

Newsflash - May 2022



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May is the last month of spring, (so they say), the maypoles and Morris dancers have been out and about to celebrate the occasion. Bank holidays abound and the Queen's Jubilee will be here before the next newsflash.

May Quiz

Questions

1. The month of May was named for the Greek goddess Maia. But what was she the goddess of?
2. The UK celebrates May as ?
3. What country has the longest coastline in the world?
4. There are three US states with just four letters in their name: can you name them?
5. How many wings does a bee have?
6. How tall is a baby giraffe at birth?
7. Which female tennis player has won the highest number of Grand Slams and how many?
8. What is Usain Bolt's blistering 100m world record time?
9. What is the name for an angle which is greater than 180° and smaller than 360° ?
10. Which Shakespearean play features the characters of Goneril, Regan and Cordelia?



Photograph Courtesy of Ian Flack

April Meeting

LEu3a member Jenny Kwakwa gave us many useful hints and tips to help improve life for those suffering with dementia. She also provided leaflets/books on many subjects related to dementia free, courtesy of the NHS.



Thursday 18 May @ Wesley Methodist Church 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

May Meeting - Making TV Commercials - Greg Faye

Greg Fay is a writer and creative currently represented by the prestigious Independent Talent Group.

His involvement in magazine publishing stretches back to the 1990's when he was simultaneously Associate Fashion Editor of both The Face and iD magazines, the only person to this day to hold both positions concurrently.

As a commercials director he has worked for clients including Nike, HSBC, British Airways and Philips, winning various awards.

He writes both drama and comedy and currently has one feature script in development.



Photo courtesy of Ursula Gardiner - LEu3a Photography Group

If you would like to write a few words on a topic close to your heart or an anecdote from a group meeting please do get in touch. Remember, anonymity can be maintained. Email leu3afnews@gmail.com.

Alternatively, if you would like to start a new group, have room for new members, or have a suggestion for an interest that is not currently available please email the Groups Co-ordinator, Sally, via the link below.

[Click here](#)



Summer Lunch- Date for your Diary

Thursday August 18th 2022

As mentioned in last month's newflash the first summer lunch party for 2 years will be held on Thursday August 18th at Saxon



History of Shopping Exhibition

September 2022

As many of you will know, we are involved in a joint venture with our friends at Leigh-on-Sea u3a to launch a 'History of Shopping in Leigh' Exhibition in celebration

Hall. For further details please click [here](#).

Just remember to bring your cheque book to the May Speaker meeting to purchase your £30 ticket.

Menu Options

Starter

Prawn Cocktail

Melon

Paté

Main Course

Salmon with Lemon & Dill sauce

Hunter's Chicken

Tomato & Goat's Cheese Tart

Dessert

Vanilla Crème Brûlée

Fresh Fruit Salad & Rossi's Ice Cream

Eton Mess

Coffee/Tea & Mints

of the u3a movement's 40th Anniversary.

We have just heard that our combined application for grant monies from Leigh-on-Sea Town Council to cover the cost of hiring a room to house the Exhibition has been granted, so a huge thank you to LTC. This is great news; please all put a note in your diary to attend the exhibition (or even better maybe help us run).

The exhibition dates are as follows:

Thursday 22 September 11.00 – 17.00

Friday 23 September 09.00 – 17.00

Saturday 24 September 09.00 – 17.00

If any member wishes to get involved with the proposals in any way please contact [David White](#).



Photo courtesy of Victor Beadle- LEu3a Petanqué Group

Petanqué Group

'Petanqué is fast becoming a popular and engaging sport and one that can be played by all ages. Our three Petanqué groups play at Whitehall Bowling Club who recently held a Club league competition that ran all Winter, come rain, shine and in some instances, snow!

One of our teams aptly named, The Old Tossers, excelled themselves and won the League Trophy and then proceeded to win the Challenger Cup in another game. The team led by the Captain Gerry Pudney, along with Richard Stimson, Alan Davison, Victor Beadle and Matthew Skippen (non-member), were presented with their trophies after the game. Well done Boys.'

Be Scam Aware & Fraud Alert !



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Fraud & Scam Alerts

Council Tax rebate scams

Criminals are cold calling residents asking for bank details to enable payment of the Council Tax rebate. The Council will NEVER ask for your personal or bank details over the phone. Providing this information could enable the fraudsters access to your money or sufficient information to steal your identity.

Advice for unsolicited calls, texts or emails remains the same. Hang up, never give your personal details, never click on a link in a message, and contact the council/company/bank etc. directly to check if it is genuine if you are concerned.

Fraud & Scam Alerts cont'd

Romance Fraud

This is big business for fraudsters who use information from social media to create fake identities. Once they connect with someone on dating sites or social media, they will try to establish a relationship quickly. They aim to make their victims fall in love with them, then they start asking for money, often due to an emergency, for transport costs if they're overseas, or to help them make an investment. NEVER give money to someone you have never met in person.

There are several tell-tale signs- please click [here](#) to find out more.

Recent Real Scam

A friend of mine was scammed last week and she is in her fifties! It was a text pretending to be from her daughter, who had lost her phone and needed to pay a bill urgently. They were very sly as the lady in question has 3 daughters, so when the mother asked which of her daughters it was, they replied guess, which she obligingly did. Game over and £700 poorer.

The horrible thing is we all lose a little bit of reason when it comes to our own children/grandchildren, whatever their age. So if possible, remember to breathe, count to ten and try to speak to someone outside the loop for some calm levelheaded advice. Nothing that involves money is ever that urgent .

National u3a News



u3a Podcast

In this episode, we celebrate the Queen's upcoming jubilee and the u3a 40th anniversary. We interview a u3a member who worked as a maid at Buckingham palace and ask Eric Midwinter, co-



Regional Conference

Past, Present & Future

The Regional Conference is on 19th May in Chelmsford from 10:30am. If interested Click on the picture for link to the booking form.

founder of the u3a movement, about how it all began.



Free Online Events

(click on the picture to access website for further details of zoom talks)

- Thursdays' in May @ 10 am - Pre War Blues
- 2nd Wednesday in month @ 10.00 am - Laughter Yoga
- Thursday May 5 to June 16 @ 10.00 am - Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners
- Friday May 13 @ 2.00 pm - Stories of the Willow Pattern
- Monday May 16 @ 10.00 am - Exploring World Faiths - Buddha Day



Free Online Events cont'd

- Monday May 16 @ 10.30 am - Picnic in the Park, Live Cookery Demo
- Tuesday May 17 @ 10.00 am - The woman who took revenge
- Friday May 20 @ 10.00 am - All @ Pictish Stones
- Tuesday May 24 @ 10.30 am - Japan Lasting Impressions
- Friday May 27 @ 2.00 pm - Geometric Abstractions

May Quiz Answers

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| 1. Fertility | 6. 6 feet |
| 2. National Smile Month | 7. Serena Williams - 23 |
| 3. Canada | 8. 9.58 seconds |
| 4. Ohio,Utah & Iowa | 9. Reflex |
| 5. 4 wings | 10. King Lear |

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