

HANDS ACROSS THE “C”

Dear Members

I can't believe another 2 weeks have gone by! Are you finding it hard to keep track of the time? There was a Newspaper article where the writer said she had given up on the calendar and was going by nature, I can understand her point!

There have been some superb photographs sent in for our U3A in Bloom Competition. Are you all aware that we are looking for your garden photographs to share as we have no Stourbridge in Bloom this year, we are having U3A in Bloom instead! Have a look on our Stourbridge U3A Facebook to see, they are on the Visitor's posts page. The winners will go on our Website Gallery.

Lots of Members have been creative in Lockdown from photography, lacemaking, patchwork, art, jig-saws to sitting in a bath of ducks!! These photos are on the Stourbridge U3A in Touch page of Facebook.

It has been super to see what you have done, please keep sharing your articles and photos (bejay179@gmail.com), it gives us all some good news to read.

Keep well and keep in touch!

Brenda Stevenson

U3A FACEBOOK GROUP

This Facebook group is for U3A members to stay in contact with each other and also a place to share the ideas U3As are using to maintain learning and interests and to keep in touch.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2833125070105668>

To keep updated about their advice for U3As, they are posting regular bulletins on their website, <https://www.u3a.org.uk/> and they will be sending more regular mailings to committees.

Please sign up to the National Newsletter and encourage your colleagues and other members to do the same as this is a great way for the movement to stay in touch with each other.
<https://www.u3a.org.uk/newsletter>.

***It's the
courage to
continue
that counts!
Winston
Churchill***

OTHER NEWS

STOURBRIDGE U3A FACEBOOK GROUP

The team had a lot of pleasure last year helping Stourbridge in Bloom gain a Gold Award. This year Heart of England in Bloom is cancelled, so we are running a 'potted' version on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/548973319074793>

If you would like to join in, you can upload your photo to the Visitor page. Don't forget to say where it is and who it belongs to. The best photos could be put on our Website Gallery Page.

If you are not able to access Facebook or feel unsure of how to do it, we might be able to upload on your behalf. I hope you will feel you would like to join in.

Jigsaw Swap

Many of us are finding time to complete jigsaws but what to do with them afterwards?

If you post a picture on the Keeping in Touch Facebook page, you can arrange to swap them with other members.

A submission from Jean Bates:

.....And the people stayed home, and read books, and listened and rested, and exercised, and made art and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated some prayed, some danced, some met their shadows, and the people began to think differently.

And the people healed, and, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses and made new choices, and dreamed new images and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully as they had been healed.

Kitty O'Meara

BISCUIT QUIZ

1	London's are black
2	An American Whisky
3	Redheads
4	An adjective from the body's internal system
5	A Wealth drink
6	An Antarctic waiter
7	A most coveted award
8	This has lots of members
9	Frozen diamonds
10	Elite idiots
11	Hopefully found near a posh oven
12	Half a loaf
13	You need four to make it worth while
14	Lucky people avoid trouble
15	Drink this before lunch
16	Snap off
17	Popular holiday resort
18	Cathedral City
19	Fattening digits
20	Get at it using 2K
21	No flies on these
22	Will it help Adam do gymnastics
23	You must put on the style here!
24	Don't fry this one or it will melt
25	Shoot it into the ground

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties ... was elbows, hats and cell phones.

INTEREST GROUPS

Canal Group

Our Canal Group has missed some great meetings and visits, but we will make up for it when we get back to being out and about.

Meanwhile, we have had a quiz from Ivor and members are sending in canal photos to share. I have also circulated a Canal Badge Challenge for a bit of fun! Keep the Canal memories coming everyone!

The Canal and River Trust is putting some great virtual canal journeys on their website and there are links to recent television programmes on the canals. It is good to see – but I am sure most of the Members are like me, missing messing about by the water!



*Picture taken on the canal side
by Brian Barnsley*

Brenda Stevenson

Astronomy



This picture of the Flower Moon was taken at 9 pm on 8th May by Jim Quinn who is a member of the Astronomy & Photography groups.

Walking Groups

*(a suggested walk by Peter Orme,
Friday group leader)*

This Wollescote walk is one I do regularly, only taking about 45 minutes and approximately 2.4 miles, says Peter.

From the main car park at Stevens Park, leave on the foot path opposite the drive you entered on; the tennis courts are on your left. Go down the slope to the four-way junction and carry straight on down the steep slope.

At the bottom turn left and within a short distance cross the brook and come out in Spring Street Lye. At the top of the street turn right into Green Lane. Another right turn into Cemetery Road.

Carry on walking along Cemetery Road until you come to the junction with Springfield Avenue.

I normally continue into Belmont Road until its junction with Perris Lane, which I then turn down and come out onto Springfield Avenue, now a left and a right into Wollescote Road.

Now walk all the way down Wollescote Road passing the park and the entrance to the car park on your right. At the end of Wollescote Road turn right into Grange Lane and pass Pedmore High School. At the end of the school turn right again up a public footpath coming out in Brackendale Way and continue until you reach The Summit. At the end of the cul de sac, a short path takes you back into the park. Turn left and follow the path to the crossroads, then turn right into the car park.

Family History

Jenny Metcalfe has been sending out weekly emails to her Monday group, with bits and pieces of useful information about researching family history.

If anyone would like any help or advice on researching their family history they can contact Jenny by email via the Stourbridge U3A website.

QUIZ CORNER

Here's a quiz item From Ed Conduit. It's what would have been the "remembering a secure password" session for the **Memory** group. The aim is to create a 12 digit string with numbers and lower case letters, one capital and one or more punctuation marks. This is what banks generally demand now.

The six items A-F below are cryptic clues. The six following them, 1-6, are passwords. Members can try to match up a letter and a number. The list below that is possible acronyms, dates, grid references, etc. They can be sent to Ed via our website, who will give hints until you get all six, then the task is to choose one (or two). Ed will give the full clue, and members can try to remember the password perfectly without written notes later.

- A. 1205^kG6qe37 B. 1408“Vj#”81_ C. [Sigeas]£1M!
D. K>pvg&nrt+8h E. J106~k2p3dtr F. ARh-scbu6w3d

Cryptic part answers and story lines. Full mnemonic clue to follow!

- 1) Recent aeroplane journey from Kinver to Tokyo.
- 2) Divided date of a royal coronation about eight decades ago.
- 3) Chemicals for semiconductors and the customer's reaction on hearing the million pound price..
- 4) Woman tells story of a complication of pregnancy and event after the birth.
- 5) Kitchen maid preserving fruit and filling in time by making clothes.
- 6) The final date in 1945 of WW2 and one country's action.



Some more pictures from inside the Stourbridge ring road

Answers to the picture quiz in Issue 4, I to r:
Subway at bottom of Lower High Street.
Lower High Sreet next to the Job Centre.
King Edwards.
The Old Bank by the clock.

I'm like old wine. They don't
bring me out very often, but
I'm well preserved.
Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy

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