

Milford & District u3a Monthly Newsletter: February 2022



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Notes from the Chair



I would like to thank all our Group Leaders for maintaining contact with their members during the latest Omicron wave. Although cases are starting to come down, the number of cases is still considerably higher than it was in January 2021.

Many of our groups have continued to function, either by switching to online mediums, or by introducing more stringent requirements around meeting face to face. The over-riding principle has been to try to adopt a format with which most people feel safe and comfortable, the object being to maximise participation.

Although Government legal restrictions will be relaxed in February, guidance around meeting vulnerable people will remain. This means that Groups may wish to maintain something close to their current arrangements for the early part of the coming month, at least.

I would like to bring to your attention the Study Days that the Surrey Network put on. These have been running for many years, and are all day events where guest speakers give lecture-format talks on various aspects of interest.

These speakers are generally experts in their field, and the talks are very well received. One problem has always been that the location of the talks, which are held at The Menuhin Hall in Stoke d'Abernon, can be difficult to get to using public transport. However these talks are now available virtually. The cost to attend face to face is £12, and online £5. The online events require booking using the forms on the website:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/events>

These talks are superb value, but each day's programme is quite varied, so perhaps logging onto a couple of sessions on the day virtually, maybe a way of finding out if these might be of interest to you in the future. *****See **pages 4 and 5** for February Network Study Days

MILFORD & DISTRICT WEBSITE -www.milford-u3a.org.uk

There are **new pages** on the website. Look under the Menu item,

- Under the Menu Item -'**What we do**' look for '**Group Dates**'. Where you can quickly and easily look up the dates of your Group meetings.
- Under the Menu Item -'**Membership**' look for **Update your details**
All members can check and correct the details we hold, such as your email address and telephone number. You will need:
 - Forename and Surname as used when you joined the U3A (*proper capitals as shown here*).
 - U3A Membership Number.
 - The email address and Post Code that you used when you last renewed or updated your details.
- The '**Homepage**' has been replaced because it was many years old and very text heavy. The new one is more informative and tries to attract new members from further afield.

Appeal for Photographs

The Website needs Fresh new photographs, most of ours date back to 2007!

What we need is an aspiring photographer, to visit some of our groups to take some new photos for the Website. This would be an invaluable contribution to the site and would add an appropriate fresh, new look for this new year. If you have any new photos of your Group Activities, or if you would like to do a turn as our Roving Photographer, please let our webmaster know asap.

webmaster@mlford-u3a.org.uk

The Future Forties?

The u3a turns 40 years old in 2022. The word from our National Committee is that we will be celebrating this milestone with a packed programme of events running all year. All u3a branches and members will have the opportunity to get involved in the celebrations and to help raise the profile of our vibrant organisation.

Michaela Moody, Vice Chair and coordinator of the u3a 40th Anniversary, says, "Our anniversary is about looking forward. 2022 is all about the future and what this offers to our members. We want to make 2022 a year for everyone to remember.



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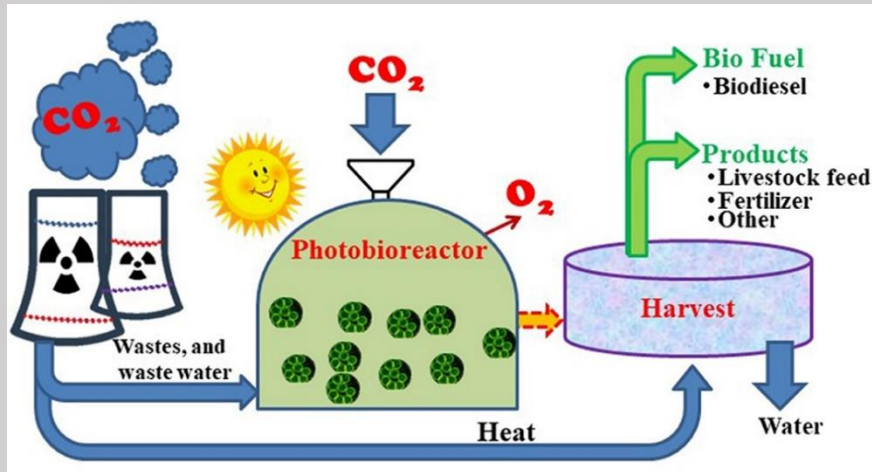
Did I read that notice right?

In an office:

*Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back
or further steps will be taken.*

Monthly Friday Afternoon Talk 11th February 2.00pm . at Milford Village Hall

Carbon Neutrality Waverley's Response to the Climate Emergency



This Friday Meeting has been planned to take place at the Milford Village Hall, but in the uncertainty of the covid situation it may have to take place online via Zoom. Check the Website for any updated news after receiving this newsletter.

[www.milford-u3a.org.uk/what we do](http://www.milford-u3a.org.uk/what%20we%20do)

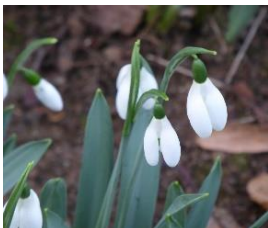


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Photography



It will soon be spring, a lovely time to take photographs. This can be an outdoor interest with fewer covid restrictions. If this is an interest of yours, or if you would like to try it out and would like to arrange to meet with other likeminded folk, send an email to this newsletter.

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Featured Groups

Embroidery Group

We are a friendly group who meet on a Friday at St John's Milford twice a month and chat whilst we work on our various projects. Cross stitch is a great favourite though there is always help to try something a bit different. Knitting and Crochet is also included as well as a 'cuppa' mid-morning. We currently have space for new members so if you would like to join us contact Eileen on 01483 421407.

Two examples of our efforts



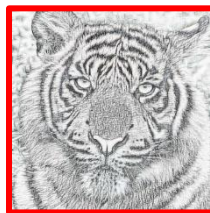
Surreyu3a Network - Study Day

A PASSION FOR DRAWING

Colin Wiggins

Menuhin Hall

Friday 18th February 2022



AND...see overleaf

Study Day
FRIDAY 18th March
The Art and Objects of the Mughal Empire
1550 -1650

Dr Ursula Weekes



U3A QUIZ CHALLENGE

The U3A Quiz Challenge group meets on the second Monday of the month at the Unitarian Hall on Meadow at 2pm. Don't worry if you're on your own as you will be allocated to a team on arrival. The key message is not to take it too seriously! There are no prizes other than the satisfaction of getting at least some of the answers right.

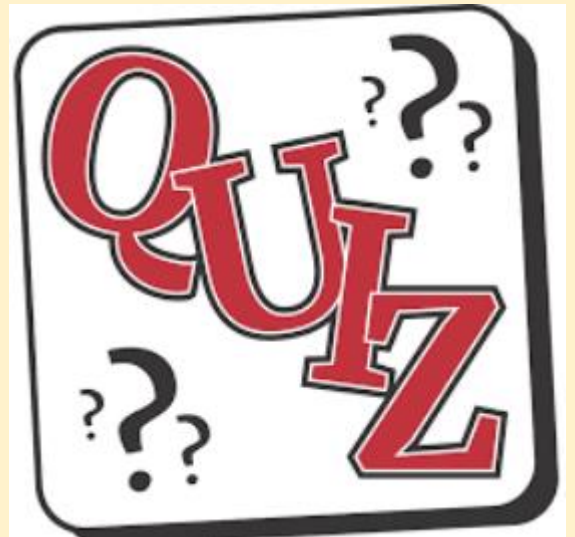
There are six rounds in each quiz, covering a wide variety of topics such as: Books, Sport (nothing too American), Nature, Films, History, Music (probably not Hip-Hop or Rap) etc. And Pot Luck of course.

Currently we are actually meeting but, if need be, we can switch to Zoom as Ian Honeysett, the Quizmaster, has now worked out how to do it.

So here's your starter(s) for ten – to see if you're likely to enjoy the quizzes: 'Which confection is made from almonds, eggs & sugar?' And 'At which London theatre did Brian Rix perform in many of his farces?'

The answers are: 'The Whitehall Theatre' and 'Marzipan' – but not necessarily in that order. So come along and test those 'little grey cells' – as which fictional detective would have put it? Yes, you got it, Hercule Poirot!. See, you're just perfect for joining Quiz Challenge!

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Can you read this?

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Happy St Valentine's Day



The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who had died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of 'courtly love' flourished, apparently by association with the 'lovebirds' of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, confectionery, and greeting cards. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greetings cards. In Italy, St Valentine Keys are given to lovers as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart.

Wikipedia

Newsletter Competitions

Network Poetry Competition

2022 brings in a new Poetry Competition. The theme is 'new' and poems must be no longer than 16 lines and rhyme. [Submit your entry before Friday 25 February.](#)

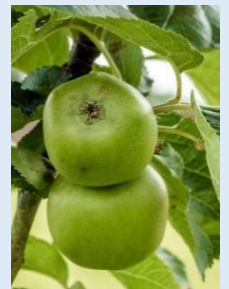


Could you write a Limerick? Could you send one in for the newsletter in March?

Entries asap but, before 22nd February 2022. No prizes, just the challenge.

There was a young lady from Ryde
Who ate some green apples and died
The apples fermented
Inside the lamented,
and made cider inside her inside.

(anonymous)



All contributions to the Newsletter gratefully received: Group news, photos, successes, funny or calamitous happenings, and what difference has covid made to you and your group?

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