

Newsletter – 31st May 2022

MEMBERSHIP

Candidate for the post of Chairman

I am pleased to report that Helen Pott has volunteered to become a candidate for the post of Chairman as from July after my two-year term of office comes to an end. Helen has stated that she would be more than happy to have her name on a ballot for the post.

Helen Potts has been co-opted onto the Committee "to learn the ropes".

u3a Day for 2022

Amanda Farthing has been co-opted onto the Committee, after volunteering to "lead a team" from our u3a to join the "***u3a 40-year Celebration Day***" activities planning team with members from Central u3a and Eastbourne & Wealden u3a. This u3a Day will either be held on Wednesday 21 September or on a day between 18 and 26 September.

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.

June Monthly meeting

The speaker Robert Chase will be giving a talk "*Bodiham Castle and its first owner*".

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

Picture of the Monday Walking Group



The photograph of the 1600-year-old Yew Tree in the Wilmington Church grounds was taken by a member during a recent Monday Walking Group. The walk, led by Gerard & Maria Ollier, took in the Long Man, the tiny Lullington Church and upstream along the banks of the Cuckmere, Milton Street, 6.5 km distance.

Alan Reid,
Group Leader, Monday Walking Group

Letter of thanks to our Crossword Group

Dear Peter,

Eighteen months ago, in the midst of lockdown, you very kindly arranged for Eastbourne Meads Crossword Group to send us copies of their monthly crosswords for inclusion in our Newsletter. Since then, our members have thoroughly enjoyed trying to solve the puzzles and have been impressed at the group's ingenuity in putting the crosswords together and devising the clues.

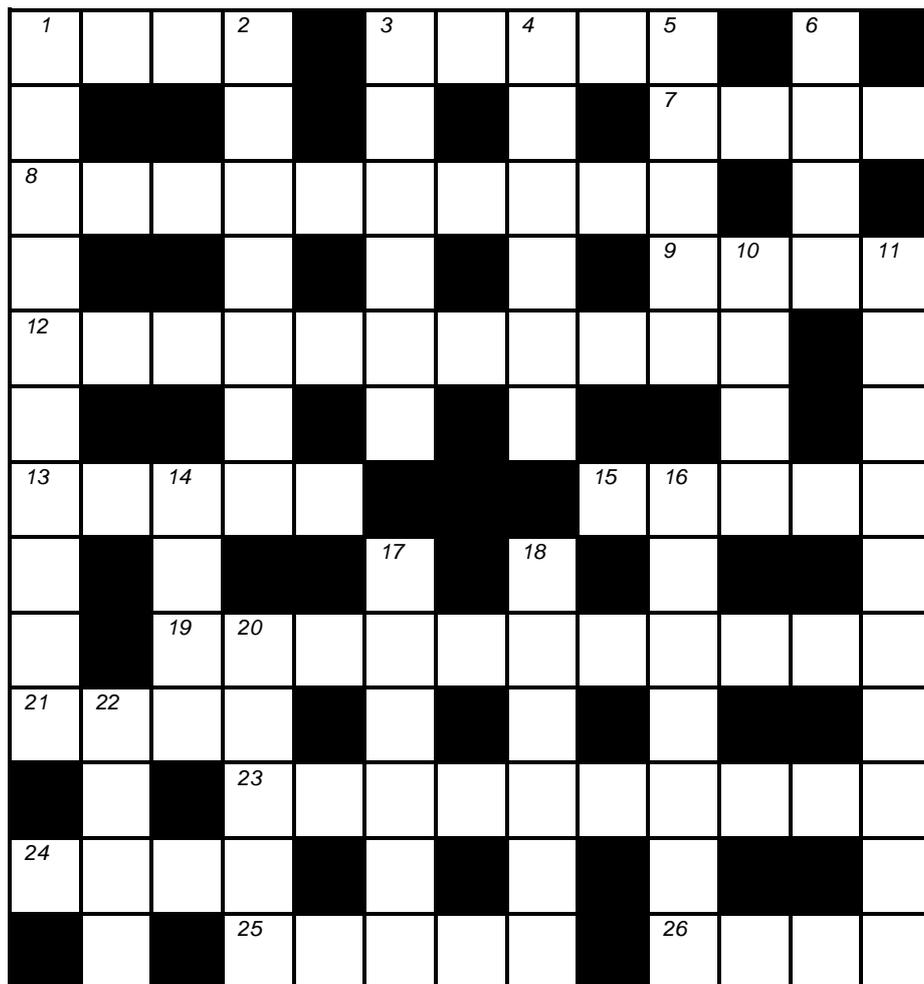
As restrictions have now been lifted, we have sadly decided to reduce the size of our Newsletter as the postal copies which we send to members without email were costing more than the annual subscription! Bridget Sands, our Newsletter Editor, has been in touch with Clare to explain that we shall no longer include a crossword, but I wanted to let you know how very grateful we are both to you and to members of the group for giving us this regular brain teaser to help fill up the dark days of the pandemic. If we in TWu3a can reciprocate in any way, do let me know.

With grateful thanks to you and your Crossword Group.

Best wishes,
Eryll

(Mrs) Eryll Fabian
Chairman
Tunbridge Wells u3a

NO THEME Crossword Puzzle - the answers to both CRYPTIC and QUICK clues are identical.



CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Socially unacceptable coat acquired from emporium in Knightsbridge (4)
- 3 Shouted down: "Mike - produce flowers!" (5)
- 7 9 gives up drug and finds love? Leave it out! (4)
- 8 Italian Open I lost playing Italian! (10)
- 9 Radiate when 7 gets energy and gives nothing away (4)
- 12 Look closely in mirror and concur? (3, 3, 2, 3)
- 13 Cook rat? So bizarre! (5)
- 15 Fluid lost from filter changes volume (5)
- 19 Chart number inset complicated for indoor sport (5, 6)

- 21 Monumental electronic photo! (4)
- 23 Two guys around unsafe mine get organised (10)
- 24 Reversing in - I'm just a little car (4)
- 25 Daughter consumed small dried fruits (5)
- 26 Disposed of broken dolls heartlessly (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES DOWN

- 1 Fiddled rent monies? It might get you into hot soup! (10)
- 2 Captain's heading off for fish! (7)
- 3 Dance and French dance (6)
- 4 Love pinot? Exotic choice! (6)
- 5 After a short time, nest egg initially starts yielding cash (5)
- 6 If I start to hear new record player (2-2)
- 10 Occasionally imbed extra in tournament (4)
- 11 The desired modification for triangular shape (5, 5)
- 14 Opposed to introduction of any new technological innovation (4)
- 16 Outings avoiding the start of sobriety sing in pubs. Quite the reverse! (7)
- 17 Small lake comes into view (6)
- 18 Passport entries for good person with travelling maps (6)
- 20 Disturbed artist involved with criminal investigators is bitter (5)
- 22 Glutton is eating last burger. Killjoy! (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Fur (8)
- 3 Flourish (5)
- 7 Exclude (4)
- 8 Ice cream (10)
- 9 Give out (4)
- 12 Agree (3, 3, 2, 3)
- 13 Sunday lunch (5)
- 15 Metric unit (5)
- 19 Ping pong? (5, 6)
- 21 Type of poem (4)
- 23 Ordered (10)
- 24 Type of skirt (4)
- 25 Courts (5)
- 26 Flogged (4)

QUICK CLUES DOWN

- 1 Soup (10)
- 2 Breakfast food (7)
- 3 Dance (6)
- 4 Alternative (6)
- 5 Currency (5)
- 6 Stereo (2-2)

- 10 Rendezvous (4)
- 11 Like a triangle (5, 5)
- 14 Against (4)
- 16 Batting (cricket) (7)
- 17 Minor (6)
- 18 Penny Blacks, for example (6)
- 20 Pungent (5)
- 22 Self-righteous person (4)

Eastbourne Meads USA Cryptic Crossword Group 2022, Unthemed 1

Horus and St George

The recent St George's Day unleashed the usual questions on the Internet about who was St George? Followed by long wise articles as to his origins. Why is he shown most often mounted on a horse and killing a dragon?

He is a revised version, of a revised version, of a revised version of the Old Egyptian God Horus. Horus was constantly shown avenging the murder of his father, the God Osiris, by the wicked God Set or Typhon. In the enclosed link is an excellent example of a later Roman carving. The Greeks and the Romans borrowed almost all the Old Egyptian gods. The Greeks ruled Old Egypt for 300 years. The Romans ruled Old Egypt for 400 years.

The very old Egyptian religious drama of the dying or murdered God was simply revised and altered in various ways. Horus is the son of Isis and Osiris. Horus in Old Egypt was always depicted on a boat or raft on the Nile wielding a spear into a crocodile, or hippopotamus, or seal as the God Set. Set murders Osiris and cuts him into 13 pieces and hides him all over Egypt. Isis and her sister Nephtys wander over the land weeping and wailing and recovering the dismembered Osiris until, surprise, surprise, he is resurrected. Hence the later Christian drama of the crucified Jesus and the sisters Mary and Martha searching, always weeping and wailing, for the body of the dead Christ, until surprise, surprise, he is found and resurrected. Christus natus est.

The Old Egyptians celebrated the God Horus avenging the death of his father Osiris and the later versions carried on the same drama as shown in the attached link of a mounted, hawk-headed Horus, in Roman military dress and spearing a dragon.

<https://penelope.uchicago.edu/odnotes/stgeorge/horus/horus1.html>

Christopher Fox-Walker

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.

UNTHEMED 1 Meads Cryptic Crossword 2022 - Solutions

ACROSS: 1 Mink 3 Bloom 7 Omit 8 Neapolitan 9 Emit 12 See eye to eye 13 Roast 15 Litre 19 Table tennis 21 Epic 23 Regimented 24 Mini 25 Dates 26 Sold

DOWN: 1 Minestrone 2 Kippers 3 Ballet 4 Option 5 Money 6 Hi-fi 10 Meet 11 Three-sided 14 Anti 16 Innings 17 Slight 18 Stamps 20 Acrid 22 Prig

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)