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**Monthly General Meetings are held: via Zoom
on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm**

NEWS from the COMMITTEE

Welcome to your February 2021 Newsletter.

I have been hearing through the grapevine that many of you have had your vaccinations – some have also had their second! Others of us are still waiting, but it seems to be going apace so I don't expect it will be too long before we have all been reached. Wonderful news as that is, we must still exercise caution. Hopefully things will begin to 'unlock' sometime in March - meanwhile, we intend to continue offering opportunities via Zoom for as long as is needed.

You may recall from last month's newsletter that your Committee is working hard on keeping [HVu3a](#) active as much as possible while planning for the future. I am still awaiting responses to our request for your support and input. Please look inside yourselves and see if there is anything – however small – that you could offer.

Last week I sent out a list of dates available for you to have a Zoom coffee morning with other members. I am sad to say that I have to date only received 12 responses - please do look at the list and support this initiative. A chance to meet new people, have a chat and a laugh - what's not to like?

The Committee have been putting together our own Help sheets for using various technical platforms – Zoom, Podcasts, Facebook to start. They will be available on request and, shortly, on our website. We are happy to try and put together any others that you feel would be useful – please let us know. Alternatively, if you have 'one you made earlier' they would be gratefully received!



There have been several information posts on our Facebook page in the last couple of weeks. We are trying to find things that members might find useful, helpful, interesting all the time. If you can help with this, please post on the page. You will see on page 4 of this Newsletter that a member is offering IT support.

Our 'Entertainment Evening' with magician Steve Price went extremely well, judging from the feedback from those who attended. The Social Team are busy investigating some more social events (via Zoom at the moment) and hopefully we will be able to offer some more events soon.

The days are getting longer and Spring is on its way. Time to look forward to the season of new beginnings - in more ways than one!

WANTED:

At renewal time last year, we 'lost' approximately 60 members. Sadly, and understandably, this year we expect that we will lose some more.

If we are to continue to be a viable and vibrant group we need to be looking at ways of encouraging new members in the future. To that end we are looking for any members who have a background in or experience / knowledge of publicity and/or recruitment to brainstorm some ideas. Please contact me if you can offer some support.

Stay safe and keep positive

Michele

NEWS from the Business Secretary

Membership Survey Update

The January 2021 Newsletter provided a whole host of information on actions already taken and planned by the committee related to the suggestions made by you, the members and lifeblood, of this [u3a](#).

We're grateful for all of your comments and suggestions that you've made and, as our Chairman has said, please don't stop there - we really need your help to turn some, if not all, of those suggestions into entertaining and educational interludes at either a virtual coffee morning, or at an interest group, however they are meeting.

One thing that was mentioned in the January Newsletter was that a fuller report would be published. It has now been decided that as that contains a lot of figures and is quite a lengthy document, it might not be a very riveting read for all of you. We've, therefore, decided to make it available on request, rather than send it to everybody. If you want to read the analysis in detail, please request a copy by email (see below).

I've also, personally, taken on board the interest that was expressed through the survey results in listening to **podcasts**. Some indicated that they didn't know how to access these. To overcome that problem I've written a short "how to" guide. I hope it will be easily understood and enable you to get connected to and enjoying this useful, educational and entertaining form of media in a very short period. Should you wish to receive a copy of the guide, please request it at my email address

Bob Baker - Business Secretary

NEWS about GROUPS

Many groups are still active and it is good to know that more people are now meeting on Zoom. We are all keen to meet in person but a lot can be achieved with technology. Details of what is happening are available on the Hamble Valley [u3a](#) Website.

I am grateful to **Group Contacts** for any updates of information for the Website, and on any changes in group membership (this enables me to keep Beacon updated).

These groups are actively looking for new members:

Book Club (Zoom)	Computers and Home Technology Online (Zoom)
Gentle Exercise (Zoom)	Photography (Zoom)
Quiz (Zoom)	

New Groups

We have members who have expressed an interest in a collaborative writing/creative writing 'serial' (take turns in a chapter). To avoid confusion with the current Creative Writing Group I am going to call this the: '**Collaborative Writing Group**'. *Please contact me if you would like to be added to this Group.*

Do you have an interest that isn't currently catered for? Please let me know and I'll add it to the New Groups list. For example:

- art group/amateur painters	- current affairs
- history 2	- online backgammon
- poetry	

If you are interested in being in a New Group please let me know. When we have sufficient interest we will have a start up session to make the group active so please do contact me. Groups can start on Zoom or we can plan ahead!

Alison Baker

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Facebook Privacy Settings

For those of you worried or cautious about using Facebook, here is a brief summary of how to manage privacy settings and control who sees your posts and the content on your Facebook page.

FACEBOOK on a MOBILE PHONE or IPAD

Use your user name and password to sign in to your Facebook profile page and click on the 3 dots ... next to +Add Story or Edit Profile, then scroll down and click on padlock and 'View Privacy Shortcuts'.



On the next screen under 'Privacy' click on 'Review a few important privacy settings' and then under 'Privacy Checkup' you can choose:

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| 1 | who can see what you share; | | |
| 2 | how to keep your account secure; | 3 | how people find you on Facebook; |
| 4 | your data settings on Facebook, and | 5 | your ad preferences on Facebook |

Clicking on Item 1

- allows you to limit who can see your posts to 'Friends', which is highly advised

Clicking on Item 2

- allows you to see what others can see on your Facebook page and to manage content

Clicking on Item 3

- allows you to restrict who can contact you and again you can restrict that to 'Friends', although 'Friends of friends' may still ask to be your friend on Facebook. If they do, you do not have to respond as the social etiquette on Facebook is very different to face-to-face and you can just ignore them!

NOTE: If you have accessed Facebook from other Apps or websites -

Clicking on Item 4

- allows you to delete unwanted requests to be friends

In this item, you are also asked whether you want Facebook to recognise you in any photos or videos or to be able to access the precise location of the device you are using. It is advisable to deny Facebook these permissions to maximise security.

Clicking on Item 5

- allows you restrict the information on your profile page that advertisers can use, although it does not stop advertising on Facebook (an important source of revenue for Facebook, as with newspapers and magazines)

Facebook on a Laptop

On your profile page, click on the ... to the right of Edit Profile and that will take you to profile and tagging settings and there you can adjust your privacy settings in the same way as above.

*I hope this is helpful. I don't claim to be an expert on Facebook by any means and this information may need updating from time to time. If you have a query, please contact me on:
email: or Teephone and I will be pleased to try and help.*

Jo Fennell, Membership Secretary

MEMBERS' SECTION

Jo Fennell and Lesley Hobbs will be demonstrating (via Zoom) how to play backgammon on 16th February at 2pm and the 1st March at 10.30am. As this is an online demonstration you do not need a backgammon board. Jo's telephone number is available for anyone who would like help in setting up Zoom ready for the meeting. Otherwise, just email your interest to Jo

TV/FILM CLUB

Do you sit in front of your TV wanting to watch a movie or a series on Netflix, then spend the first hour trawling through trailers contemplating which one to go for?

With many streaming services like Netflix, Prime, Freeview, NowTV, Sky, the choices we face are myriad, and write ups / reviews on the internet from anonymous people might not help us much.

Wouldn't it be good if we had access to recommendations from people we 'know'? If they also gave us the title, the genre, and a reason for why you should watch it, even better!

Let's start the ball rolling with this recommendation from **Mike Gutreich**, who is the HVu3a Tech Group lead.

Mini-Series – Netflix – The Queen's Gambit

Coming-of-age period drama set in mid 1950's to 60's. The premise of a young girl playing chess doesn't sound very exciting, however the interplay of characters involved makes this a masterpiece. My favourite film of the year.

If you have any recommendations, please forward them to Michele Doran and they can be published on our Facebook page and in our Newsletters. They can then be added to an on-going list.

MONTHLY GROUP MEETING TALKS

Delivered via Zoom, these monthly talks are becoming more and more popular with our membership. If you have not joined us yet, how about putting the following in your calendar. If using Zoom is the barrier, email Jo Fennell (Membership Secretary) and a member of the Committee will give you a call to talk you through it, or just answer your queries.

Tuesday, 9 March 2021

Simon Morgan - Saxophones and Clarinets Showcase

Simon's musical career in the Royal Marines took him all over the world. He will show us some of his musical instruments and will explain and demonstrate their different styles and genres of music.

Tuesday, 13 April 2021

Tim Young - Ladies in the Air

This talk is about the creation of the Air Transport Auxiliary and the fearless women who delivered the much needed planes from factory to airfield during WW2

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Mike G (Focus Technology)

