CHAIRMAN’S CHAT - Jim Lawrenson

Well what a fabulous end to February we have had. I hope you have all taken advantage of the glorious and unexpected weather. I am currently sitting in my garden writing this Chat in lovely sunshine.

I think it is my duty as chairman to remind all group leaders that non-members are only allowed to attend one group meeting and one main meeting when they will be required to pay £2.00 on each occasion.

New membership cards will be issued in July and this should make it easier to monitor. Following on from my announcement at the last meeting that I will be organising a tour of Fleetwood Town football ground at Highbury Avenue, on which a number of members have asked to be included, I can now tell you that the event has been arranged for Tuesday, 2nd April at 11.00 a.m. Anyone wishing to be included should email me ASAP.

The tour will take you round the bars, restaurant, hospitality boxes and the main stand which houses the dressing rooms, offices shop etc. followed by tea or coffee and an address from Martin Booker head of commercial activity at the club.

I look forward to seeing you all on 14th March.

TREASURERS REPORT - Arthur Jones

I’ve had several people ask me about a couple of points from the February Little Theatre meeting (unfortunately I wasn’t able to be there).

The first is about computers. We have several full kits which are available to members for U3A purposes and they are all perfectly serviceable, as are those allocated to specific users. Some are old but still fit for purpose although they don’t have all the bells and whistles of the newer ones.

The second question I’ve had is about funds and some members are concerned about mention of a shortfall in our funds. We are solvent, with a very healthy bank balance. The situation is that the 2018-19 membership year was extended to end in June rather than March as a one-off. The membership fee you will recall had also, by coincidence, been increased from £10 to £15 so there was some compensating trade-off there.

Next year’s subscriptions will revert to covering twelve months (July to June) as will the ensuing years. I will be covering this point more fully in my report to the AGM in June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings take place at Thornton Little Theatre at 2.00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

Speakers

Please note the changes for March and April

14th March - Malcolm Trantner
The Big Ditch - The building of the Manchester Ship Canal.

11th April - Paul Atherton
The Cuerdale Hoard - One of the largest Viking Silver Hoards ever found on the banks of the Ribble in Cuerdale near Preston.

9th May - Sally Naden
My journey to Radio Lancashire - as a Presenter.

13th June - Joanne Halliwell
Betsy the Scullery Maid - A comic enactment of Betsy’s life.
PUB MEALS - Geoff Lancaster
Next pub meal is at The Venue on Tuesday, 19th March 6.00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome. No need to book, just turn up for good food, lively banter and great company!

GLAZEY DAYS POTTERY STUDIO
FLEETWOOD
I have organised a pottery session at the above studios on Thursday, 2nd May 10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.
Instruction and advice are free. You only pay for what you choose to paint ON THE DAY. Prices range from £5 - £30.
At the session we shall paint and then the items will be left to be fired and glazed, to be picked up at a later date.
If you wish to bring a design or image, it can be transferred onto your item. More details are available at the studios which is to the left of the Euston Hotel. The girls there will be more than happy to help. Tea and coffee are available and maybe we can reward ourselves with lunch at the Euston afterwards.
I shall take names for both the pottery and lunch at the March and April monthly meetings. Nothing to pay. There is room for forty of us.

Kath Rawcliffe

THEATRE TRIPS - Barbara King
Saturday, 6th April 2.30 p.m.
My Mother said I never should.
Oldham Coliseum - Full 31 of us
Coach - Beach Road 10.20 a.m.
- Thornton Library 10.30 a.m.
Please tell me if you wish to join at Beach Road.

Thursday, 6th June 2.30 p.m.
Hobson's Choice.
£45 Pay by 31st March
New venue at Manchester's Royal Exchange
Coach - Beach Road 9.50 a.m.
- Thornton Library 10.00 a.m.
Please tell me if you wish to join at Beach Road.
A 21st Century version of Harold Brighouse’s play amongst Ugandan Asians in the rag trade.
When tailor Hari Hobson isn't bossing his daughters, he is putting the world to rights in his local pub.
His eldest daughter Durgo is the brains and too valuable to lose so she must give up all ideas of getting married.

Saturday, 15th June 2.00 p.m.
Mathew Bourne’s ballet Romeo and Juliet.
The Lowry Theatre
£50 Pay by 11th April
Coach - Beach Road 9.50 a.m.
- Thornton Library 10.00 a.m.
Please tell me if you wish to join at Beach Road.
Britain’s most successful choreographer will blow your mind with his imagination and wit. A passionate and contemporary re-imaging of Shakespeare’s classic love story.

Day Trip to Manchester £10
Thursday, 6th June, leaving Thornton Library at 10.00 a.m.
Leaving Manchester at about 5.00 p.m.

SOCIAL EVENTS - Jan Preston
Wine Tasting - Saturday, 23rd March 2019 at 7.00 p.m.
Just a gentle reminder about the wine tasting event later this month. A couple of places are still left if anyone is considering coming along! Cost £11.00 Please bring your own wine glasses (suggest three glasses per person). Thank You!
Deadline for contributions to the next issue is 28th March 2019

Stargazing Night

What a wonderful evening we had at the Lawrence House Space Centre, courtesy of Professor Nick Lister. After a short introduction, we crawled into the planetarium to be zoomed through the night skies above our heads. Constellations and positions being pointed out and how to find them in reality. The different seasons moved effortlessly in front of our eyes. Refreshments followed and in the next part of the evening, Nick took us closer to our own planet. We learnt amazing facts about the worst planet to live on - Venus! How there might be life on Mars! The cracked moon of Saturn!

So many questions about the universe, some answered, many yet to be discovered. Astounding is too small a word!

Nick proved to be a wonderful teacher, informative, exciting and able to hold the group for three hours.

More information at: astronomyforall.co.uk

-Kath Rawcliffe

News from the Groups

Badminton - Linda Porter

Nothing much to report only to say badminton is going well with some pretty good standard play, very amusing conversation and lots of fun. A good way to spend a morning.

You will be made welcome, players or beginners.

Next session is the first Wednesday in March.

Canasta - Nancy West

Due to my husband’s health issues, I have sadly had to revert to Tuesday afternoons only. I very much regret this move but I do feel that I am unable to leave him in the evenings now.

Consequently, our meetings are only on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. We meet at 2.00 p.m. for two to three hours. At the moment we are a very small group and would welcome new members. If you have never played Canasta, but would like to learn, do please give us a try. Our meeting room is comfortable and warm and we end with tea or coffee and biscuits. The present members of the group are very helpful and are not cut-throat keen. They are very tolerant to new players.

For any further details please contact me - Nancy West, Group Leader.

Creative Writing Group 1 - Ann Fewson

Two rings, a watch and a charm were some of the items to be found in the pieces inspired by the title Jewellery. Some of the stories featured darker elements or hints of the spiritual or surreal whilst one featured a bird as the villain in a robbery.

Next meeting: 11th March

Subject: Free Choice

Coach trip to the Royal Albert Dock
Liverpool - Monday, 20th May 2019

Departing from Thornton Little Theatre at 9.30 a.m.

On arrival we will visit the Maritime Museum which explores the history of the Great Port of Liverpool, (free of charge) including the Titanic’s connection with Liverpool and the Slavery Museum. Then make our own arrangements for lunch and a free afternoon to explore, shop or whatever takes your fancy!

Returning to the coach for 5.00 p.m.


There is also the option of a guided tour of the old docks underground which was only recently discovered and was the UK’s first wet dock and established Liverpool as a maritime trading city.

Anyone interested in this, please let me know.

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Creative Writing Group 2 - Ann Fewson
Hello? Hello! HELLO!! was a generic enough topic to allow the writers free rein to include the hellos in very different responses. These varied from one about a pilot on a mission in South America with a cargo of guns, via a mysterious interview situation which tested a character's suitability for a job in a most unusual way, to another which featured as its finale a “This is Your Life” scenario and one in which the central characters led a surprising double life.
Next meeting: 18th March
Subject: The Box

Crown Green Bowling - Peter Rawcliffe
The green at Norcross will be closed until the start of the new bowling season. The Bowling group will meet once more when the green opens. An announcement will be made in this newsletter.

Current Affairs - Graham Page
As our February mini-heatwave had ended, we had to rely on our usual heated but always amicable discussions to brighten up our day. We warmed up by considering how wasteful we all are, before discussing something a bit more concrete (roads and potholes), Next was Donald Trump's travels to meet Kim Yong Un, and his travails back home, followed by the introduction of mental health lessons for children as young as four.
Jeremy Corbyn's party troubles, Shemimi Begun's potential return (or not) to the UK, the new Independent Group of MPs, and our forecasts for the mid-March political weather closed our conversations. The next meeting (by which time we should be a little wiser) is at Carleton Memorial Hall at 2.00 p.m. on 28th March 2019.

Family History - Graham Lougher
We looked at the proposed programme for 2019, which will be circulated. As requested, I discovered that purchased Family History software can only be installed on one computer.
We agreed to invite Kathryn Carter for two talks this year and also to invite a new local speaker, Christine Storey, to talk on how she researched her family history. The group agreed that a talk by Andrew Walmsley would be too expensive. Contact has been made with Preston F/H U3A and we might have a speaker exchange.
Monthly talks by Archivists and events at Lancashire Archives in Preston will be circulated. Must be booked.
Clive Jones gave us a very detailed talk about his family with regard to Australian Family History and Military Records. This was a very interesting account of his family from Cardiff to Australia and the family's military connections, particularly in the RAF, including his father, himself and others in his family.
On 4th March, Graham Essex-Crosby and Enid Miller have agreed to lead the meeting, and Enid will talk about Social History – Transport (Trams). Other members are invited to talk about other forms of transport. A workshop will follow. Mentoring of members who need help was successful and will be continued.

French for Beginners - Ann Burley
We have spent both meetings held during February in collaboration with our colleagues on the French for Improvers course. These two sessions have concentrated solely on the pantomime “A Christmas Carol”. During the first session, we completed the reading of the text and translating it. The second session in February was dedicated to acting out the pantomime. Everyone had a part to play (sometimes more than one). Arthur again provided the music, and the session was greatly enjoyed by all.

French for Improvers - Chris Holt
We have again joined with the Beginners for both February meetings. We have continued to work on the pantomime 'Un Chant de Nöel', a funnier more up to date version of the original version of a 'A Christmas Carol'. Our first meeting focused on translating the pantomime so we know what we are saying when we act it out at our next meeting. We then allocated parts so everyone is included.
Today we had our brilliant performance. Everyone did really well and I was impressed with everyone's French accents. We even had music, songs and sound effects thanks to our technical genius Arthur. We got to sing and act. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.
We will continue at Fleetwood Golf club for our two March meetings. Both groups would
like to continue at the golf club but, at the moment, we are not sure whether this will be possible. Many thanks to Brenda for organising this for us. If this is not possible, we will return to the fire station. I will inform people as soon as I know.

**French Conversation - Clive Jones**

Meetings were held on 28th January and 11th and 25th February respectively; again all were well attended. Attendance is still six - seven members.

The backbone of our meetings continues to be made up of conversation and discussion. The conversational elements this time saw some very interesting topics including general conversation, Chinese New Year and Feng Shui, a number of quizzes with a French theme, the National Anthems of France, Wales and Brittany, La Tour Eiffel (The Eiffel Tower), humorous mistranslations of French words, a grammatical article on the use of the umlaut accent in French words, newspaper and magazine articles and the famous French Dance (The Can Can, created during the Belle Époque period), among others, which promoted some very interesting discussions.

As confirmed in previous updates the objective of the group meetings is to generate suitable conversation and discussion in the French language to reflect the typical conversation that could take place on holiday in France and other French-speaking countries. This concept continues to work really well. New members are always most welcome to join. Please contact the Group Leader for further details. All future meetings will be held on Mondays, every two weeks from 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. at Thornton Library, and the next two meetings will be on 11th and 25th March.

**Gardening - Kath Smith**

Well! At least some of us didn't get put off because of a bit of rain. We found a new place to shop, Bradshaw’s on the main road near Garstang. It lies between Dewlay's and the pub that used to be The Flag. I took some photos at Scorton Picnic Site and wow, it never disappoints. Unfortunately I haven't had time to download. I have produced a full list of topics for 2019 for members of our group and will make sure they all get a copy.

**History - Ann Kelly**

The History group was given a presentation by a member, Angela Norris, on the history and tales of the Knott End Ferry. The ferry has been operating in different guises for longer than we think. It was very amusing to hear about the different charges for passengers and cargoes. For instance it cost less to transport an empty coffin than an occupied coffin. (Presumably by a corpse). Thank you Angela for a very well presented insight into ferry history and (hopefully) future. The next meeting is on Monday, 11th March, at 2.00 p.m. in the Carleton Memorial Hall. We will have a presentation on "Kilgrimol and the Lost Villages of the Fylde". All members are welcome.

**History of Art - Martin Johnson**

February's meeting was cancelled due to ill-health. On 12th March we will visit Harris Museum's Fine Art Collection, with a specialist guide. The tour will start at 110'clock and among the paintings to study will be those by Charles Spencelayh and Atkinson Grimshaw. Arrangements for car-sharing are best done through me.

**Line Dancing - Kathleen Smith**

The dances are getting a bit more intricate so teaching has needed help from group members.

"We'll never get this one", doesn't wash anymore though. Those words were spoken at the beginning and, since the first class can do twenty-two dances and the second group about forty, we can get to grips with everything. I will keep trying the advanced version of "Islands in the Stream".

**Live Music Group - Pauline Powell**

We have had three enjoyable meetings in January and February enjoying the music performed by our talented musicians and singers. We had to find an alternative venue for 21st February due to the Sandyforth Arms being closed for refurbishment, so apologies to anyone who came along and we were not there.
We are back at the Sandyforth on Thursday, 7th March at 2.00 p.m. and look forward to seeing our newly refurbished venue. Apparently there will be more room for the group and groupies due to the removal of the pool table. The new landlord has been very accommodating and is encouraging our meetings there, so come and join us for a pleasant afternoon listening to live music from the 50’s and 60’s onwards. We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month at the Sandyforth Arms Thornton from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. All U3A members are welcome.

Music Appreciation - Susan Schofield

The Music Appreciation Group got off to a fine start with a re-scheduled presentation in January by popular member John, who again stepped into the breach in February when illness prevented our publicised topic (History of Musicals from 1939) from getting an airing. These winter ‘bugs’ seem to be sparing very few of us unfortunately.

It was so evocative to hear ‘Number Ones’ from the first ‘Hit Parade’ year, 1953. Members went on to choose a year that was particularly memorable to them, and the singing-along/ foot tapping that accompanied our popular hits spoke volumes. It was agreed that our favourite pop music centred around our mid-teens when the latest releases were a big part of our lives, then a decade or so later we lost interest as our priorities switched to working hard and raising young families of our own.

It was particularly interesting to hear how dramatically the style of popular music changed, from melodic sentimental songs (when you could hear every word clearly) through the Sixties (lively, fast-paced), the Seventies ‘Flower Power’ drugs-induced lyrics, through to the current synthesised electronic sounds. We agreed that each decade had its share of ‘good’ music and that some of today’s singer/songwriters produce good quality material (Adele and ED Sheeran being cases in point).

Tony also provided our ‘fix’ of traditional opera and then proved his wide-ranging tastes by playing a couple of Jake Thackery songs.

We finished off the February meeting by spotting snatches of Classical music incorporated into popular tunes. The March meeting will be a Presentation on Bernstein, followed in April by a recording of the musical, West Side Story.

We all agreed that the wide-ranging topics covered by our meetings really encapsulates our theme of ‘Music Appreciation’ in its many forms. Anyone wishing to join us on 4th Monday of the month, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. at Carleton Memorial Hall will be made very welcome.

Photography - Elaine Holliday

This is my last entry in the U3A newsletter. It is with regret to announce that the Photography Group has closed down. Here are a few photographic memories.
Poetry for Pleasure - Anne Fewson

In February’s session we found that poets from all eras have written verse about the subject of work. The earliest, written in 2nd Century China, was a surprisingly modern sounding piece about the treadmill of office work.

Some of the other work-related poems were by Maya Angelou, Philip Levine, Linton Kwese Johnson, Thomas Hood, Elizabeth Bishop, Alison Chisholm and the now largely forgotten 18th century Mary Leapor. There was so much to talk about in these poems!

Next meeting: 7th March
Subject: Peter Porter/George Macbeth

Recycling - Kathleen Smith

We now have a new design of bird boxes, tables finished to a lovely standard, a box for the bathroom to keep toilet rolls in, garden bench, a specific design of a kitten play-box and a three tier super lined cat house. Ideas are flowing.

Thanks to members who are handing over computer parts (including new stuff) for Dave Carlos to recycle and help others.

Science and Technology - Graham Topping

Geoff Lancaster gave the second of his two talks on Lifestyle and Health.

He opened with a summary of what he had presented to the group in his first talk. He reminded us that carbohydrates together with proteins, fats, minerals, vitamins and water provide us with the necessary constituents to maintain our bodily functions. Unfortunately, consumption of large amounts of carbohydrates results in high levels of blood sugar. This can lead to diabetes and its associated health problems – poor circulation, bad eyesight and loss of limbs. To avoid these problems, we should all aim to have a balanced diet, reasonable portions of the various foodstuffs, an appropriate age-related physical activity and a decent night’s sleep to prepare our bodies and minds to meet the demands of modern society. He concluded by outlining the benefits of this lifestyle approach which he said had served our Palaeolithic ancestors very well.

The next time the group meets in Carleton Memorial Hall will be on Monday, 18th March when Geoffrey Cowell will talk on “The Development of the Windmill”.

Singing for Fun - Arthur Jones

At our February meeting we were under the influence of St. Valentine and couldn’t stop singing about love.

Love was in the air, all around, in our hearts, written in the sand (only to be washed away by the tide!) and even growing wherever Rosemary went. Some former Eurovision hits also featured heavily.

Our theme for the 20th March meeting will be colours so don’t forget to email me with your suggestions.

Spain beyond the Costas - Sue Clark

Firstly, it is with great sadness that I report the death of Mavis Roeves. We will all miss her company, her great kindness and her lovely smile.

At the February meeting we watched the first half of a film, a romantic comedy which was a massive box-office success in Spain in 2014. It is called ‘Ocho apellidos vascos’ or ‘Spanish Affair’, in English. The humour is based on the regional stereotypes of Andalusia and the Basque Country. We will watch the second half at the next meeting in March.

After the tea break the group tackled some typical questions on Spanish culture from an exam to become a Spanish citizen. The questions were in Spanish so it was doubly difficult but they all managed very well.

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On Friday, 22nd March the group held the annual tapas night at Rustic to Regal; we all enjoyed the evening and the excellent, plentiful food. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 6th March when, as well as the film, a new member, Valerie, will give a presentation about the prehistory of Spain.

**Some advance notice: there will not be a meeting in April and the May meeting will be on the second Wednesday, 8th, in the large room at Carleton Memorial Hall.**

**The Italian Group (Il Gruppo Italiano)** - Clive Jones

Meetings were held on 29th January and 12th and 26th February respectively; again all were well attended, and we also have one potential new member.

We are continuing with the Verb Tenses textbook with a general review of verbs, before starting the next grammatical text, ‘Italian Pronouns and Prepositions’. The conversation and discussion elements once again saw some very interesting topics including articles on the city of Venezia (Venice), regions in Italy including La Basilicata (Basilicata, in Southern Italy) and Lago di Como (Lake Como, in Northern Italy), Le maschere veneziane (Venetian Masks), Il presepe (The Nativity Scene and how it is portrayed throughout Italy), an account of the life and work of Doctor Maria Montessori, the famous Italian pioneer in medicine and education and a series of short stories in Italian, among others.

So, the group’s work is a combination of essential grammatical and everyday conversational aspects.

The group is now very well established so we have re-named it ‘The Italian Group’. New members are always most welcome to join but must already have a good existing ability in the Italian language. Please contact the Group Leader for further details. All future meetings will be held on Tuesdays, every two weeks, from 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. at the Poulton Library, and the next two meetings will be on 12th and 26th March.

**The Listening Readers - Neil Hendrie**

"I happened...Things just happened to me...It’s so with everyone. Most of my time I have been half dreaming. I married like in a dream". (THE HISTORY of MR POLLY)

This estimable group reconvened for its sixth and final year to discuss H G WELLS beautifully written classic novel. Among the authors concerns he invites us to reflect upon the idea of "fate" and the extent to which an individual has the freedom to step out of the stream of circumstances that threaten to carry him or her away. The novel was largely well received although we did discuss the tendency for Wells apparently intentionally humorous sections to merge into sadness and what could be construed as the authors occasionally patronising tone. One member expressed the opinion that by the end of the novel our "hero" had turned into a homicidal maniac, albeit a calculating one. The majority of the group regarded this interpretation as either wilfully idiosyncratic or just plain daft. The exponent of "the homicide theory" remained undaunted by this reception. (Presumably this was his "JOHN WAYNE" moment of the year.)

We meet next month to discuss the second Evelyn Waugh novel we have selected. This time it’s MEN at ARMS.

**The Strollers - Geoff Lancaster**

**DAYTIME STROLL**

Tuesday, 5th March
The Barn at Scorton to Woodacre Crossing through Woodacre Great Wood returning along the Millennium Way.

Three miles easy strolling, one small stile & stream. (Short, flat option available for less able)
Parking, toilets and lunch at The Barn.
Meet TLT for car share 10.00 a.m., The Barn at Scorton 11.00 a.m. to start.

**TWILIGHT STROLL**

Wednesday, 20th March
Beach Strolling at St. Annes.
This, for me, is the most beautifully atmospheric twilight stroll we do. Leaving the pier, we stroll westward along the beach on firm sand, savouring the salty air. Moonlight on the water and Mars bright in the sky.

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Easy strolling with fragrant sea breezes and the sounds of the waves lapping the shore line….you could be anywhere, how lucky are we?
Parking, toilets and supper at The Lord Derby.
Meet TLT for car share 19.00, St. Annes Pier at 20.00 to start.

**Travel Group - Michael Carey**
In October 2017 Dorte Ravenscroft (and several other regular members of the Travel Group) joined a trip to Valencia organised by the “Spain beyond the Costas” group. At our February meeting she gave a fascinating presentation, supported by lots of excellent photos, about this beautiful, historic city which few other members of our group had ever visited.
Our thanks to Dorte for introducing us to a splendid destination. Definitely one for the bucket list.
On 21st March, Val Fillingham, another Travel Group stalwart will be telling us about her recent cruise with special emphasis on Japan.

**Watercolour Group - Christine Cutts**
The recently re-formed Watercolour Group met in February with a different format for this and future sessions. Everyone brought along something they wished to paint, whether it was from a photograph, a book, or an idea in their head.
No tuition is given although it is interesting to look at others’ work and share ideas/tips.
New members are welcome – just bring your equipment and whatever piece you wish to work on. **Anyone interested, please contact me beforehand so that I can ensure adequate room is available.**
The next meeting is at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th March at Carleton Memorial Hall.

**Walking - Susan and David Mitchell**
Summer temperatures in February encouraged twenty-nine walkers to enjoy David and Susan’s eight mile walk from Edgeworth via Turton Tower and the local reservoirs. A brilliant day out in spite of the fact that we didn’t catch a glimpse of Yorkshire all day.

There will be no walk as normal this month because of the walking holiday in Whitby between Monday, 25th and Friday, 29th March.
Just a reminder, there will be a meeting to discuss the Whitby week at our house on Wednesday, 13th March at 10.30 a.m.

**Departed Friends**
Mavis Roeves 1943-2019

**Audio-Visual Equipment**
Wyre U3A Laptops and Projector sets are now held by the following members:
*Elaine Holliday*
*Arthur Jones*
*Mick Carey*
*Graham Lougher*
*Graham Topping*

Group Leaders must continue to telephone in advance to arrange a suitable time to collect and return the equipment. Flipchart holders, flipcharts and pens are available.

**Carleton Memorial Hall**
Bookings should be addressed to: Peter Farrell
E-mail: carletonmemorialhall@gmail.com

**Departed Friends**
Mavis Roeves 1943-2019

Peter must be notified, **in advance** if the hall is not going to be used otherwise a charge will be made for the room.
The University of the Third Age

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