

Chair: Michele Doran
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**Monthly General Meetings are held: via Zoom or St Luke's Church,
Hedge End, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm**

Greetings from the COMMITTEE

Best Wishes for 2022

Welcome to 2022 – Happy New Year. We hope your Christmas was a good one and you are looking forward to 2022 with optimism.

I know some of you attended the Christmas Lunch at East Horton, arranged by the Social Team. It was a fabulous meal with a great atmosphere – I certainly enjoyed it! A lot of time and effort went into arranging this and I would like to thank the team on your behalf – well done!

Although the new year may not have started as well as we had hoped, it is a lot better than last year! We are still able to do most of the things we want to, albeit exercising a degree of caution. We might even be looking at 'normal service' being resumed this year!

That said, you will know by now that we have started the year with our first general meeting returning to Zoom. This decision was taken before Christmas when there was a greater level of uncertainty around the possibility of another lockdown. We will take each month as it comes for the moment, keeping track of where things appear to be going.

On the subject of Zoom, we are happy to offer any groups the opportunity to use the account for their meetings if they would feel a little more comfortable during this period. Just contact me and I will set it up for you.

Another quote from my favourite philosopher!



"Yesterday is history,
tomorrow is
a mystery,
but today is a gift.
That's why we call it
the present."
-Winnie the Pooh

There is lots going on in Hamble Valley – please visit the website to keep in touch with what is happening.

Take care, stay positive and I hope to see many of you soon.

Michele

NEWS ABOUT GROUPS

Would you like to sign up for a new Music Appreciation Group?

The aim of this group is to listen to music from a wide range of genres. A u3a member has quality equipment to play the music. A small group would meet in a member's home. If a lot of people are interested, then venue hire would need to be arranged. If you are interested, then please email Bob Baker. We only need a few more people before a start-up meeting will be organised when timings, venue and other details can be sorted.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Suzanne Kempe: The New Forest Pony – More than Meets the Eye

Suzanne has lived in the New Forest for 30 years and is also a practising commoner. She breeds New Forest ponies, and she is a member of the New Forest Judges Panel. Her talk will be fully illustrated by photos.

MEMBERS in ACTION



Gentle Exercise has a very dedicated group of willing members, who all work to their own strengths, with various exercises and movements, this is a great benefit to all attending, No Lycra, spandex or sequins in sight. New members always welcome!

(Photo courtesy of Joan Souch)

While others prefer to take their exercise outdoors! Members of Walky Talky walking group taking the nature trail in Victoria Country Park to counteract some of the indulgences of the Festive Break!

(Photo courtesy of Julie Gregory)



The Golf group enjoying an 'After Christmas lunch' at the Greenside Barn East Horton golf club. The group has been running for 18 months and membership is now 16. A friendly group who are of mixed abilities and play every Friday morning (weather permitting) at the 9 hole course at East Horton. During the warmer, drier months we play once a month at other courses around the area.

(Photo courtesy of Mike Bennett)

EVENTS from Other u3a's

Dear u3a member,

Below you will find a flyer for a talk by David Allen about "The Lady Poisoners of Victorian England" scheduled for Tuesday, 18 January, at 2.30 pm on Zoom.

This talk in no way reflects any views from the organising committee about what you might want to do to anyone after the success or otherwise of your Christmas and New year festivities. (JOKE)
The cost will be £1 per device, and booking is via TicketSource - more details on the flyer and on our website at

http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/?page_id=44

Mike Price, Events Publicity
U3A Thames Valley Network



Thames Valley Network

The Lady Poisoners of Victorian England

Tuesday, 18th January 2022 at 2.30pm via Zoom



David Allen, solicitor, actor and story teller *par excellence* will again entertain us with another of his meticulously researched stories of the wicked Victorian ladies who bumped off their husbands or lovers.

Cost for the talk is £1 per device. Please book electronically by clicking on the 'TICKETSOURCE' icon immediately below the event on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk This is by far the best and easiest option. You will receive an acknowledgement immediately and the Zoom link about 48 hours before the event. If you have any problems, please contact the organiser Margaret Sherrington on msherrington2@aol.com giving your name and the u3a to which you belong.

Closing date for applications is Saturday, 15th January.

If you have not received the Zoom link by midday on 17th January, please check your spam/junk mail box before contacting the organiser as above.
PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF THE EVENT

To receive notification of forthcoming TVN events as soon as they are published please email: events_info@u3atvnetwork.org.uk

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Good Morning,

The British Museum and Camden Adult Learning are running a set of free 90 minute history webinars (on Zoom) this term. The courses are free and available for all adult learners across the UK. They do not require travel to the Museum and the talks cover different aspect of British, world and museum history. No prior knowledge needed with a chance to ask questions at the end of each talk.

The spring term webinars are listed below. If you would like further information about each webinar or to enrol just follow this link

<https://www.webenrol.com/camden/Default.asp?page=list&catID=5&>

Please note: Enrolment / Booking onto these webinars needs to be undertaken **directly** by our u3a members. You will need to click on the above link and navigate your way to the enrolment page of the webinar(s) you're interested in.

British cities at the British Museum: objects and Britain's urban past
24 January 2022, 11:00 - 12:30

Archaeology stories from the soil: what museum objects can tell us about their buried life
31 January 2022, 11:00 - 12:30

Love is in the air: museum objects which express affection for people and places
7 February 2022, 11:00 - 12:30

Medieval queens: the life and times of four British queens
21 February 2022, 11:00 - 12:30

Global connections: community and commodity links in the museum collections
28 February 2022, 11:00 - 12:30

Learners' choice: a chance for you to help select the workshop topic
7 March 2022, 11:00 - 12:30

Bob Baker, on behalf of

Katharine

Katharine Hoare
Education Manager

To contact directly please reply to Katharine Hoare <khoare@britishmuseum.org>



PLEASE NOTE: There is a link on the HVu3a website to the Thames Valley Network (tvn) where you can find details of their upcoming talks on Zoom.

Message from Bob Baker: For those who could not find all 37 words/phrases in the Christmas word search, he has a completed word search he will share. Just email him. Available for the next couple of weeks only!