



Lesley Chapman - 'Toy Story'

So.....just what did the **Photography Group** get up to this month?

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## Notices

### **ADVANCE NOTICE OF LONG WALK - WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021**

This is our annual long walk where we take a picnic lunch and venture a bit further to the start point.

We start the walk from the village of Burton Lazars which is on the A606 Melton to Oakham road. The distance to the start is 35 miles and takes about 50 minutes from Lutterworth. We walk through the hamlet of Little Dalby and on to Burrough Hill Iron Age Fort via a fairly steep hill. We will have lunch here. We will return via the village of Gt Dalby. The total distance is approx. 10 miles. I hope to persuade the landlord of The Royal Oak in Gt Dalby to open in the afternoon that day to provide refreshments. **To that end I need an idea of numbers so if you think you will be joining us please let George know on 01455 559725 as soon as possible.**

More detailed information will be provided in the August bulletin/newsletter.

**George Robertson**

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## 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.

Sue Creeden



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## GENTLE CYCLING GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden

Our ride in July was during the very hot weather. However, that did not deter 10 enthusiastic cyclists setting off from Catthorpe Farm Shop in the direction of Shawell. Here we encountered our first snag. The road to Swinford was closed. As the sign said 'Except for Access', we took the decision to risk it and ride along it anyway. Just as we were entering Swinford and we were beginning to think it was an out-of-date sign, we encountered the problem. We didn't fancy the long diversion so Sue turned on the charm with one of the workmen who kindly agreed to lead us safely round the deep trench and all the vehicles. Thank goodness. Riding on towards South Kilworth we turned right down to Stanford where we had a short breather and water break. We then headed through Clay Coton and took a right turn to Lilbourne. Just as we approached the village we turned right again and up the steep 'walking' hill back to Catthorpe. It was a lovely quiet 12½ mile ride and although we puffed a bit up the hills in the heat, it was very cooling in the breeze as we whizzed down again.

The second difficulty of the morning we had to overcome was trying to get a coffee at the Farm Shop afterwards. Although, apparently, we should have booked tables outside in advance, luckily there were two available. However, we were asked to order and pay either by the App or on-line. Well, this proved so complicated that after about 10 minutes and several attempts, we persuaded the waitress to take our order in the old fashioned way of pen and paper!

The next ride will be on Wednesday 18th August, details to be announced. If you fancy joining us you will be very welcome. Just give me a call on the above number or email me - [sueandpeter.creeden@taltalk.net](mailto:sueandpeter.creeden@taltalk.net).

## GARDEN GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden, Tel: 01455 557888

Sadly, after ten days or so of hot dry weather in the middle of July, our visit to Dairy Cottage in Sapcote was a little damp. However, the showers did not deter 25 members from enjoying the beautiful colour in the cottage garden and mixed borders. There were also many varieties of climbing roses and clematis and a small potager down a woodland path. Our welcoming host, Norah, had a team of people to help us take full advantage of our visit. Plant experts Geraldine and John were on hand to answer our questions about the garden itself and the many unusual plants, and two hard-working ladies provided our refreshments.





Our next outing has been brought forward a week to **Tuesday 17th August** when we shall be visiting **Aqueduct Cottage, Coleorton, Coalville**. I have booked the Lutterworth Community Bus for this visit which will be able to take 14 members. It will leave Lutterworth Leisure Centre at 1.30 p.m. and the cost of travel will be £6.00. However, if more than 14 members would like to come, others are welcome to travel independently. The full address is Aqueduct Cottage, Gelsmoor Road, Coleorton, LE67 8JF. There is parking on the drive (access in Aqueduct Road). I have arranged an arrival time of 2.30 p.m. The charge for the garden and refreshments is £7.00.

If you would like to come, please let me know by email:

[sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net](mailto:sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net) or by telephone (number above).

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## **NEW CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED**

After eight years of being co-ordinator for the Garden Group, I have made the decision to stand down and let someone with fresh ideas take over. I have booked a garden visit for September and will work to organise a programme of winter talks through to the end of March 2022, which should give ample time for the new co-ordinator to get up to speed to ensure a smooth handover.

I have very much enjoyed arranging outings and talks over the last eight years and have been very grateful for the appreciation and support I have always received. Thank you all very much, Sue.

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## **FRENCH CONVERSATION**

Co-ordinator: Sue Hicks

### **Meeting held on 22 July 2021**

A few of us braved the Virus and met in the Methodist Church. We followed safety guidelines and it was lovely to chat together in person. We read a passage about Nostradamus. The next meeting will be on 26 August, probably at the Church again.

Sue

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## **1st WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

Joint Co-ordinators\_: Peter and Irene Moore.

email.- [peter79moore@gmail.com](mailto:peter79moore@gmail.com)

**Date of Walk :- Wednesday 1st September 2021**

**Driving distance:- 10 Miles each way.**

**Walk leaders :- Peter & Irene Moore. email.- [peter79moore@gmail.com](mailto:peter79moore@gmail.com) Tel.-01455 552594**

**Meeting Point and Time** : Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.15am to leave at 9.25am.

**Start Point** : Shilton Arms Pub, 5, Church Road, Shilton, Nr. Coventry. CV7 9HW.  
Leave 10.10am.

**Toilets available.**

**Directions to Start** :- At Magna Park A5 Island take 3rd Exit signed Wolvey, continue through Wolvey onto Shilton. The Shilton Arms is in the centre of the village just after the Traffic Lights opposite the Garage. **Please be careful, just after the traffic lights, as the entrance to the Pub is a sharp turn left.**

**Route and Distance.**

Exit the car park into the main road, turn left, cross the road and the Railway Bridge, right onto the footpath that passes the school. Stay on the footpath past Ansty church, right at main road and cross onto footpath. Left onto Canal and leave after 1 mile down the steps after Hopsford Aquaduct past Hopsford Hall. Turn right at road and left on footpath at bend in Old Hopsford Hamlet. Turn left to Shilton Lodge Farm taking footpath to return to Shilton.

**Distance. 5 Miles 1 stile.**

**Good and varied choice of Food , extensive Lunch time menu. Gluten Free Food available. Order before Walk.**

**Summary**

**Varied Walk , mostly field paths, canal and some quiet road walking , Fairly flat walk.**

**Next Walk. 5 Miles. 2 Stiles. Wednesday 6th October 2021. Walking through the grounds of Alliance and Leicester Building Society and exploring Narborough and Enderby.**

**Peter and Irene Moore**

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

Co-ordinators: Sue & Peter Creeden Tel: 01455 557888

### July 2021 Walk Report

Just as 25 walkers assembled at the Black Horse at Foxton at the start of our walk, there were a few spots of rain. However, as soon as everyone had got toggled up in their waterproofs, it stopped again. Thankfully the rest of the morning was dry.

We set off along the canal to Foxton Locks and then headed right along the canal and then over the fields to Gumley. We then continued on the Leicestershire Round to the bottom of Smeeton Hill but then circled our way back to Gumley. Crossing the road, we climbed over the hill and through the fields to return to Foxton. This was certainly a delightful walk and the views were stunning.

17 members enjoyed lunch at the Black Horse.

Sue Creeden

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### Wednesday 25 August 2021

**Walk Organiser:-** George Robertson Tel: 01455 559725

It will be most helpful if you can let me know you intend joining the walk, if you have not already done so. Please ring me on 01455 559725 or email [george9high@hotmail.com](mailto:george9high@hotmail.com)

**Meeting Point and Time:-** Lutterworth Recreational Ground car park. Arrive 8.35am to depart at 8.45am after sorting out car sharing.

**Start Point and Time:-** Lime Street, Burton Lazars. Aiming to start at 10.00am

**Directions to the Starting Point:-** The village is on the A606 south east of Melton Mowbray. Lime Street is the last right turn as you exit the village if approached from the Melton direction (look out for white cottage on the corner). Use LE14 2UN in your

sat nav. (It is beyond Lime Street but takes you on to it.) Distance to the start point 35 miles and a journey time of approx. 50 mins.

**Route and Distance:-** The route takes us initially over fields to Little Dalby Church where we will stop for a coffee break. We then continue on the Jubilee Way to Somerby. In a departure from previous long walks, we will have a pub lunch here (approx. half way).

We continue on and explore Burrough Hill Iron Age Fort before returning to Burton Lazars via Moscow Lane and Sandy Lane. It is a hilly route with about 6 stiles and a distance of about 11 miles. I expect that we will be back at our cars around 4 pm.

**Lunch Arrangements:-** We will stop at The Stilton Cheese Inn arriving around 12.30m -1pm.

Depending on numbers, I expect this to be a one hour stop. I will collect menu choices and phone them through to the landlady before we set out from Burton Lazars. She is happy to accommodate most dietary needs. On the trial day, 3 of us had a ploughman's and one had a turkey dish from the "specials" board. The food was excellent. This is not a cheap and cheerful pub but offers fare from sandwiches at around £4 to main meals in the low teens. The substantial Ploughman's were £8.50. The link to the pub to view menus is [www.stiltoncheeseinn.co.uk](http://www.stiltoncheeseinn.co.uk) . The specials are changed every Friday.

George Robertson

## SNAIL'S PACE WALKING GROUP

Co-ordinator: Mandy Cutler

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, Stoke Golding Walk



The walk will be around Stoke Golding, meeting at the 'George and Dragon' pub in the centre of the village. The address of the pub is: Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, CV13 6EZ.

Phone: (01455) 213268.

Directions below.

We will meet at the pub at 11.00 a.m. to pre-order lunch.

If you want a preview of the menu, please click on the following link:

<https://churchendbrewery.co.uk/pubs/menu>

### Walking Route

The walking route will take us around the village and across some fields. There are **no stiles** – gates instead! We will come out onto a lane near Bridge 23 over the Ashby Canal. We will join the tow path and walk until we arrive at Bridge 25 where the Ashby Boat Company are based. At this point, those who want to make their way back to the 'George and Dragon' can leave the tow path, turn right and join Upton Lane, which merges with Station Road. **This part of the walk takes about 45 minutes.**

**The next part of the walk takes about 15 minutes:**

For those who want a slightly longer walk we can continue along the tow path taking in the marina. At Bridge 27 we leave the tow path and cross a field. There are 3 easy stiles to negotiate. We will end up on the High Street and return to the pub via Church Close.

I was hoping that we could visit St Margaret's Church, but major restoration work is ongoing.

If you would like to come on this walk can you please contact me on:

**01455 251809 or email [mandycutler@sky.com](mailto:mandycutler@sky.com)**

**by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August.**



### **Directions from Lutterworth to Stoke Golding**

- Pick up the A5 at the Magna Park roundabout, west towards Hinckley.
- After 9 miles you will pass under the Hinckley/B'ham Railway bridge. You soon reach the next roundabout just after PAYNE'S (FORD) garage on your right.  
**Be in the right hand lane (A47 – signed to Earl Shilton).**  
A 'new' MacDonald is directly in front of you on the opposite side of the roundabout.
- At this roundabout take the second left – up the A47 (Hinckley Ring Road, Normandy Way) – the MacDonald will now be on your LEFT.
- Follow A47 Normandy Rd for 2.5 miles – across '4' mini roundabouts.
- At the WINDMILL PUB roundabout and BEFORE you reach MORRISONS, take the first left up STOKE ROAD (toward Stoke Golding).
- Follow Stoke Road for 1.5 miles into Stoke Golding.

- **At the first mini-roundabout take the first left into Hinckley Road.**
- **Follow Hinckley Road for 0.5 miles, then take the first right at the T-junction into Main Street.**
- **The George and Dragon is about 150 yards directly ahead.**
- **Small car park to the side of the pub, or park on Main Street, or in Station Road which follows round to the left from the pub, or in the High Street which is to the right of the pub near the Church.**
- **Estimated time from Lutterworth to Stoke Golding is 30 minutes (15 miles).**
- **SAT NAV address for the pub is CV13 6EZ.**

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## PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Co-ordinator: Michael Bates

Thanks to **Peter Ross** for hosting our July meeting and managing the review of our monthly picture review.

The theme was '*A Film Title*' and we had some very inventive pictures. Many of our members chose the film title first and then went to some effort to set up a picture with props and people. Worthy of mention are **Lesley Chapman, Nigel and Ruth Bones, Stephen Carter,** and **Sally Wood**, who yet again persuaded Hubby to star in her pictures. **Peter** put the review together and added advertising posters for each of the films selected.

There are a few pictures included in this bulletin and you will be able to view a wider selection on the Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A Gallery Website.

Our next meeting, will be hosted by **Michael Bates**, and will be via Zoom on Friday 27th August, starting at 10.00 am. We will send out meeting invitations nearer the date.

Our August picture topic is '*Name That Local Village*, where we are asking our members to visit villages, local to Lutterworth, and take a picture(s) that typify the village. At our August meeting we will review the pictures and try and guess the location. We are hoping that most members will get out and about with their cameras and mobile phones this month, to record some contemporary pictures.

At our August meeting **Mike Chapman** will give us a refresher on using the Dropbox software. This is the primary method that our group use to distribute their pictures so the hints and tips **Mike** will include will be invaluable. If anyone outside the group is struggling with using this useful file transfer software, they are most welcome to join us for **Mike's** presentation.

Our meetings are open to all U3A members and we encourage any member to get in touch (e-mail address below) and we will be delighted to send you an invitation to our monthly Zoom meeting. All you need to join us is an iPad or Android tablet, a PC or smart phone with the Zoom program loaded and that's it.

Thanks again to **Peter** for hosting the July meeting and to **Mike Chapman** for his offer to provide a Dropbox presentation at our August meeting.

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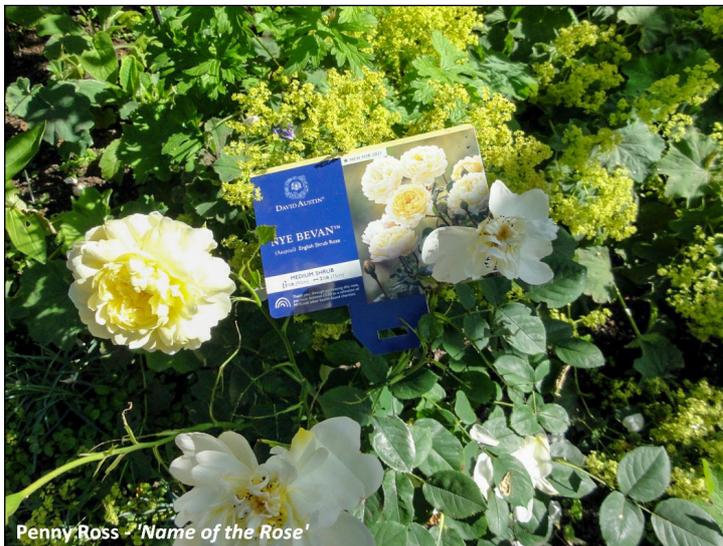
Michael Bates



Sally Wood - 'Time Bandits'



Lesley Chapman - 'Toy Story'



Penny Ross - 'Name of the Rose'



Stephen Carter - *'Fifty Shades of Grey'*



Nigel Bones - *'Titanic'*

## POETRY GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sylvia Hitchen

We held our meeting outside in the sunshine. Sadly only three members were able to come but we still managed to cover a lot of ground.

Our theme was "The Pandemic World" and we tried to focus on the positive aspects rather than the readily available doom and gloom musings!

Pam Ayres and Roger McGough were the most popular with their quirky views and humour.

We heard a poem written by the wife of one of our members. which was a wonderful play on Ralph McTell's "The Streets of London" from the early 70's.

### **Streets of London by Mary Rolleston**

Have you seen the empty buses, on the streets of London  
Since the virus struck, no-one wants to ride  
Only shops to buy your food,  
Nothing there to lift your mood,  
Every day papers, telling tragedies worldwide.

***So how can you tell me you're lonely,  
And can't go out for a cup of tea  
Let us keep our social distance, on the streets of London  
Maybe we'll find something to ease our troubled minds***

Have you seen the policemen, in the parks of London  
Giving out fines for lying in the hay,  
Ain't no use in crying,  
Just have to keep on trying,  
We could be in lockdown till the end of May.

### **Chorus**

And in Covent Garden at quarter past eleven,  
An old man is sitting, all on his own,  
Staring at the empty spaces,  
Longing for familiar faces,  
No-one to talk to, so he wanders home alone

### **Chorus**

Have you seen the workers, on the streets of London  
Risking their lives – every single day,  
We can only sing their praises,  
Thank them with admiring gazes,  
Till the world recovers, and the virus goes away.

### **Chorus**

We heard many other poems from the works of Gillian Clarke, Suzy Wilde, Julie Sheldon, Wendy Cope, Kit Wright, WB Yates and WH Auden to name a few.

Finally this was a message of hope written by 11 year old Lincoln from Sheffield

### **Never Give up Hope**

**Life was always fast-paced, we never slowed down,  
Until everything stopped when Corona came to town.**

**Now all is quiet and there's peace all around,  
We've looked in our hearts and kindness we've found.**

**We learn now with mum, this is a new feature,  
But we can't wait to get back to our teacher.**

**I miss Sea Cadets, school, my friends and my dad,  
I miss sharing the fun times and that makes me sad.**

**We've had social distancing picnics, social distancing walks,  
Social distancing hugs and social distancing talks.**

**I'm looking forward to getting away,**

**The beach, the hotel and a perfect holiday.**

**When it is? I'll throw my arms open wide,  
And shout to the world, WE CAN ALL GO OUTSIDE!**

**Don't give up hope, the end is in sight,  
If we all stick together, we'll all win this fight.**

The group meets again next month and the theme will be Charity.

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## TABLE TENNIS GROUP

Co-ordinator : Nigel Bones

The Wycliffe U3A Table Tennis Group started some 8 years ago and operates jointly with the Lutterworth U3A. Initially, there was some nervousness among potential players, with the words “I haven’t played since school/youth club” a common refrain. However, everyone was in the same boat, and it soon became apparent that what were thought of as long-lost skills were soon re-found.

The group now operate with a wide range of standards in an atmosphere of fun and no small measure of banter. However, there has been a (understandable) decline in numbers since the start of the pandemic, and we would very much like to see new members joining us. Over recent years, there has been much written about the benefits, both physical and mental, of playing table tennis in later life, so if you have a table tennis bat gathering dust in the loft and used to play in your younger days, go and search out the bat and come and join us at Walcote village hall on Monday afternoons between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. You will be surprised at how quickly those skills will return!

Please contact Nigel Bones on 01455 209756 if you are interested.



## LIVELY DISCUSSION

Co-ordinator: Dot Barnard

Tel: 01455 208190

### Meeting held on 9th August 2021

It was so good to see everyone face to face for the first time since March 2020. We welcomed a new member and there is one vacancy if you would like to join our group. Come as a visitor if you would like to see how things work.

For our first meeting it was decided to look at the positives which resulted from lockdown. Surveys have found that over a third of people enjoyed lockdowns so we chose to focus on the positives and there were and are many of them.

We set about answering the questions:

*What have group members enjoyed during lockdowns?*

*What have they learned?*

*How have their lives changed for the better?*

Nationally and internationally in developed countries these positives fell into easily defined categories:

**Home Life and Education:** Many parents became actively engaged in their children's education resulting in an understanding of their child's progress and learning style, as well as valuing teachers more. In some cases the parents also became more adept in the use of technology. Family members got to know and appreciate each other, and do things together. Slowing down, resulted in a re-evaluation of the things that are important. New and old hobbies and interests came to the fore. There were fewer burglaries. Kindness was increased or more noticeable than before.

**Health:** Exercise blossomed and we were fitter and happier because of it, often appreciating the countryside if we are lucky enough to live in or near it. Phone calls

with doctors often speeded up consulting or re-acquainted people with their doctors. Doctors reported fewer respiratory infections such as flu, particularly in children. Some of this was due to more frequent hand washing. There is now a public awareness of health policy and how lucky we are to have the NHS. All this has contributed to reduced stress for many.

**Work:** Home working has resulted in a re-evaluation of the need to attend offices etc. and a realisation that work/life balance has been out of kilter. Colleagues have learnt more about each other from seeing people in their own surroundings. Employers have learnt that they can trust employees and for most productivity has gone up. Employees have enjoyed not having to spend hours travelling and fewer flights have reduced carbon in the atmosphere.

**Environment:** Fewer car accidents have resulted in more A & E capacity as well as improving air quality, so fewer city children have had asthma attacks. Lack of flying has also reduced the carbon footprint and noise pollution. In India some cities have seen blue skies for the first time in decades. Crime rates have fallen and there have been fewer assaults, although unfortunately domestic violence has risen. Interestingly most of the countries and US states which have been more successful in fighting Coronavirus are led by women. These include New Zealand, Germany, Taiwan, Denmark and Finland.

**Science:** The methods used to develop vaccines have been so fast because of experience with previous pandemics such as SARS and HIV. In addition the ability to run test programmes before adoption of new vaccines concurrently rather than consecutively will prove very useful in the future. Again women feature in this success story, the 2 leading scientists responsible for the Oxford Astra Zeneca vaccine are women and their counterparts at Pfizer are a married couple. Collaboration between different scientific groups has ramped up and many more students are applying to study epidemiology.

**Shopping:** Online food ordering and more time at home has often resulted in more cooking from fresh, and for some learning to cook properly for the first time. Amazon has been a lifeline for those who wanted to spend on almost anything. Fast food delivery firms and those like Gusto providing weighed and measured fresh

ingredients for each meal have boomed too. However, most middle class people have saved notable amounts by not driving, holidaying, visiting, pubs, restaurants, theatres, cinemas and sports venues.

Turning to the group's personal experiences of lockdown we all agreed that kindness was much to the fore and that walking had given an opportunity not only to explore one's locality but also to meet or chat to people we'd seen but not spoken to. Some people walking on their own were frank about needing to speak as they missed the company of others. One member described this as a service to others and this was much appreciated by those of us who live on our own. Neighbours had sometimes prepared and delivered meals or baked cakes and distributed them amongst those living nearby. In addition the extra time for gardening had resulted in a glut of produce which again was shared out.

Several people found the first lockdown easier than the second which seemed to be because there was less certainty about the end of the second one. Most people cited a plan they made at the beginning of the first lockdown. Initially it involved catching up on household and garden chores which they had been meaning to do, one person citing that her personal deadline for her and her spouse's completion was that it should be before golf resumed. I'm pleased to report that this objective was achieved!

A member reminded us of the warnings from years ago of viral experts forecasting pandemics and that we were under prepared. These problems included a shortage of 40,000 nurses, and NHS beds being cut from 800,000 to 140,000. Some projects which people set themselves after catching up on chores, included acquiring and improving a vintage car, a Triumph Renown, and we saw a magnificent photograph of the vehicle in mint condition. Others started new hobbies such as online courses in water colours and line drawings as well as continuing with existing hobbies. Extra walking had enabled someone to 'inspect' all the new developments in Lutterworth so she could help you if you're looking for one of the new streets.

Several people had younger members of their families living with them during lockdown and this enabled grandparents to really get to know their grandchildren, or adult children returning home and introducing the parents to Netflix etc. -

experiences described by some as joyous. One person was almost caught out by the first lockdown having been on a tour with friends to watch rugby in Europe, just managing to get home in time not to go into quarantine.

Most enjoyed Zooming. One person in particular was speaking to and seeing her whole family weekly comprising, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Since part of the family live in the USA and her son-in-law was very ill with COVID this really helped. He seems to be on the road to recovery now. Zooming also enabled many other things including U3A main meetings, U3A individual group meetings, WI meetings, attendance at weddings and funerals, including Jill Graham's funeral. One member's granddaughter now has an EHCP to assist with her autism by support at school and if necessary later at university, all because of specialised help via Zoom which could not have happened because of the distances between all parties.

People described having to think laterally to achieve surprises for special birthdays and Christmas ideas. Individual Zoom calls interspersed with glasses of Champagne enabled more time for one to one with each individual Zoomed than would happen at a big birthday party which had been the original idea. Since we were allowed to meet in larger numbers in gardens earlier this year there was a Chreaster celebration for one family as Christmas had been a non-event, and a garden party for a granddaughter's 18th went well too. For a person who loves travel a 3D headset was a marvellous Christmas present, not for gaming, but for visiting Tel Aviv, Rome and Paris as though one was actually there.

So all in all most of us have had 'good' lockdowns and are extremely grateful that we're well and still here!

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Visitors welcome, please contact Dot Barnard [dot.barnard@uwclub.net](mailto:dot.barnard@uwclub.net) 01455  
208190 We meet on the second Monday morning of each month.

### **2021 Topics**

- What have group members enjoyed during lockdowns? What have they learned? How have their lives changed for the better?
- The Olympics, what is it all about?
- Should boxing be banned?
- Has corruption in Government become normalised?