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February 2021

U3A



Important dates for your diaries:

At our **Monthly Meeting** on the 18th February our speaker, John Webster, will highlight the work of the Air Transport Auxiliary Service during WW2. His talk is entitled **Grandma Flew Spitfires!**

Quiz Evening via Zoom on Wednesday the 24th March at 7:00^{pm}. See next page for more details.

Quiz Night (via Zoom)

Wednesday 24th March

7:00^{pm} to 9:00^{pm}

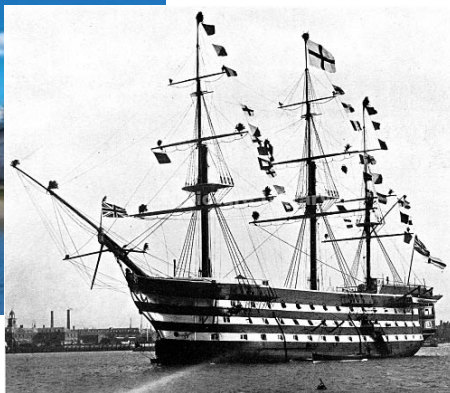


Teams of up to six (see footnote) are asked to book their places as soon as possible by emailing Geoff at gworthingt@aol.com. Individual members are also welcome and will be grouped into teams unless notice is given that they want to compete on their own. In addition to general knowledge there will be music and picture rounds.

Footnote: The Quiz is open to all Havant U3A members but can include close family members providing at least half of the team are Havant U3A members



**New
Group?**



Calling all with maritime interests both past and present. It has been suggested that Havant U3A are missing out on something that is important to many of our members. Those with maritime interests, both afloat and onshore, military or civilian, male or female, who would like to meet and discuss such matters, supplemented by field visits when possible, are asked to contact Ken Arkell (ken.arkell@hotmail.co.uk) or Bob Child (Robert.Child@sky.com). If there is sufficient response a meeting will be called to decide how to get up steam!

Havant U3A Internet Skills Questionnaire 5th February 2021 Results

Response Rate:

233 Questionnaires sent by email – 142 (61%) replied

11 Questionnaires sent by post – 6 (54%) replied

Email Responders Results:

Age – 54% aged 65-75, 37% aged 75-84

Internet Access: 53% access to fast broadband, 46% to standard broadband

Device Used – Most people had more than one device

79% have a Computer or Laptop, 62% a mobile phone

49% an iPad tablet, 19% an Android tablet

Devices Condition – most devices in good working order and have a camera

Frequency of Internet use – 91% used it every day, 7% once a week

Internet Used For:

Send/receive emails – 99%

Keep in touch with family and friends – 93%

Browse the internet – 87%, Shopping/Banking – 81%

Internet Resources Used:

Zoom – 92%, WhatsApp – 63%, Facebook – 47%, Facetime – 39%

Keeping in Touch with Havant U3A

95% receiving U3A Monthly mailings, 85% accessing Havant U3A Website

Barriers to Internet Use

5% prefer face to face communications, 4.5% felt it is too complicated,

Interested in Attending Free Training Sessions – 23 people (16%)

Learning Needs:

Learn to Use Zoom - 14 people (5 on Computer/Laptop, 6 on iPads, 3 on Android tablet), Learn to use tablet – 8 People (4 iPad, 2 Android, 2 ? model)

Internet browsing/Send receive emails – 3 people, Facebook – 2 people

Members willing to help online or over the phone – 32 members

Postal Responders:

4 do not have a computer or access to the internet, 2 can access the internet through their mobile phone or iPad (one uses WhatsApp)

The Philosophy Group

PLATO VS. ARISTOTLE



On the 9th February the Philosophy Group lead by John Meacham opened their doors to all of us by having an online Zoom debate about the merits or otherwise of imposing a wealth tax to help pay down the ballooning government deficit. Members were allocated to either side, without their current views being taken into account, and had to marshal and prepare over two weeks the practical and philosophical arguments for and against. Soon team spirits developed and presentations were honed by the opposing parties separately.

27 of us logged on and were asked to vote on the following two motions before and after the debate took place, namely:

1. ***Do you want the government to counter the increase in government debt by implementing a wealth tax?***
2. ***In order to deal with inequalities in the UK do we need to simplify and broaden the base of government taxation?***

The results:

Question	Before Debate			After Debate		
	Yes	No	Undecided	Yes	No	Undecided
1	25%	35%	40%	24%	71%	5%
2	43%	10%	48%	67%	24%	9%

John Meacham concludes—the prospect of an effective wealth tax, which could effect all with combined net assets of £500k and above, meant support dwindled and the opposition was galvanised. Whether that is a virtuous standpoint I leave to you.

The Philosophy Group welcomes new members, please contact John by email at johndmeacham@gmail.com

Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
"We can't hear you."
"Can you hear us?"

How can Havant U3A Help?

Zoom Online Training for Computer/Laptop Users – refer to National U3A Zoom training courses on <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/online-events>

Local Zoom Online Training for Computer/Laptop users at 2:00^{pm} on Friday the 19th February– contact Elizabeth Jorge (ejorge@btinternet.com) to book your place.

Local Zoom Online Training for Tablet (iPad and Android) users at 10:00^{am} on Wednesday the 17th February – contact Elizabeth Jorge (ejorge@btinternet.com) to book your place.



Calling all members—the Havant U3A Facebook group page is now live. Just click on the link (top right) of the Welcome Page of our website to request to join and Fran McQueen (f.mcqueen@ntlworld.com) will let you in. Our Facebook page will be another way, in addition to the website, to keep you informed of our latest news and conversation. See you there!



Programme

As most of you will know our Monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00^{pm}. With a few exceptions (noted below) we have a speaker in addition to the business content. Listed below are these speakers and their topics.

Date	Topic/Event	Speaker
February 18 th	Grandma Flew Spitfires	John Webster
March 18 th	From HMS Vernon to Gunwharf	Ron Tate
April 15 th	Anyone can do it — a Beginners Guide to Science	David Gane
May 20 th	Asteroids – A waste of Space?	Prof Malcolm Coe
June 17 th	The Role of Technology in Keeping People Safe and Supported in their own Homes	Cll. Liz Fairhurst
July 15 th	The Famous and Infamous of Portsmouth	Madeleine Salvetti
July	Summer Event	
August	No meeting	
September 16 th	Annual General Meeting and Groups Fair	
October 21 st	The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard	Alan Saunders
November 18 th	The Medici: Florence & the Golden Age of Art	Ernie Rea
December 16 th	Christmas Party	



It is anticipated that Covid 19 restrictions will continue to prevent us meeting in person for some time so, until advised otherwise, the above events will be held virtually using Zoom technology. The link to the event will be sent to you a few days ahead of time and all you have to do is to click onto it to be part of the meeting.