

Newsletter – 30th April 2022

Membership

Your u3a Committee Needs YOU!

We are hoping to find volunteers to join the Committee and take on the vacant posts of Minutes Secretary, Publicity & Recruitment Officer and SUN Representative.

We can supply short "Job Descriptions" for anyone interested in the above posts.

May Monthly meeting

The speaker Harry Venning Pennington will be giving a talk " *The Art of the Cartoon*".

Beacon system

John Case and Gordon Lambourn have been busy setting up the records on the Beacon system for Eastbourne Meads u3a.

After completion of the transfer of membership records we will make changes to the method of distribution of Newsletters to members.

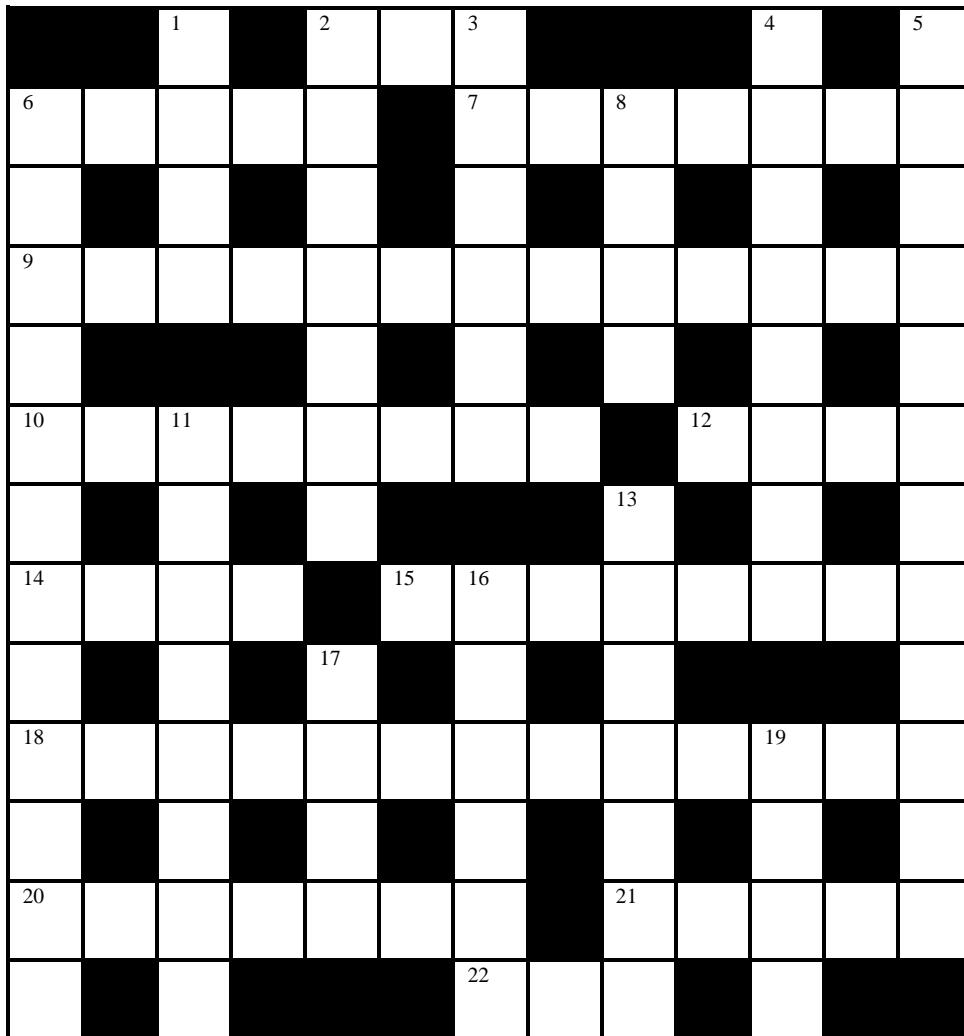
New Golf Group

Would any experienced golfers be interested in joining a new group to play 9 holes at local courses on a Thursday morning every fortnight?

If you are interested please email our Groups Co-ordinator via our Meads u3a website contacts' page.

Paul Luton reported "The new golf group has met and played twice so far and our 4 members have enjoyed both games."

CLOTHING THEME Crossword Puzzle - the answers to both CRYPTIC and QUICK clues are identical.



CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- 2 Six pack exposed by removing odd garb is impressive! (3)
- 6 Young man outside church gets tied up (5)
- 7 It's fashionable in Paris to do a meal afresh (1, 2, 4)
- 9 Petticoats, and the like, are discovered when nude stranger is cavorting with Mike (13)
- 10 What fish do with match for outfit a mermaid doesn't need! (8)
- 12 Head covering is an American bonnet (4)
- 14 Sounds like you 17D to make a single item (4)
- 15 Transform French head after hard work grooming (8)
- 18 Model organises thin footwear (8, 5)
- 20 Old writer adding to English style of shoe (4-3)
- 21 Gather some pretty big fish irregularly (5)
- 22 Take a seat to finish his khaki suit (3)

CRYPTIC CLUES DOWN

- 1 Chop chop – very cool! (4)
- 2 Sounds like an item of clothing could be where you live (7)
- 3 Jacket to wear for search engine (6)
- 4 Apres-ski item worn by Neil Armstrong? (4, 4)
- 5 Traditional furniture for actor's wardrobe assistant from Cardiff (5, 7)
- 6 Suit revolution not about to reform handbag designer (5, 7)
- 8 Parts of sweater, inside warm, snugly (4)
- 11 Knocked-off for tea with timid doctor (8)
- 13 Nearest wardrobe, small inside (7)
- 16 Imperial weights confuse UNESCO (6)
- 17 Draw together equipment around noon (4)
- 19 Old boy is getting Japanese sashes (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- 2 Abbreviation of abdominals (3)
- 6 Tied like a shoe (5)
- 7 Trendy (1, 2, 4)
- 9 Lingerie (13)
- 10 Bathing costume (8)
- 12 Head covering (4)
- 14 Single item (4)
- 15 Grooming (8)
- 18 Sports footwear (8, 5)
- 20 Like a sandal (4-3)
- 21 Gather (of fabric) (5)
- 22 Pose (3)

QUICK CLUES DOWN

- 1 Frozen (4)
- 2 Location of your home (7)
- 3 Trip to watch wildlife (6)
- 4 Footwear for lunar expedition (4, 4)
- 5 Display cabinet (5, 7)
- 6 Top fashion house (5, 7)
- 8 Sleeves (4)
- 11 Copied (8)
- 13 Least far (7)
- 16 Sections of a pound (6)
- 17 Create garment from wool (4)
- 19 Japanese belts (4)

Compiled by Eastbourne Meads U3A Cryptic Crossword Group 2022

The History Group is currently studying the Russian Revolution of the early C20.

So, when an excellent article by Ben Macintyre on the history of the Ukraine and Russia appeared in The Times of 14th March, I précised it and talked about it to the group. I thought other u3a members might be interested to see this.

RUSSIA AND THE UKRAINE Article in The Times by Ben Macintyre.

“Ukraine is under a hail of Russian missiles but another softening up started many years ago on the battlefield of history. Two diametrically opposed versions of the past are at war in Ukraine: one is represented by Ukraine’s president Zelensky, the other is espoused by Putin; one is based on factual evidence and scholarship, the other is enforced by the repressive organs of the Russian state, buttressed by propaganda and imposed by force of arms. One is true, and the other is a lie.”

The collapse of the Tsarist Empire in February 1917 brought Ukraine’s first, short-lived taste of independence. The Ukrainian People’s Republic was proclaimed and recognised by The Russian Provisional Govt. Over the next four years, with the former Russian empire embroiled in civil war, various armies battled over Ukraine: Bolshevik, White Russian, Polish and anarchist. Kviv changed hands five times in one year.

By 1921 the Red Army had conquered most of the country.

In 1922 Ukraine was incorporated as one of four original national republics within the Soviet Union. This is what Putin refers to as Lenin’s “generous gift” of statehood; in reality Ukraine was subjugated to Moscow, in a new communist empire built on the wreckage of the Tsarist one.

Stalin’s oppression of Ukraine was most clearly demonstrated by the Soviet famine of 1932–33 when at least 4 million citizens of Ukraine perished by deliberate starvation – known as the Holodomor.

The Holodomor is essential to Ukraine’s sense of nationhood. The memory of this rankles still as shown when in 2006 the Ukrainian parliament recognised the events as genocide. Putin describes the starvation as a result of bureaucratic error not a deliberate policy. Russian propaganda describes the famine as a “hoax”.

Stalin accelerated the process of Russification by repopulating the east of Ukraine with ethnic Russians and relocating the Crimean tartars to make way for Russian speakers. In 1941 the Nazi occupation saw the murder of 1.5 million Jews, aided at times by forces recruited from the local population. It is this element of Nazi collaboration that gives Putin’s claims to be “denazifying” Ukraine, even though now the neo-Nazi far right is negligible and Zelensky, the President, is Jewish.

Ukraine made a huge contribution to the Allied victory in W.W.11 – some 8 million Ukrainians died fighting with the Soviet side.

Putin's desire to recreate a Soviet past is tinged with nostalgia for Tsarist Russia's imperial heyday. In 1991 with the break-up of the USSR, Ukrainians voted overwhelmingly in favour of independence. However, in Putin's eyes the very existence of Ukraine as a separate entity is a "mistake".

"Ukraine is not just a neighbouring country for us. It is an inalienable part of our own history, culture and spiritual space" This was said in his 56-minute speech to the Russians on 24th February this year. Two days later Russian tanks rolled into that space.

In Putin's words to "demilitarise" and "denazify" a country he insists has no right to be. Thus, Zelensky's Ukraine is a fascist state with no right to an independent existence and is bent on:

- oppressing a beleaguered Russian minority;
- joining NATO;
- installing nuclear weapons;
- threatening Russia herself;

Putin's troops come not as invaders but liberators, to right an ancient wrong.

"In the grim history war that underpins the real war, there are two distinct sides: a Ukrainian president telling the truth who was once a fictional teacher of history, and a Russian president presenting fiction as if it were really history."

Enid Wayman History Group Leader

Third Age Trust (TAT)

If members wish to receive the email TAT Newsletter (by email) they will have to contact the u3a Office.

[Please sign up to the newsletter](#) to keep in touch with what is happening across the movement and to share ideas.

The price of the TAM magazine will be increased from 62 pence to 67 pence per issue as from April 2022.

CLOTHING THEME - Meads Cryptic Crossword – Solutions

ACROSS:

2 Abs **6** Laced **7** A la mode **9** Undergarments **10** Swimsuit **12** Hood **14** Unit **15** Toilette **18** Training shoes **20** Open-toe **21** Shirr **22** Sit

DOWN:

1 Iced **2** Address **3** Safari **4** Moon boot **5** Welsh dresser **6** Louis Vuitton **8** Arms **11** Imitated **13** Closest **16** Ounces **17** Knit **19** Obis

There are no supplementary items for this Newsletter.

I close with a "Thank You" to the members who have made contributions to our Newsletters.

I hope that more of you will be willing to offer articles for our Newsletters.

Your Committee hopes that you manage to stay safe, healthy, and happy.

Peter Palmer – Eastbourne Meads u3a Chairman (and Editor)