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Monthly Newsletter July 2020

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It seems such a long time since we entered lockdown. Interest group meetings seem a distant memory. However, things are beginning to change with slightly less restrictions. No doubt over the coming weeks there will be more changes to come and let us just hope that we continue to move in the right direction. At least there is now a light at the end of the tunnel.

We will continue to keep you in the picture and let you know once our full range of activities can recommence. Meanwhile it is important to keep in touch. I think many of us were, and maybe still are, wary of video conferencing with Zoom, House Party, etc.. However, they are excellent ways to stay in touch and I do commend them to all interest groups. I have yet to hear a bad report from those groups that have tried it and many say how enjoyable it is just to see and speak to other members. Remember we have a wealth of expertise in our group and there is plenty of help available.

Most importantly do look after yourself. We live in a wonderful village with an excellent U3A membership. We must all be ready for that day when we can fully get back together again. It is not long now.

Best wishes, Ian

Your U3A Newsletter Editor



Needs YOU

We now have a vacancy for a Newsletter Editor. It is a very rewarding job and vital for the success of our U3A. We normally publish three Newsletters each year and the editor is also on the Executive Committee which normally holds four meetings each year. Many of our members have the necessary skills needed to produce an interesting and informative newsletter and it is important that somebody steps forward to help out. As you know I was newsletter editor for several years and have taken over during this crisis. However, I cannot continue. I could though give advice and help. Please do contact me if you want to know more or feel that you could help with this important role.

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News from your Committee

Your committee held a meeting on Zoom this week and discussed a number of issues. As you know our Annual General Meeting (AGM) could not take place on 13 May 2020 due to the current pandemic. We do need to hold an AGM soon and it has been decided to schedule it for Wednesday 12 August 2020 at 10 am in the Village Hall. Of course we have no idea what restrictions may apply, if any, at that time. If it proves impossible to hold the AGM in the Village Hall then alternative arrangements for a virtual AGM will be made. Full details of the agenda for the AGM will be published by 22 July 2020. Enrolment details will be announced at the AGM and we hope to be able to hold an Open Day later in the year.

One of the issues to be decided at the AGM will be the fees for 2020-21. Your Committee have agreed to propose a reduction in fees as compensation for our inability to hold a full series of meeting this year. The proposal is £8 full membership, £6 after 1 January and £4 for associate membership. As you know our annual fees are amongst the lowest in the county and we can only achieve this by minimising our printing and using email and the internet for all our communications. Please bear in mind that we will need to raise the fees in 21-22 as national U3A have already announced an increase in what we need pay them.

The Sky in July

Summer is a good time to observe the Milky Way when it stretches from North to South across the sky. Light pollution in our busy county does make observing more difficult but Ringmer does not have street lighting away from the main road and viewing is often very good. Up on the South Downs there are areas which are surprisingly free of light pollution, often in the valleys rather than on top of the hills. The ribbon of light which we see is composed of millions of stars, the stars which make up the disc shape of our Galaxy. When we look at these stars we are looking from our position near to the edge of the disc which we perceive as a starry trail. Different cultures have given different meanings to the Milky Way. The Apache-Navajo nation holds that it is the route that departed souls take on their journey to heaven. It takes four days of challenging travel for the departed to get to the end of the road but when they arrive they find a land of plenty with no disease or death.

Lockdown Photos

Photos added to this page are from the Ringmer U3A Photography Group

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Bob's Garden 7

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Although we cannot physically meet several of our groups have found ways of keeping in touch and pursuing their particular interest. Members of our photography group share their pictures on our website (picture above). Why not take a look? Whilst you are on our website why not look at other groups? Family History and the Computer Group have a wealth of interesting information for you to look at. You never know it might ignite a passion for that subject.

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A	S	T	P	O	E	T	R	Y	S		<i>Astronomy</i>
S	S	Y	K	E	E	R	G	I	C		<i>Genealogy</i>
W	H	T	T	A	G	O	Y	S	H		<i>Yoga (x4)</i>
A	U	S	R	T	L	E	A	C	S		<i>Theology</i>
L	I	S	Y	O	G	A	N	I	L		<i>Poetry</i>
K	L	E	E	M	N	E	O	A	E		<i>French</i>
I	S	H	O	A	R	O	P	G	W		<i>Walking</i>
N	T	C	T	F	G	A	M	O	N		<i>Welsh</i>
G	E	N	E	A	L	O	G	Y	E		<i>Chess</i>
A	S	T	R	O	N	M	Y	O	G		<i>Greek</i>

Interest Group Subjects Anagram

1. Orgy path hop = Photography
2. Hayloft my iris = Family History

Answers to June Wordsearch, Anagram and Bob's Quiz

1. Ringmer Horticultural Club
2. 1264
3. Waiting for Godot
4. Ophelia
5. Rupert Bear
6. Lewis Carroll
7. Lawn Tennis
8. A net
9. Snow stopped play
10. Platform 9 ¾ Kings Cross station
11. Quincey
12. The Godfather
13. Morris Garages
14. Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
15. Finland
16. Crossword Puzzle
17. Chinese (Mandarin), Hindustan, Spanish
18. Sheltering from the rain/ using an umbrella
19. Clay pipe
20. Mary Quant
21. Old Kent Road and Mayfair
22. Richmal Crompton
23. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor
24. An overcoat
25. Tim Berners-Lee
26. Duchy Originals
27. C S Forester
28. Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
29. BBC
30. Saint George is their patron saint.

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Bob's Quiz July 2020

1. How was Oswald Chesterfield Cobblepot better known in the Batman films?
2. What was Donald Duck's middle name?
3. In 1661 which was the first country to issue banknotes?
4. Which UK cathedral has the tallest spire?
5. What links June Cain, Brian Cobby and Sara Mendes De Costa?
6. Which Ringmer organisation is celebrating its centenary this year?
7. What were known to the Romans as tesserae?
8. Whose last stint as Prime Minister lasted for just 22 days in 1834?
9. How old do horses have to be to run in a nursery handicap race?
10. What is the golfer Tiger Woods real first name?
11. Which card game takes its name from the Spanish for 'little basket'?
12. What is the next line of the W H Davies poem which begins, "What is life if full of care"?
13. Who created the fictional town of Middlemarch?
14. In which novel does the eponymous heroine and narrator say, "Reader, I married him"?
15. For what does the marque BMX stand?
16. What is the more popular name for Dublin Bay prawns?
17. What substance gives red blood cells their colour?
18. Who discovered immunisation by giving people cowpox to protect them from smallpox?
19. What is measured by the ohm?
20. In Rome what was a retiarius used by gladiators?
21. What boxer was originally known as "the Louisville Lip"?
22. In the calendar, what does bisextile mean?
23. If someone was erubescant, what would they be doing?
24. Where did Mulligatawny soup originate?
25. Who wrote Coronation Marches in 1937 and 1953?
26. A magnum of champagne is equivalent to two bottles. What is a Methuselah equivalent to?
27. What is a polyandrist?
28. What is the collective term for Larks?
29. What is the capital of North Korea?
30. During the 19th century Ringmer had a lunatic asylum. What is housed there now?

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U3A Wordsearch – Ringmer Birds

I was lying in bed the other morning thinking of a theme for this month's wordsearch. My thoughts were interrupted by the "dawn chorus". Well not exactly a chorus - more like several large birds squawking as they fought over the remnants of yesterday's seeds. Now I think about it more it was not exactly dawn which is so early these mornings. Anyway, I decided that "Ringmer Birds" would be the theme this month.

A W O R R A P S S N
C H S U R H T F O M
J A C K D A W E W A
A E I W R C G L Q G
B U L L F I N C H P
U W I L P Y A R U I
L N M D C T E O D E
G N O R S S V O A Y
W O O D P E C K E R
W W I L D F F A H C

4	C
4	R
6	M
7	J
10	W
8	S
6	T
10	W
7	S
9	B

Anagram – What your U3A needs

1. Lest we rent (10)
2. Re do it (6)

Future Newsletters

This may well be the last newsletter for a while. Firstly, we normally only publish 3 each year. These extra monthly newsletters were designed to keep us in touch during lockdown. That situation is gradually easing. Secondly, we do not now have a Newsletter Editor. Ian has produced these monthly newsletters as well as being Vice Chair. We do need a volunteer to carry forward this essential and interesting work so please consider it carefully.

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