



JANUARY NEWSLETTER



• NOTES FROM THE CHAIR •

Well it's a new year, but now we're in lockdown, with talk of this continuing for some time. A light at the end of the tunnel is vaccinations. I gather some have already had their first, so hopefully more will be getting them. It might not be the complete answer but it might free us up to move around more. We'll see.

We still have the Zoom Speaker meetings though. The team are booking more up to December 2021.

We'll continue to have Zoom meetings until we have the go ahead to meet face to face.

Most of our Interest Groups are carrying on using email, Zoom, (either our u3a one or their own), and all means electronic. Perhaps we should open them up to visitors so you can get a flavour of how they work.

Take care, stay safe
Malcolm

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PLEA

The **Singing for Fun Group** report that their Musical Director has had to step down for health reasons.

The Group wonders if there's anyone in the membership can lead them, or knows of anyone independent who can. There is a remuneration to make their time worthwhile.



Its once a month and likely to start at/after Easter this year.

Please contact Helen Futchter via the website [Contact page](#).

USEFUL WEBSITES:

Go look on our [website](#) for useful weblinks regarding Covid-19 advice, u3a National news, & our Spam advice page.



JANUARY EVENTS

These are all online via Zoom

Wed 20th Jan Speaker Meeting

Coffee Morning postponed to **Fri 5th Feb**

Mon/Tues 25th/26th Jan
TVN Understanding Architecture
booking closing date 18th Jan

•EDITORIAL•

Welcome!

I expected this issue to be lean, what with Xmas after-effect and national lockdown adjustments.

To my delight, contributors regular and new have sent in stuff for your delight - four quizzes, more roving photos, and two articles. Welcome to Rita. Thank you so much all.

New material is always welcome. Don't worry about deadlines just send it in!

Sarah Boyt Robinson
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SPEAKER MEETINGS

From Jane Tuckett & the Speaker Meetings Committee:

We are sad to have to announce that the speaker we had booked for January has had to postpone his talk due to work requirements related to the pandemic. We were due to hear Dr Paul Roberts speak on 'Last Supper at Pompeii', a fascinating talk which we are hoping to reschedule for next year.

As a replacement we are pleased to say that we have been able to book **Mary Smith** to speak to us about '**A Schoolgirl's War**'. Mary Smith is a retired secondary school head teacher. Her talk tells the story of school life in the south of England during WW2 and features the recently discovered and exquisite art work of a WW2 school art teacher who set out to document in paint and pencil the lives of school children and their teachers as the war unfolded. This is a unique collection of paintings featuring the disrupted schooling, air-raids, doodlebugs and underground lessons in shelters which were experienced by so many children.



There are some noticeable parallels with the situation prevailing in schools at the moment as we fight a very different kind of war! The talk includes a selection of these delightful



paintings, together with some anecdotes from wartime pupils. Humorous and sad in places, the talk covers aspects of the war which are not often explored and, with its strong visual content, is well suited to Zoom presentation.

The speaker meeting committee is working hard to ensure that the programme of talks we have set up will be able to continue whatever the situation regarding meetings in person. It is very unclear when we will be able to return to the Baptist Church for our monthly meetings, but rest assured that we will continue to deliver talks by Zoom as long as it is necessary.

We look forward to your joining us virtually on **Wednesday 20 January at 2pm.**

Jane Tuckett and the Speaker Meeting Committee.

Sept Tom Way Wildlife on Your Doorstep

Oct John Ericson Art Inspired by Wine

Nov Sophie Matthews Music in Art
Sophie's shop
Keep It Local this is the tour around the 13 spaces in Sophie's house.

Dec Tim Barron London in the Time of Shakespeare

20th January 2021

Mary Smith A Schoolgirl's War

Mary has written a book about the paintings and she will look at it with us at the Speaker Meeting. The book is for sale and the profits go to an educational project which gives primary-aged children the chance to experience a lesson in an underground air-raid shelter.

The book can be bought online at

www.mggs.org/war

17th February 2021

David Barber Swan Upping

David Barber is the Queens Swan Marker, a role which dates back to the 12th century but he is undertaking to return to the 21st century this month to give us his scheduled talk by Zoom. I imagine that many of us have heard of the ancient custom of Swan Upping on the River Thames and have little concept of what it involves. He is responsible for organizing it and will tell us all about it as well as describing his many other duties. A rare opportunity to find out about a fascinating local custom.

17th March 2021

Don Brown Ancient Treasures of the British Museum

Don Brown is a London Blue Badge Guide and Director of the London Society. His usual work sees him guiding tourists around London and other interesting sites which may be further afield. In these unusual times he is undertaking to show virtual tourists some of his favourite spots, including the British Museum where he will talk to us about some of the most outstanding ancient treasures of that amazing treasure house.

OUTINGS

From the Outings Committee:

If, like your Outings Committee, you are developing withdrawal symptoms from a lack of outings to attend, don't worry.

We have our plans for the New Year when, perhaps, we can start travelling together again. You will see here the kind of things we have in mind and we hope you approve.

Be assured that as soon as we can meet together with no virus risk on a coach or boat or plane you will be receiving booking forms to complete.

We have looked at the possibility of limited number outings but the coach hire cost is prohibitive. And now we can't have any groups gathering at all.

So, please be patient.

Things will get easier and before too long we'll be able to enjoy (if that's the word), one of Mike Sedman's horror quizzes en route to an interesting destination.

The January 2021 Celebration Lunch is cancelled and re-booked for January 2022.

The **provisional 2021** outings are looking like this:

Feb	postponed? Wallingford Treasure Hunt & visit to the Mary Rose
March	maybe Brighton
April	Concord Aerospace museum
May	Watercress Line
June	Northumbria 6-day trip
July	Isle of Wight cruise
Aug	Butser Park Iron Age village
Sept	Frogmore Mill
Oct	Salisbury (Cathedral and town)
Nov	Concert



INTEREST GROUPS

No face to face meetings at the moment. Please check website for latest updates.

Most Groups are keeping themselves in touch with each other by all means electronic. Several are meeting via Zoom monthly. Our ZoomPro (with unlimited time) is proving popular – ten Groups are using it every month.

Bookings are made via **Contact** website page.

Big thanks to Group conveners for keeping things going.

You can apply to join an Interest Group even now to be ready for fresh times

Contact Yvonne Griffiths **via our website**

Antiques	<i>Carole Johnson</i>
Art/Painting	<i>Angie Thorington</i>
Craft	<i>Angie Thorington</i>
Photography 3	<i>Malcolm Brooks</i>
Music Broader	<i>Val Wolsey</i>
Music Classical 1	<i>Mike Sedman</i>
Music Classical 2	<i>John Cozens</i>
Singing for Fun	<i>Helen Fitcher</i>
Ukulele	<i>Paul Booker (temp)</i>
Book Group 1	<i>Sue Taylor</i>
Book Group 2	<i>Di Young</i>
Book Group 3	<i>Sheila Findlay</i>
Book Group 4	<i>Dee Clarke</i>
Book Group 5	<i>Sue English</i>
Play Reading	<i>Philippa Davies</i>
Poetry Reading	<i>Jill Cooney</i>
Writing for Pleasure	<i>Carolyn Newbert</i>

French Conversation 1	<i>Janet Franklin</i>
French Conversation 2	<i>Susan Renn</i>
Latin for Pleasure	<i>Roger Morgan</i>
Spanish Improvers	<i>Val Mowlam</i>
Science	<i>Anna Harvey</i>
Seminar	<i>Gloria Hamilton-Peach</i>
Current Affairs 1	<i>Trudy Davies</i>
Current Affairs 2	<i>Val Mowlam</i>
Genealogy 1	<i>Linda Matthews</i>
Genealogy 2	<i>Mary Cozens</i>
History 1	<i>Ted Nelson</i>
History 2	<i>Patricia Shields</i>
History 3	<i>Colin Clarke</i>
History 4	<i>Jenny Potter</i>
History 5	<i>Ray Verrall</i>
Writing Life History	<i>Margaret Pritchard</i>
iPad Users 1	<i>Sheila Findlay</i>
iPad Users 2	<i>tba</i>
Mac Users	<i>Ann Truesdale</i>

Cards Bridge	<i>Sheila Findlay</i>
Cards Canasta	<i>Hilly Bailey</i>
Cards Cribbage	<i>Joyce Kent</i>
Cards Euchre	<i>Hilly Bailey</i>
Scrabble 1	<i>Sarah Masters</i>
Scrabble 2	<i>Vee Hadley</i>
Badminton	<i>Hilly Bailey</i>
Pétanque	<i>Loren Butt</i>
Birdwatching 1	<i>Rosemary Garner</i>
Birdwatching 2	<i>Pam Johnstone</i>
Shorter Walking	<i>Paul Booker</i>
Rambling	<i>Phil Richardson</i>
Moderate Walk 1	<i>Julia West</i>
Moderate Walk 2	<i>Julia West</i>
Longer Walking	<i>Julia West</i>
Garden Visits	<i>Dinah Perkins & Hilary Taylor</i>
Lunch Club	<i>Rosemary & Tony Hines</i>
Sunday Lunch Club	<i>Ken Gough</i>



From Helen Fitcher – Singing for Fun:

Our wonderful music director has had to step down for health reasons, so we are looking for a new music director. Does anyone know of anyone?
Its once a month and likely to start at/after Easter this year.

From Angie Thorrington – Art/Painting & Craft:

Wishing you all a Better Healthier New Year. Looking forward to seeing you sometime in 2021, stay safe.

From Carolyn Newbert – Writing for Pleasure:

Continue sharing our work & keeping in touch by email.

From Philippa Davies – Playreading:

Meeting monthly via ZoomPro. We might read a whole play in one sitting, the duration of a session could take as long as 2 ½ hours.

From Jennifer Potter – History 4:

Meeting monthly via Zoom Pro. In December our topic continued with American Presidents.

From Patricia Shields – History 2:

Our December meeting on Zoom each of us talked briefly on a Christmas Tradition accompanied by a glass and a mince pie as we toast one another remotely.

From Ray Verrall – History 5:

Happy New Year. Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Friday, 22nd January at 10.am. Subject to be decided.

From Sue Taylor – Book 1:

We had a ZoomPro Christmas party, complete with prosecco and mince pies! We each chose a Christmas-themed reading which we performed, ranging from Dr. Seuss through to a Christmas ghost via Larkrise and the Yorkshire Dales with a bit of Pam Ayres thrown in for good measure. Our 2021 reading programme is almost complete.

From Diana Young – Book 2:

We had a Zoom Christmas Meeting. Each member is read a Christmas poem or piece of prose, followed by a discussion to decide our Reading List for 2021. We concluded by toasting each other Happy Christmas with a mince pie and drink.

From Dee Clarke – Book 4:

Are holding Zoom meetings once a month. Our December we discussed "The Body" by Bill Bryson.

From Sue English – Book 5:

We read "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats" by Jan-Philipp Sendker in December. Our book for January is Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell and we will meet to discuss both books on ZoomPro on 28th Jan. We have chosen our 2021 Book list. Many of us have read and discussed informally The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. Full of characters you feel you know.....

From Carole Johnson – Antiques:

We maintain contact via e-mail, and e-mail Quizzes each month.

From Jill Cooney – Poetry:

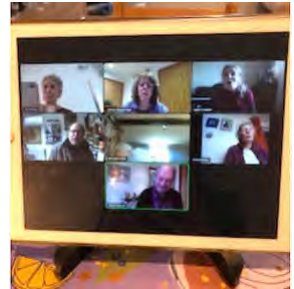
continues to meet each week on Zoom and enjoy a little escapism from this strange world we find ourselves in. We send a better and healthy New Year to all u3a members.

From Pam Johnstone – Birdwatching 2:

No plans to meet up till into the new year.

From Janet Franklin – French 1:

Les amis pur le reunion de français. We met in December as Zoom-usual. It was great to get all the zoomers together. Mike Sedman sent us a quiz as well and Trudy always sends us her news so that I can update the group. Jill took a photo of us. Here's to 2021 - hopefully meeting together then. Joyeux Noel et bonne année à tout le monde.



From Loren Butt – Petanque:

No Petanque.

From Joyce Kent – Cribbage:

Meetings were due to start but have been postponed..

From Malcolm Brooks – Photography:

We are showing about 15 photos in PowerPoint, using the PowerPoint presenting facilities.

From Val Mowlam – Spanish:

Continue to hold very successful ZoomPro discussions monthly.

From Linda Matthews – Genealogy 1:

We have a monthly topic which we submit by group email, however we are all looking forward to face to face meeting hopefully shortly!

From Trudy Davies – Current Affairs 1:

Continue to hold very successful ZoomPro discussions monthly.

From Val Mowlam – Current Affairs 2:

Meeting monthly via ZoomPro.

From Phil Richardson – Rambling:

Did walk in December.

From Julia West – Moderate:

Did walk in December, here's a photo of the walk in early Dec, visiting the reconstructed Anglo-Saxon house at Long Wittenham. They walked in two groups of 7 and got some sunshine.



BOOK READING LISTS

Here are the Book Groups' Reading lists drawn together – you are all invited to peruse!
Please do let the Editor know of your recommendations.

Book Group 1:

A Spark of Light by Jodie Picoult
Bettany's Book by Thomas Kineally
Clock Dance by Anne Tyler
Educated by Tara Westover
Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie
Queenie by Candice Carty-Williams
The Child by Fiona Barton
The Force of Nature by Jane Harper
The Heart's Invisible Furies by John Boyd
The Holiday by Tim Logan
The Testaments by Margaret Atwood

Book Group 2:

A Life of my Own by Claire Tomalin
Accidents in the Home by Tessa Hadley
Pompeii by Robert Harris
The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri
The Dangerous Edge of Things
by Candida Lycett Green
The Hidden Village by Imogen Matthews
The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce
The Prince of the West End by Alan Isler
The Salt Path by Raynor Winn
Wilding by Isabella Tree

Book Group 3:

Conclave by Robert Harris
Dangerous Crossing by Rachel Rhys
Erubus by Michael Palin
Lie of The Land by Amanda Craig
Once upon a River by Diane Setterfield
Pomfret Towers by Angela Thirkell
Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harari
The Curious Heart of Ailsa Rae by Stephanie Butland
The Great Alone by Kristina Hannah
The Reason to be Cheerful by Nina Stibbe

From Philip Burton:

Centuries of Change by Ian Mortimer Which century saw the most change and why it matters to us.
The New Dark Ages by James Bridle - Technology and the End of the Future.

Book Group 4:

Janice Hadlow, **The Other Bennett Sister**, Pan Macmillan, 2020, (£11.04 at Book Depository)
Peter Frankopan, **The Silk Road : A New History of the World**, Bloomsbury Paperbacks, 2016
Bernardine Evaristo, **Girl, Woman, Other**, now in paperback
Tracy Chevalier, **A Single Thread**, The Borough Press
Donna Leon, **Trace Elements**, in pbk from September 2020
Marlon James, **The Book of Night Women**, One world Publications, 2014
Madeleine Miller, **Circe**, Bloomsbury
Elizabeth Strout, **Olive Again**, pbk in Nov.
Salley Vickers, **Grandmothers**, Viking
Rose Tremain short stories – **The American Lover**, Vintage
Emily Ruskovich – **Idaho**, Vintage
Elizabeth Macneal, **The Doll Factory**, Picador
Linda Grant, **A Stranger City**, Virago pb in June 2020
Nina George, **The Little Paris Bookshop**, Little, Brown
Claire Fuller, **Our Endless Numbered Days**, Penguin
Lindsey Davies, **2 series of Classical Roman Crime novels**.
Simon Barnes, **On the Marsh**, Simon & Schuster Ltd
Deirdre Madden, **Mollie Fox's Birthday**, faber & faber
Hilary Mantel, **The Mirror & the Light**, Fourth Estate
A book for dipping into:
Helen Dunmore: **'Counting Backwards'**
Poems 1975-2017



Book Group 5 - 2021 Reading List:

In Extremis by Maria Colvin
Fingers in the Sparkle Jar by Chris Packham
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
The Clockmaker's Daughter by Kate Morton
The Cyprus Tree by Kamin Mohammadi
My Name is Why by Lemn Sissay
How Not To Be A Boy by Robert Webb
The Easternmost House by Juliet Blaxland
The Thursday Murder Club by Ricard Osman



MUSICAL NOTES

Undervalued Treasures by the Classical Music Groups or Composers who we think Should Be Better Known

This month Beate Gannon (Music Group 1) brings to our attention,

Johann Pachelbel **1653 - 1706**

There is much more to composer and teacher Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706) than the famous 'Canon in D'. A contemporary of Purcell and Corelli he composed a large body of sacred and secular music. In his early years Pachelbel spent several years in Vienna which at the time attracted musicians from many countries and where he would have absorbed predominantly Italian style compositions.



He worked at various places as organist, teacher and composer plus as court musician (Eisenach, Erfut, Stuttgart, Gotha amongst other places). While at Erfut he taught Johann Christoph Bach who in turn taught his younger brother Johann Sebastian and J S Bach venerated Pachelbel throughout his life.

Pachelbel eventually returned returned to his birthplace Nuremburg for the last 11 years of his life. He composed liturgical and secular organ works, explored chorale preludes and fugues. There are beautiful chaconnes and fantasias, chamber music and vocal works. The sacred concertos are scored for choir plus a fairly large group of instruments resulting in rich sounds, eg the 'Magnificat in C major' . There are plenty of examples available on Spotify or YouTube for exploring more of Pachelbel's music other than the 'Canon in D'.



Editor note: here's a sample YouTube recording of [Magnificat](#)



WALLINGFORD ON CHRISTMAS DAY

BY **MARK ROBINSON**
One of our roving photographers



PHOTOS BY RAY VERRALL

Another of our roving photographers



Selection of festive wreaths from The Maltings



Christmas veg and fruit delivery



Extra power supplies to support Christmas

Community Christmas tree alongside footpath for passers by to remember relatives at Christmas by adding baubles





BORIS THE BORER

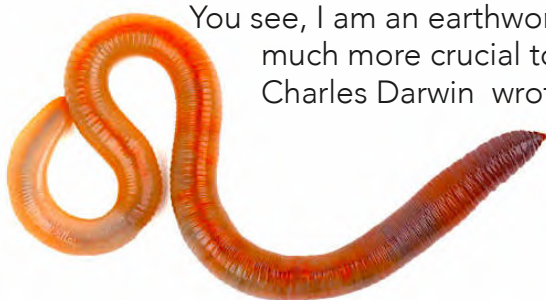


by Oxyfauna

(who also penned last month's "Trevor the Turkey")

Hello! I am the earth's tunneller and my name is Boris the Borer.

The other day, as I was working my way just underneath the soil, I sensed a pitter patter and a bit of squeaking above so I went up to investigate. Lo and behold there was a woodpecker (October) and a tiny bat (November) chatting about their lifestyles. As mine is so much more interesting I thought I would let them get on with it and tell you a bit about me.



You see, I am an earthworm (not a "boring" Brexit politician) and I am much more crucial to the environment than they are. Charles Darwin wrote

"there are few animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world than the earthworm."

No wonder I am known as the eco system engineer. Due to my constant eating (up to half my bodyweight a day) I provide a natural way of improving soil structure and fertility as it aerates the soil, improves drainage and brings nutrients to the surface. I make natural fertilizer and if there are a typical 500,000 to 1 million of my friends in one acre we make more than fifty tons of extremely valuable castings.

Oh dear! I hope you are not dropping off because I am so "boring"!!!

There's more! As I am very slim and about one foot long, I need five hearts to pump my blood around. I have no lungs, arms, legs or eyes and I breathe through my skin, so it must be kept moist. I am a hermaphrodite but still need a mate. I have muscles that go round me and others that run the length of my body, which enable me to get around. Finally, if you feel so sadistic as to cut me in two, I probably wouldn't survive so please don't try!



You will know that we brought tobacco from America, but what you may not know is that we took worms over to North America with the early settlers during the 1600's and 1700's. Their land lost all its worms, it is thought, during the last ice age some 10,000 to 50,000 years ago.



I wonder who got the better deal courtesy of the ancestors of Boris the Borer???



Oxyfauna



MARK & MARY ROBINSON'S PHOTO QUIZ

GRAVES & MEMORIALS FOR LOCAL SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS

With 2021 starting on a more optimistic note due to the scientific development of Covid vaccines, this quiz comprises graves and memorials commemorating local scientists and engineers.

1. Jethro Tull (1674 – 1741)

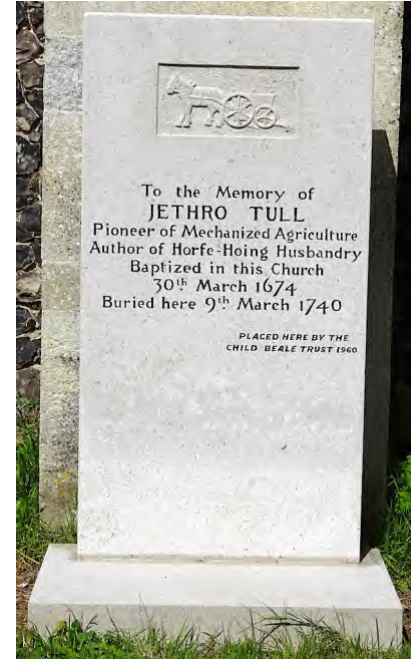
The 18th century agriculturalist Jethro Tull is celebrated as the father of modern farming. He was born into a family of Berkshire gentry and began farming with his father at Howbery.

At that time, farmland was ploughed into furrows and seeds were thrown over the field by hand only some of which fell into the furrows, which was inefficient, and wasteful. To improve agricultural methods and increase yields he devised a horse drawn machine to sow seeds into the furrows at precise densities which were then immediately covered with soil by a harrow. This reduced the waste of seeds and suppressed weeds. Despite initial resistance his ideas were adopted and, in time, formed the basis of modern agriculture.



Where is he buried?

There is a plaque near where he lived. **Where is it?**



2. William Morris (1877 - 1963)

William Richard Morris was an English motor manufacturer and philanthropist. Leaving school he was apprenticed to a local cycle maker, but soon set up his own bicycle business and then progressed to his own car business. Inspired by Ford's manufacturing methods he began assembling his own cars at Cowley, selling the first Morris car in 1913. The Morris Motor Company rapidly grew to be the country's leading car maker, making him a multi-millionaire.

He and his wife had no children, and so he dispersed a large part of his fortune to charitable causes. He founded the Nuffield Foundation with an endowment of £10 million to advance education and social welfare, and provided funds to set up the Oxford University Medical School. He also bought a derelict site in the centre of Oxford where he founded Nuffield College, as well as creating what is now Nuffield Health.

Where is he buried?

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GRAVES & MEMORIALS FOR LOCAL SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS

3. William Henry Dines (1855 – 1927)

William Dines went to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, graduating in 1881. Just 18 months earlier, the Tay Bridge in Dundee had collapsed during a violent storm, killing all 75 passengers and crew. A major contributory factor to the disaster was the failure of the bridge design to allow for the pressure exerted by the wind. This prompted Dines to develop a new type of anemometer for more accurate measurement of wind speed and pressure. He was a man of private means and began to devote himself to the development of better meteorological measuring instruments. His work quickly earned him official recognition. He served as President of the Royal Meteorological Society from 1901-2 and was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1905. Although an amateur he was appointed Director of Experiments on the Upper Air by the Meteorological Office and in 1914 he was awarded the Symons Gold Medal for his distinguished work by the Royal Meteorological Society.



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Where was he buried?

Where is there a plaque to commemorate where he lived?

4. Lord Carnarvon (1866 - 1923)

George Edward Herbert, 5th Earl of Carnarvon, was an English peer and aristocrat best known as the financial backer of the search for and excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb. He married Almina Wombwell, possibly the illegitimate daughter of millionaire banker Alfred de Rothschild, who provided her with a marriage settlement of £500,000 and he also paid off all of Lord Carnarvon's debts.



Carnarvon was badly injured in a car accident leaving him prone to lung infections. His doctors recommended that he spent winters abroad, and he visited Egypt where he developed a keen interest in Egyptology, leading to him sponsoring the excavations of British archaeologist Howard Carter in the Valley of the Kings.

Where was he buried?



KEN'S GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

More challenge from our Ken!



1. The availability of alcohol from a loss-making distillery and a desire to use surplus cream from Express dairies led to the creation of which liqueur in the 1970's ?
2. Broadcaster Ben Fogle is the son of which actress who appeared in *Alfie* with Michael Caine and *Half a Sixpence* with Tommy Steele?
3. Which is the nearest star system to the Sun?
4. If you arrived by palanquin would you have arrived by horse, man or wind power?
5. Which dance that appeared in the musical *Runnin' Wild* is named after a city in South Carolina?
6. The Elddis Avante 45, Adria Altea 622DK Avon and Bailey Discovery D4-2 are types of what?
7. "*Hey, Mr Churchill comes over here. To say we're doing splendidly*" is the opening line of which 1980 Christmas song?
8. The building housing the French Senate shares its name with which member country of the EU?
9. In Greek mythology, who is the three-headed watchdog at the entrance to Hades?
10. What element is known as the "devil's element" because of its tendency to burst into flame?
11. What name is given to the point in the orbit of a planet at which it is closest to the sun?
12. Sara Dallin and Keren Woodward have recently published a book about their time in which girl group?
13. What do the initials stand for in the furniture retailer DFS?
14. Kinshasa is the capital and the largest city of which African country ?
15. Queensware is a type of fine, cream-coloured pottery manufactured by whom?
16. Who preceded Angela Merkel as Chancellor of Germany?
17. In culinary terms, Lincolnshire poacher is a type of what?
18. "*As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a gangster.*" Is the opening line of which 1990 film?
19. The ballerina Tais Vinolo stars as a young dancer in which company's 2020 Christmas TV advert?
20. And, lastly, where in France would you find the Haut-Medoc, Graves and Cotes de Bourg wine regions?

MIKE'S QUIZ

WOMEN OF 2020



1. Who is Michel Barnier's boss ?
2. Name the next Vice-President of the USA.
3. Who is the ex-girlfriend of paedophile Jeffery Epstein?
4. Which author has been embroiled in a row about transgender people?
5. Which American is carving out a new career back home with a new-ish husband?
6. Who is a climate campaigner and first lady?
7. Which famous model aged 50 campaigns against inequality in the fashion world?
8. Who is the boxer who won two gold medals and appeared in *Strictly*?
9. Who has been arguing rather violently with Johnny Depp?
10. Which singer made a million dollar donation to research a coronavirus vaccine?
11. Who was the first woman jockey to ride five winners in one meeting?
12. Who reaches the end of her final term this year 2021 having led her country for 15 years?
13. Who did not wear a mask recently chatting to women recently?
14. Who has not released any music since 2016, but is rumoured to be returning soon having lost 7 stone in weight?
15. Name the Japanese tennis player who is the highest earning female athlete in the world.
16. Who is the female star in *Normal People* ?
17. Who is the charismatic prime minister of New Zealand?
18. Who does Olivia Coleman famously play?
19. Who is the Speaker at the US House of Representatives?
20. And finally, which woman, now controversial, leads Myanmar, formerly Burma?

QUIZ ANSWERS



Mark & Mary's Photo QUIZ Graves & Memorials

1. Jethro Tull - **St Bartholomew's Church, Lower Basildon.**
The blue plaque is on **The Street, Crowmarsh.**
2. William Morris – **Holy Trinity Churchyard, Nuffield.**
3. William Henry Dines – **St Helen's Churchyard, Benson, Oxfordshire.**
The blue plaque is on **Old Barn, Brook Street, Benson, formerly part of Colne House where he lived from 1913 - 1927.**
4. Lord Carnarvon – **Beacon Hill, Burghclere, Hampshire, an Iron Age hillfort with extensive views to Highclere Castle.**

Rita's Beatle Songs QUIZ

Baby You're a Rich Man
Baby's in Black or Lady Madonna ("*Baby at Your Breast*")
Back in the USSR
Bad Boy (the feigned look of innocence on Maxwell's face)
Birthday
Blackbird
Carry That Weight
Come Together
Dig It
Doctor Robert
Drive My Car
Eight Days A Week
Fixing a Hole
From Me to You (boy handing present to girl)
Girl or I've Got A Feeling
(girl standing next to Maxwell)
Glass Onion
Hello, Goodbye
Help!
Helter Skelter
Her Majesty

Here Comes the Sun or Good Day Sunshine
Here, There and Everywhere
I am the Walrus
I'm Only Sleeping (the other tramp)
I'm So Tired
Let It Be
Lovely Rita
Maxwell's Silver Hammer
Money (*That's What I Want*)
Norwegian Wood
Octopus' Garden
Penny Lane
Piggies
Revolution
She Came in Through the Bathroom Window
She's Leaving Home
Strawberry Fields Forever
Tax Man
The Fool on the Hill
The Long and Winding Road
Ticket to Ride
Twist and Shout
While My Guitar Gently Weeps
Yellow Submarine
You Won't See Me



QUIZ ANSWERS



Ken's General Knowledge QUIZ



1. Bailey's
2. Julia Foster
3. Alpha Centauri
4. Manpower – a cabin carried on poles
5. Charleston
6. Caravan
7. "Stop the Cavalry" by Jona Lewie
8. Luxembourg
9. Cerberus
10. Phosphorus
11. Perihelion
12. Bananarama
13. Direct Furnishing Supplies
14. Democratic Republic of the Congo
15. Wedgwood
16. Gerhard Schroder
17. Cheese
18. Goodfellas
19. Amazon
20. Bordeaux



Mike's 2020 Women QUIZ

1. Ursula van der Leyen
2. Kamala Harris
3. Ghislane Maxwell
4. J K Rowling
5. Megan Markle
6. Carrie Symonds
7. Naomi Campbell
8. Nicola Adams
9. Amber Heard
10. Dolly Parton
11. Hollie Doyle
12. Angela Merkel
13. Nicola Sturgeon
14. Adele
15. Naomi Osaka
16. Daisy Edgar Jones
17. Jacinda Arderne
18. The Queen
19. Nancy Pelosi
20. Ang Sung Su Chi



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