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## u3a JANUARY 2021 - AT HOME MONTHLY MEETING

Hi to **All** and **Wishing you All a Very Healthy and Happy 2021.**

Notification of our January 2021 "At Home" Monthly Meeting.

A time / date to put in your diary -**TUESDAY 12/01/2021 @ 10:30hrs.**

A webinar has been booked for Tuesday January 12th 2021 at 10:30hrs. This has been booked by Lutterworth u3a and is open to Wycliffe members.

We have had some feedback / questions regarding the "changing" day and date of recent "monthly meetings".

To hopefully clarify the position - we have been sharing the administration and cost of these meetings with Lutterworth u3a. Alternate months will follow the day / date of "organising" u3a normal monthly meeting . So as has been the case and going forward the talks will alternate between the second **Tuesday** or second **Thursday** of the month.

### **The January 2021 presentation is-**

Backpacking on a Pension Book - New Zealand. Presented by Pamela McLellan  
Duration approx 44 mins.  
The talk will NOT be interactive.

The Backpacking will take us through ice tunnels, hang gliding, white water rafting, bathing in volcanic mud, plus more.

This presentation is being provided by **Mirthy**.

REGISTRATION is required to view this talk.

The link for registration has already been circulated to members on 21/12/2020. If you are having problems please contact Andrea or Colin and we will attempt to assist.

Once registered you will receive a confirmation email with a unique link in it to access the talk. A reminder email will be sent a couple of days before the event - and 15 minutes before the talk is due to start.

If you register but do not receive the confirmation email please check your junk or spam folders.

Wishing you all a "Happy and Healthy" New Year.

Regards, Andrea (Speaker Liaison) Colin (Vice Chairperson)

## Notices

### Used Stamps

Liz White of Lutterworth U3A is still collecting used stamps on behalf of **Medical Detection Dogs**. They can be any used stamps but please could you ensure they have approximately a 1cm (roughly a finger's width) surround.

Please hang onto your stamps until we are able to meet again and give them to Sue Creeden, or you can pop them through her letterbox (25 Holly Drive, Lutterworth) and she will pass them on.

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### Used Toner Cartridges

Unfortunately, due to a change in Recycle4Charity's system, Sue is no longer able to accept the toner cartridges.

Sue Creeden

## 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Sue & Peter Creeden

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### **December 2020 Walk Report**

We were in lockdown again and with no walks or Christmas lunch planned Sue and I decided we would invite the regular walkers to a pop-up walk.

This walk was organised to ensure compliance with Covid-19 restrictions. What a faff! Registration forms, Risk Analysis, controlling numbers and dividing walkers into groups of no more than six.

There was a good turnout of 20 walkers on a dreary day. We started from the recreation ground at Leire, at 2 minute intervals, and set off down onto the old railway line to reach the Leicestershire Round briefly leaving it to go around the back of Leire and then picking it up again at Stemborough Lane. We continued along the lane to the mill and then headed towards Dunton Basset. Up until we had just passed the mill the walking underfoot had been fine but here it began to get worse and worse and no opportunities to skirt round. It got muddier and muddier, not sticky but extremely slippery mud. We all had to slow down concentrating hard and picking, what we thought, was the best route through it all but getting it wrong sometimes. I hope Peter Moore cannot give Red Cards when he is not on the walk. In our defence we had given prior warning but it had deteriorated a lot since our recce a fortnight previously. We eventually reached Bennets Hill and, to everyone`s relief, terre firma. It was here I gave some duff information about the village hall being a donation from a Gordon Bennet, hence Bennets Hill. To put the record straight it was a donation from Orson Wright who was born in Dunton Basset and came from humble beginnings to become a prominent builder and businessman in Wigston. Some of us continued on the planned route staying on the Round before leaving it to head across a field to All Saints church. However, one group, who will remain anonymous, chose, possibly with prior knowledge, to take a shortcut and missed four stiles. We had the break in the churchyard in four huddles but, unfortunately, the usual serenity of the location was broken by the sound of someone using some very noisy machinery in a

garden adjoining. We exited the churchyard by the side gate and crossed over the road to Loves Lane and then picked up Little Lunnion. At the sharp right-hand bend we went straight on and over the top to do the loop around to Dunton Mill. There were some short muddy bits but, mostly, nothing like previously. There was a challenging gate that had dropped and inconveniently there was a muddy patch all around it. We then walked alongside the stream towards the mill. Now when we receded this stretch it was quite narrow and quite slippery but some nice person had come along and cut the undergrowth back widening the path and making for much easier walking. So you win some and you lose some! We crossed Dunton Lane and then three fields, the final one being extremely squelchy to reach Dunton Lane (another one!). We then returned to the start along the road through Leire.

Thank you to the other group leaders Sue Creeden, George Robertson and Mike Chapman without you we could not have enjoyed the walk (well I think everybody enjoyed it).

Peter Creeden

## **GENTLE CYCLING GROUP**

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden  
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Happy New Year to All.

Unfortunately, during the month of lockdown in November/early December, we were not able to ride as a group. However, under Tier 3 restrictions we were then permitted to ride in groups of up to six. Excitedly we planned a ride for our usual monthly date (i.e. 16th December). Sadly the 16th was another wet Wednesday.

However, four of us were available the day before so we took advantage of the better weather. We started from Ullesthorpe Garden Centre, cycled through Ullesthorpe and Claybrooke Parva before turning left and riding up to the A5. Crossing over we headed towards Monks Kirby but turned right into Coalpit Lane/ Mere Lane. After cycling for about two miles we turned right again to reach Copston Magna. Here we took a short break before heading back to the A5 at High Cross. From there we rode down to Claybrooke Magna, and returned through Claybrooke Parva and up to Ullesthorpe. To get back to the Garden Centre we did a loop via Ashby Parva. A very pleasant ride of about 12 ½ miles.

As quite a few members were not available on the Tuesday, we provisionally booked to repeat the route the following Wednesday (23rd), but again were unfortunately thwarted with yet another wet Wednesday. Unbelievable bad luck.

We will try again on 6th January, Boris and weather permitting or, failing that, will keep our fingers crossed for our usual meeting day of 20th January.

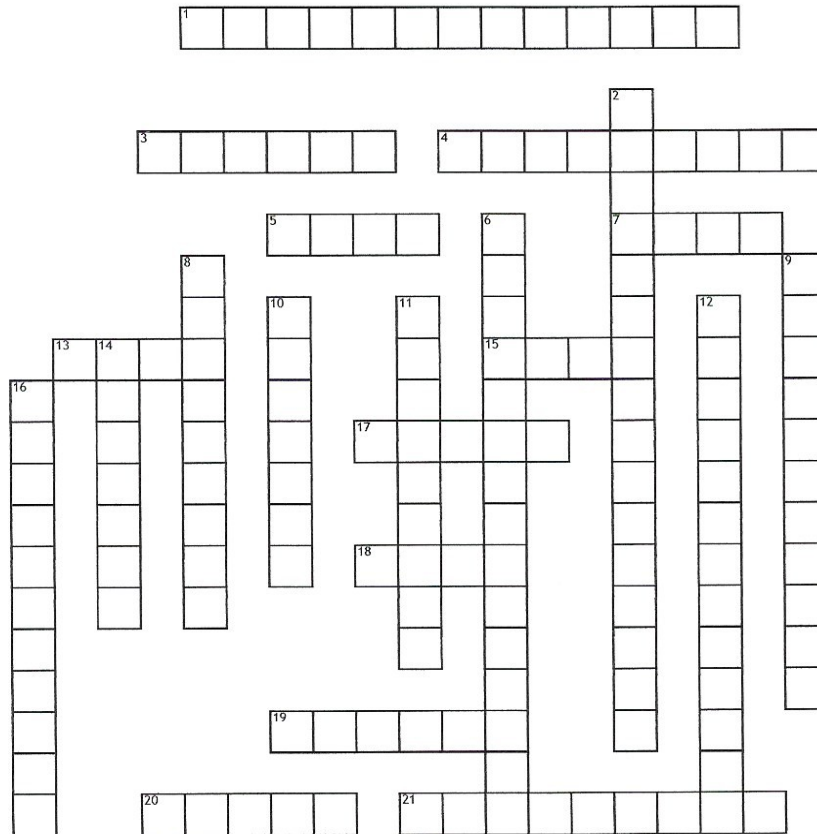
For further information nearer the time, please contact me on [sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net](mailto:sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net) or by telephone, number above.

# CROSSWORD

provided by Viv Weller

Answers in next month's bulletin!

## Seeing the sights



### Across

1. 'Girl' on a rock in Denmark.
3. It's a very long way to go to the opera!
4. Where Elgin found his marbles.
5. The topless towers of Ilium? Schliemann woz 'ere
7. It's a Shambles near the big church in this city.
13. Where the 'bonny boat' was headed.
15. Where the English promenade?
17. This castle guards the straits
18. Paddington might show you round Machu Picchu here.
19. Fancy a ride on the oldest Ferris Wheel here?
20. When it rains on the plain, go to see the art here.
21. She gazes inscrutably at Giza.

### Down

2. We must certainly drive to see this famous Art Deco tower in New York.
6. The way to the East in Berlin.
8. An historic barrier in China
9. You get an 'eyeful' of the view from here.
10. Walk on the streets where Romans walked
11. Did you see Spartacus here in Rome?
12. You will marvel at St Edward's crown in here.
14. Did they really leap over bulls here?
16. Buy a souvenir cuckoo clock, or maybe just a Toblerone!



## Finally

*Happy New Year.....* from your editor

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people 2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came to my house & told my dog.... We had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice social-distancing ....from the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip out to the bins!
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go into a bank with a mask on and ask for money.

*Bring on 2021*