



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

LEIGH BELFAIRS

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members

Welcome to our periodical **Newsletter**. Your committee are working hard finding ways of regaining contact through these unpredictable times. Due to Government and Church of England guidelines our monthly meetings have been put on hold for the time being. We have had a series of discussions to find ways which will enable our U3A to function and these are continuing. The committee are rescheduling the date of the AGM and will be in contact soon.

An **update** on our previous activities are:

Maryann's Bridge club is thriving on line

The Book club is meeting outside, weather permitting

A collection of walkers has been treading the ground locally

Psychology will be meeting up outside, weather permitting

We would like to set up a '**Telephone Buddy Group**' to enable members to contact one another for a chat. If you are interested in wanting a 'buddy' or being a 'buddy', then please ring *Gill on 07494 343606, leaving your name and telephone number and Gill will reply.*

For the future there are options we may wish to develop.

ZOOM meetings – Computer contact for individuals and groups

VIRTUAL THEATRE – YouTube, perhaps a small group watching together (per Governmental guidelines)

VIRTUAL VISITS – ZOOM – worldwide

VIRTUAL WALKS – ZOOM

We need to bring together ideas and experience on this and your assistance could be invaluable. If you think you can help please *email gillymooreinfrance3@gmail.com*

On a lighter note the committee have put together a teaser with the answer at the bottom of the Newsletter (no peeping), a great poem and a yummy recipe.

STAY SAFE, STAY HAPPY

Maths Conundrum

Can you find out who owns the fish?

1. On a street, there are 5 houses, painted 5 different colours
2. In each house lives a person of a different nationality
3. These 5 homeowners each drink a different beverage, smoke a different brand of cigar and keep a different pet

HINTS

The Brit lives in a red house

The Swede keeps dogs as pets

The Dane drinks tea

The green house is next to and on the left of the white house

The owner of the green house drinks coffee

The person who smokes Pall Mall owns birds

The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill

The man living in the centre house drinks milk

The Norwegian lives in the first house

The man who smokes Blends lives next to the one who keeps cats

The man who keeps horses lives next to the man who smokes Dunhill

The man who smokes Blue Master drinks beer

The German smokes Prince

The Norwegian lives next to the blue house

The man who smokes Blends has a neighbour who drinks water

Albert Einstein is sometimes credited with this riddle

To help you it is best to set out the facts as a grid, with the house numbers along the top and the different preferences re cigars, pets etc. along the side

Poetry Corner

I wandered lonely as a cloud,

Two metres from the madding crowd,

When all at once my name was called,

To enter Waitrose hallowed hall.

This was the pensioners' special hour,

I'd gone to get a bag of flour,

But I forgot when through the door,

What I had gone to Waitrose for.

The Waitrose staff are extra kind,

I told them it had slipped my mind,

They asked what else I had forgot,

They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phoned my wife again to ask,

Who reminded me of this key task,

"I need some flour to bake a cake,

With all those eggs you made me take."

"Yes, I recall" I had to lie,

I dared not ask what flower to buy,

But then I saw them next to the tills, a bunch of golden daffodils!

POET: ANONYMOUS

Recipe of the Month



Easy Fat Free Fruit Cake

Ingredients

15 fl.oz Cold Black Tea
7 oz Soft Brown Sugar
14 oz Mixed Dried Fruit
1 Egg Beaten
10 oz Self-Raising Flour

Put tea, sugar and dried fruit into a bowl, cover with the cold tea and leave to soak overnight.

Line an 8" round cake tin/2lb loaf tin

beat egg and stir into tea, sugar and fruit mix, add the flour and stir until the mixture is smooth.

Pour mixture into cake tin and bake in the oven at 175 °/160° fan, or Gas mark 4 for approximately 1 hour 20 minutes. Check with a skewer from time to time, which will come out clean when cake is cooked.

Enjoy with a cup of tea.

Interesting Facts about Leigh on Sea

LEIGH-ON-SEA has frequently been cited as one of the best places to live in the UK, owing to factors such as: its proximity to London, nearby outstanding Westcliff and Southend Grammar Schools, good access to sports activities and the arts, and a strong sense of belonging and community spirit. A 2016 survey carried out by Rightmove found that Leigh was the happiest place to live in the UK.

Some famous people who also thought so are:

Lee Brilleaux - musician

Phil Cornwell - actor, comedian and impressionist

Tina Cousins - singer

Most Rev. Stephen Cottrell - Archbishop of York since 2020, born in Leigh

John Fowles - author

Phill Jupitus - comedian who moved to Leigh in 2000

David and John Lloyd - both tennis players

Helen Mirren - actress who was brought up in Leigh

Peggy Mount - actress, born in Leigh on 2 May 1918 and was still living in Leigh when she died

The answer to the conundrum is: GERMAN
