



Ringmer

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Monthly Newsletter June 2020

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As “Lock Down” starts to ease and we are able to get out and about more, life will no doubt get back to a more normal routine. As you know your committee has been considering the way ahead for Ringmer U3A and there is more on this further in this newsletter. I am heartened though by the way that Convenors and members have adapted to this somewhat unreal situation. We will get back to regular group meetings, but meantime we must stay in touch and be ready for that time.

U3A is all about learning through enjoyment - hence “Learn, Laugh, Live”. No doubt we will all learn something new from this experience and I feel sure that it will enrich our Ringmer U3A. Who of us had even heard of Zoom before this crisis let alone used it. I suspect, like me, you are doing more exercise and there are now many immaculate gardens in the village. So there are many positive things to focus on rather than the dreaded daily briefings.

Do stay safe and look after yourself. Let us just hope that this good weather continues.

Best wishes, Ian

Important News

As you know, from today (1 June) six people are permitted to meet outside as long as they maintain the 2m social distance. This opens up the possibility for some of us to get together. We have yet to receive advice from U3A's national office, but Convenors can now consider whether their group can take advantage of this relaxation; and possibly this month there may be further relaxations to the rules which could be of benefit to some groups. Of course, initially, some may not feel happy about adopting such relaxations and we must respect their views. At all times, though, it is important that we fully abide by the current government advice – to do otherwise would risk our own health and the health of others, and we might not be covered by the U3A insurance policy.



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Jon retires as Newsletter Editor

We are sorry to announce that Jon Elphick has stood down as Editor of our Newsletter. He is moving away from the area and will therefore be unable to be a member of Ringmer U3A. He took over as Editor in 2018 and also joined the committee. His expertise brought a more professional look to our newsletters and his efforts over the years are much appreciated. Jon has also been Convenor of our Short Walks group and an active member of Family History where he produced their bi-monthly newsletter. We wish Jon and Pam all the best for the future. We are now looking for a new Editor and a Convenor for the Short Walks group.



Photo by Ian

Those of us with gardens are so lucky, particularly with the recent run of good weather. Of course our gardening groups cannot meet in person at present, but that does not stop them keeping in touch. The Gardening Club has been exchanging pictures, questions and answers by email. They then went on to hold a Zoom meeting with 11 members participating. We all have to make the most of this difficult situation and this approach has enable members to keep enjoying the fellowship of their U3A group. Out door activities are particularly good for us all and hopefully it will not be long before we can safely go back to our usual meetings.

Our Annual General Meeting and Enrolment for 2020/21

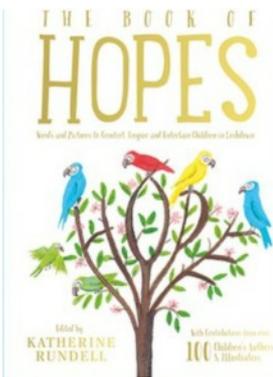
As you know we were unable to hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 13 May 2020 due to the government restrictions on social distancing. Your committee have been considering the options available and we have received advice from national office. We have also consulted with Interest Group Convenors to ensure that whatever decision is made meets with general agreement.

We need to hold an AGM within 15 months of the previous AGM - that is by 13 August 2020. We also need to give 21 days notice to you all. To hold a meaningful AGM we need to have a good understanding of what we can do in 2020/21. This equally applies to enrolment. As we live in an ever changing situation whereby government restrictions are changing by the week, your committee have decided to review the date for an AGM at the end of this month (June) so that we can publish a decision in the July Newsletter.

Members are due to renew their membership in August. There is currently a one month period of grace in which members must pay before their membership ceases. If needs be we will extend this period of grace until the end of the calendar year so that members are not required to rejoin without knowing when their interest group will meet. The matter of fees for 2020/21 will be considered at the AGM and your committee is considering reducing the fee for existing members to compensate for the lack of meetings this year.

As ever we would appreciate your views either to a committee member or to your Convenor.

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Some of you may have heard Katherine Rundell on the radio recently. She has edited a book that is completely free for all children and families. It is available to read online at the Literacy Trust website -

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

We all need to live in hope and there is a very amusing poem about Hope by Anthony Horowitz on page 18. It is well worth a read.

Your Virtual Open Day

It may not be possible to hold an Open Day this Summer. However, that does not stop us thinking about what we might do from September onwards. Our website has all the information that you need. Each Interest Group has a page with all the necessary details about that group. Many have lots more information to help their members, for example Family History and the Computer Group. Why not take a look. It is like a virtual open day in your own home.

Of course there is one vital ingredient missing - Fellowship. Much of the enjoyment of Open Day is the opportunity to meet fellow members. As human beings we all enjoy the chat and banter that go with social gatherings. Once such occasions become possible to hold, which they will, we will take full advantage of the opportunity.

The Sky in June



We have seen Venus shining brightly in the western sky for several months, but it is getting lower and lower. By mid June the evening star will have moved from the evenings to become the morning star. The movements of Venus and Mercury are different from the other planets because they lie between Earth and the Sun. Jupiter like the remaining planets orbits further from the sun than our planet, it will be seen during June, rising from the south east after nightfall and be very bright. It will move across the sky during the night. By July it will be joined by the remaining planets all of which have been absent during the Spring months.

An interesting constellation in June is Hercules in the south east. For a superhero this constellation is not very impressive, but it does contain a glorious and mysterious globular cluster of stars- the Great Globular Cluster (see picture). There are a number of such clusters scattered around the outer regions of our Milky Way Galaxy. Their origins are poorly understood although it would seem that they might be the remnants of small galaxies “captured” by the gravitational force of our Milky Way. Whatever their origins it is well worth looking at them through a small telescope and seeing a sphere of about a third of a million stars which create an object of rare beauty.

Brian Wignall

Guess the group: Nous continuons nos meetings par Zoom pendant le lockdown. Ça marche bien et nous nous régalons toutes! (Answer on page 5)

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Bob's Quiz June 2020

1. Which Ringmer Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year?
2. In which year was the Battle of Lewes?
3. Estragon, Pozzo, Vladimir and Lucky are the main characters in which play?
4. In Hamlet the skull of Yorick is dug up when a grave is being prepared for whom?
5. Whose best friends include Algy and Bill Badger?
6. How was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson better known?
7. Which sport was called Sphairistike when patented in 1874?
8. What links Ice Hockey, hammer throwers and fishermen?
9. For which unique reason was the Derbyshire vs Lancashire cricket match at Buxton abandoned in June 1975?
10. Where precisely would you catch the Hogwarts Express?
11. What was the first name of the cartoon character Mr Magoo?
12. The racehorse Khartoum made a brief but shocking appearance in which film?
13. In motoring for what does MG stand?
14. In the TV series what did the letters MASH stand for?
15. In 1906 which was the first country to give the vote to women?
16. What was the Daily Express the first to publish in the UK on 2/11/1924?
17. English is the 4th most used language in the world. What are the first three?
18. What would you be doing if you took Ombrifuge?
19. Other than an ecclesiastical post what is a church warden?
20. Who invented the mini-skirt?
21. What are the first and last properties on a standard monopoly board?
22. Who wrote the 'Just William' books?
23. What is the Queen's full name?
24. What form of clothing is an Ulster?
25. Which British scientist invented the World Wide Web?
26. Under what name does prince Charles market his organic produce?
27. Who wrote the book 'The African Queen' (later a film)?
28. What is the full name of the HSBC bank?
29. Whose motto is 'Nation shall speak peace unto Nation'?
30. What do England, Catalonia, Archers, Boy Scouts, the Greek Army and sufferers of Syphilis share?

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Bob's May 2020 - Answers

1. Colchester
2. Mum
3. St Alban
4. Maps
5. Town Walls
6. Dates on which the USA entered WW1 and WW2
7. Ella Fitzgerald
8. Erwin Rommel
9. Peter Shaffer
10. Wuthering Heights
11. Ian Fleming
12. Bullseye
13. Forest of Arden
14. Agatha Christie
15. Quotations from the Thoughts of Mao Tse Tung
16. Ermintrude
17. Olivia Colman
18. Brigitte Bardot
19. Royal Troon
20. Matthew Webb
21. Dummy
22. 121
23. USA, French, Australian and Wimbledon
24. Bavarian Motor Works
25. Loughborough
26. 30 years
27. Shogun
28. Prior
29. Joseph Paxton
30. Iota

Ringmer Street Name Wordsearch Solution

S	E	V	L	E	D	E	L	V	S	9	SPRINGETT
O	P	I	N	G	L	A	W	P	C	4	GOTE
N	O	R	L	L	M	R	O	V	H	6	POTATO
D	T	A	I	V	Q	H	O	Y	R	8	CHRISTIE
R	A	M	S	N	S	L	V	O	I	6	DELVES
A	T	T	U	I	G	O	T	E	S	7	BISHOPS
V	O	I	B	G	R	E	E	N	T	6	BROYLE
R	O	Z	B	C	A	R	T	O	I	4	MILL
A	V	B	R	O	Y	L	E	T	E	5	GREEN
H	B	R	A	N	O	W	P	S	S	7	HARVARD

Ringmer Street Name Anagram

1. Rot long inn = Norlington
2. Branches am lie = Chamberlains



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Guess the group answer from page 3:

Of course it is the French Group. It says "We are continuing our meetings by Zoom during the lockdown. It's going well and we all enjoy it very much."

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U3A Interest Group Subjects Wordsearch

Search horizontally, vertically and diagonally (either way) for Interest Groups in Ringmer U3A and U3A nationally. On the right are the number of letters in each word, the first letter and a space for you to write the word. One word appears 4 times.

A	S	T	P	O	E	T	R	Y	S	9	A	
S	S	Y	K	E	E	R	G	I	C	9	G	
W	H	T	T	A	G	O	Y	S	H	4	Y	
A	U	S	R	T	L	E	A	C	S	8	T	
L	I	S	Y	O	G	A	N	I	L	6	P	
K	L	E	E	M	N	E	O	A	E	6	F	
I	S	H	O	A	R	O	P	G	W	7	W	
N	T	C	T	F	G	A	M	O	N	5	W	
G	E	N	E	A	L	O	G	Y	E	4	C	
A	S	T	R	O	N	M	Y	O	G	5	G	

The full solution will appear in the July Edition. Half way through June the Interest Group subjects will appear on our website to help you find any that you have not discovered.

Interest Group Subjects Anagram

1. Orgy path hop =
2. Hayloft my iris =

Finally, always remember to live in hope. Even in these difficult times there are plenty of good things going on. This will all come to an end and your U3A will be ready for another 30 years of meetings and activities.

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