

Newsletter Mid 2018



A sculpture of Sir Winston Churchill and his wife Clementine in the grounds at Chartwell, their home for many years

“There must be in the statesman’s life many times when he depends upon the love, the insight, the penetrating sympathy and devotion of his wife.”

“The influence which the wives of our statesmen have exercised for good upon their husbands lives is an unwritten chapter of English history.”

Bishop Welldon - Address given at the wedding of Winston Churchill and Clementine Hozier, 12 September 1908

From The Chairman

Hello everyone.

Summer appears to be coming at last. The rain is getting warmer, as is the wind and the sun peeps out from the clouds more frequently. My Brexit friends assure me that legislation is on the books to stop those thunderstorms we keep importing from the continent. I guess in the intervening years we will only have half as many? Personally, I will miss them – not sure if I am allowed to say that (the thunderstorms of course!)

We have had some excellent trips earlier this year, ranging from the Tesco distribution centre in Southampton, the museum at Brooklands covering earliest aircraft and cars with Concorde as the piece de resistance, plus the Royal Albert Hall and Chartwell. There are reports in the newsletter to remind those who went and for those who did not, an opportunity to find out what you missed.

The flow of new, enthusiastic members continues bringing with them new ideas and some starting new groups. Among them is James Powell and his cycling group. James is an ex-traffic cop and he is very keen on safety, as you would expect, and keeps us to quiet roads. Just as Lincoln is reported to be very gentle with his Tai Chi ladies so James is with us. The break for coffee and cake at the halfway stage is also very welcome. Heartily recommended.

We now have two groups showing an interest in gardens. With one the idea is to show your own garden and the other group visits gardens open to the general public. I understand that tea and cakes is on offer at both- do I see a trend developing here?!

Enjoy your summer.

Les Pallett

Questor trip to Tesco Distribution Centre ,Nursling, Southampton

Date 20th February 2018

A total of 22 people made this Questor trip. Transport was by minibus plus two cars. On arrival we were greeted by Simon McCarthy, the warehouse manager, given coffee and cake and an introductory talk on history of Tesco.

The company was started in 1919 by Jack Cohen in London with a market stall. In the 1930's he acquired some land and expanded and by the 1940's he had established the first self service store. The first supermarket opened in the 1950's.

Although mainly a UK company, it has expanded into many countries (started in Japan in 2003 but pulled out in 2011)

The group has 6,800 store and 460,000 employees worldwide. In the UK there are just under 3,500 stores (479 superstores, 252 Tesco Extra, 176 Metro, 1740 Express and 780 One Stop).

Group sales were £49.9 billion 2016/2017, Operating profit £1,280 million, and market share is 28% and 45% of sales are on line.

This Centre covers an area from Weymouth in the west to the east coast and up as far as Didcot/Peterborough. It employs 523 staff and has 124 trailers but only a limited number of drivers who often work overnight.

The centre was opened in 1995 and comprises three temperature controlled zones, at + 1, + 12 and minus 20 degrees C. We were shown round but nobody stayed long in the minus 20 degree zone!!

What was surprising was that the pallets were spaced out and not stacked high. Also many were multiple product i.e. trying to replicate a particular stores' order pattern.

There was plenty of activity with fork lift trucks loading pallets into trucks and trailers. These are also compartmentalised to cover the three temperature zones. Following the warehouse tour we went into the office where four people with computers coordinated the shipments (amazing). Into this office came the drivers to receive their instructions

Mr McCarthy said Tesco tries to use local suppliers where possible, works for the environment and contributes to many charities.

After expressing our thanks to Simon McCarthy and his team we retired to the Horns Inn at Nursling where we enjoyed lunch from an extensive menu, before returning to Emsworth

Douglas Anderson

Questor visit to Brooklands Museum, Weybridge 28th March 2018.

Following on from the Tesco visit in February we visited Brooklands as above. Nineteen people made the trip and transport was by charity minibus and one car.

The Brooklands motor race circuit was built in 1907, on land owned by Hugh Locke King, a wealthy land owner. Despite some initial problems it was completed on time. Subsequently it developed also as an aircraft design and construction centre. The circuit featured many exciting events and although only parts of the circuit remain, it has been made into a museum.

On arrival with coffee and biscuits we were given a talk " Gearsticks and Lipsticks" which was about the many ladies who raced here and very racy some of them were. Names included Bertha Benz, Gwenda Stewart, Elsie "Bill" Wisdom and Barbara Cartland who staged the Ladies Society Race. Bertha Benz was the first lady to appear. She was the wife of Karl Frederick Benz of Mercedes Benz and the first lady to drive a long distance in a motor vehicle in 1888.

Some archive film was shown to illustrate the conditions at the time. The first person to arrive by air was A.V.Roe who used the huge area in the centre of the circuit to land prior to WWI. His Roe 1 biplane was tested here. A.V.Roe designed and built the Lancaster bomber and Avro Vulcan,





which was used as our strategic nuclear bomber in the Cold War. Many other aircraft were designed and built or part built here including the Wellington Bomber, Vickers Viscount, Vanguard, BAC One-Eleven and Concorde.

After the end of WWI many aircraft were surplus and some racing cars were fitted with aero engines to greatly improve performance .One outstanding example was the giant 24 litre Napier-Railton racing car which was on display.

One hanger of particular interest contains a Vickers Vimy, a huge biplane built as a bomber. This replica was built in 1994 and used to replicate the flights made in 1919-20 from England to Australia and South Africa Barnes Wallis of Dambusters bouncing bomb fame worked here and amongst other things designed the Stratosphere Chamber to test extreme climatic conditions. He was forced to retire by BAC at the age of 84.

A wide range of cars and engines, aircraft and aero engines are on display, covering WWI and WW2 and post war Vickers/BAC aircraft.

Despite the inclement weather an enjoyable day was had by all and the main sentiment was that there is too much to see in one day.

Lunch was in the restaurant in the main clubhouse prior to the return to Emsworth.

Douglas Anderson.

Photos by Mike Wood

Brook Meadow Bridge

On the bridge at the northwest corner of Brook Meadow is a plaque which reads:

"Flight Lieutenant A Woods AFC RAF and Second Lieutenant J. O. R. Bugge attached to A Flight, 85 Squadron, West Malling died near this bridge when their Mosquito Mk 13 B-YR night fighter collided with a Wellington bomber LN 185 of 18 OTU Finningley at 8pm on the 8th of February 1944, losing their lives. Not through enemy action makes their loss none the less tragic."

The story behind this can be found on **Memories of a Collision between a Wellington and a Mosquito Night-fighter over Emsworth, 1944** by Adrian Voller, www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar

and this is a synopsis of that information.

The Wellington bomber had set out from Finningley in Yorkshire and had flown out into the English Channel, turned round and headed for Portsmouth to simulate a German bomber raid on the city. The seven members of the Wellington crew averaged 22 years of age and included :- Sgt Ridell, second navigator, from Canada

Sgt Reg Gleed, air bomber, aged 21, from Hove

Sgt John Harrison, wireless operator, aged 22, from Liverpool

Sgt Stan Johnson, air gunner, aged 22, from High Wycombe

Sgt Bill Varley, rear gunner, aged 21, from Liverpool.

They were all newly qualified, and stationed at an Operational Training Unit at Finningley in Yorkshire, preparatory to commencing bombing operations over Germany. Their training mission was to fly out into the Channel, then turn and approach the coast simulating a German intruder. As they neared Portsmouth a Mosquito night fighter was scrambled from 85 Squadron based at West Malling in Kent. The pilot was 39-year-old Arthur Woods, originally from Liverpool, considered too old for combat, but being an experienced pilot was helping to train a young Norwegian navigator who was making only his second flight with the squadron.

Arthur Woods was beginning to make his name as a film director in Hollywood when the war started (along with another Britisher by the name of A Hitchcock), but decided to return to this country to "do his bit" because he had qualified as a private pilot in America during the Thirties.

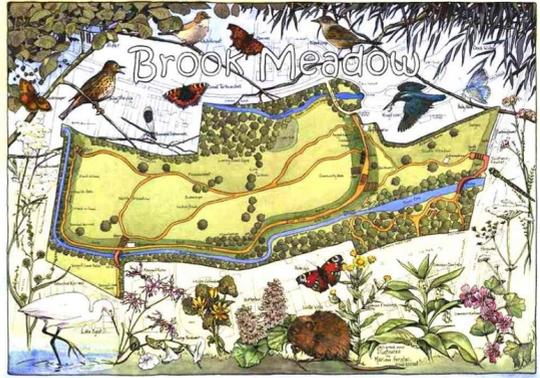
The Mosquito was fitted with a top secret airborne interception radar, and



the purpose of the sortie was to enable the trainee navigator to carry out a practice attack on the bomber. On this occasion it is thought that the pilot may have been blinded by the search lights of the Portsmouth defences reflecting on the under side of the clouds, because the night fighter collided with the bomber cutting it in two in front of the rear gunner's turret. The front section, containing six of the crew, fell in flames into a field at Southbourne, and all inside died instantly. The rear turret containing Sgt Bill Varley "fluttered down into Prinsted Harbour like a sycamore leaf", according to the account of two Sea Scouts who were standing outside their hut at the time. As the tide was out the turret fell into the mud flats about one hundred yards from the shore. The older boy aged 14 and the younger one aged 8 made their way in the pitch darkness out on to the mud where they found the rear gunner entangled in the remains of his turret. As his hand was still warm they mistakenly thought Bill Varley was merely unconscious, so the younger Scout held his hand while his friend made his way back to shore for a hacksaw. They proceeded to cut the rear gunner out of the wreckage, but found that his weight was too great for them to drag him back across the mud. However, by this time help had arrived in the shape of several adults, and by degrees the airman was dragged to shore where it was found that he must have died as the wreckage of his turret hit the mud. The incident was recorded in the Sea Scout Log Book, The Mosquito must have been severely damaged by the impact, but did not catch fire, and Arthur Woods made a desperate attempt to get the aircraft under control. It is possible that he was trying to avoid the built-up area of Emsworth, and at the same time trying to put the aircraft down in the fields that border the River Ems.

A Brief History of Brook Meadow

Documents show that Brook Meadow has been a water meadow since the middle of the 19th century. The meadow has been owned by Havant Borough Council since July 1990 when it was purchased from the Mitchell family who used to reside in “Constant Springs”, the large house on the north



side of the railway through which the River Ems runs before it goes into Brook Meadow. The meadow gets its name from a Brook Farm which was located on the east side of North Street in the middle of the last century, roughly opposite to where St James Road now enters North Street.

The 1838 Tithe Map and Schedule (Warblington, Ref F7/243/1-2) indicates that Brook Farm had pastures and orchards down to the river, all of which are now built over. The area on the other side of the river, i.e. our Brook Meadow, was described in the schedules as “water meadows”, which presumably means they were regularly flooded from the river. Below Brook Farm the 1838 map shows the river flowed into a millpond. This was presumably created to provide a head of water for Emsworth Flour Mills at the bottom of Queen Street. Although there is no longer a millpond at this point it must have a very long history in view of the fact (as indicated by David Rudkin in his book “The River Ems”) that there had been a mill here at least as far back as the Domesday Book of 1086.

For more information you can refer to ‘Brook Meadow Through the Ages’ by Frances Jannaway. This is an 80 page illustrated booklet with lots more information about this history of the meadow and the conservation group. Price of £2.50 available from Pam Phillips E-mail: p.phillips367@btinternet.com . You might also like to know that the Brook meadow Conservation group could also do with a few more members, so if you fancy the odd day in the open helping, consider joining!!

General Data Protection Regulations

You have probably been getting a lot of communications from all sorts of organisations you may belong to, or have dealings with, advising you of the new GDPR which came into force in May.

The committee has spent some time understanding our obligations under the new law and have sought advice from National U3A office and website.

We have reviewed the data we keep to ensure it is all relevant, up to date and used for correct purposes. We have reviewed our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Policy and the revised versions of these documents can be found on our Emsworth U3A website in the membership section.

As paid up members of Emsworth U3A you are in a contractual relationship with the trustees (the committee) and we will store your data securely and use it for communicating with you about events and activities. We will share the data with group leaders to facilitate running of the groups you belong to and the group leaders also have an obligation to keep the data securely. We may also send you information about the Third Age Trust. We keep your data on a secure database, called Beacon, which has password protected access, with access rights restricted to those having a need to see particular data. Rights to change the data are limited to those committee members who need to.

We will not share your data with third parties except with the company which distributes Third Age Matters (unless you have withdrawn consent to receiving this). You can withdraw your consent to receive this magazine at any time by contacting Gill Polgree, the membership secretary gill.polgreen@gmail.com or 01243 389983. At membership renewal time we will distribute a form allowing you to opt-in to continue to receive Third Age Matters if you wish to do so. If you do not complete the form we will treat that as opting out.

You have the right to request to view the information we hold about you and the right to ask us to update it if it is inaccurate. If you wish to do either of these, Gill Polgreen, membership secretary is again the person to contact.

U3A WEBSITE



Have you looked at our website recently? This is where you can find out current information on everything that is happening with the Emsworth U3A.

Just type into the address field of your browser: emsworthu3a.org.uk

The **Welcome** page provides an overview of the website, and the **Notices** on the right hand side show a list of up-to-date information about what is happening next. If you click on any of the pictures a larger version of that picture will be displayed.

Click on  the button to take you to a page where all the currently active groups are listed. Clicking on the name of a group will bring up another page with some information about that group, and details of how to contact the group leader if you want more information or would like to join that group.

Click on the  button to display a calendar of when activities are happening – if you select the Month option on the top right hand corner you will be shown a calendar of the current month.

Ever notice, the older we get,
the more we're like computers ?



We start out with lots of
MEMORY and DRIVE
then we become outdated,
and eventually have to get
our parts replaced...)

Click on the **EVENTS** button to display a page where all the planned outings and monthly meetings are described. On the right hand side is a list of useful relevant links – including a pointer to the **Tea and Coffee rota** – so you can find out when your group is scheduled to help out.

Click on the **CONTACT** button to see a list of the committee members. To email any of them tick the box by the title of the committee member you wish to contact, and write out the email in the space provided. (Don't forget to add your name and email address in the space provided)

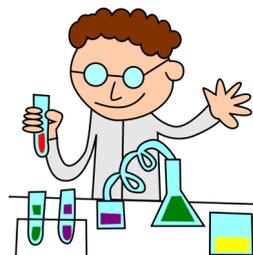
Other buttons will take you to information about the National Third Age Trust, the Regional SE U3A group, the newsletters and membership information.

So, why not try scanning our website. Any comments you may have will be gratefully received; please email the Webmaster using the Contacts page.



Famous last words from chemists:

- 1) And now the taste test ...
- 2) And now shake it a bit ...
- 3) In which glass was my mineral water?
- 4) This is a completely safe experimental setup.
- 5) Now you can take the protection window away ...



COFFEE ROTA

Shown below is the rota for serving the tea, coffee and biscuits at the monthly meetings.
 Depending on the size of Group there may be two Groups for any one month - will Group Leaders please liaise and ensure that at least four people from their Groups 'volunteer' for this duty.

If insufficient people turn up to provide the service then no refreshments will be served at that meeting!

2018	June	Wine Appreciation
	July	Environment & Technology
	August	<i>No meeting</i>
	September	Creative Writing / Rhythm & Rock
	October	Gardens / Family History
	November	Opera Appreciation / Tai Chi
	December	<i>No meeting</i>
2019	January	Craft / Discussion
	February	Listening to Jazz / Bridge

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Summer Social Event—Chichester Ship Canal

This event is now fully booked

Diary note, Christmas lunch 2018 will be at the Langstone Hotel on Thursday 6th December 2018.

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Future Talks

Jun 15 th Diana Mitchell	"The Downton Abbey Connection"
Jul 20 th Richard Moore	Sussex Police on "Scam Awareness"
September 21 st Paul Chapmen	The History of Bank Notes
October 19 th Madeleine Salvetti.	Mistresses and their influence on History
November 16 th Brian Freeland	Cardinal Richelieu
December	Christmas lunch
January 18 th 2019 Trevor Davies	Warblington Roman Villa

CONDOLENCE CARDS

The Committee would like to send a card to the family when a member of our U3A dies. Please, let the membership secretary or any Committee member know.

Remember to look at our website -lots of useful information on there.
U3asites.org.uk/Emsworth

The Amble and Pub Lunch Group

In February the weather was surprisingly nice. We had blue skies with fluffy white clouds for much of the time out, and while it was cool, it was not uncomfortably so. We went gently uphill to the east past Finchdean Farms Partnership, through some woods, over open fields, more woods and back to The George. We had one stop for coffee next to a very field containing two horses, and saw several buzzards during the walk. The lunch at The George was good, and the whole event was better than expected given the weather in the previous days.

The March Amble was to Harting Down, stunning scenery with skylarks and red kites in abundance. A few steady climbs, the most difficult being through a rather creepy yew wood called Kill Devil Copse. We wondered what had happened there in days gone by to give it that name?



The photograph was taken while we were doing the recce a couple of weeks before the walk but shows how splendid the walk was.

The April Amble was East Ashling via Funtington. The day dawned dry and clear after a lot of rain. The planning recce found floods, a lot of mud, scrambling over fences and detours! A new route was found. Nine intrepid walkers set forth through the free range pig farm, one flooded road and the through the bluebell Ashling wood. Only a few bluebells but good signs of spring around and NO RAIN! Good lunch in the Horse and Groom rounded off a very good morning.

In May the starting point was The Castle Inn at Rowlands Castle. Mike and Gill took us across the road and through the woods then along the main grass covered approach avenue (Ladies Mile) towards Stanstead House. The sun was out, the temperature was warm, and the walking was easy. We dropped in to the Blossom Café at Stanstead Garden Centre for a coffee and Cake, then returned through more wooded areas, crossing the Ladies Mile where we found a memorial to F/O G Clermonts, a Canadian pilot whose Typhoon crashed there on Sunday 7th May 1944 while returning from operations in France. The trees were all out, the paths were dry, and there were plenty of buzzards around as we passed the Stanstead Sawmill and made our way back to The Castle for lunch, where the meals were generally held to be good but the “sandwiches” didn’t suit at all!

Toni Reynaud

U3A EMSWORTH CYCLING PROGRAM for 2018

A new cycling group has started in the Emsworth U3A. Rides will be on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month starting from Emsworth Park (car park), Horndean Road, at 09.30 prompt and the Hayling & Southsea rides ONLY can be joined at Warblington Railway Gates (South side) at 09.40 for anyone who lives to the West of Emsworth
Contact James Powell on 023 9245 2424



5th July Hol	19th July	2nd August	16th August
Hayling	Fishbourne	Southsea	Stoke
10 Miles E/W	10 Miles E/W	10 Miles E/W	8.5 Miles E/W
Flat Ride	Small Hills	Flat Ride	Small Hills

6th September	20th September	4th October	18th October
Hayling	Fishbourne	Southsea	Stoke
10 Miles E/W	10 Miles E/W	10 Miles E/W	8.5 Miles E/W
Flat Ride	Small Hills	Flat Ride	Small Hills

1st November	15th November	6th December	20th December
Hayling	Fishbourne	Southsea	Stoke
10 Miles E/W	10 Miles E/W	10 Miles E/W	8.5 Miles E/W
Flat Ride	Small Hills	Flat Ride	Small Hills

The visit to Chartwell



The visit to Chartwell, the home of Sir Winston Churchill and his family for many years, was a good day out. About 30 U3A members got on the coach and had a trouble free and swift journey to the location in Kent, where we were greeted at reception, given green stickers so that we all knew we were in the same party, tickets for timed entry to the house, and a map of the property. We were then led to a private room for a welcoming cup of coffee and biscuits, after which we were free to explore the grounds until



the house entry time of about 1 o'clock. Some stayed in the decorative grounds near the house while others were a little more adventurous and took to the paths past the swimming pool and lakes

with the geese and black swans and through the chestnut woods across the valley. The weather was kind to us, ideal for exploring Lady Churchill's rose garden and the kitchen garden, and admiring the many and colourful bushes and specimen trees in the grounds. The numbered boxes containing model chickens to keep the children happy also indirectly provided



entertainment for some for us, watching the children's reactions as they saw the different coloured birds inside. We also queued to get into the studio, where many of Churchill's paintings are on view. At the allocated



times, we gained entrance to the house that Churchill called home, where he brought up his young family. It is still decorated as it was in the 1930s. Following the brief guide available at the door we made our way through the entrance hall, library, study, sitting and dining rooms, and more, displayed as if the family had only just left. In the museum rooms there were many of the gifts that Churchill received across the years, and some of the uniforms that he wore for different functions and occasions. One such was that of Chancellor of the University of Bristol, a role which Churchill held in great esteem. On one visit to confer honours and degrees on 12th April 1941 he arrived just after the city had suffered a heavy air raid. He spent several hours inspecting the damage and talking to the people and civil defence officials. He then went on to the University, alongside which a building was still in flames. His daughter, Mary, who was with him, later described the scene.

"It was quite extraordinary. People kept on arriving late with grime on their faces half washed off. They had their ceremonial robes on, over their fighting clothes which were still wet." Nevertheless, the ceremony still went on.



On the way home, the rain didn't start until after we were on the bus back to Emsworth, and stopped before the journey ended – perfect!

Toni Reynaud

Tai Chi Jamming

Last year I started the Tai Chi Group. I have been amazed at the interest and enthusiasm the group have shown in wanting to learn Tai Chi. We meet weekly and there are usually between ten to fourteen attending and there is a waiting list should anyone drop out. We all get different benefits from the class, some treat it as a weekly keep-fit class and others are developing their own daily practice routines at home. I hope that for them, as with me, this daily practice becomes a life-long habit. The format of the classes are that we first perform a number of Tai Chi exercises that aid warming up, relaxation, movement, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and eye-mind coordination. The emphasis is on keeping relaxed and the repetition of flowing movements. There is a wealth of Tai chi exercises available and I include a few different ones each week for variety. I'll talk a little as we go, sharing my knowledge and experiences of Tai Chi and explaining each exercise's health benefits.

We then go through the Tai Chi form I am teaching. A Tai Chi form is a sequence of movements changing from one posture to another by way of a connecting movement. I teach the Yang Short Form which has thirty-seven different postures (some repeated) and takes about six minutes to perform and can take up to a year to learn. We go through the form twice, once as a fluent performance and again with stops and starts as I talk about the postures and movements in detail.

We recently had a slightly different meeting, a Tai Chi jamming session. My brother Chris, who first got me into Tai Chi nearly thirty years ago, was visiting us from Australia and I invited him along to a class. What a fascinating hour it was! For the first part we went through a variety of Tai Chi exercises. Tai Chi exercises often have lovely descriptive names and we imitated the *peeping monkey*,



*Chris demonstrates
Hun Yuan style*



*Lincoln demonstrates
Qigong exercises*



Qigong exercises

stretched like a big bear, extend our wings like the roc; we supported the sky, walked in the clouds, reeled silk, circled like a rainbow, kneaded dough, rode the wild horse, paddled our spines and became crazy waiters. Chris was interested in a number of our exercises that he hadn't come across and showed us a few which were quite intricate and I hope I have remembered them right! The variety of Tai Chi exercises seems limitless and each was specifically designed to exercise and nurture specific parts of the body.

Chris' Tai Chi background is entirely different to mine, as is Tai Chi in the UK compared to Australia. We talked about the underlying principles of Tai Chi and Chris demonstrated a form he knows which is little known in the UK, the Hun Yuan Form and it was a delight: fluid, elegant, sweeping moves, it was like a ballet, lovely to see. The descriptive names of the postures in the form are vivid visualisations of the movement, including *warrior pounds the mortar, leisurely tie coat, white crane spreads wings and green dragon emerges from water.*

Our Group demonstrated our Yang Short Form, the first time we have performed with an audience. I felt immensely proud of the Group and our performance. Sure, what we do isn't yet fully synchronised and it has some rough edges. We all have a lot to learn, but that is the way of Tai Chi. Even after nearly thirty years I know that I am not at the end of my Tai Chi journey, and I will continue to explore it and improve: it is like an onion, you peel off one layer and there is another below to get to understand.

Words Lincoln Allen

Photos Les Pallett



Class demonstration of Yang style Tai Chi

An Old Geezer

An old geezer became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for £50, if not cured, get back £100."

Doctor Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get £100. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me ???"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh !! -- This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be £50."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't, -- that is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back . That will be £50."

Dr. Young (after having lost £100) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!!!!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your £100 back." (giving him a £10 note)

Dr. Young: "But this is only £10 note!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be £50."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer".

Remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick us off.



Editor's bit

My thanks to all those who sent in items — please keep them coming. My email address is tonibr@onetel.com, and there is a link to me on the U3A Emsworth website. My snail mail address is 12 Orchard Lane, Emsworth, PO10 8BH, so send letters here. I can accept offerings in just about any format. *Toni*