

WE ARE BACK!

After months of frustration, we are now able to return to our monthly meetings at Christ Church.

The first meeting will be held on 2nd September, at 10:00.

If you intend to come to the meeting, please register your attendance on Beacon so that we know how many to expect. If you have problems doing this please email [Peter Ballentyne](mailto:Peter.Ballentyne@u3a.org.uk).

The floral art group will be starting again on the 13th October at lakeside 1pm-3pm.



New members are welcome.

Betty

Colin Weir is still awaiting clearance from Sefton Libraries to resume the Thursday meetings of the Family History Group.



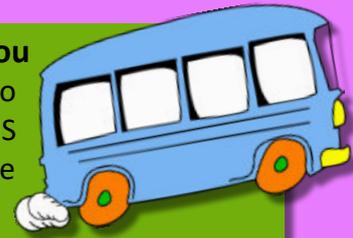
This is due to the layout of the computer terminals and the closeness of the users.

Please write in your diaries that the first meeting will be on Thursday the 9th September, at 10:00 to 12:00. Once underway the group will then meet EVERY THURSDAY. Colin will keep members updated if there are any changes.

How do you make a stool out of a single block of wood, without nails or glue? Click [HERE](#) to find out.



I am pleased to inform you that we have now secured two bookings with RHS Bridgewater and therefore two coach trips have been arranged as follows:



- Wednesday 15th September 2021
- Wednesday 6th October 2021

The coach will depart from Southport at 10.00am and will return at approximately 5.30pm.

The cost will be £19.00 per person and this will include coach travel, entrance fees, parking and a tip for the driver.

For RHS members there is no charge for the entrance fee - the coach trip will therefore cost £11.00 per person. Would RHS members please inform us of their RHS number and it will be necessary to show membership cards on the day.

You can book your place via Beacon on the Southport U3A website. You will need your membership number, email address and post code to access Beacon.

If you have any difficulties in accessing Beacon then please contact [Peter Ballentyne](mailto:Peter.Ballentyne@u3a.org.uk), the U3A Beacon Administrator.

Once you have booked your place please send a cheque made payable to 'Southport U3A' to Derek Kershaw, 2 Old Links Close, Southport PR9 7UB. (Write the date of your visit, name(s) and membership number(s) on the reverse side of the cheque)

All cheques to be received by Friday, 3rd September 2021. Or alternatively, you may pay at the U3A meeting at Christ Church on 2nd September 2021.

Derek Kershaw



- 1 What is the State Capital of Maine?
- 2 What is the capital and largest city in Indonesia?
- 3 The island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean contains which two countries?
- 4 In which country would you find the Dardanelles, scene of a famous WW1 battle?



- 5 What is the Northernmost capital city in Australia?
- 6 With a total length of 10.7 miles, which is the longest bridge in Europe?
- 7 Where would you find the Thar Desert?

- 8 Which stretch of water separates Alaska from Russia?
- 9 Which is the most Easterly town in England?
- 10 Which is the largest of the islands of Japan?
- 11 Off which Australian State is Kangaroo Island located?
- 12 Which mountain range separates France from Spain?
- 13 Into which body of water does Canada's longest river, the Mackenzie, flow?



- 14 Which mountain extends for some 2500 kms across Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia?
- 15 Which three countries share a land border with Mexico?

- 16 In which part of Canada did a gold rush take place in 1896?
- 17 What is the official currency of Myanmar?



- 18 Which river flows through the Grand Canyon?
- 19 El Alamein, the scene of a famous WW2 battle is located in which modern day country?
- 20 Previously known as Mount McKinley, what is the tallest mountain in North America?

The first yoga group is almost full now, with just a few spaces remaining. A waiting list will operate and if there is sufficient interest a second session will be organised. Contact [Ian Homewood](#) for further details.



Cycling For Fun has space for a few more members if you are interested.

* The group has three co leaders David Moore, Alan Moore and myself. We each take it in turn to organise the rides.

* Rides take place between spring and autumn fortnightly and on a Wednesday weather permitting. Advance notice is given about a week before the actual day giving a brief description and the plotaroute reference number for members to review.

It is also standard practice to send out an email on the actual day to advise if the ride 'is on or off'.

* Presently there are 27 members in the group. We have placed a maximum number of 30 people bearing in mind the average amount of participants and the relevant safety factors when riding.

* Routes are invariably local but we do venture on occasions utilising the Merseyrail system where our members can utilise their travel passes minimising the expense. We do try not to use the trains during school holiday periods and presently with the covid pandemic we have not been travelling into Liverpool or further afield so as to avoid crowded trains. Obviously we are reviewing this on a continuous basis.

* We do point out that members should maintain their cycles in a roadworthy condition and that any insurance policies other than the third party risks covered by the U3A policy is their own responsibility.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask the group leader, via their [group page](#).



During World War II a Dutch minesweeper evaded the Japanese for eight days disguised as an island. The crew covered the decks in cut trees and painted exposed surfaces to look like rocks. They moved only at night and anchored closed to shore by day, eventually escaping to Australia.

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Premier League Football (It's back too!)



Friday 13th August 2021

Brentford v Arsenal

20:00 Sky Sports

Saturday 14th August 2021

Man Utd v Leeds United

12:30 BT Sport

Norwich City v Liverpool

17:30 Sky Sports

Sunday 15th August 2021

Newcastle United v West Ham United

14:00 Sky Sports

Tottenham Hotspur v Man City

16:30 Sky Sports



"Hey, Eddie, wanna hear a joke that's offensive now, in bad taste two years from now, funny in eight, and no one gets in twenty?"



AROUND THE WORLD

Answers

learn, laugh, live

- 1 - Augusta
- 2 - Jakarta
- 3 - Haiti and The Dominican Republic
- 4 - Turkey
- 5 - Darwin
- 6 - Vasco Da Gama, Lisbon
- 7 - Indian sub-continent
- 8 - The Bering Strait
- 9 - Lowestoft
- 10 - Honshu
- 11 - South Australia
- 12 - The Pyrenees
- 13 - Beaufort Sea (Arctic Ocean)
- 14 - Atlas Mountains
- 15 - Belize, Guatemala and the USA
- 16 - Yukon
- 17 - Kyat
- 18 - Colorado
- 19 - Egypt
- 20 - Denali

DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING IN NEW VENUE



Our first face-to-face Coffee Morning at our new venue – **Café 1821**, next to Christ Church – took place this Thursday. We had a great turnout with 15 members enjoying coffee, cake, and a chat. It was great to see old and new faces and catch up on everybody’s news. Thanks to everyone who came, it was lovely to see everyone again.

Future Drop-in Coffee Mornings will take place on the **second and fourth Thursdays** of every month in our new venue at **10.30am**. If you are in town, pop in for a coffee and a chat. We will be delighted to see you.

Linda & Yvonne



Men also welcome!

No sensationalism or propaganda. Just a fascinating story of an amazing plane. Whatever your view of the military, the Vulcan’s involvement in the Falklands is an interesting tale of make do and mend. Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video.



Here is one for our cycling group! Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



I can’t say I’m keen on the gear ratio though.