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Editor's note: Zoom

On reading this month's national U3A newsletter I was pleasantly surprised to see how many U3A groups were still running on a monthly basis using online methods like zoom. This got me to thinking about some of our groups.

I know we now have a weekly quiz on zoom run by Graham which, by the way, is great fun. French Conversation also meets twice a month on zoom and the Wine Appreciation Group will be meeting on zoom on June 5th, each of us having a glass of wine and talking about the taste, showing the label and telling the rest of us where it was bought and for how much. The Watercolour group show each other whatever paintings they have done during the month, and there is also online Scrabble.

How about some of our other groups meeting up on zoom or similar.

History, Discussion, Art Appreciation, Creative Writing, Great Lives, Literature could all meet online. I know the Book club are still reading and sharing. Even Here, There and Everywhere could meet virtually and maybe show photos of favourite places and tell a little bit about them and why they are their favourite places.

Let's put our heads together and see how creative we can be.

I would certainly help anyone who wants to set up zoom for that purpose.

To download zoom, go into www.zoom.us and follow the instructions. If you find the instructions are a bit too complicated for you, then get in touch and I'll try to talk you through it.

The zoom training videos on zoom.us are also very helpful.

Zoom is free to download and gives you unlimited time with one person and 40 minutes with more than one. What Graham does with the Quiz evening is after 40 minutes we all come off and refill our glasses or mugs and then get back on for another 40 minutes.

All this is free along with the training videos, you only have to pay if you want to upgrade zoom to allow more time with many more people and to also do more fancy bits.

I hope the above has helped. Please contact me if you would like some help, but I found it easy to set up and use and I'm not computer literate at all, a bit of a dinosaur really.

Please keep sending in news, views, and stories. This newsletter is only three pages this week so keep sending.

Patricia Angove

Answers to last week's quiz - Famous Nicknames

1. Maid of Orleans – **JOAN OF ARC**
2. The Desert Fox - **ROMMEL**
3. The lady with the lamp - **FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE**
4. Slow hand - **ERIC CLAPTON**
5. La Stupenda - **JOAN SUTHERLAND**
6. Stormin' Norman - **GEN. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF**
7. Satchmo - **LOUIS ARMSTRONG**
8. Bard of Avon - **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**
9. Tricky Dicky – **RICHARD NIXON**
10. The professional virgin – **DORIS DAY**

This week's Quiz

WHAT COMES NEXT?

1. Chelsea, Portsmouth, Chelsea ?
2. Brown, Blue, Pink ?
3. Seoul, Barcelona, Atlanta?
4. Reading, Chieveley, Membury ?
5. Becher's brook, Foinavon fence, Canal Turn ?
6. South Africa, Australia, England ?
7. Sergeant, Nurse, Teacher ?
8. Philosopher's Stone, Chamber of Secrets, Prisoner of Azkaban ?
9. Chwech, Saith, Wyth ?
10. Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Ann of Cleaves

An email scam

An email scam claiming to offer a Council tax reduction is hitting inboxes now.

These false emails disguised with UK Government branding and apparently from 'The Government Digital Service Team', offers a supposed council tax reduction. The email quoted the reduction you could obtain and requests the unsuspecting recipient to click on a link to "claim your council tax reduction now"

The link leads to a convincing page, also displayed with UK Government branding, asking for personal details including name, address and banking details.

This yet another 'phishing scam' attempting to steal financial details from unsuspecting members of the public.

If anyone receives an email like this, do not click on the link. Please report the matter to - report@phishing.gov.uk

Feel free to share this information.

Mike Harrison - Devon and Cornwall Police

There is some great advice on other emerging threats which can be found at www.getsafeonline.org and at the National Cyber Security Centre website www.ncsc.gov.uk, which also offers advice and guidance on working from home. Alternatively if you wish to contact us personally, please email cyberprotect@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk and one of the team will endeavour to get back to you as soon as operationally possible.



The Old School is a seagull free zone!

As much as the sound of seagulls reminds us that we live by the sea, we don't appreciate the mess they make on our roof, car and courtyard! However, for about 3 weeks Jenny and I thought the quiet, and lack of gulls was due to having fewer people around, and less scraps for them to scavenge. Not so. We discovered that a neighbour on the development had erected a 14 foot fibreglass pole, with what looks like a child's kite on a short cord. It's a cut out shaped like a bird of prey, which flutters in the wind. The secret seems to be taking it down every few days, so the gulls don't get used to it. So far we have enjoyed 3 weeks of no noise, no nesting, or the sort of deposits we have endured during our last Summer here. All that for just £35, what a bargain!

Graham Petridge

Facts About Greece

The Greek national anthem is the longest in the world with 158 verses.

For many Greeks their "name day", the day of the saint that they are named after is more important than their birthday.

The word barbarian comes from Greek barbaros, which was used to describe people who didn't speak Greek and therefore sounded like they were making unintelligible sounds "bar-bar-bar".

Greece enjoys more than 250 days of sunshine or 3,000 sunny hours a year.

It's illegal to wear stilettos at some archeological sites in Greece as they could cause damage. Scientists say that a stiletto emits more pressure per square inch than the foot of an elephant.

The word tragedy is Greek for goat-song.

The first ancient Olympic Games took place in 776 B.C. The first champion is thought to be a Greek cook, baker, and athlete named Coroebus.

In Greece, it is considered an insult to extend your hand with your palm facing forwards and the fingers extended and apart. This is called the moutza.

Films including Mamma Mia, Captain Corelli's Mandolin, and For Your Eyes Only were filmed across Greece and the Greek Islands.

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