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learn, laugh, live

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GROUP NEWS

Discussion group 1 Ruth Marrs

Are you interested in sharing ideas, opinions and lively conversation on a wide range of interesting topics?

Discussion Group 1 is looking for new members!

The group provides a friendly and relaxed opportunity to meet with fellow U3A members, explore different subjects and enjoy a good discussion. You don't need to be an expert – just come along with an open mind and a willingness to join in.

If you enjoy chatting, listening to different viewpoints and discovering new ideas, this could be the group for you.



NEXT MONTHLY MTG – MEMORIAL HALL

10th September 2026

John E. Vigar MA,FSA

Scot;FRSA

An architectural Historian 'Balls Bedrooms and Banquets. 'An off-beat and amusing look at the development of the English Country House Medieval Hall, tastes and fashions. The people ..eccentric and memorable. Mistresses and Exotic Princes.

FROM THE CHAIR – Pauline Lowe

U3A BIG QUIZ

Last month we enjoyed another fantastic U3A quiz afternoon, with plenty of laughter, friendly competition and, of course, some very enthusiastic debating over the answers!

A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped to make the afternoon such a success. It was wonderful to see so many members getting together, putting their general knowledge to the test and enjoying each other's company.

The quiz certainly gave us all something to think about, with some questions proving considerably easier than others! There was plenty of team discussion, and I'm sure a few answers were greeted with cries of "I knew that!" once the correct answers were revealed.

My thanks also go to everyone who helped organise the afternoon, Pete Cook for the questions, Rosalind Reynolds for keeping the scores and our wonderful volunteers providing the refreshments. Events like this don't happen without the support of our volunteers, and we really do appreciate everything you do.

Most importantly, afternoons such as this remind us what U3A is all about – learning, friendship, fun and enjoying time together. I hope everyone who came along had as much fun as I did, and I look forward to seeing you at our next social event.

Pete's Puzzle's 3

Write down the initial character of each answer to reveal something familiar.

1. Afrikaans originates from which language?
2. The name of which insect means to secretly listen to a private conversation?
3. What was the first name of Mikhail Gorbachev's wife?
4. Which journalist and presenter set up Childline in 1986?
5. Which musical has characters Aaron Burr, George Washington and King George III?
6. What was the name of the cat in the Kattomeat TV adverts?
7. What is Teyves occupation in Fiddler on the Roof?
8. Which long thick tweed overcoat is named after a traditional Irish province?
9. How many more players are in a netball team than in a polo team, on the pitch?
10. What is the Scottish equivalent of an English barrister?

Answers at the bottom of the Newsletter.



WE ARE OLY HUMAN
Angela Stannard, u3a
Treasurer

I am writing this to remind you all, that your committee are members just the same as you who have given up their time to keep the Dereham group active and I am now well into my third year and still learning as I go along, the same as all of your committee members.

Mistakes will happen and there will be techno glitches along the way and we do our best to get these sorted for you and your patience, should you encounter a problem, would be appreciated.

However, if you feel you could support us behind the scenes, please make yourself known to me at one of our monthly meetings or contact me via the web site to find out more of what would be involved.

ANSWERS TO
PETE'S PUZZLES

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| Dutch | 1. |
| Earwig | 2. |
| Raisa | 3. |
| Esther Ranson | 4. |
| Hamilton | 5. |
| Arthur | 6. |
| Millkman | 7. |
| Ullster | 8. |
| 3 | 9. |
| Advocate | 10. |

JOLLY DAYS OUT



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A brief update on outings!

You will have received an email about the **Great Yarmouth Hippodrome Christmas and Water Show Spectacular** on **Wednesday 9th December**. The response was astounding, with most tickets booked within 24 hours of the email being sent! Not wishing to discriminate against those who are not so quick off the mark, a second coach and a further 50 tickets have been booked. At the time of writing 28 places are still available. If you wish to join this outing, click [here](#) to make your booking.

We have excellent seats in an area where wheelchairs or walkers can be accommodated if needed.

Places are still available for the following outings; full details are on the [Outings page of the Dereham U3a website](#), where bookings can be made.

- **The Historic Dockyard Chatham and Call the Midwife Tour - Wednesday 9th September**
- **Henry Moore Museum & American Military Cemetery - Wednesday 7th October**
- **Ely Christmas Gift and Food Fair - Thursday 19th November**

If you are interested in joining any of the above outings but a link doesn't work, or something isn't clear, please get in touch.

We will accept bookings from friends or family of U3a members on the basis of one guest per member for all trips other than the Christmas show. It should be noted that non-members are not covered by U3a Dereham's Liability Insurance Policy and the box must be checked to acknowledge agreement.

On completion of the booking form the system will send a confirmation email of your booking but payments will not be acknowledged. If you book but payment isn't received, you will be contacted. If you aren't able to complete the application online, email jollydaysout@gmail.com, or call Trudy on 07748 991522.