

August Newsletter 2020

Hello everyone!

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Hello everyone!

As I write this, the sun is shining and the temperatures are soaring, but my heart is sinking at Thursday night's new Covid 19 guidelines for Greater Manchester:

From Friday 31st July it will be illegal for people who do not live together to meet in a private home or garden, except for limited exceptions to be set out in law.

You should not host or visit people you do not live with, unless they're in your support bubble.

If you live in the affected areas, you should not visit someone's home or garden regardless of whether this is in or outside of the restricted area.

(More detail available at www.gov.uk)

SO, without further ado, let's slap on a smile, move on and enjoy the contributions sent in for this August newsletter!

1. Serious stuff

- **Littleborough U3A AGM September 28th at 2.00pm.**

Here is information from Sandra Kokocki:

As we are unable to meet for this year's AGM, we are holding a Zoom AGM. I am going to outline what will be happening as regards the meeting for members.

We are expecting all the nominations for Committee members and any motions to be back before **August 21st**. Please forward to Liz Walker (see below)

After **August 25th** you will receive a voting paper and a list of all the candidates with their proposers and seconders. This will come either via email or post. If we already have your email address, we will use this to send out the voting paper. If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact Liz Walker at the address below asap.

We need as many members as possible to return their votes and therefore be included in the quorum required for the AGM to go ahead. You can return the vote either by email or post. The votes need to be returned to Liz Walker by September 22nd. You will receive the Chair and treasurer's reports with the voting papers.

The Zoom facility only allows for 100 participants. However, if there are two or more of you in one household, you can use one device. If you intend to join the Zoom AGM please contact me, Sandra Kokocki, via one of the means outlined below by August 21st, so we have some idea of numbers and know which members to invite to the meeting. You do not need to attend via Zoom as your votes will be included in the count if they are returned by September 22nd.

If you would like to access the Zoom AGM, but need some training, again, please contact me.

The AGM will be recorded and the recording kept for 7 days to facilitate the taking of minutes.

Contact details:-

- Liz Walker (voting) lizwalker48@gmail.com , 41, Birch Hill Crescent, Rochdale, OL12 9QF
- Sandra Kokocki (Zoom meeting attendance) sandrakokocki12@gmail.com , 07828297991,
- Littleborough U3A website www.u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/contact

2. News from the groups

Philosophy group

There's been a great deal of discussion going on in this group – Tony Hughes explains: This month the Philosophy Group has been discussing Henri Louis Bergson, concluding with a zoom conference, but unfortunately our planned 'garden' meeting had to be postponed. We used 2 pre-scheduled 'free' slots to extend the time from 40 to 80 mins. Several visual aides were employed, notably Allan Lord's 'pot' and his recall of related student escapades (perhaps enough said on that the better)!

Our opening challenge from one of the group was – to bastardise Shakespeare – chemistry is truth, that is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know! We explored the science v metaphysics debate;

does the scientific explanation of the colour spectrum make a rainbow more or less beautiful?; Bergson's use of imagery; the role of scientific explanation of emotions and responses to art and music; the memory basis for perception; the prevailing thinking in his time and the role of change – to exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly.

We agreed to rearrange the 'garden' meeting and pick an afternoon in the next fortnight when the forecast is good. As it would be short notice, a topic not requiring research would be appropriate and we agreed to choose the moral philosophy question – 'Is it ever right to kill?'

Bird watching group

Once again, Laura Etrick has found us a smashing photo, this time of juvenile tawny owls. She is inviting us to come up with a caption to go with it...



Please send your captions to me for the next newsletter and we will print them along with one she has sent.

Bridge Group

Johanna Sharp show how the are keeping up



sent this photograph to Bridge group members their skills

Spanish Improvers Group Sounds like Roger Crossley's group has been having fun!

Well, it has been a typical month for Spanish improvers and we have covered such topics as: A dog being mistaken for a monster; bringing a ceiling down merely by moving a wardrobe; pondering on jury trials during lockdown; how a new carpet can cause domestic chaos; how to get to Joan's house; playing Facebook as real life; an unwanted mink coat; Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley; an unusual escape from custody; Daphne du Maurier; a mystery walk; cancelled holidays; a narcissistic personality; minestrone soup - and, of course, useful information on how to cheat while raffling off a chicken. All in Spanish of course. The odd thing being that most of these turned out to be hilarious

Convenors and members may be interested to know that **The National U3A** has recently published the latest advice on **COVID guidance as it relates to U3A** as well as an update on copyright licences. This information can be found by pressing Ctrl + clicking on the following link:

[https://mcusercontent.com/656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed/files/13aa7ebd-4e55-4954-96f6-68582f28a271/U3A Covid 19 Guidance 29 07 20 vs 4.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed/files/13aa7ebd-4e55-4954-96f6-68582f28a271/U3A_Covid_19_Guidance_29_07_20_vs_4.pdf)

3. Virtual Quiz Feedback – from Lynn Wild

Congratulations to the winners of the quiz held on Thursday 16th July:

Team Wiggans

The quiz was set by

Beryl & Jack Tattersall and Gillian & Mark Pearson.



We had 28 teams comprising 48 people taking part (after late results).

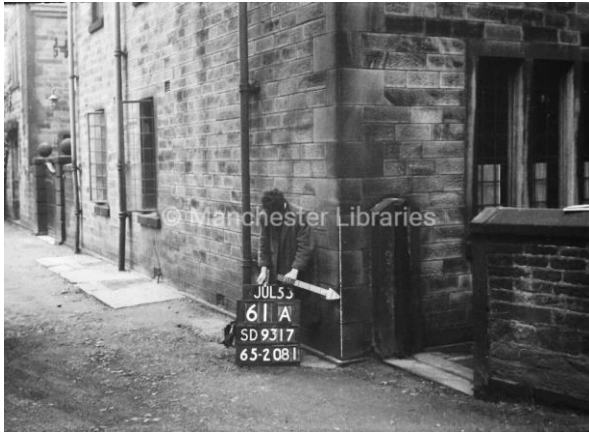
Make a date in your diary for the next two quizzes on **30th July** and **13th August** all starting at **1:00pm**. Entry is open to all U3A members and their households and now extended to Bubbles.

It will be the same format as before. The questions will be emailed at 1:00pm with the answers following at around 3:30pm.

Thank you, Lynn, for organising this for us.

4. Barrie's Photo Challenge

Photo Challenge 6 solution



The first property was Townhouse with the original photo showing its side on Carriage Drive.

The second property was the cottage on Smithybridge Road taken from the junction with Wildhouse lane. I read somewhere that this area was once known as "four lane ends"



David Cannon



No Image for this one, but Alan did identify the building correctly as Townhouse.

Alan Longley





Ruth Philpott

No pictures from Rae Street this time, but she identified both locations correctly

Photo Challenge 8



Try placing this one. You will need to go a little further away from the centre this time. Send answers and/or photographs to barriewatu3a@gmail.com

5. Contributions from members

Lis Kay has sent us this recipe

Mock Tuna Soufflé

6 slices white bread, cubed

7 oz tin tuna, drained and flake



3 eggs
1 pint milk
1 rounded teaspoon dry mustard
Salt & pepper

Butter ovenproof 3 pint dish

Layer first three ingredients (bread, tuna, cheese 3 times) ending with cheese.

Beat eggs, milk, mustard & seasonings together and pour over.

Place, covered, in fridge for at least half a day.

Set oven to 180 fan (other temperatures are available!)

Place in roasting tin half filled with water.

Cook 1.1/4 to 1½ hours till brown.

Serve with salad or green vegetables.

Johanna Sharp got in touch to say: *'four months ago one of my children suggested we write a poem about corona time. So, we did.'* And here is Johanna's contribution:

C O R O N A T I M E

I am sitting down to write a rhyme
About life in creepy corona time.
In the street we people must not be seen
Because of the devastating covid -19
Which is affecting folk all round the globe.
Regarding c-19 we are all xenophobe.

To defeat this virus we must stay in isolation
And find in solitude our inspiration.
All daily routines have been disturbed,
All outside activities are now curbed.
No meetings with family or friends, no bridge!
Instead we make multiple trips to the fridge.

Then, coming summer, a fresh press release:
"All post-c19 people extremely obese!"
Though, with you I can be quite straight:
To minimize one old woman's excess weight
I walk every day around St Barnabas church
And afterwards find myself a comfortable perch

Among my peaceful future neighbours
All now resting from their labours,
Row by row, each in a permanent bed,

And, as you guessed: all very dead.
They knew that life always goes up and down
But never experienced this corona(crown).

After one walk, on a good friend's advice,
I start cleaning cupboards, so they will look nice.
First is the sideboard, and what do I find?
Four boxes of chocs- I go out of my mind!
All given to me by kind family and friend
For me to enjoy was their only intent.

For me to consume them was their earnest desire,
(Their attitude I much admire).
You can see the dismal dilemma I am in:
To do what is right, or divert into sin?
So many complex choices we now have to make
Before C-19 life just seemed a piece of cake.

What will we, who are still active, alive,
From this singular situation now contrive?
Will we become more cautious, more caring,
Less wasteful, more mature, more daring ?
One thing springs hope to my moderate mind:
More solidarity and charity in humankind.

More appreciation for those who heal and care
And do cleaning and serving jobs everywhere.
As world-wide covid -19 hits the rich and the poor
Every nation is striving strongly to seek a cure.
The first time in history : a global determination
To defeat the C19 organism for all our civilization.

Through all this too we now have the realization
Of the boon of the ease of communication:
Telephone, tv, the internet, skype and zoom.
Without these, no doubt, more doom and gloom.
At least we can still talk to, and see each other:
Friend, son, daughter, sister and brother.

So far this is my observation, contribution.
In order not to end in dire destitution:
"Stay calm, don't waste, keep fit, eat well".
When we will meet again we cannot tell.
"Take care, be kind, laugh much, enjoy your rest,"
And then we trust all will turn out for the best.

6. Photo Competition

Barrie has asked me to mention that he has had no entries yet in the "**Hidden Littleborough**" and "**Portrait**" categories for the Photo Competition. It would be helpful to give your entry a title and indicate which category(s) you are entering. Please also include your name and/or membership number. Please only submit photos taken after June 2020 – no stock photos. Entries will be judged by Committee and selected attendees at our first proper meeting when social distancing is no longer necessary – so you probably have a bit of time to think about it. The winner will receive a £25 gift voucher and a framed certificate. Submit entries to Barrie Whitehead initially by email for electronic submissions, or to receive contact address for developed items (barriewatu3a@gmail.com)

7. Puzzles

TV Ads

Here is a puzzle with a difference. These questions, set by **Martin Luke**, have a brief note about the song, then a link to a YouTube clip. The object is to click the link then watch TV to identify the ads.

1. Which holiday firm uses the song "Feel it still" by Portugal.The Man?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBkHHoOIn8>
2. Which company uses this Mark Morrison song to announce their post lock down opening
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zezO7GBrD_c
3. Which comparison site uses this classical piece by Mozart?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=df-eLzao63I>
4. Which mobile phone seller uses this song by KC and the Sunshine band?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6m47EQtAMzI>
5. Which deodorant is advertised using this track by Apache Indian?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZzBd41NuZw>
6. Which household product uses Running free by Tasha Robertson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8DJr0tToBA>
7. Which Dairy product uses Home by Dan Croll?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYpql4oD224>
8. Which bank uses this song by Montell Jordan's This is how we do it?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hiUuL5uTKc>
9. Which holiday firm uses this tune
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AywIL5_eYM
10. Which organisation uses this song?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQp1_GfDhwQ

Answers next time

Barrie Whitehead sent in this puzzle

A HEAP OF ANTS



The solutions are all words ending in "ant"

1. A Floating Ant	
2. A Wandering Ant	
3. A Plentiful Ant	

4. An Enormous Ant	
5. A Dunce-like Ant	
6. An Ant On The lookout	
7. A Light Giving Ant	
8. A Sweet Smelling Ant	
9. A Coming In Ant	
10. A Residential Ant	
11. A Despot Ant	
12. A Ticklish Ant	
13. A Joyous Ant	
14. A Shining Ant	
15. A Web-footed Ant	
16. A Singing Ant	
17. A Talkative Ant	
18. A Graceful Ant	
19. A Domestic Ant	
20. A Waiting Ant	

Answers next time

So, there we are. All done for a week or two. Thanks, again, to all our members who supply me with items. Do keep them coming. Until the next update in the middle of August, keep smiling and stay safe.

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