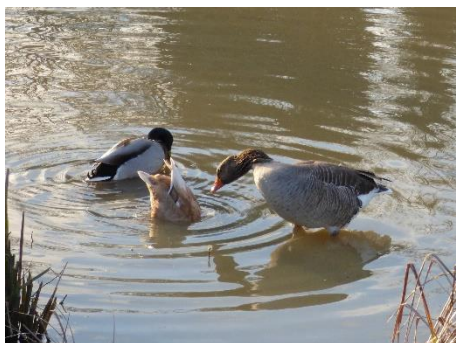




February 2021 Newsletter



If you are stuck and feeling out of luck?
Photograph a Duck and a Goose.

Annual General Meeting

We managed to follow our agreed Action Plan to bring us UpToDate and in a large part due to Phil Watts assistance we were able to hold a valid Annual General Meeting.

The Executive Committee wish to thank everyone for participating in the A.G.M. as we had 64 returns. We had almost as many Members participating as when we have meetings at Great Oakley Village Hall.

The voting was as follows:

Approval of minutes of the 2019 AGM

63 Members voted to agree the minutes as being correct
3 Members voted to not approve the minutes as being correct with 1 Abstention.

Accepting the accounts for year ending 31.03.2020

63 Members voted to agree the minutes as being correct
3 Members voted to not approve the minutes as being correct with 1 Abstention.

Appointment of Chris Godbold as Financial Examiner

63 Members voted to agree the appointment of Chris Godbold as the Financial Examiner.
3 Members voted to not approve the appointment of Chris Godbold as the Financial Examiner with 1 Abstention.

Re-election of Executive Committee Complete.

62 Members voted to agree the Re-election of the Executive Committee complete.
3 Members voted to not approve the Re-election of the Executive Committee complete with 1 Abstention.

Matters Raised

There was a discussion about the amount paid to the Third Age Trust and due to our financial position, it was decided to wait until the last minute to make any returns or make any payments. It was agreed that as our Membership will commence on 1st April if the return is for the 31st March as we think we will officially have 41 paid up members

There was a couple of suggestions about involving members more by having Quiz or other On-Line events, trying to have a Meeting / Party in a Park to celebrate our release and having Open Air meetings whenever possible.



Sunset at the Boating lake

Membership Fees for 2021/22

The membership rate will be £15.00 for 2021/22 with a £2 reduction to £13.00 if the Newsletter is not required to be posted.

There will be a further reduction if individual members had 2020 Membership subscriptions 'in hand' at the time Covid 19 lockdown was introduced and this will be reflected when their Membership is renewed with all members being sent an individual E-Mail or letter advising them of their fee.



First Daffodil's in Kingswood

From Terry Arnold

An elderly man living alone in Milton Keynes wanted to plant his Annual tomato garden but it was very difficult work, since the ground was hard. His only son, Paul, who used to help him, was in prison.

The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Paul,

I am pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over.. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Dad.

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Dad,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love, Paul



First shoots of Spring and a new start?

Committee Membership

- Chairperson - John Bugby
- Vice Chairperson - Terry Arnold
- Secretary - Phil Watts
- Treasurer - Doreen Tracey
- Membership Secretary Helen Watts
- Social / Speakers Secretary - Dorothy Masters
- Group Co-Ordinator - Jane Parker
- Web Co-Ordinator - Jane Parker
- Members Representative - Maureen Lavin

There is nothing to stop you joining the Committee and Volunteers are welcome to join us, but there is a danger you may be asked to help.

From Ray Smith

LOCKDOWN ACROSTIC

Laughing at jokes in the Daily Mail;
Examine the crossword,
I hope I don't fail.
Still, I'll have a go, as I don't think I'm dim,
Unless my brain's addled, a
Result of 'shut in'.
Entertainment is short, but it still gives me pleasure.
As you can tell, I'm a man of much
LEISURE.



Gardeners hate Nettles but love wine

National Office News

You can find the Newsletters from The Third Age Trust at this link [The Third Age Trust \(campaign-archive.com\)](http://The Third Age Trust (campaign-archive.com))

Which will allow you to Zoom in to Articles and easily look at other items.

There is a **new initiative from the national** Office called Member Link to support u3as to keep us talking and learning together.

The link puts **advice, tips and resources** in one place.

Whether we connect online, offline, or face to face when the lockdown eases or a blend of all three, the idea is to offer support to our members and encourage others to [join us](#). You can

View information as a leaflet in [Colour](#) or [Black & White](#)

Or by going to <https://www.u3a.org.uk/member-link>



Oakley Vale verge

Diamond Wedding

Congratulations to Jeffrey and Diana Talbot who celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary on 1st April.



From Colin Gibbs

O-u-r W-r-r-l-t-e-r-s' G-r-o-u-p

Ours is to wonder why we do something,
Usual hobbies, like a sport, or to write,
or sing,

Rightly or wrongly, slight succour it brings,

Why did I join this inspired crowd? Part of the local U 3 Age,

Required and allowed each vocally needed page,

Intently toying at being in print,

Trying to improve my employ, that too often won't glint,

Every day to move new thoughts into word,

Relying on rhyme books and thesaurus absurd,

Surprising a climb for a man of my year,

Generous comments, sung far and near,

Reviewing all our efforts aloud,

Overtly waiting retorts that cheer,

Usually avoiding reports that shroud,
Plainly, it's great to be here.

.ooOoo..

Membership Reminder

If anyone has a BIG birthday, Anniversary or if you hear a member is ill please let us know by e-mail to chair.gou3a@gmail.com or

Membership.gou3a@gmail.com

Please advise Helen Watts by E-Mail to Membership.gou3a@gmail.com if your contact details have changed.

You will be getting individual notifications regarding renewal of Membership and the notification will advise you of the options for payment of the renewal which will commence on 1st April.

Please wait until you receive a Notification before making payment.

If you hear that someone who has an E-Mail address has not received this Newsletter it means that we do not have their email address recorded correctly or it may have gone to Junk in an email account. In order to rectify this please ask the member to email Membership.gou3a@gmail.com

Thanks for the Assistance

We would like to thank FMH Conveyors, a successful and rapidly expanding local business as a world class leader in the manufacturer of flexible conveyors for truck loading & unloading who provided invaluable assistance by undertaking all of the printing work for the AGM.



And finally, a Saxophone Player - something you do not see every day at Corby Boating Lake.

We look forward to you continuing to be part of Great Oakley and District USA and look forward to meeting again when we are released

Take Care

Great Oakley & District USA Executive Committee.