloaded to your device it is incredibly easy to use as e.g. on iPhone or iPad version you just click on 'join meeting'. You do not even have to sign in if you do not wish to, then enter the meeting id which will be in a format similar to 123 0123 4567 then click on join. Sometimes you may need a password but just enter it if requested and then you will see the person you wish to speak to. You may need to also click on join with audio or join with video or both and that is it. You can then chat for 40 minutes for free.

If any members do not yet have this facility I would strongly recommend it as it gives a window out of the four walls at present and so nice to see different faces.

Christine Curtis

The word "zoom" in its characteristic blue, lowercase, rounded font.



SO IN RETROSPECT, IN 2015
NOT A SINGLE PERSON GOT
THE ANSWER RIGHT TO
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF
FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?'





CHRISTMAS DINNER AROUND THE WORLD



Do you fancy a Christmas meal with a difference? You may like to consider the following.....



Sweden

In Sweden, the Swedish julbord or “Christmas table” usually begins with cold fish dishes, then meats, hot food, and dessert. Apart from the centrepiece, Swedish Christmas dinner usually includes meatballs, lutefisk, a potato and fish dish, and pork sausage.



Puerto Rico

In Puerto Rico, the national dish and meat component of the meal is a roast suckling pig known as lechón. The process is quite arduous and requires at least two people turning and watching the pig – often beginning at two in the morning so it is ready in time for Christmas dinner. Morcilla or blood sausage is also served, as are pasteles or meat pastries.

For dessert, tembleque, a coconut-based pudding is perfect when paired with coquito, a Puerto Rican spin on eggnog made with condensed milk, coconut milk and rum.



Portugal

To celebrate the holiday in Portugal, most people eat variations of codfish and boiled potatoes. However, it is the variety of desserts and pastries that take centre stage.

There are two types of Christmas cake, Bolo Rei, a nut- and fruit-filled concoction and Bolo Rainha, a variation with no candied fruit, as well as filhoses, fried dough covered in cinnamon and sugar, and Broa, small sweets made from egg yolk and sweet potato.



Germany

Christmas in Germany is observed with a dinner involving duck, goose, rabbit or a roast, and sides such as potato and red cabbage dumplings.

For dessert, Stollen, a fruit bread of nuts, spices and dried fruit topped with powdered sugar is a traditional favourite, in addition to gingerbread houses, called pfefferkuchenhaus.



Norway

On Christmas Eve, the most popular dish in Norway is roasted pork served with sauerkraut and boiled potatoes. Whole, steamed sheep’s head is also on the menu, with the ear and eye meant to be eaten first while the brain is taken out and served boiled or fried.

For dessert, Multekrem is made by mixing cloudberry with whipped cream and sugar.



Greenland

In a heart-warming tradition, men serve the women throughout the Christmas meal in Greenland. The meal consists of mattak, strips of whale blubber encased in whale fat, and “kiviak,” a dish of flesh from auks buried in

whole sealskin for several months and served once it begins to decompose.

A popular dessert is Christmas porridge served with butter and topped with cinnamon and sugar.



Jamaica

In Jamaica, Christmas dinner is usually prepared the night before, and includes fruits, sorrel, meat and punch. For dinner, the main may be anything from turkey to curry goat or stewed oxtail.



Hungary

Different Hungarian provinces have different traditions, but many Christmas dinners in Hungary consist of a carp soup, stuffed cabbage, fried fish, and beigli, a traditional dessert pastry stuffed with either chestnuts or poppy seeds.

The Christmas tree, usually decorated by the small children in the family, will have ornaments and szaloncukor - colourfully foil-wrapped chocolate candies - hanging from it.



Lithuania

Christmas Eve dinner in Lithuania traditionally includes 12 dishes, all meatless including several herring dishes with carrots, beets, apples, or mushrooms. The table will also have sauerkraut and dumplings with various fillings.

Kūčiukai are small poppy-seed biscuits made specifically for Christmas Eve, accompanied by poppy seed milk.



Portugal

The Portuguese follow the Catholic tradition of fasting on Christmas Eve. The meal eaten for dinner to end the fast is called Consoada. Bacalhau, or salt cod, is a main staple of Christmas dinner in Portugal. Some regions of Portugal prefer to use polvo (octopus), either roasted or with rice. At the table will also be boiled eggs, boiled cabbage, and boiled sweet potatoes.

As for desserts, the list is endless, with items such as biscoitos de natal (Christmas cookies) and leite de creme (an egg custard).



Montenegro

Very religious people in Montenegro will fast for 40 days leading up to Christmas, but most people just fast on Christmas Eve. Once they break the fast, Christmas dinner is a meatless, dairy-free meal that usually includes dishes made with beans, fish, and potatoes.

One main dish is kutia, cooked wheat mixed with honey, ground poppy seeds, raisins, and chopped nuts to symbolize unity. They also eat dumplings called varenyky, which is similar to pierogi.



Finland

Christmas dinner in Finland is eaten on Christmas Eve. It includes many traditional Finnish dishes, like ham, mixed beetroot salad, liver casserole, smoked salmon, herring dishes, and the traditional lanttulaatikko, a rutabaga casserole. This is made by boiling and mashing rutabaga and mixing in bread crumbs, treacle, egg, and many seasonings.



More YouTube songs and cartoons.....

Some were made in the early summer - but are still relevant today as we enter our second lockdown.

If Christmas Songs Were About Quarantine (The Holderness family)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXLcLIN5xnw>

Twelve Days of Christmas - COVID-19 EDITION ft. Jon + Jon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HTy60lcU3U>

COVID CHRISTMAS - GOLDIE LOOKIN CHAIN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmLNw5Jd2ro>

For Zoom users.....

"I Knew Zoom Was Trouble" - Taylor Swift Parody
(The Holderness family)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRErZMKgXew>



.....and for cat lovers:

You're In My Chair - A feline response to Covid-19, set to 'Blue Danube' by Johann Strauss

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFBEami1qlg>

Simon's cat (<https://www.youtube.com/user/simonscat>)

Let Me Out! - Simon's Cat | SHORTS #42

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDzkaJOT_KI&t=53s

Santa Claws - Simon's Cat | SHORTS #12

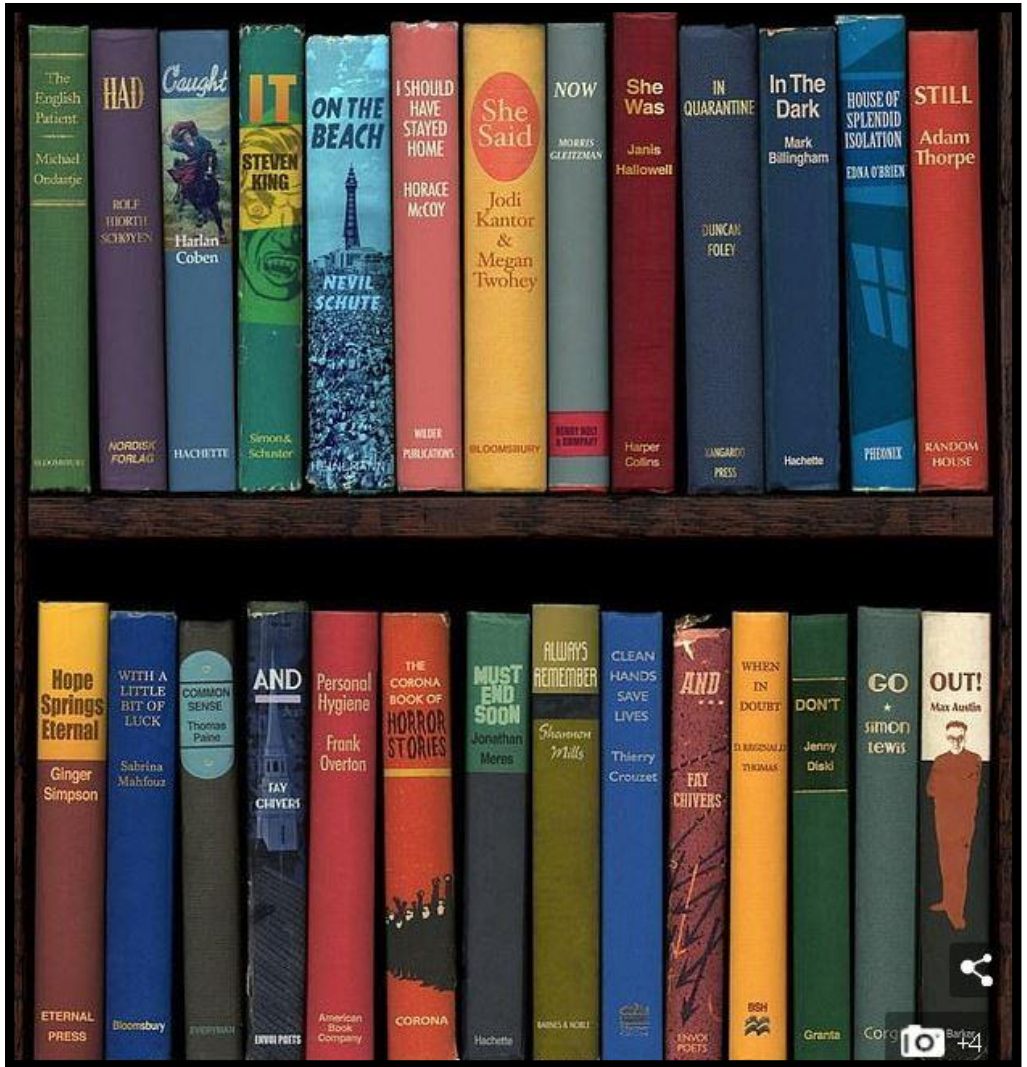
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn2h3_aH3vo

Snow Business - Simon's Cat | SHORTS #7

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tuf61OjvoPQ>



Books arranged to tell the story of Covid-19



You may have seen this during the first lockdown but it is still relevant as the second lockdown hits us!

Digital-printmaker Phil Shaw, who was born in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, has used the power of digital manipulation to entertain fans with a short story of the nation's fight against Covid-19.

Read the titles in order from left to right.



PUZZLE PAGE

Add the consonants to the following to make the names of Christmas songs and carols.

- 1 _ _ I E _ _ _ I _ _ A _
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- 3 _ E _ _ _ E _ A _ _
- 4 _ _ O _ _ _ _ E _ _ O _ A _
- 5 _ _ E _ I _ _ _ O E _ _
- 6 _ _ E _ _ E E _ A _ _ O _ _ _ I _ _ A _
- 7 _ OO _ _ I _ _ _ E _ E _ A _
- 8 _ I E _ _ _ I _ _ _
- 9 _ A _ A _ A _ _
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How many gifts did 'my true love give to me' in the traditional song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me: a Partridge in a Pear Tree: Total = 1 gift.

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Two Turtle Doves and a Partridge in a Pear Tree: this is another $2+1=3$ gifts, Total so far = 4 gifts

- What is the total number of gifts by the end of the 12th day of Christmas?
- What are the totals for each type of gift? eg. How many gold rings? How many turtle doves? etc.

Solutions for October - November puzzles

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|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Quadratic | 2 Submerged | 3 Bronchial | 4 Gradients |
| 5 Displaces | 6 Merciless | 7 Depletion | 8 Redbreast |
| 9 Rationale | 10 Gymnasium | 11 Cocktails | 12 Grandsons |

1 **343**

1 cubed; 2 squared; 3 cubed; 4 squared, 5 cubed; 6 squared; 7 cubed

2 **11**

For each number: 1st number plus one, then divided by 3

3 **96 and 50**

14 — 70 — 19	14 times 5 for 70	14 plus 5 for 19
23 — 92 — 27	23 times 4 for 92	23 plus 4 for 27
19 — 57 — 22	19 times 3 for 57	19 plus 3 for 22
48 — ? — ?	48 times 2 for <u>96</u>	48 plus 2 for <u>50</u>

4 **20**

Alternate between adding 5, and subtracting 2

Do you know who painted this?



Answer in the next newsletter

Page 21: Where is this?



Answer:
The Mansion House,
Doncaster

Contacting Group Leaders and Committee Members

Group Leaders can be contacted by telephone (see below) or by clicking on the Blue Bird on their group page on the DU3A website.

Go to: <https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster>

Committee members can also be contacted via the DU3A website by opening the 'Contact' page and then selecting the appropriate member.



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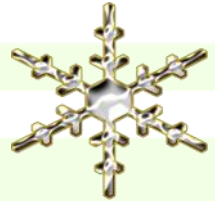
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Deadline

Thank-you to all the members who have sent articles for this issue. Articles for the February/March newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 30th December

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to du3anewsletterbmt@btinternet.com

**WISHING ALL DU3A MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Monks Printers

We are grateful to Monks the Printers for their help in printing and distributing this newsletter.

Prego Café

We would like to thank our friends at the Prego Café for their help over the past years. We wish them the best during this difficult time and look forward to having our meetings there again in the future.

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