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Current Membership 345

Meetings & Diary Dates 2021

Wednesday talks will continue on Zoom only – Monthly meetings will be both face-to-face and webcast on Zoom. Booking for ALL events is essential.

Sept 27 th	<u>'Watling Street – Famous 'Roman Road' – Why the Empire?'</u>	<u>Anthony Poulton-Smith</u>
Oct 6 th	<u>'Hidden London: An Assortment of Lesser Known Treasures'</u>	<u>David Drury</u>
Oct 8 th	Hutton u3a AGM	
Oct 13 th	<i>Hutton u3a Committee Meeting</i>	
Oct 25 th	<u>'Walking the Essex Coastline- 250 miles'</u>	<u>John Merrill</u>
Oct 26th	ALL DAY EVENT (See Page 4)	New Hall School
Nov 10 th	<u>'The White Mouse; the Story of WW2 Spy Nancy Wake'</u>	<u>Paul Barwick</u>
Nov 16 th	<i>Hutton u3a Committee Meeting</i>	
Nov 22 nd	<u>'The Secrets of a Crossword Setter'</u>	<u>Tim Moorey</u>
Dec 10th	Christmas Dinner Party	Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Finally, the activities and events of our u3a are beginning to resume. Some groups have already met and many others have started the conversation about when and how to meet up again. Members should be receiving information from Group Leaders and other organisers about activities, venues and any COVID management measures that are being put in place.

As our meetings resume, it is essential that: -

All members self-assess both their own fitness and that they do not pose a risk to the health of other members before deciding to attend any Hutton u3a activity.

Ideally, we would want all activities to be available to all members where they can be reasonably accommodated. But, should you feel unwell, are not confident that you are able to take part in an activity safely or pose a possible risk to others then please do not take part. If you have any questions, then do contact the Group Leader or organiser concerned for advice.

Monthly Meeting Monday 27th September:

Our monthly meetings will begin again this month on 27th September but, because of restrictions, the number of places at Bishops Hill will be limited to no more than 48 members. The meeting will be also available by Zoom.

You will need to register for either option online before the meeting using the website and members will only be able to attend at Bishops Hill if they have booked their individual place in advance. Regrettably there can be no exceptions to this.

Please remember to bring your Membership Card with you to Bishops Hill.

If you are unable to book a place online to join the meeting at Bishops Hill then please telephone Paul Sullivan (Webmaster) using the number from the contact list and he will be able to help you secure a place should one be available.

For technical reasons, the Zoom session will be a 'webcast' which means that members will be able to view the presentation but, unfortunately will not be able to communicate with the meeting.

To allow members to attend at Bishops Hill with confidence, in addition to self-assessment, the following measures have been put in place for this and future meetings: -

- **Members attending must either be double vaccinated or have had a negative lateral flow test in the 48 hours immediately prior to the meeting.**
- **Social Distancing of at least 1 metre (40 inches) must be maintained (other than with household members) unless seated.**
- **Face masks must be always worn unless seated.**
- **No refreshments will be provided.**

By attending the meeting, members are agreeing to these requirements for the safety and well-being of all members. **Please do not arrive before 2.00pm.**

Group Meetings:

As part of the restart process, groups, and particularly Group Leaders, will be having conversations about any COVID management measure they wish to have in place for their meetings. Self-assessment is a requirement for all activities, but a group may, if they wish, also require any, or all, of the four measures listed above which have been approved by the Committee.

Any measures in place must be communicated to the members involved, who would usually have been consulted about these arrangements in advance. Other measures should not be put in place without first seeking agreement from the Committee through the Chairman. It is not acceptable to require members to be double vaccinated in order to take part in any Hutton u3a activity.

In order to help groups resume their meetings, some financial support is available from central funds until 31st March 2022. This will particularly be the case for groups where a significant number of members attend meetings, but the £3 subscription is not sufficient to cover the hiring cost of a room at either Bishops Hill, Hutton Community Centre or St. Peter's Hall. Group Leaders should get in touch with the Treasurer to talk through any difficulty.

Annual General Meeting:

As notified earlier in the month, the Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 8th October at 2.30pm. This event will only be available through Zoom and further details will be sent to members later this week.

The AGM 2022 is expected to be held in May.

We enter the autumn with a sense of optimism. Our membership numbers have grown over the past year and many groups are keen to meet again and enjoy the companionship which our u3a provides. With the care and consideration circumstances require, hopefully all members will feel able to benefit from everything Hutton u3a can offer.

Take Care.

Message from the Membership Secretary

Can I please remind members to send any changes to their contact details to the Membership Secretary as soon as they can?

In normal times it is important we have the right details, and even more so currently with email being our main communication medium.

Please check your junk or spam folders and add our email addresses to your email address book.

If you wish to check your membership details, please visit: https://www.huttonu3a.org.uk/members/membership/member_detail.php

Groups Co-ordinator's Report

We are hoping to set up two new Groups once Covid has retreated. These are:

- a Film and TV Group
- a Let's Dance Group

If you are interested in any or all of these, please go to the web-site to register your interest under the New Groups Heading or click [here](#) to follow the link. Alternatively, you can contact me, Jane Grandison (Groups co-ordinator), my contact details are on the attached Contact List.

Group Leaders may be reassured to know that all equipment used by our u3a has now been PAT tested and arrangements have been made for this to be undertaken annually.

Social Secretary's Report

Members' Activities Day Tuesday 26th October, 2021 at New Hall School

Members' Activities Day, Tuesday, 26th October 2021

We have had such a good response to this event that if you have yet to reserve your place but would still like to attend, please contact me (Eileen Damsell) and I can let you know the activities where space is still available. My email address is on the attached contact list.

Christmas Party, Friday, 10th December 2021

We are returning to the Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, Mount Avenue, Hutton, CM13 2NS at 6.45 for 7.15 pm – 11.00pm. There will be a 3 course meal with coffee. All courses will be plated up for, at the moment, there is no silver service. The cost is **£32** per person. A cash bar is available (please do not bring your own drink as there will be a corkage charge). The entertainment will be provided by singer, Dan Sharp.

There is a choice of menu, including a vegetarian option details as below:

Starters

A Mushroom Soup GF (DF/LF available)

B Avocado & Prawns with Marie rose sauce (incl mayonnaise)

C Fanned melon is available for members for whom neither of the above is suitable.

Roll & butter provided

Mains

D Roast Turkey with all trimmings GF available including gravy (LF/DF)

E Poached salmon in hollandaise sauce (GF) (LF/DF)

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available)

F Vegetarian - Roasted vegetables & butternut squash in filo tart (GF LF DF available)

Desserts

G Christmas pudding with brandy sauce on the table (custard/cream can also be available - state preference)

H Fresh Fruit salad and cream (ice cream, veg and diabetic)

Coffee with mince pies plus mints.

A booking form is **attached**, and is also on the Hutton u3a website. To book on-line through the Hutton u3a web-site please follow this link to

https://huttonu3a.org.uk/public/members/events/display_events.php

Confirmation of registration will be issued once payment, either by cheque or bank transfer, has been made. I believe it is all self explanatory, but please do contact me if you have any queries (my details are on the attached contact list) Don't forget to advise of any dietary requirements along with the names of members with whom you might wish to share a table.

Come and have some fun and join the party.

Third Age Trust Events and News

There are numerous events being organised nationally by the Third Age Trust as well as access to events on offer from other U3As. Why not Log on to the U3A website [here](#) where you can find out more information.

Podcasts have resumed for the autumn and the latest can be accessed [Here](#)

Our regional team have produced an interesting update about what is taking place in the area. We are proposing to put this on our own website so do look out for it.

October 2021 Newsletter

Group leaders or any members wishing to contribute should send entries by the afternoon of Tuesday 19th October to the email address: newsletter@huttonu3a.org.uk.

Coronavirus Information

For the latest national information please log on to the Government website [here](#).

And click [here](#) to access the Brentwood Borough Council website for local information.

For Hutton u3a requirements please see the Chairman's report on Page 3.

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Speaker Secretary's Report

Report on Speaker at meeting for 23rd August

The speaker was George Lockwood, who is an organic gardener, plantsman and gardening consultant who learnt his trade at Capel Manor college in Enfield. Every photo of a plant he showed was accompanied by an explanation of when it flowers, what type of soil it needs and what aspect it prefers. He mainly talked about perennials growing at Highgrove, the residence of Prince Charles, in the Cotswolds.

He is indeed a fountain of knowledge regarding gardening and answered questions from the members after the talk.

Report on Speaker at meeting for 8th September

Our speaker was Siobhan Clarke, who is a guide and lecturer on historical palaces.

She presented a fascinating and colourful talk on 'The secrets of Hampton Court Palace'. Her talk was accompanied by a power point presentation of the splendid interior and exterior of the palace, including the grounds.

We saw some beautiful paintings, tapestries and the magnificent great hall with all the colourful walls and gilding.

I am sure all enjoyed this talk and I am in the process of re booking Siobhan to come to us in a couple of years.

Face-to-Face Meetings and Zoom Talks

We will resume face-to-face meetings in September but with limited capacity at Bishops Hill it is **ESSENTIAL** to book your place beforehand – we are unable to exceed the limit set by the venue. You will also need to bring your membership card, so it might be a good idea to start looking for the 'safe place' where you put it during lockdown. For those unable or unwilling to attend the meeting will also be on Zoom in the form of a webcast (you will not be able to interact). Please ensure you book for this also.

If you do not have access to a computer please phone Paul Sullivan whose number is on the Contact List.

We will continue until the end of the year with our extra monthly Wednesday talk on Zoom for any members who feel they are not yet ready to join us in person or who have been unable to book a seat at the meeting.

Hutton U3A Website

Please don't forget to check out the notices page on our website from time to time. It can be accessed from the menu bar on our public homepage <https://huttonu3a.org.uk>. Please note that from now onwards you will need to enter your email and password to access the page.

As we think about restarting our group activities, it is a great time for Group Leaders to review their group's web page which can be found at

https://huttonu3a.org.uk/members/groups/group_listing.php

If you are a Group Leader and need any help bringing it up to date or adding resources that may be helpful to current and prospective group members, please don't hesitate to contact Paul who will be pleased to help you.

Zoom technical advice and support

If any Group leaders would like any technical help in setting up and running their group via Zoom, Roger Griffiths would be happy to help you - please see page 2 for his email address.

Contact List

The current version of the contact list is attached to this Newsletter.

All group leader contact details are also available in the members' section of the Hutton U3A website.

Book Exchange

Judy Warner

The book exchange will restart when we are back to full meeting capacity at Bishops Hill.

Monthly Speakers' Meetings

Doors Open 2.00pm for
Curtain Up at 2.15pm

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE BISHOPS
HILL MEETING - PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE
BEFORE 2.00pm**

MONDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Anthony Poulton-Smith

**'Watling Street – Famous 'Roman
Road' – Why the Empire?'**

Anthony will present a talk about this famous 'Roman road'. He will explain why it is more than one road and, indeed, why it was a road several hundred years before the Roman Empire even existed.

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The meeting will also be on Zoom in the form of a webcast

To make either booking [click here](#)

If you do not have access to a computer please phone Paul Sullivan whose number is on the Contact List.

MONDAY 25th OCTOBER

John Merrill

'Walking the Essex Coastline'

John is acknowledged as Britain's most experienced hiker and the world's greatest marathon walker, having so far walked (prior to Covid-19) more than 227,800 miles on walks throughout the world. Hear what he has to say about his experiences along our own local coastline.

To make a Zoom booking [click here](#)

Bishops Hill details will be available shortly.



**Extra Speaker Meeting
Delivered via Zoom
2.30pm**

WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2021

David Drury

'Hidden London: An Assortment of Lesser Known Treasures'

**Look beyond the Tower of London and the Houses of Parliament and
join David in a journey of discovery.**

To make your booking please [click here](#)

Group Activities

ART HISTORY

Linda Gray

I have decided not to continue leading the Art History Group.

It's has been very enjoyable discovering the life, times and works of artists both ancient and contemporary. I've been supported and encouraged by a very loyal and enthusiastic group, many of which can be counted as friends.

If anyone wants to continue the group they can do so with my blessing.

As the art galleries are now open there are many exhibitions which are worth visiting:

- David Hockney at the Royal Academy
- Masterpieces from Buckingham Palace at the Queen's Gallery including some fabulous Vermeer, Rembrandt, Rubens etc
- Poussin at the National Gallery
- Rodin at Tate Modern
- Paula Rego at Tate Britain

There are usually some interesting exhibitions in the Cork Street Galleries including Peter Blake. There are always new artists to discover and Sky Art has many documentaries.

To anyone who is in Suffolk, a visit to the Artangel presentation at Orford Ness; 'Afterness', installations and soundscapes in the abandoned Ministry of Defence buildings is worthwhile.

Art can be found and enjoyed everywhere. Perhaps members could share experiences of work found in galleries, both local and national (Judy is excellent at that).

I trust that you are all keeping well and will continue your journey of Art discovery.

A Message from Jane Grandison on behalf of the Committee

After many years of leading a very successful Art History Group Linda Gray is taking a well deserved rest. Her knowledge and beautiful slides have been much valued by the members of the Group who have learnt so much from her.

ART GROUP

Chris Birchley



The painting group has started a study of the human form. We have visited this before are pleased to be trying it again. Our recent work on the Olympics incorporated the human form in different ways.



ASTRONOMY

Geoff Towler

We met on 14th of September via Zoom. Starting with a report on the 'Sky at Night Question Time' programme recorded at the Civic Theatre, Chelmsford. It was a pity that the questions put to the panel had been predetermined and there were no spontaneous questions allowed from the floor. The questions, however, were quite varied, and there was an interesting presentation on events to be seen in the night sky from now to the end of 2022.

This was followed by a presentation on the planets of the outer solar system, and their moons. It is surprising that a number of the moons have become prime candidates for finding life in our solar system in spite of the planets themselves being very cold.

A key feature is finding liquid water on some of the moons such as Enceladus and Europa. Frictional forms of heating have warmed them. There are no immediate plans to send a spacecraft to these moons, although some detailed planning has been done. This is because two recent spacecraft have been approved for a journey to Venus

instead.

Our next meeting will be by Zoom on Tuesday the 12th October at 1.30 pm for a 2pm start.

BOOK GROUP – A

Margaret Bolton

This month we have read and enjoyed the following books between us:-

'Revelation' by C J Sansom
'Small Pleasures' by Clare Chambers
'The Other Side of the Bridge' by Mary Lawson
'Hamnet' by Maggie O'Farrell
'The Midwife's Daughter' by Patricia Ferguson
'The Light Between Oceans' by M L Stedman
'Black Water Lilies' by Michel Bussi
'Home - A Philosophy of Personal Space' by Mel Thompson
'Heresy' by S J Parris
'Kim' by Rudyard Kipling
'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens

BOOK GROUP – PURPLE PRIDE

Judy Warner

We had a good discussion about 'Girl, Woman, Other' by the Booker Prize winner Bernadine Evaristo. We all had trouble keeping the cast of characters sorted out in our minds. Some of us would have preferred fewer characters and more character development but we all enjoyed the variety on offer, the quality of the writing and the opportunity for another view of women in British society. We would all like to read another novel by her.

Next month's meeting will be at Mary's on 12th October at 2.00pm when we will be talking about 'A Fine Balance' by Rohinton Mistry

COMPUTING HELP AND TEACHING

Roy Fisher & Alex Hakim

This Group now meets once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. It will be via Zoom for the foreseeable future.. It will cater for help on all of desktop PCs, laptops, tablets and phones.

So far we have had two meetings but only one member attending. Both these meetings were a good test of how we can solve problems using Zoom screen sharing and instructing the member on mouse positioning and key depressions to get the required result. If you want to join in to solve a particular problem or just to observe how it is done, please contact Alex or Roy by phone or email before the next meeting on Wednesday 13th October at 2.00pm.

DISCUSSION

Mike Gill

(Copy courtesy of Eileen Damsell)

Last month we discussed what we had learnt during lockdown. We agreed that we had to become more patient and many of us have explored and become familiar with additional technology e.g. Zoom.

Unfortunately, the September meeting has been cancelled and therefore the next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th October when the subject will be 'Fun'.

EXPLORING ENGLISH LITERATURE

Brenda Wray

We had a good session earlier this month on 'The Wife of Bath' discovering her character with all its foibles and inconsistencies.

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6th October, but I am presently unable to confirm this; I will let you know nearer the time when hopefully events that day will be clearer.

In the meantime do continue reading the tale and information about it.

FAMILY HISTORY

John Nicklin

We went through a roundup of what is happening in family history circles.

'Ancestry' has added the Westminster Wills 1504 to 1829, Staffordshire transcriptions of births, marriages and deaths (BMD) 1538 to 1900 in 4 data sets.

'Find my Past' has added the Warwickshire Parish records of births, marriages and deaths, Birmingham area. The other main announcement is the World War Two service records are to be transferred to The National Archives; further announcements are expected over the coming months.

Continuing with back to basics we looked at marriage certificates and records. Starting with English records, the certificate has basically remained unchanged since 1837, although very recently amendments have been made. Prior to this, and back to about 1754, these were recorded in pre printed Parish books which stated both parties' names with signatures and the two witness signatures. A minor change took place about 1812. Prior to 1754 records were kept in the same book as baptisms and burials. These can be difficult to read and can be in Latin. We looked at a record from 1666 which was in Latin.

Scottish certificates back to 1857 contain more information than English certificates and prior to 1857 they were in a Parish Book. We then went on to view Canadian records and one Indian record.

We viewed some English marriage certificates that may have breached English marriage laws. A female spouse married her deceased husband's brother in 1842, this wasn't valid until 1921. There was also a possible example of bigamy in 1895; both parties stating widower and widow.

The next meeting will be Monday 11th October 2021 at 2.00pm via Zoom, new members are welcome. Unfortunately I will not be available for this meeting.

FRINGE THEATRE GROUP (C)

Sue Cork

Sue is stepping down from leading this group and has the following to say:

Many thanks to all our lovely members who have helped create such fond memories of all the plays we enjoyed or grumbled through. It was such fun and I will miss you all. Stay well (Sue).

The Committee would like to thank Sue for all her hard work over many years and I'm sure her group members are very grateful to her for the trips she has organised.

This means, of course, that, this group is now looking for a new leader. If you would like to take on this role please contact Jane Grandison, Groups Co-ordinator.

GARDEN VISITS

Mary Aarons

I hope you are enjoying your own gardens and have managed to visit some National Garden Scheme gardens too.

I will resume garden visits next spring. Hopefully by then we will have restarted our monthly meetings.

GUITAR

This group is now looking for a new leader. If you would like to take on this role please contact Jane Grandison, Groups Co-ordinator.

The Committee would like to extend their thanks to Terry Pearce who ran this group so successfully for many years.

HISTORY

Judy Warner

Meeting for the first time in person gave us all a lift. We had a set of presentations to pull together a portrait of Rudyard Kipling. Jan told us about his childhood in India and his traumatic transfer back to the UK and his subsequent education. Steve and Jenny filled us in on his time in India as a journalist and his views on the Empire. Sue then provided us with details of his specially commissioned house in Vermont. Michael showed us how Bateman's in Sussex was a very different type of family home. Judy went through his children's books and then to cries of "Can I have a glass of water?" Sue and Clive gave us a splendid bedtime story, 'How the Camel got his hump'.

Next month we will be investigating the subject of Apartheid at Hutton Community Centre on Thursday 14th October; 7.45pm for setting up with the meeting to run from 8.00pm to 9.45pm

LATIN

**Mary Argent
Admin - Sue Hammond**

This group does plan to restart but not before next year therefore we are surveying our members to check who wants to continue. So if you haven't let Sue know yet, can you just send a yes or no response. Mary has promised a recap for all our rusty brains; she also has plans to add extra content to each session that will use other texts alongside the 'Ecce Romani' scheme in order to encourage discussion about the Romans.

LIVING PHILOSOPHY

Sally Adams

Eleven of us met via Zoom in September and there were several apologies which suggests that we are still a well-stocked and enthusiastic group despite not meeting for real since February 2020. We plan to continue via Zoom until January 2022 when I will look again at the possibility of meeting in person.

The planned topic for 15th October is 'Edward de Bono: different ways of thinking.' He was an influential thinker and writer who died in June, aged 88 and best known for his concept of lateral thinking. The Zoom presentation will be based on his book 'Six Thinking Hats'.

MODERN LANGUAGES – FRENCH CONVERSATION

Michael Duggett

Our group started meeting again in mid-September, schooled by our expert Madame Sim. We discussed the humour of the theory of chaos, the quality of *cidre* as opposed to cider, one of our members' dog winning a prize, and French environmental policy. And did you know that the French word 'mur' (various spellings and accents) for 'blackberry' also means 'ripe' as well as 'wall'?

MODERN LANGUAGES – ITALIAN IMPROVERS

Janet Rudd

We have not been able to get together for a very long time now for various reasons so there isn't anything to report at the moment. We may possibly restart in mid October, depending on people's circumstances.

MODERN LANGUAGES – SPANISH CONVERSATION

Margaret Gil

Unfortunately I had to cancel the Zoom sessions planned for September due to illness. I had hoped to resume face to face meetings on Thursday 21st October but I will confirm this with group members nearer the time.

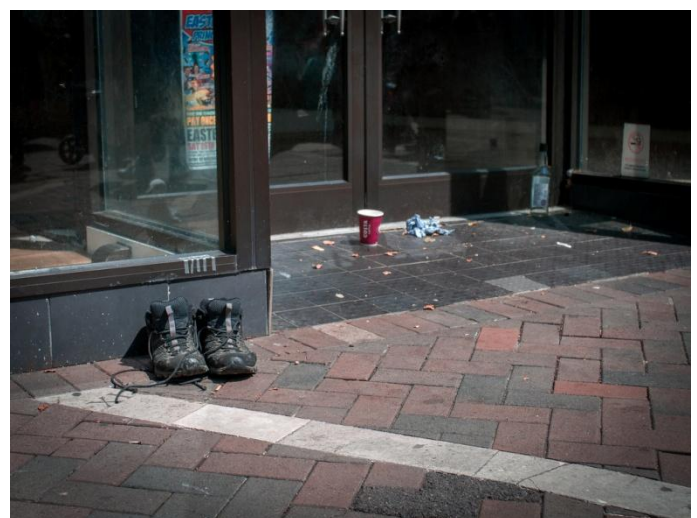
MONEY & INVESTMENT

Karen Redner

Now that Covid restrictions on activities are gradually being lifted, Group Members have been asked to consider whether our monthly meetings might restart later this autumn, bearing in mind that precautions in addition to vaccination will need to be taken to safeguard the health of persons attending.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Peter Knight



Our theme for this month was 'Social Commentary', which proved somewhat of a challenge. As usual photos taken by members were reviewed by the group on the monthly (Zoom) meeting.

For those interested, members photographs can be viewed by visiting the HU3A Photo Flickr site at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/109211966@N06/albums>

Further, if you would like to improve your photography skills by joining our group then please feel free to contact me.

PLAY READING**Sue Shaper**

Our August play was 'Worzel Flummery' by A. A. Milne. We had only read very modern plays until now so this made an enjoyable and amusing change.

The next session will be on 28th September at 10.00am. It will be our first ever face-to-face meeting and the chosen play is 'Humpty Dumpty' by Jean Cowgill.

New members would be most welcome so please do get in touch.

POETRY**Margaret Bright**

We will be meeting on the second Wednesday in the month from 2.00pm until 4.00pm and we will have our first meeting on 13th October. We are planning to bring a favourite poem to discuss for that day and then decide who would like to lead the group, where we would meet and how we would like to proceed.

So if you feel you would like to give it a go, and increase the super six to a magnificent seven, please would you email me at the Newsletter email address on the front page. If you do not have access to email, my phone number is on the contact list.

QUIZ**Clive Waddington**

The U3A monthly quiz will resume on Wednesday 6th October at St Peter's Church Hall, Claughton Road at 7.00pm. I will be contacting all current members in the next few days.

If any other U3A members would like to join us, my details are on the contact list. Cost of entry to the quiz will be £3.

**RUMMIKUB – A (2ndWednesday)
RUMMIKUB – B (4thThursday)****Jane Hobbs
Jane Hobbs**

If anyone wishes to become the new leader of these groups please would they contact Jane Grandison, Groups Co-ordinator.

SCRABBLE**Lois Morton**

The next games will be at Lois' house on **Wednesday** 20th October at 2.00pm.

Yes I do mean Wednesday, as 2nd Thursday I'm in Snowdonia.

SHAKESPEARE**Alastair West**

It was good to see new and familiar faces when we resumed our monthly meetings on 6th September at the Hutton Community Centre.

To contrast with the last play that we studied, 'Hamlet', we are beginning this new season with two comedies, 'Love's Labour's Lost' and 'Much Ado about Nothing'. We started the session by viewing the start of Christopher Luscombe's 2014 production for the RSC of 'Love's Labour's Lost', which sets the play in the last Edwardian summer before the outbreak of war in 1914. In a striking pairing of the two plays, Luscombe also directed 'Love's Labour's Won' ('Much

Ado about Nothing') for the RSC, setting the play in the aftermath of World War One. We then read Act 1 of 'Love's Labour's Lost'.

Our next meeting at Hutton CC will be on 4th October when we will continue with our reading/viewing/discussion of 'Love's Labour's Lost'.

On 20th September we had a Zoom meeting at which we finished our study of 'Hamlet' with a discussion of the last two chapters of Shapiro's book, '1599', and looked in detail at some of Hamlet's soliloquies.

For our next Zoom meeting on 18th October we agreed to read John Webster's 'The Duchess of Malfi', a Jacobean revenge tragedy.

STEM**Peter Froebel**

The STEM group took a holiday in August so we did not hold a meeting. The next Zoom meeting is on Wednesday 22nd September when we will watch a talk on Global Warming.

We will also be discussing whether we want to start meeting again in person from October. With the potential ongoing risk from Covid, not everyone is keen to restart the face-to-face meetings, although many are. We will look at a number of options.

TABLE TENNIS**Joy and Graham Wale**

Table Tennis has re-started at last. Existing players and any Hutton U3A members wishing to play are invited to come along to the Hutton Community Hall on Thursdays at 7.00pm for an hour.

For everyone's protection and for the time being, we ask that players wear suitable clothing and are either fully vaccinated against Covid or can prove negativity when entering the hall via the rear entrance. Please bring your own sanitiser and a mask if you need to use the hall's facilities at any time during our sessions.

During lockdown the hall upgraded its table tennis tables. The new ones are super and just waiting for us to use, so please come along and enjoy.

Hutton U3A members wanting more information should contact Joy or Graham as per the Contact List.

TOWN STUDY GROUP**Sue Shaper**

We held the inaugural meeting of the group this month with 11 people joining us either via Zoom or in person. After discussion we took a number of decisions about how the group will operate and are looking forward to getting started with our first town which will be Harwich. Group members will spend the next 3-4 months finding out about aspects of the town's history and of life there today and then we will organise a group visit to follow up on topics that have interested us.

We will be meeting at 2.15pm on Fridays of Week 1 at Hutton Community Centre and the group is now fixed for this first topic. If others would like to join us then they will be welcomed at the start of our next town study. So please let me know if you would like to be contacted when that time comes.

UKELELE

Sue Hammond

Our first session back together was well attended with everyone happy to be strumming again. We have a new bright and airy room so that we could be well spaced.

It was a joy to get into all our old favourites using the songs on the CD - nothing too tricky as we are a bit rusty. But we felt that we did quite a good job of it. In honour of the Everly Brothers and as requested by a member, we played 'Bye Bye Love'.

Our October sessions are on Thursdays 7th (starting at 2.00pm) and 21st (starting at 3 pm just for this session) at Hutton Community Centre.

WALKING - LONDON WALKS

Judy Warner

The next walk will be on Friday 24th September and repeated on 22nd October.

It is entitled 'St Paul's to Trafalgar Square, Monuments and Sculptures' and will take roughly 2 - 2 ½ hours.

We will meet at Stratford Station, Central Line westbound platform for our 10.15am departure to St Paul's.

To accommodate social distancing, the groups for both dates will be limited to 8. Places are available on both dates.

WALKING - THURSDAY WALK

Chas Hammond

We continue to enjoy the best of the local countryside and seasonally good weather. Our recent walks have taken us to Warley Gap then over fields alongside the M25. I was very surprised to see a flock of about 30 guinea fowl loose in a field and also some rabbits, which seem rare lately.

The next week we ventured through Weald Park and past the chicken farm. It was quite cold so the birds were mostly inside.

On 2nd September, going from Bentley Church to Navestock, we walked through a corridor of Himalayan Balsam which was well over head height, then through a field of giant maize. I believe this is grown to make ethanol (to make the E10 in petrol). It was about 10 feet tall, grown from a single seed in a few months.

On 9th September we set off from Blackmore Village Hall heading to Norton Mandeville Church; a really quaint old building which is well worth a visit. Judy entertained us with some interesting facts and history of both the church and the Hall.

On 16th September we returned to Fishers Green, walking to Broxbourne where we enjoyed some cool refreshments in the local hostelry, returning along the Lea navigation canal past some expensive waterfront houses and lots of boats moored along the canal.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I hope that you have enjoyed these quizzes during the various lockdowns. Now that we can meet with family and friends and so many groups are restarting I feel there is no longer the need to include a monthly quiz in the Newsletter as we are all becoming so busy again. If you find you miss them then why not join our Quiz Group which has its first meeting on 6th October. See Page 11 for details

AUGUST QUIZ - ANSWERS

Single Splits

1. TE GR PO ANA ME pomegranate
2. ER SH NG FI MO fishmonger
3. ARY RET SEC secretary
4. VE EC DE TI T detective
5. PT CO ER LI HE helicopter
6. ME GE TR ES NT AN estrangement
7. AN MU EO LY SI LT US simultaneously
8. CC SF SU UL ES LY UN unsuccessfully
9. VE OWA CR MI microwave
10. ED LE CR IB IN incredible
11. FI H GO NC LD goldfinch
12. EH SE OR ST OU storehouse
13. IC TA RO CA ST PH catastrophic
14. SE ON ATI OB RV observation
15. SE OU RS TR trousers
16. TY TA IM NT SE LI EN sentimentality
17. LIO NE BI US SS biliousness
18. ST OLO GI ZO zoologist
19. US TY NNO RA tyrannous
20. SH LL YFI JE jellyfish
21. VE CTI JE OB objective
22. SA LE TI VER versatile
23. TH OS OPA TE osteopath
24. RO MA RIG LE rigmarole
25. RY NC RFU TO PE perfunctory
26. IC T EN MA IG enigmatic
27. AN NT CA KE US RO cantankerous
28. LE KE FF RFU kerfuffle
29. ND WH I L W IR whirlwind
30. VE TRO RT EX extrovert
31. CU NIS MI LE miniscule
32. N EA LE PP PI pineapple
33. TY TA IM NT SE LI EN sentimentality
34. GR TO PHO HY AP photography

Double Splits

35. IC RD HA TR KY hard tricky
36. FER ZE BLA NO IN blaze inferno
37. RE TU IZE CAP SE capture seize
38. FI NT IS ED CO SAT ENT satisfied content
39. TAB ATE PRO SUI LE AP PRI appropriate suitable
40. OW AR BE RO LL bellow roar
41. GO HT CAR EIG FR cargo freight
42. UD LE DE SW FRA IND defraud swindle
43. OR BE ER SU RI PE TT superior better
44. AL SIC AM BA ND ENT FU basic fundamental
45. LU OD DE FLO GE flood deluge
46. ECT CO GHT RI RR correct right
47. KE FE ER CO FA UNT IT counterfeit fake
48. BI TI NA XT ON URE MI COM mixture combination
49. GAN OR TIC MO GI US EN gigantic enormous
50. SEN TI LE CT IN TA SS SI VE insensitive tactless

Triple splits

51. LP ASS AB HE IST ET help assist abet
52. EW RD RE VI OK GA LO look view regard
53. NCL SH TER CO FI UDE MI TE NA NI conclude finish terminate
54. CK CO DE RE NSI EM ON DER reckon consider deem
55. IST IN REF CE DES RA ASE cease desist refrain
56. OVE UTE PO STI DE T IMP OR ED SH RI poor destitute impoverished
57. PRE ZE KN ECO R OW ND HE COM GNI know recognize comprehend
58. PLE SY SS TLE FOR SIM EF EA simple easy effortless
59. ILL NT SI QU LE ST IET quiet silent still
60. UP RI UL ST DIC LLY OUS ID SI silly stupid ridiculous

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