



GUILDFORD AREA U3A

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Dear GU3A members,

We are into week 15 of the lockdown now so congratulations on making the long haul! The weather which started out on our side has not been so kind of late but the gardens did need it. And we have all got used to the 'new normal' – passing people in the street at a safe distance without thinking, not grumbling that we have to queue (nothing to hurry for), chatting to people in the queue.

We will shortly be sending out the membership renewal forms. When you come to paying your sub for 2020-2021, if you wish to pay by cheque, please remember to make it out to GUILDFORD AREA U3A. Anything else will not get it into our coffers, I'm afraid.

U3A have produced a 'Life in Lockdown' Video showing all the different things members have been doing and how they have adapted their activities during this time. It is introduced by Sam Mauger, CEO of U3A. Have a look if you have a moment. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBSfUGiszz0>

In the last National Newsletter TAT is offering a free session on "Discovering Children's Literature" at the British Library on 23rd July. You can register by clicking on the item and going to *online events*. Good for entertaining the grandchildren over the summer!

Here is a piece from our Monthly Meetings secretary, who has been out delivering:

Postman heroes

I volunteered to hand deliver the newsletters for Guildford U3A to save postage. No problem, I thought, and used Google Maps to plot my route so I wasn't going round in circles.

However, I soon came across obstacles. A Mews named after the road in which it was situated proved particularly difficult to find.

I walked up and down but no small cul de sac could I find. I resorted to my mobile and it indicated that the mews was next to the tennis courts, but there was no sign of what I conceived as a mews.

I asked some walkers, who I was sure were local and they also looked on their mobiles; I was at the spot.

We parted company but a few seconds later I was called and they pointed at a large house; it was called after the road. When I approached, a few hundred feet from where I was standing, there, in much smaller letters and low down, not anywhere near the name of the house was a sign:Mews, with a two sided arrow pointing to the side of the house. I followed this, having thanked my rescuers, and walked round the back of the house to find a charming courtyard surrounded by terraced small houses. I was looking for No. 14. I found No. 9; then 10 next to it, 11, 12, 13 and then, lo, the next one was 15!

Turning round, I saw another path leading away from this and, following it, I found a house set back on its own. It was the only other abode in the Mews, but, guess what? No number anywhere. I used logic and delivered the newsletter to that house, as there was no other.

So, if you did not get your newsletter No. 14, please ask your neighbour at the un-numbered house.

Then there are the houses who do not believe in planting a number out front and it's only by deduction that I assume that no. 4 is between 2 and 6. But this is not always so; in some cul de sacs the numbers run consecutively – and in one there is no number 13, I assume for superstitious reasons.

I found myself climbing the stairs of flats and having to use deduction to find the names of the flats, and then the numbers therein.

I walked up several long drives to find the names of houses.

I didn't mind the extra walking, as I love the exercise but a three mile round trip probably ended up as four miles due to the detours!

Oh, how wonderful our postmen are. **Jennifer Margrave 23.06.20**

And to finish off with a joke:

I complained to a U3A friend that I no longer know which day of the week it is. She replied: "As the days blend, there are no more days of the week: there's just Thisday, Thatday, Nextday, Whatday, Whichday, Oneday, Someday."

Hang in there. You are doing brilliantly.

With very best wishes,

Julie Beattie

Chairman, Guildford Area U3A

Greek/Classical Literature is meeting at 2.00pm on Wednesday August 4th to discuss Euripides' Hecuba by Zoom.

Anybody is welcome to join, having read the play first, any edition.

For further details and to get a Zoom invitation, contact

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