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HALTON NEWSLETTER



Wishing all u3a members a Happy
Christmas and a Healthy and
Prosperous New Year



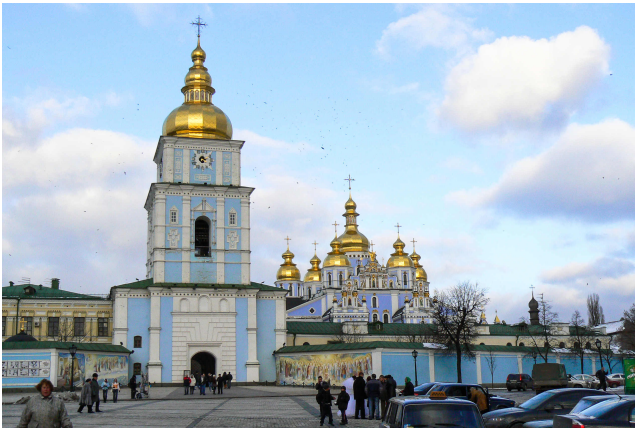
Message from the Chair - Jennifer Lewis

Every year Chris chooses a picture, usually taken on our travels during the year, to turn into a Christmas card. This has been difficult for the last few years but this year he has chosen a picture taken in Ukraine during our steam train travels in 2008. When we were in

Lviv the temperature was minus 12° centigrade. We were glad that we were living on a nice warm train. The train manager and his assistant were both Russian and could not understand why Ukrainians didn't want to be Russian even then. We were struck by the beautiful buildings we saw and the friendliness of the people we met on that and subsequent visits. We cannot help but wonder how those people are managing now it is winter and their infrastructure has been destroyed by war.

At home this war has contributed to soaring energy bills and food prices. There are a number of places offering a Warm Welcome where people can go for a chat and to keep warm. Widnes Library is one and featured on Radio 4's Money Box programme.

Wherever you are spending your Christmas I hope that you have a wonderful time. I look forward to starting u3a activities again in January.



George's 'On the Grapevine' Christmas Quiz - George Mullen, Halton u3a member

Don't worry it will all be over soon as normal service resumes and we return to our daily routines.

Now test your knowledge on a short quiz based on the appropriate theme of wine, plus there is an attractive incentive, You could win an orange if you score 20/20. This is subject to a possible tie break and a statement from your solicitor that you haven't googled.

1. In which country is Bekaa Valley?
2. Name one of the grapes used to make Champagne?
3. In which region of Italy is Chianti?
4. In Asti Spumante what does Spumante mean?
5. What is Claret?
6. Is Burgundy wine red or white?
7. What is celebrated on the third Thursday in November?
8. Which is the odd grape out, Chardonnay, Shiraz or Pinot Grigio?
9. Which country produces most wine?
10. Where will you find Camel Valley vineyard?
11. Which Secret Agent drank Nuits St Georges?
12. A Jeroboam is the equivalent of how many bottles?
13. Rioja is a region of which country?
14. Which vineyard in Yorkshire shares its location with a popular BBC comedy?
15. What name is used for French sparkling wine produced outside the Champagne region?
16. You can only make white wine with white grapes? True or False.
17. Marlborough in New Zealand is famous for which wine?
18. Which Italian wine shares its name with an Italian cheese?
19. What is added to wine to make port?
20. How do you pronounce Moet as in Moet and Chandon champagne?

Answers in next month's newsletter.

Next General Meeting and Coffee Catch up

The next General Meeting will be at 1.30pm on Thursday, 12th January 2023 at The Masonic Hall, Widnes. The speaker will be Steven Burrows. He is the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Manager for Halton Council.

There will be a coffee catch up on Thursday, 26th January 2023 at 2.00pm at Rivendell Garden Centre. All are welcome.

If any members would like to give a presentation at a future event, or would like to contribute a short article to the newsletter, please contact our Secretary, Chris Lewis, or send articles to the newsletter editor through the contact page on the Halton u3a website. **Please note the last date for contributions to the newsletter is the 20th of the month.**

Further information and contact details can be found on the Halton u3a website at www.u3asites.org.uk/halton