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Keepings in Touch

HANDS ACROSS THE "C"

Dear Members

Stourbridge U3A is trying to stay in touch and available to all Members during this very difficult time of being at home. We have a Facebook page with an option to join the In Touch Group, just send a message on the Visitor's post. You may have received a link to register for the National U3A Newsletter and updates: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/email>. In addition, our website will have all the information you need: www.stourbridgeu3a.org.uk.



We are also trying to keep in touch with Members who are not on email. If you know of anyone please give them a call.

Finally, we are sending our own brief newsletter to keep you informed with any news and just let you know we are thinking of each other. The usual Newsletter will continue to be produced quarterly.

The Committee are sending you all best wishes for your continued good health.

Stay home and stay safe.

Brenda Stevenson

An extraction from a poem on Facebook:

It was March 2020...

The streets were empty, the shops closed, people couldn't go out. But *Spring didn't know*; the flowers began to bloom, the sun shone, the birds sang, the swallows would soon arrive, the sky was blue, the mornings dawned early.

People had been put in lock down, to protect grandparents, families and children. No more meetings or meals, family celebrations. But *Spring didn't know*; apples, cherry trees and others bloomed and the leaves grew. People started reading, playing with their families, learning a language, singing

on the balcony inviting neighbours to do the same, being supportive and focusing on other values. People realized the importance of health, of suffering, of this world that had stopped, of the economy that had plummeted. But *Spring didn't know*; the flowers gave way to fruit, the birds made their nests, the swallows arrived.

The day of liberation came, the virus had lost, people took to the streets, sang, cried, kissed their neighbours, without masks or gloves. And that's when *Summer* came, and because *Spring didn't know*, he taught people the power of life.

Everything's going to be fine, stay home, protect yourself, and enjoy life.

LORDS AND LADIES

All questions and answers are related to Lords and Ladies but who are they?

1. A Waterhouse Painting and a lyrical poem by the enigmatic poet Alfred Lord Tennyson, who is she?
2. Richard John B.1935 , a British peer commonly known as a Lord and who disappeared in November 1974.
3. A leading character in a Shakespeare tragedy who goaded her husband to commit regicide , who is she?
4. A fictional character in a UK comic strip.
5. A character in the 2006 BBC TV serial Robin Hood, daughter of the former Sheriff of Nottingham.
6. The grandson of Sir Winston Churchill and a British Conservative Party politician, who is he?
7. B. 1918, A Scottish radio and TV personality famous for her role in the TV panel game What's My Line and who committed suicide.
8. B. 1956, a British politician and former track and field athlete who headed the successful bid to host the 2012 summer Olympics.
9. Associated with King Arthur and who is reputed to have given him the sword of Excalibur.
10. Former deputy Prime Minister under John Major and Secretary of State from 1995 – 1997.

Answers in the next issue, together with a new quiz.

Time on your hands?

If you are a knitter, don't forget that we have all the patterns for Teddies for Tragedies on our website: www.stourbridgeu3a.org.uk. Whilst they are not accepting donations at present, I am sure they will be delighted with anything you care to make in the meantime.

Please store items until we meet again and I will then deliver them to the Regional Co-ordinator.

***Brenda Smith
Knitting & Crochet Group***

