

AUGUST 2022

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN SEPTEMBER DUE TO THE EDITOR BEING ON HOLIDAY

Unlike most other months, August has just one birthstone – peridot. One of the lesser-known gems, peridots come in shades from grass-green to a more earthy olive hue. They’re quite a unique gem, really, and quite rare as they can only be found from two quite different sources – they can be formed deep in the earth and expelled to the surface along with lava, and they can be found in meteorites! It is claimed that peridots have healing powers and can protect the bearer from evil.

Chairman’s chat:

At our committee meeting last week we had wide-ranging discussions about financial matters. The Third Age Trust, the parent organisation of almost all u3as, is proposing an annual increase in capitation fees (an amount we have to pay each year based on our membership level which pays for most centrally provided services such as insurance cover). We decided that we would oppose this resolution at the Third Age Trust AGM in October as we feel that the current level of capitation is too high and does not represent value for money. We also feel that in the current economic situation (or is it a crisis) the Third Age Trust should be looking to make economies of its own rather than relying on member u3as to prop it up. Hopefully, we will be able to let you know in the October newsletter how that went.

We have also been looking at our own finances and are determined not to raise the membership fee unless it becomes absolutely necessary. To that end we are looking at making changes to the format of our monthly raffle to make it more appealing with higher-value prizes, moving our own AGM to the December meeting and incorporating it with our own Christmas party rather than paying an external speaker. Watch this space, as they say!
Jim Morrison

There is a “u3a day” event at Chester House Estate (off the A45 eastbound between Wellingborough and Ditchford) on 21st September at which most of the Northamptonshire u3as will be represented. There will be a hog roast and pizzas and a range of events including tours of the estate so please spread the word among your friends – particularly those who are not yet u3a members!

There has been an issue with our Groups Calendar accessible from our website: some group meeting start and finish times have been displayed incorrectly as a result of changes made to the national Beacon system. The background issue has now been resolved but some errors may remain. Group leaders have been asked to check the events listed for their own groups so hopefully remaining errors will be few and far between. If you see an unexpected start or finish time for a routine group meeting on the calendar, please check with the group leader.

THE SILVER SURFERS BAND

On Wednesday 20th July our very own Ron Smith's Silver Surfers Band played at Chester House for their "Royal Gala Day". Princess Ann was the official guest performing the opening event.

Ron says: "Sorry the picture of her is a bit blurry but I took it quickly as she walked past with us playing. We had a great time, and I hope she did as well!"

Congratulations to them on this performance – fame at last!



Turkey & Tinsel

Turkey & Tinsel:

I am organizing a 4-day/3-night **Turkey & Tinsel** break in Bournemouth from **Friday 2nd to Monday 5th December** for **£215**.

There is no supplement at the moment for single rooms, but these could be limited. The price includes the coach there & back; bed & breakfast; with a 3 course a la carte dinner on each night. We hope to leave Rushden around 10am with a stop on the way down for refreshments. There will be tea and coffee on arrival at the hotel. There will be entertainment every evening

Friday is designated as "Christmas Eve" and there will be quizzes and/or entertainment after your evening meal.

Saturday is "Christmas Day" and following your breakfast you will have the rest of the day to explore Bournemouth. There is a bus stop opposite the hotel, so it's easy to get to the town centre. Alternatively you can enjoy the hotel's leisure facilities, which include a good size heated indoor pool, and a sauna, together with a cardio gym. In the evening there will be Christmas dinner to include Turkey, Crackers & a Christmas present for everyone.

Sunday is "New Year's Eve" and there will be scones in the afternoon and a glass of fizz to enjoy in the evening.

Monday we will be leaving about 10:30am. On the way home on we hope to stop off at Winchester Christmas Market (weather permitting), for a couple of hours, so you can browse the market, get a coffee or have lunch if you wish. We would expect to arrive back home around 5pm.

Please reply to my home email: peterandjeanmole@btinternet.com

Please note that this event is fully sold out and there are currently no more rooms available at our Hotel. However I am happy to take names on a reserve list in case one or more members cancel.

Jean Mole



Special Events Group:

The Cher Show: "Music Icon turned Hollywood Royalty the award-winning queen of reinvention has conquered it all. It's now time to turn back time with this fabulous new musical from the writer of Jersey Boys. With six decades of stardom, and over a hundred million records sold, this is Cher, and this is her show. Three West End stars play Cher. From a young kid with big dreams, to the dizzying heights of global stardom, The Cher Show tells the incredible story of Cher's meteoric rise to fame, flying in the face of convention at every turn. In a dazzling glitter fest of flamboyant glory, sparkling with Cher's signature wit and style, you'll be spinning in the aisles to the sounds of her biggest hits, including Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves, I Got You Babe, If I Could Turn Back Time, Strong Enough and Believe."



I have booked 28 seats in the stalls to see a matinee performance of The Cher Show at the Royal & Derngate Theatre on Thursday 12th January. The cost of the tickets is £28 per person. As I have to pay the theatre, in full, by the middle of October, I do require full payment when booking. Cheques to be made out to "Higham & Rushden u3a" or you can pay by BACS. Details as under:

Nat West. Higham & Rushden u3a; Sort code: 54 41 05 A/c: 32986742

If you are using BACS please put "Cher" & your Name, as the reference and either phone me or send me an e-mail to confirm you have paid.

Please note that this is a "Self Drive" event However if you would like to car share, please let me know and I will try and team you up with other members who also wish to car share.

Jean Mole

Important Notice:

When paying for outings via BACS can you please take care to enter the correct account details as people are paying into the main H&Ru3a bank account rather than the social account. The details you should be using for outings are:

Sort Code: 54-41-05 & Account No: 32986742.

The main H&Ru3a account details are:

Sort Code: 54-41-05 & Account No: 32986734

Sister Act:



I already have 28 members down to see a matinee performance of Sister Act at the Curve Theatre, Leicester on Wednesday 19th October. The cost of this theatre trip, including coach is £47.50 and I will be requesting full payment for this trip in the next few days. However, from experience, there are likely to be one or two people who drop out before the day, so if you would like me to add your name to the reserve list, please let me know as soon as possible My email is: peterandjeanmole@btinternet.com Home Phone 01933 626 608 Mobile: 07736 445 658.



Dine at Home

If you are interested in having a meal with good food & good company, please email me on peterandjeanmole@btinternet.com or phone 01933 626608. Jean Mole



Front of House:

Everybody seems to be settling in and we are getting used to the new venue. The bigger tables for Group leaders seem to be working well. It would be good to see more Group leaders at the monthly meeting.

Just a reminder: you can purchase drinks and snacks before or after the talk and you are welcome to stay afterwards for a chat. There are always Committee members around if you need someone to talk to.

Steve Evans 356784



History Group:

September's talk is on the history of Thomas Cook. 2 p.m. on Thursday 1st September, Rushden Masonic Hall. See you there!

Interesting day out to Winston Churchill's home on September 19th.

National Trust members £17, others £35.

£10 non-returnable deposit to History Group table at the August meeting or post to Susan Perkins, 3 Duchy Close, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8BZ Asap. Balance by August 31st please so coach can be paid.

Depart Higham Ferrers Square 8.15am or Orbit Tyres Rushden 8.30am.

Email superduch5@gmail.com for further details.



Scrabble:

We play on alternate Tuesdays between 2pm and 4pm in the Waitrose Community Room.

We welcome new members for a friendly contest which keeps the brain cells active. If you wish to join us, contact John Ellingham or Sally Morton via the u3a website.



Country Dancing:

From 2.0 -3.30 at the Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club which has lots of room and a good floor. There is also a kitchen.

To keep running we need a few more members to cover the hall cost of £20.00 and to enable us to do more interesting dances. We started up in the early days of our u3a. It would be sad to have to fold.

I would like to thank all our regular dancers who have kept the group going. All dances are fully explained and walked through, so do come and join us. Contact me on 01933 622827 for more information.

George Hearnden.



Ten Pin Bowling:

Alternate Fridays 11am till 1:00pm, (See calendar on HR website)

This group is meeting every other Friday to bowl at AMF Wellingborough. The membership allows us to continually book at least 4 lanes and anybody wishing to join is always welcomed – we can add more lanes as required.

The subsidised cost for u3a means we bowl two games for £6.20 total/person.

Tea & Coffee is available for purchase, again subsidised for 50p/drink.

Each session the scores are published on the HR website for record.

Group Leaders: Alan Collison, Martin Cromwell & Alan Nixon



Handicrafts:

At our July meeting we all enjoyed making paper beads and were really pleased with the finished bracelets.

Our August meeting is on Thursday, 25th August, 2 pm at Rushden Bowls Club as usual when you are welcome to bring your own craft to share with us and the meeting is entitled 'Make Do and Mend'. We are not saying what we are making, it is a surprise! You will need a lady's or man's old T-shirt to take part along with some sharp scissors!



We look forward to seeing you there and always welcome new members if you fancy trying us out.

Kathy and Jenny



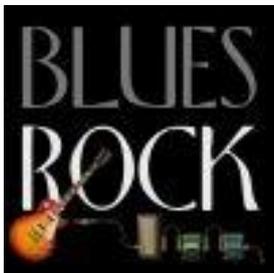
Canasta

There are two groups running now:

The first group is for those members who already play Canasta, and we meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am until 12 noon at my home.

The second group is for beginners and those wishing to learn Canasta. Dates and times are flexible and depend on everyone's availability.

Please contact Jean Mole on 01933 626608 if you are interested in joining either group.



Rock & Blues Group: **NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT!**

Our next meeting is on Thursday 25TH August at 14:00 hours at the leader's house and the topic is the letter B.

This is a friendly and relaxed group for those whose musical tastes are firmly rooted in the decades between the 60s and the 80s and who

get together to listen to tracks they have chosen for a different topic each month.

We have space for new members so if you would be interested please let me know. See me or Maggie (at the newsletter table) at the monthly meeting or come along and see for yourself.

Jim Morrison 07403557556



Computer Group A:



The group meets in Rushden RC Church hall on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month (except September) from 10:00 till 12:00.

We have recently covered Internet Security, PowerPoint, Freeware and Screenshots and topics for the next few meetings include USB, Digital Images and Ripping and Burning. Although recent attendance has been good and the topics well received, we can still find space for new and returning members. For details contact Jim Morrison using the contact form on the H&R website.

Jim Morrison



MMFC (Monday Morning Football Chat). We met again on 8th August at Rushden Golf Club and will be back there every Monday during the football season. **ALL** football fans are welcome, so come and join us at 10am any Monday!

Michael gibbons

Driving:



This event has been brought to our attention and may be of interest to members.

NSRA
Safer Roads Alliance

FREE
Mature Driver Roadshow
13 September 2022

DRIVING SAFER FOR LONGER

Advice on:
Car adaptations
Eyesight
Highway Code changes
How to stay safe
First Aid

The Goods Shed,
227 John Clark Way, Rushden,
NN10 0AW
<https://what-words.com/more-words-startup>

FREE IAM RoadSmart
making Driving Assessments

Click here for FREE Tickets

07500 128459

For those of you reading this online click on the picture for the link. For those reading the paper copy the telephone number is 07500 128459.



W.A.L.T: Would Anyone Like To:

If you are new to our U3A and maybe looking to make friends and socialise more, why not consider joining the "Would Anyone Like To?" Group. W.A.L.T. for short!

The group offers the opportunity to find people to share an event or activity with. ANYTHING AT ALL - because if you want to do it, then there's a good chance that others also will. What a shame it will be if you decide not to do something you really fancy, just because you don't want to do it alone. Contact us through the website or at the monthly meeting at Flutters.

Janet and Ken. Group Leaders.



Wine Appreciation:

There was a good-sized group on Tuesday but Thursday had to be cancelled.

J Navascues Cutio Macabeo, 2020: White Wine from Spain 14%.

Soft, fruity and easy-drinking white made from Spain's very own macabeo (aka viura) grape. This has a light touch with no oak to mask the clean white-fruit flavours.

Castillo del Baron 2020 Rosado Yecla. Monastrell: Rose wine from Spain 13%
Spain's remarkable and diverse contingent of champion Rosados begins in Murcia's Yecla region. An easy-going pale coloured, grapefruit scented charmer.

Parcelas Ecológico Monastrell, Yecla 2016: Red Wine from Spain 13%
Ecologico means organic, which is how this parcel of Monastrell (aka Mourvèdre) from south-east Spain is managed. The result is rich, concentrated and with bags of ripe, healthy blueberry-fruit flavour.

Everyone agreed the Rose was the BEST.

We still have spaces if anyone else want to join.

Steve and Denise 01933 356784.



Bookmarks Again:

The Second Sleep by Richard Harris

This book was written in 2019 and when you first start to read it you are drawn into what seems like domestic and village scenes from the Dark Ages. There is historical evidence that in the past people had a pattern of two sleeps each night as happens in the novel. A priest, Christopher Fairfax, new to a remote Wessex village, discovers a piece of writing from a writer and winner of the Nobel prize called Peter Morgenstern. The letter is dated March 2022. In the letter the writer identifies six possible scenarios.

1. Climate change
2. A Nuclear exchange.
3. A Super-volcanic eruption, leading to rapidly accelerated climate change.
4. An asteroid strike, also causing accelerated climate change.
5. A general failure of technology due either to cyber warfare, an uncontrollable virus, or solar activity.
6. A pandemic resistant to antibiotics.

To go further with the plot would spoil the novel which is an intriguing page turner. The members engaged with the story about a possible distant future, and it certainly was a catalyst for a lively discussion, which we all enjoyed. The ending of the novel was perhaps disappointing but inevitable although others saw it as an opportunity to use your imagination.

Ann Kemp

We now meet the first Monday of the month in the Waitrose Community Room and would welcome new members.

Next time we will discuss the novels of Charles Dickens. In October, our book will be H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald.

Ann Kemp



Cycling Group: Cycling Group:

Our rides are off-road on the gravel tracks between Rushden Lakes, Stanwick Lakes and Thrapston although we have yet to venture as far as Thrapston.

There are currently four leaders in our group enabling us to split rides and in due course we shall be riding to Thrapston, stopping at the

Woolpack public house in Islip or Bennets on Thrapston High Street for a lunch break. The distances from Rushden Lakes to Woodford Lock is a round trip of twelve miles with an extra six miles for the Thrapston circuit.

Our rides are very leisurely and cater for all abilities and are a wonderful opportunity for group socialisation. There is also a great variety of bikes in our group from mountain to hybrid commuter. There is also an increasing proportion of electric bikes within the group.

Details of our rides can be found on the Higham and Rushden U3A website and Beacon website. We hope to see all soon.

Michael Wood





Popular music Appreciation getting another spin.

We used to meet fortnightly at the leader's home in pre Covid times. Our aim is to play some of your CDs and Eps/LPs that haven't had a spin for a while. At each meeting we have a theme Perhaps a colour, type of weather anything that loosely strings the music together. We have break

for refreshments. New and old members welcome.

Anyone who would like to do a presentation would be warmly welcomed.

Please contact Linda or Chris Walker spidar.girl@btinternet.com for details with any time of the week that is good for you. We prefer Mon- Fri.am. or pm up until 4pm.

I should be at the monthly meeting - come and say hallo. A committee member should be able to point me out.

Linda Walker



A Little Aloud:

A Little Aloud meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at the leaders' home between 10.15 -12.15 or on Zoom 10.00 & 10.45 -11.30. New members welcome.. Please contact leaders for more information.

Linda and Chris Walker



Sunday Walk & Lunch Group:

We walk once a month on Sunday, normally meeting at 10 30, usually walking about 2 miles with Chris Ebden. Linda Walker takes the short walkers, we usually walk until the first person says they wish to return.

So if you haven't walked for a while this is a nice safe way to start. We welcome those who want to just walk or those who just want to lunch. We lunch whatever the weather. usually at 12 30 or slightly later in the summer. Please remember your u3a card. The leader will have a copy of everyone's contact on the walk/lunch with them. The next meeting is on Sunday 25th September.

Members new to u3a are very welcome, particularly if you are new to the area.

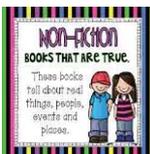
Essential - please book with Chris Ebden for the walk, Linda for the lunch by emailing Grpscord@highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk



Sunday Lunch group:

We know Christmas is a long way off but we would be happy to arrange a Boxing day lunch if there is enough interest. Maybe you need or could offer transport which would be very helpful. Venues usually require a small non-refundable deposit. Please let us know if you are interested. More details to follow in late Autumn.

Grpscord@highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk



Non-Fiction Group:

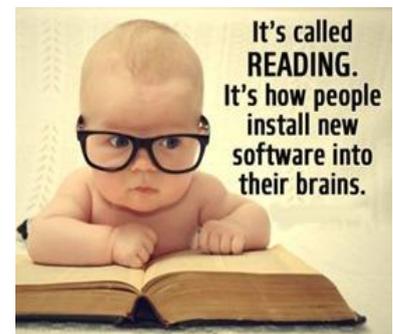
We have been meeting for about 2 years with members from H&R and Wellingborough u3as.

Our book choices are varied. Recently we have read biographies, travel and history, both newly published and from past years.

We meet at the leaders' home in Rushden on the 3rd Monday of each month 10.00-12.00, to discuss our choice of book and choose another. We use Zoom occasionally.

More information from Linda and Chris Walker:

Grpscord@highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk



u3a MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note there is a small charge for non-members. Details can be found on our website or call 01933 522934 for further information.

Speakers 2022

If you, or a friend, have had experience as a speaker at other groups on topics which you think would be of interest to our u3a members then please contact the Speaker Secretary.

Note: - The Speakers may be subject to change.

15 th Aug	Rev. Kelvin Woolmer	Nicker to Vicar
19 th Sep	Vince Eager	You're Never Too Old to Rock & Roll
17 th Oct	Dr Michael Leach	Animals behaving badly.
21 st Nov	Julie Kinnear	Marilyn Monroe
<p>The talk looks at the history and origins of words and phrases, the societies that invented them and how they have become twisted/lost their meaning over time. For example, who originally came up with the phrase "a rolling stone gathers no moss" and did it always mean what it means today? Why do we talk about people receiving benefits to be living "on the dole"? Who is the Bob in "Bob's your uncle"?</p>		
12 th Dec	Chris Murdin	AGM + Sing-along with Singing for Fun

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16 th Jan		
20 th Feb	Malcolm Darrock	Down to Earth. The history of the parachute.
20 th Mar		
17 th April	Paul Robins	Great British Eccentrics
15 th May	Phillip Caine	Barrow to Baghdad & Back Again
19 th June	Julie Kinnear	Wonderful Wicked Wallis
17 th July	Vince Eager	What Time's the Midnight Buffet
21 st Aug		
18 th Sep		
16 th Oct	Martin Lloyd	Passports, Assassins, Traitors & Spies
20 th Nov		
11 th Dec		

GROUP DETAILS

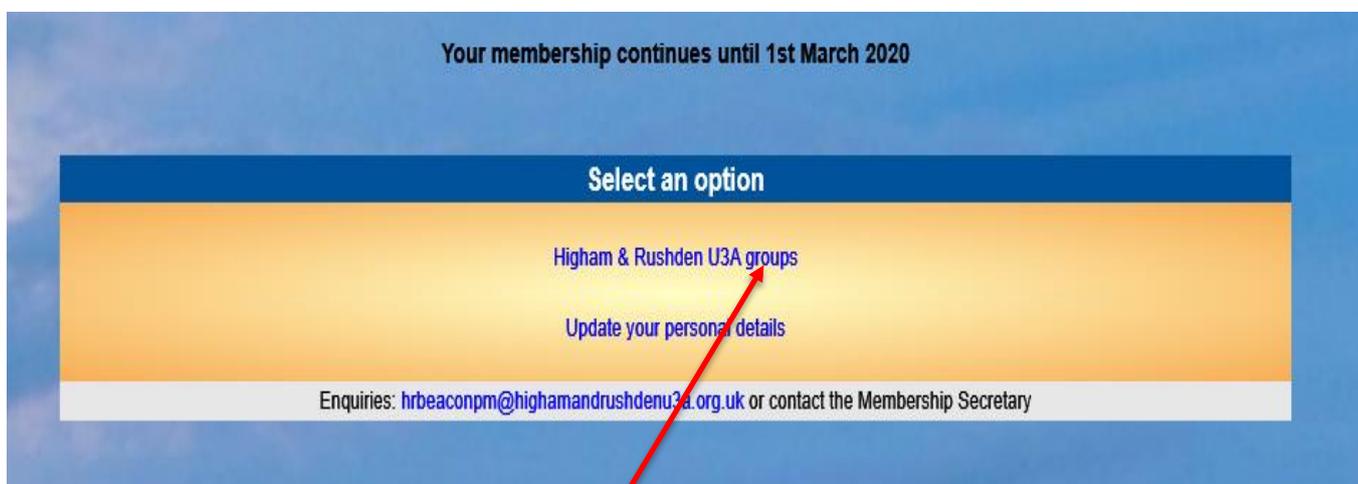
Some Group Leaders have tables at the monthly meeting where you can meet them and find more information.

GROUP	VENUE/DAY	TIME
A Little Aloud	Alternate Wednesdays	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday on Zoom 10.00 & 11.00
Badminton Beginners & Improvers	Pemberton Centre	Wednesday 1400-1500
Badminton for fun	Pemberton Centre	Tuesday 09.00-10.00 & Friday 12.00-13.00
Bookmarks Again	Waitrose Community Room	1st Monday of the month*
Canasta	Saxon Hall, Raunds	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 10.00-12.00
Computing/Technology Grp A	St Peters RC Church Hall Rushden	Mornings 10-12am 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday every month
Computing/Technology Grp B Beginners & Advanced		Mornings 10-12am 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday every month during British Summer Time & 11am -1pm in winter months
Country Dancing	HF WMC	Alternate Mondays 2 00-3.30pm
Country Park Walks	Various Parks	2 nd Sunday 10.30
Cycling multi-Groups	Rushden Lakes	Every Monday
Digital Photography A	Rushden Hall	2 nd & 4 th Wed 10.00 to 12.00
Driving	On the Rd	
Garden	To be advised	
Golf	Various	Alternate Wed & Fri
Guitar Improvers	Rushden Windmill Club	Tuesday 4pm
Handicrafts	Rushden Bowls Club	4 th Thursday each month 2-4pm.
History Group *	Rushden Masonic Hall	1st Thursday each month 14:00
Home Dining	Various	Twice per Month varying days
Knit & Natter	Leader's Home	Alternate Mon 10.00-12.00
Mah-jong for fun	Waitrose Community Room	1st & 3rd Friday 19.00 – 21.00
MMFC	Rushden Golf Club	Weekly Mondays 10am
Non-Fiction Books	Leader's Home	3rd Monday 10.00-12.00
Painting for Pleasure	Waitrose Community Room	Alternate Mondays 14.00-1600
Play Reading	To be advised	1st Tue 13.15-
*Under new leadership		
*New day		
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GROUP	VENUE	TIME
Rock & Blues Appreciation	Leader's Home	Last Thursday of the month 2-4pm
Scrabble	Waitrose Community Room	2-4pm
Singing for Fun	Rushden Hall, Hall Park	Alternate Thu 14.00-16.00
Special Events	Various	Various
Sunday Lunch	Every two Months	Venue varies
Table Tennis	Pemberton Centre	Wed at 13.00
Ten Pin Bowling	AMF Bowl Wellingborough	Alternate Friday 1100-1300
Ukulele	Rushden Transport Club	13.30-15.30 Every Monday
Video Editing	Leader's Home	2nd & 4th Tues 10.00-12.00
W.A.L.T.	Various	Various
Walking	Various	Various
Wine & Dine	Various	Various
Wine Appreciation	Leader's Home	4th Thurs 14.00-16.00

GROUP LEADER CONTACT DETAILS

In accordance with GDPR we don't publish contact details for group leaders on a publicly available website or newsletter. There is a contact form on the website which can be used to email group leaders and u3a officers. If you wish to telephone a group leader you will need to log into Beacon at <https://www.u3abeacon.org.uk/u3aportal.php?u3a=118&sc=LUDEhttps://www.u3abeacon.org.uk/u3aportal.php?u3a=118&sc=LUDE>. You don't need a password or username, just your own



personal details.

Clicking on the Higham & Rushden u3a groups link opens a page listing all our current groups and gives telephone numbers for each leader.



HEDGEHOGS - MATING

Unlike many other animals, hedgehogs don't have a specific fertile period. If they are awake (not hibernating) they can and do mate.

How do hedgehogs mate? Aristotle believed that hedgehogs mated standing up, face to face. This theory was believed to be true for many centuries.

But in fact, hedgehogs mate in the same way as many other mammals with the male mounting the female from the rear. However, the female must be 100% happy with the situation, arching her back and laying her spines flat, to avoid injury to the male.

It can take some time for the female to get in the mood, The courtship process involves the male circling the female and can go on for up to an hour. It's a noisy business and something that you might well hear on summer evenings.

If you find an abandoned hoglet or a sick or injured hedgehog, contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. They can give general advice and perhaps details of a local hedgehog rehabilitator that you can contact (their telephone number is 01584 890801).

COMING IN OCTOBER – RED SQUIRRELS

DID YOU KNOW?

Evidence from fossils suggests that five types of dog had evolved by the Bronze Age, around 4500BC. These were mastiffs, wolf-type dogs, dogs similar to greyhounds, pointing dogs and herding dogs.

A dog's sense of smell is 40 times better than ours – in fact, some dogs can even sniff out medical problems as well as drugs and explosives.

Yawning is contagious, when you yawn, it may often trigger your dog to do the same.

If you know of a u3a member who is celebrating a special anniversary, or who deserves a special vote of thanks please let us know via the contact form on the website. On a more sombre note, if you know of a member who has passed away, please use the same contact form so that we can send a condolence card to the next of kin/family.

EDITORIAL



Once again, I am poised over my keyboard desperately trying to conjure up something relevant and interesting without much success. However, one thing has come to mind and that is how many people I know are returning from holidays having contracted Covid.

It would seem that cruise ships are one of the worst offenders which makes sense as the passengers are all contained in the same spaces. Both Jim and I were considering a river cruise sometime in the near future but have now decided to park that idea for the present. Covid is now such a part of all our lives, and we are going to have to learn that we cannot return to life as we knew it before. Having vaccinations only partly protects us and helps us recover if we contract the disease. Precautions will have to become part of our daily routine, things like hand washing and masks when in crowded surroundings.

I always carry a small pack of antibacterial hand wipes in my handbag or pocket when going out and I use these to wipe the surfaces of whatever I am likely to touch. So far, this precaution seems to have kept me safe and Jim wears a mask often when out and about.

Nevertheless some people have fallen foul of Covid despite having been vaccinated and taken all the necessary precautions. It would seem that no matter how careful we are, we are not completely safe from Covid, but this does not mean we have to shut ourselves away and stop doing the things we enjoy. Let's not allow Covid to take control of our lives.



That's it - I have booked accommodation in our spare room for our holiday this year.

I would never in my life
have imagined that my hands
would consume more
alcohol than my mouth



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Which one of the following was prohibited in Iceland between 1915 and March 1, 1989?
 - a. Roman Catholic mass
 - b. Lawn tennis
 - c. German language books and newspapers
 - d. Beer
2. Although they are not members of the European Union, which four European countries have the right to print and use the Euro currency?
3. The American action film star Steven Seagal has a 7th dan black belt in which martial art?
4. Which Greek root meaning "blue" is often found on a traditional colour wheel between green and blue? Four letters.
5. What are the two most southern E.U. capital cities? One point for each correct answer.
6. The first 'test tube' baby, Louise Brown, was a result of IVF. What do the letters I V F stand for?
7. Which controversial woman with the initials W. S. was Time magazine's first female 'Man of the Year' in 1936?
8. Which 1957 film and Academy Award winner for Best Picture ends with the words "Madness, madness."?
9. Since the introduction of the Open era in 1968, which three tennis players have won a record five men's singles titles at the US Open? One point for each correct answer.
10. The following lyrics are all from songs with the word "Water" somewhere in the song title. Can you name the song? One point for each correct answer.
 - a. Sail on silver girl
 - b. Funky Claude was running in and out pulling kids out the ground
 - c. Well I built me a raft and she's ready for float in', ol Mississippi she's call-in my name
11. Who proudly wears their 'kepis blanch'?
12. Measured in area, what are the four smallest US states? One point for each correct answer.

13. Plus or minus 25, how many commercial flights were hi-jacked in American airspace between the years 1961 and 1972?

14. Who was the first person to appear on the cover of the magazine Rolling Stone?

- a. Muddy Waters
- b. Elvis
- c. John Lennon
- d. Dr Hook

15. Which four ships took part in the tragic Battle of the Denmark Strait during the early hours of the 24th of May 1941? One point for each correct answer.

ANSWERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER