

# HANDS ACROSS THE “C”

## Hello Members

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the sunshine we had in May, we are now getting some much needed rain for our gardens!!

Another month has begun - we would have had our Party in the Park on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, never mind we are going to make up for it when it is possible and have a great celebration!!

Everyone has missed moments they wanted to treasure, we must just hold on to keeping well and look forward to getting back to normal when we are able to. Meanwhile, please keep taking advantage of the online U3A groups and interest sites, there have been talks and good creative things happening, see the links our Editor has listed below.

My husband and I had a socially distanced picnic with my Grandson in a park near Gloucester, it was wonderful to see him and chat properly after such a long time, he is a medical student in Bristol and had to stay there when lockdown started, simple pleasures within the guidelines – all we can do.

I hope you are all managing to find ways to do things safely too.

We haven't had any takers for the Jig-saw swap, if you want to swap a jig-saw with another member, let me know with how many pieces it has and a contact telephone number and I will arrange a safe hand over.

There is lots more I could say, but I don't want to take up the space, so keep cheerful and I will report on anything of importance in the next letter.

Best wishes

**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>.

# OTHER NEWS

## STOURBRIDGE U3A FACEBOOK GROUPS

Our apologies for giving the wrong information in our previous issue.

The main Stourbridge U3A Facebook page is for general information about our U3A, and where you can share your U3A in Bloom photographs in the Visitors pages on the right hand side of the screen. Don't forget to say who you are and where the picture was taken. The best photos could be put on our Website Gallery Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Stourbridge-U3A-1346526112121975>

The Stourbridge U3A in Touch page is a Closed group for our members to share what they have been doing during lockdown, i.e. crafting, local walks, wildlife pictures, etc. (Click on Join)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/548973319074793>

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.

***Are you missing our Outings & Events?  
We have had some wonderful times over the past  
Ten years. Here's hoping we can be out and about  
again very soon.***



**Houses of Parliament  
August 2019**

## TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

How can you answer or explain the following?

1. What is dropped when needed and raised when it is finished with.
2. It is not an animal but can still sting.
3. What is black when you buy it, turns red when you use it and is grey when it is thrown away.
4. A man bought apples for 5p and sold them for 3p. After a while he became a millionaire.
5. Two fathers and two sons were walking in the park. They found three apples. Each man got an apple.
6. The 22nd and 24th presidents of the United States had the same parents but were not brothers.
7. The mayor of an American city has a brother named Abraham. Abraham claims he doesn't have a brother.
8. Two men went down to the river. They came upon a boat capable of carrying one person at a time. Both crossed the river at that point.
9. Francois shaves over ten times a day but still has a full beard.
10. When do we say "ten" if we look at 2. and finally:-
11. The day before yesterday James was 17 years old. He will be 20 next year.

**Mick Poulton**



**Brunel's SS Great Britain  
September 2018**

# INTEREST GROUPS

## Photography & Digital Imaging

We now have a Facebook group, Stourbridge U3A Photography Group. It is a private group for members of the the Photography and Digital Imaging group. However, as we are not having any meetings currently, if any member of Stourbridge U3A would like to join, search for the group on Facebook and click the link.

Have you ever wanted to try photo editing on a computer. It is a fascinating hobby ranging from just making the most of a photo you have taken to creating an imaginary world. I have produced some videos aimed at complete beginners:- [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoC2E\\_ZWjrwd5HTVpsHcyg?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoC2E_ZWjrwd5HTVpsHcyg?view_as=public).

These use software on a PC. There are two software packages; Adobe Photoshop Elements is the one most used by members of the group which you have to pay for; and there is also an old version of Adobe Photoshop available to download free of charge. I have provided videos on both. There is also a link to download the free Photoshop CS2. I would recommend this for people who just want to have ago to see if they like it.

Here are a couple of examples of what you can do.

**Before**



**After**



**Keith Leatham  
Group Leader**

## GROANERS CORNER:

**All my cakes are £1 each except for one which is £5. This is Madeira Cake.**

**Police reported that thieves are stealing road signs from the M62 – they are looking for Leeds.**

**Did you hear about the magic tractor – it turned into a field.**

**Bought a face mask for my pet duck, nothing special, but it fits the bill.**

**There are no Aspirin in the jungle - the Paracetamol.**

**BA BOOM!!**

*Here with whitened hair he  
drank to Life, to all it had been,  
to what it would be.*

*Sean O'Casey*



**Where might you have seen these  
beautiful tiles before?**



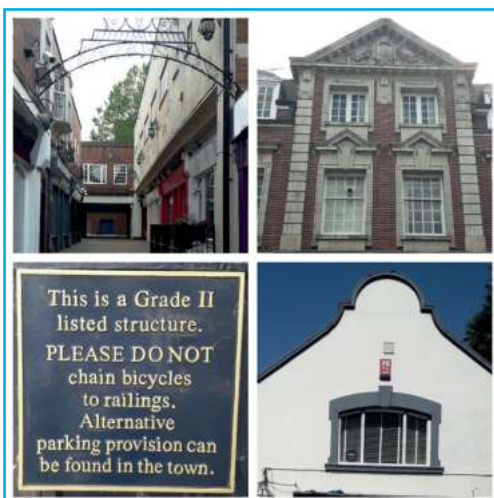
# QUIZ CORNER

## GHOSTS, GHOULS AND WITCHES

- 1 Known in Old Irish as a "fairy woman" which spirit heralds the death of a family member by wailing or shrieking?
- 2 Which of Shakespeare's plays opens with the line "Where shall we three meet again?" said by the three witches?
- 3 Which motor company produced a model called the "Silver Ghost" from 1906 to 1926?
- 4 The twigs from which tree are traditionally used to make a witch's broom?
- 5 Which company currently produces Black Magic chocolates?
- 6 What is the title of the ghost story written by Susan Hill and is also a long running play about a spectre that haunts a small English town?
- 7 According to the Scottish poem what connects Ghouls, Ghosties and Long Legged Beasties?
- 8 Which witch is killed when Dorothy lands in Oz in the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz"?
- 9 In his 1848 poem what did Edgar Allan Poe describe as "They are neither man nor woman .... or brute nor human"?
- 10 In the 1990 romantic thriller film 'Ghost' who played the part of the reluctant psychic?

Answers to the picture quiz in Issue 5:  
**The Mitre**  
**Paula Jayne, Market Street**  
**St Thomas's Church Hall**  
**Butchers in Smithfield**

More pictures from inside the ring road.



## BISCUIT QUIZ ANSWERS

London's are black	Taxi
An American Whisky	Bourbon
Redheads	Ginger Nuts
An adjective from the body's internal system	Digestive
A Wealth drink	Rich Tea
An Antarctic waiter	Penguin
A most coveted award	Blue Ribbon
This has lots of members	Club
Frozen diamonds	Iced Gem
Elite idiots	Cream Crackers
Hopefully found near a posh oven	Hobnobs
Half a loaf	Short Bread
You need four to make it worth while	Wagon Wheel
Lucky people avoid trouble	Jammy Dodgers
Drink this before lunch	Morning Coffee
Snap off	Break Away
Popular holiday resort	Nice
Cathedral City	Lincoln
Fattening digits	Chocolate Fingers
Get at it using 2K	Kit Kat
No flies on these	Garibaldi
Will it help Adam do gymnastics	Fig Roll
You must put on the style here!	Ritz
Don't fry this one or it will melt	Chocolate Chip Cookies
Shoot it into the ground	Arrowroots

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