

Mid-August Update 2020

Hello everyone!

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Hello everyone!

I hope this mid-month update finds you well as we continue to adjust to our new way of life! Once again, we have a number of contributions from members as well as news of a new group starting up.

1. **Serious stuff**

- As you know from the last letter, we are having to organise our AGM rather differently this year. **If you wish to attend the virtual AGM on 28th September 2020**, which will be via 'ZOOM', please let Sandra Kokocki know (sandrakokocki12@gmail.com , 07828297991) by Friday 21st August.
- Voting papers with a list of candidates for the committee will be sent out after 25th August with instructions on how to return your votes.

2. **CORRECTIONand apology**

My apologies to Lis Kay and any of you trying to put together her **Mock Tuna Soufflé**. Somehow, I managed to omit a fairly crucial ingredient – CHEESE. I claim it must have melted in the heat, but here is the recipe once again in its entirety.

Mock Tuna Soufflé

6 slices white bread, cubed
7 oz tin tuna, drained and flaked
8 oz Cheddar cheese, grated
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

3. News from the Groups

- **NEW READING GROUP – Mark Pearson writes:**

I'm setting up a third reading group within Littleborough U3A which will meet virtually, via Zoom on a monthly basis on the **fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm**. It will be a general fiction group which I hope will run on a cooperative basis, with its members suggesting good reads and selecting a new book each month to read and then discuss. Whilst I have my own favourite authors, I have found membership of reading groups in the past has widened my appreciation of authors beyond those whose books line my bookcase and fill up my Kindle.

If you are interested in joining, the first formal meeting will be **Wednesday 30th September**. Reading Group 3 has been set up in Groups on our U3A web page, so please message me through this system to register an interest: <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/groups> . I want to limit membership to 10 people so that it does not become too large a discussion group.

Hopefully this will be of interest to members who are not already participating in one of the U3A reading groups and I look forward to you joining me, reading and discussing some great books together.

The National U3A High Street Project

Would you be interested in co-ordinating a Littleborough U3A group to take part in this National High Street project?

Here is some information from the organisers:

Background

This summer it has become very clear that Lockdown will lead to profound changes in shopping habits. As a consequence, every shopping area seems certain to look very different, very soon, which will fundamentally affect local communities in ways nobody can yet anticipate.

The U3A Volunteers' Task

We would ask participants to choose a small number of shopping streets in their locality. That may mean for example a main street, a local parade, and a small centre. They would walk along them, noting down three items of data about each property: street number, name, and type (e.g. 171-5, Budgens, supermarket), and photographing the shopfront. They do the next stage at home. We'll provide a list of 'property type' codes, and a simple form on which they will enter their data and the matching code. We would like the majority of volunteers to complete and submit their data by the end of September. From our own trials we calculate that a pair of U3A members can survey a street of 100 shops in two hours and do the data entry at home in half a day.

Anyone interested in co-ordinating this group or being involved should contact Sandra Kokocki (E-mail sandrakokocki12@gmail.com , Mobile: 07828297991)

4. Virtual Quiz Feed-back

Virtual Quiz

Congratulations to the winners of the quizzes held on Thursday 30th July and 13th August

Team Margaret Green (team of 2)
who won both quizzes.

Thank you to our quiz setters -
30th July quiz was set by Sandra Kokocki and
the 13th August quiz was set by Roger Crossley



Make a date in your diary for the next two quizzes on **27th August and 9th September**
all starting at 1:00pm.

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

Entry is open to all U3A members their households and Bubbles.

5. Barrie's Photo Challenge

Barrie tells me that he has only had one entry so far for **photo challenge 8**, so he is going to leave it for the next issue.

6. Contributions from members

Chris Thornton has been busy again and has sent us this exercise activity:

You pull your face mask on.....

You pull your face mask on,
You pull your face mask off,
On, off, on, off,
'Specially if you cough.
You do the COVID-19
And you go to ground.
That's what it's all about.

Woah, the hokey cokey
Woah, the hokey cokey
Woah, the hokey cokey
Knees bent, arms stretched
Ra-ra-ra

You keep your family in,
You keep your neighbours out,
In, out, in, out,
Shield – avoid a bout..
You do the COVID-19
And you go to ground.
That's what it's all about. *Woah, the hokey cokey.....*

You sanitise your hands,
You sanitise your feet,
Hands, feet, hands, feet,

Important not to cheat.
You do the COVID-19
And you go to ground.
That's what it's all about. *Woah, the hokey cokey.....*

You've heard the North's locked up,
You've heard the North's locked down,
Up, down, up, down,
Scared to go to town.
You do the COVID-19
And you go to ground.
That's what it's all about. *Woah, the hokey cokey.....*

And now, after that nimble work-out and if you've got your breath back, here are a few words of ageing wisdom from Mark Twain, Henry Ford, Gertrude Stein, Chill Davis and good old Anon

- Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter
- Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty
- We are always the same age inside
- Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional
- The only sport left to me now is hunting for my glasses

Do you remember these juvenile tawny owls?



"It's OK - we are from the same household so the 2m rule doesn't apply"

...and here is a photo of a sunset last weekend sent in by Phillip Liston



“Auntie” Ive’s Bread Pudding sent in by Martin Luke.

My dad, Les, now ninety-four, was born at home in Southsea, Portsmouth, the fifth of eight children. Numbers six and seven were twins putting an extra strain on the family. He spent more and more time with a neighbouring family, eventually moving in with them completely. When his real family were relocated outside Portsmouth just before WW2 he chose to remain with the neighbours, Ivy and Florence who were always called Ive and Flo. Bread pudding was made using left over crusts and stale bread in a “waste not want not” way. “Auntie” Ive’s bread pudding was always the treat of our yearly holiday to Southsea and one occasion she wrote it out for me on a bit of paper which I still use. It’s a mixed fruit, spiced pudding, with quite a firm texture which can be eaten cold, or warm with custard.

Recipe

8oz leftover bread pieces

2 oz mixed fruit

2 oz demerara sugar

2 tsp mixed spice

1 egg

1.5 oz softened butter

Soak the bread in water for a mixing bowl for two hours.

Squeeze the water out, drain in a colander and return to the bowl.

Mix all the ingredients well.

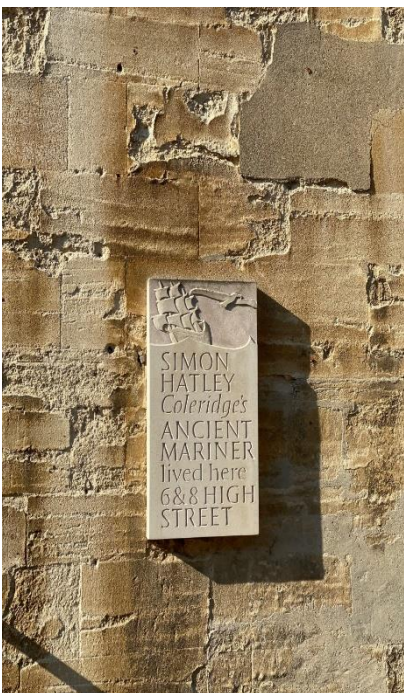
Grease a 7” tin, add the mixture and lightly sprinkle with nutmeg.

Cook for 60 mins at 180°C.

Sprinkle with sugar

Eat cold, or warm with custard.

Chris Thornton has not only been composing poems, she has been out and about in Woodstock where she took these photographs



7. Answers to last week's puzzles

A HEAP OF ANTS – Answers		
The solutions are all words ending in “ant”		
Some also have acceptable alternatives		
1 A Floating Ant	Buoyant	
2 A Wandering Ant	Itinerant	Vagrant
3 A Plentiful Ant	Abundant	
4 An Enormous Ant	Giant	
5 A Dunce-like Ant	Ignorant	
6 An Ant On The Lookout	Vigilant	
7 A Light Giving Ant	Radiant	Luminant
8 A Sweet Smelling Ant	Fragrant	Deodorant
9 A Coming In Ant	Entrant	
10 A Residential Ant	Tenant	Inhabitant
11 A Despotic Ant	Tyrant	
12 A Ticklish Ant	Irritant	
13 A Joyous Ant	Jubilant	
14 A Shining Ant	Brilliant	
15 A Web-footed Ant	Cormorant	—
16 A Singing Ant	Descant	Adamant (Ha Ha)
17 A Talkative Ant	Conversant	
18 A Graceful Ant	Elegant	
19 A Domestic Ant	Servant	
20 A Waiting Ant	Hesitant	

Answers to TV Ads using Youtube clues

1. Haven holidays
2. McDonalds
3. Money Supermarket
4. Tesco mobile
5. Lynx Africa
6. Persil
7. Cathedral City cheese
8. Natwest
9. Haven holidays
10. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home

8. Puzzle

What's the word for.....

1. The space between your eyebrows?
2. The way it smells after the rain?
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoe-laces?
4. The rumbling of your stomach?
5. The cry of a new-born baby?

6. The prongs on a fork?
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them?
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box?
9. The day after tomorrow?
10. Your tiny toe or finger?
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne?
12. The 'na, na, na' and the 'la, la, la' which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of a song?
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark, like this!?
14. The space between your nostrils?
15. The armhole in clothes where the sleeve is sewn?
16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning?
17. Illegible handwriting?
18. The dot over an 'i' or a 'j'?
19. The utterly sick feeling you get after eating and drinking too much?
20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe shop?

Answers next time

And finally.....

As we know, many of us have been developing new skills during this period, so I thought it might be worth

Just pointing out the fact that now is the perfect time to become a ventriloquist.



It was just a thought...

Bye for now!!

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