

Dear Members

How are you all? For myself and those I meet, this lockdown has been the hardest yet. The cold days, short daylight hours and so many weeks without being able to see family, friends and attend activities we love has taken a toll on us. The one bright spark has been the vaccination programme which I hope has made you feel a little safer.

After the announcements made by the government on 22nd February, we now have more reason to look positively towards the future. If all goes well, we hope groups can decide to meet in 6's outdoors in May followed by indoors late June. We may also be able to restart our monthly meetings and even celebrate a belated 30th birthday of Stowmarket U3A later in the year. I know we must all be

hoping the research showing the extremely positive effects the vaccine is having on the impact of Covid 19 continues so we can all feel as safe as possible again. We will keep you up to date by email or letter as things become clearer.

In the meantime, we are starting a new venture for the next few months which you can read on page 8. I hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter and the u3a Third Age Matters magazine and I look forward to meeting together again in the summer months.

Glynis Hunt

Chairperson.

Thank You Thank You Thank You**Thank You**

A big thank you to **all our members** who have re-joined this year. It has been a very difficult year for everyone and it has also been challenging for the committee trying to put into place procedures to ensure that Stowmarket u3a flourishes. If you are aware of any people who would still like to join us please ask them to contact Anne Weedon our Membership Secretary—contact details page 10.

Membership costs are reduced this year to £7.50. Some groups are able to offer online meetings and we hope to resume online monthly meetings from March.

Thank You

A big thank you to **all group leaders** who have worked tirelessly to either keep groups meeting on line or have managed to keep in touch with group members. We eagerly await the lifting of some restrictions and a time when we can resume some activities. If as a group leader you would like some support in running your group on line or need ideas how groups can meet once restrictions are lifted please contact **Liz Power our Group Co-ordinator.**

Thank You

A big thank you to **Tony Taylor, Connie Harford, Jenny Rogers and Angela Bentley.** These are long standing members who have made a significant contribution to Stowmarket u3a and are now moving on or relinquishing their roles and will be missed.

Tony Taylor

Nobody deserves our thanks more than Tony Taylor and you can read these in Liz Power's report on page 8.

Connie Harford

We say a fond farewell and a big thank you to Connie who has moved to Chelmsford to be nearer her daughter. Connie joined Stowmarket u3a in 2007 and served as our secretary 2014 – 2018. She worked hard in this role but also managed to escape in her motorhome for several months of the year which she loved doing. You may know Connie best for her quizzes which she organised for us at Christmas Lunches and Acquainting Afternoons or you may know her from one of the many groups she participated in including Computer and Technology, Discussion, Geology, Lunch Club, Singing, Table Tennis and Walk and Talk. Connie has re-joined Stowmarket u3a this year as she loves participating in the online groups but we will not see her in 'real life' and so we say a fond farewell, thank her for all her contributions to Stowmarket u3a and wish her well for the future.

.....Thank You

Angela Bentley

We also extend a big thank you to Angela who has been a long standing member and group leader for the Town and Village History Group and our first Lunch Group. Both have been extremely successful groups, well organised, well planned, and well implemented and I know how much these groups were appreciated by our members. It is not until you take on these roles that you realise how time consuming the work can be.

Angela was always full of good ideas and willing to support anyone who needed it, often picking up members who needed transport and accompanying people on trips and visits. Thanks also go to Angela's husband, Graham, who often supported Angela and made many an activity fun by acting as DJ and sharing his love of rock and roll music. Angela hopes to travel when the restrictions are lifted and we completely understand her desire for more freedom. Angela has re-joined the u3a this year and we look forward to seeing her when restrictions allow. We send her our thanks and wish her well in her new ventures.

Jenny Rogers

Another person we say thanks and farewell to is Jenny, who has been a member for many years. Probably know best for helping to run the Walk and Talk group for several years, often accompanied by her husband David. Jenny has a keen interest in nature and gardening and so was always a very interesting person to talk to on walks. Jenny also belonged to the G&T group (Garden and Things) and arranged many an enjoyable visit and lunch. One meeting she organised at her house was to see her medlar tree to learn about its properties and to sample the fruit. We also found out that Jenny used to provide Tiptree Jams with medlar fruit. Jenny is very knowledgeable about gardening and has been known to generously share her plants and tips. One thing you may not know about Jenny is that she's an extremely good netball player although this was not a group she set up for the u3a! Jenny has also been a very familiar face at monthly meetings. Now that her husband has retired and with a love of travel, Jenny is looking forward to spending more time in their camper van when restriction allow. We thank Jenny for her long support of Stowmarket u3a and wish her health and happiness in her adventures.

Compiled by Anne Webb and Lorraine Shelton

'The Dig' and Sutton Hoo

You have to Dig deep to find someone *Hoo* is a *Fiennner* speaker at our monthly meetings!!



At the May 2019 Monthly Meeting, we welcomed Paul Constantine who gave a talk about the work of the [Woodbridge Riverside Trust](#) and the building of the full-size reconstruction of the Sutton Hoo

ship, measuring 27 metres long. The actual Sutton Hoo Anglo-Saxon ship dates from c.624AD.

In January 2021, Netflix released "The Dig", a film starring Ralph Fiennes and Carey Mulligan, about the 1938 excavation of the Sutton Hoo Ship and the Anglo Saxon treasure that was found with it.

Ralph Fiennes plays the part of Basil Brown, a tough, self-reliant man of few words, and very much a man who was Suffolk born and bred. He was key to the excavation of the site, owned by the Pretty family. Cary Mulligan played the land owner, Edith Pretty.

Scholars believe Rædwald of East Anglia is the most likely person to have been buried in the ship.

The site is important in establishing the history of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of East Anglia as well as illuminating the early

Anglo-Saxon period which lacked historical documentation.

The artefacts excavated are considered to be the greatest treasure ever discovered in the UK. They were given to the [British Museum](#) by the Pretty family.

The treasure was hidden in the London Underground during the war and was first exhibited - without any mention of Basil Brown - nine years after Edith's death. Only recently was Brown given full credit for his contribution and his name is now displayed permanently alongside Pretty's at the British Museum.



This story has a link with another of our talks. At our February 2017 monthly meeting Charlie Haylock gave a talk to us about the history of spoken English where he told us how each invading force, whether it be the Angles, the Saxons, Vikings or Normans have affected the sounds of our language. It was Charlie who taught Ralph Fiennes a Suffolk accent for his part in the film.

When the Covid restrictions allow, we wonder how many of you will be interested in watching the film and taking a trip to the Sutton Hoo site and Pretty family home to see the permanent exhibition there about the excavation?

Keith Shelton



Lock Down Group News

Walk and Talk

Between the end of the lockdown on December 2nd and Christmas, we only managed one walk. This was socially distanced around Thorndon led by Robert Bradshaw, starting and finishing at the Four Horseshoes where takeaways were available for those who wanted one.

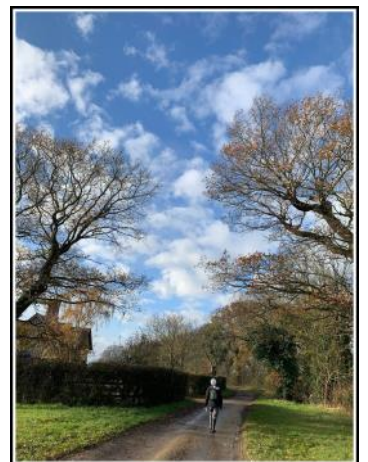
Along the walk we encountered a herd

of goats, some of which were insistent on coming with us. Robert used his herding skills to cut them off before they reached the road.

Unfortunately the weather prevented a planned walk around Lackford Lakes which was then rearranged for January and again cancelled because of the national lockdown. Hopefully we will finally manage it in the spring.

Walking as individuals or in our bubbles, members have still managed to get out and about locally, although they have not been helped by the weather. First came the snow then the floods followed by more snow. Photographs have abounded and we share some of these with you.

Phil Webb



Computing and Technology

We had an excellent attendance at our pre-Christmas meeting on 18th December, 10 in all and 1 apology out of a current membership of 17.

This time around we tried Jit.si as opposed to 8x8 but as they are both built on the same platform, the controls are identical. Whilst there were the same fun and games as at the start of all video conferencing as people join, we very quickly settled down to the meeting in earnest. I had to apologise again for the poor quality and sound from me in the presence of excellent transmission from most others. This is down to a very poor internet upload speed (out in the sticks!) and a naff web cam/mike (which I've since upgraded).

Including matters arising from the

previous meeting and new topics we discussed (amongst others) 'What is a Chrome book, and how to convert an old lap top into one?', 'PDF24—a multi tool replacement for Adobe Reader' and the latest 'Windows 10 Feature Update 20H2 and our collective experiences'.

We were down to 7 for our February meeting but nevertheless it was great fun and most productive. After going through the previous meeting notes and for the benefit of our newer members we discussed some basic aspects of computer housekeeping such as 'How do I create folders and store documents/photos/videos where I can find them again?'. Then hints on web browsing such as 'Retaining web links for easy access—bookmarking etc.' and the different functions of 'the address bar and search bar in browsers such as

Chrome and Edge'.

You can always read the notes on our meetings on [our web site page](#)—back to 2011 would you believe!

Even if you are not a C&T group member, if you have an IT related problem you can always post a question on [our forum page](#) or failing that contact me on 01449 781 562 or webmaster@u3astowmarket.org.uk and if I can't help I can pass you onto one of our other knowledgeable members.

I believe that these virtual meetings are well worth while and have played a great part in revitalising our group to the extent that we may continue as such even when restrictions are lifted.

Peter Dakeyne

Play Reading Virtual

The Virtual Play Reading Group has continued to meet twice a month on 2nd and 4th Monday between 11.00a.m–12.00noon.

Recently we have read "Hedda Gabler" by Henrik Ibsen and "Lady Windermere's Fan" by Oscar Wilde. We have just commenced reading "The Night of the Iguana" by Tennessee Williams.

Although there may be some easing of COVID restrictions on the horizon, I anticipate that the Play Reading Group will continue as a Virtual Group for the foreseeable future.

If anyone wishes to join the Virtual Group, please contact me.

Maureen Wingham-Eaton

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French Conversation

We continue to meet virtually every week and share personal news - in French, of course. I believe this has been very valuable - keeping us connected and also learning about using the technology. One member regularly helps with grandchildren's study on historical or scientific subjects! Another member has kept us up to date with French words describing the activities of the builder and plumber who are re-doing their bathroom! Another member tells us about country walks and new ways of washing mud or snow off the dog and one member received support after sharing in French about the breakup of a relationship. Any subject can be covered in our 'Nouvelles'!

We also share opinions on books we have read and can display paintings or pottery they have created.

We plan to continue meeting virtually - this saves a lot of petrol and time.

Thank goodness for U3A groups!!

Andrea Burton

Table Tennis

Under the present Covid pathway, in theory it should be possible to recommence Table Tennis sessions from 17th May.

However this would still be under the rule of 6 and social distancing which as we've discussed before does not allow for our type of social play.

From the 21st June it may be possible to restart without restrictions but 'English Table Tennis' are currently seeking guidance on how best to reduce the risk of transmission and protect ourselves and loved ones.

I will keep in touch with English TT and Stowmarket Table Tennis Club and advise our group members when everything is clarified.

Peter Dakeyne

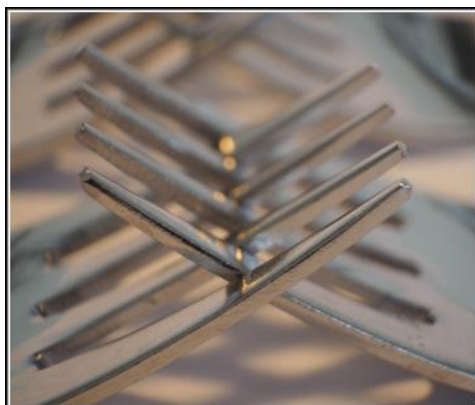
Photography

Throughout the lock down we have continued our monthly sessions using the 8x8 conferencing software and as mentioned before we expect to be meeting this way for the foreseeable future.

We all submit our photos as normal via Dropbox and Roy is able to share his Photoshop screen so we can admire and/or constructively criticise the pictures as normal. It's all a lot of fun!

Our latest topics have been 'Looking Down', 'Before and After', and in February, 'In and Around Home' (4 months, Nov-Feb'). March is 'Landscapes'. For this issue, Roy has selected one of each of our 'In and Around Home' pictures.

Peter Dakeyne



Geology Group

ALERT: STOWMARKET U3A MEMBERS

WATCH OUT FOR WALL HUGGERS!

There have been sightings of individuals or pairs of people standing uncomfortably close to walls in the area. Magnifying glasses, torches and cameras have also been involved. Observe and maintain a discreet distance. We need to know the purpose of this outbreak!

Perhaps an easier way would be to just ask the wall hugger instead. He or she will definitely be a member of the Geology Group.

Every stone, brick and pebble in a wall tells a story. The land beneath our feet is a clue to the materials used by builders over the ages. Local church walls are made up of flint pebbles and cobbles and other stones that have been brought by an ice sheet during the Ice Age. Some pebbles may have come from the beds of the ancient River Thames when it flowed across East Anglia to join the Rhine where the North Sea is now.

So, this is an exercise in learning more about the local geology by studying walls in the area.

In one of our meetings we viewed a PowerPoint presentation about the geological make up of walls in Essex and given a guide to identifying different rocks. It also showed a geology group making a local survey of Essex walls. This is a task we will be hoping to undertake in the Stowmarket area.

The term 'wall hugging' was coined by a group member after viewing a slide on how close up we must venture to a wall

when doing the study. Therefore, the group's alternative name is now The Wall Huggers!

The following two photos are examples of my wall hugging at St Peter's and St Mary's church in town.



In the one above you will see that different types of flint have been used. The black ones with a thin white surface will have been quarried locally from chalk. Also, you will see some that are brown. These are from river gravels and glacial debris and have been stained internally by iron minerals. Others are grey, rounded and mottled. Many are broken with shell like and curved fracture surfaces.



The second photo shows flint that has been knapped. This means that it has been shaped to give a decorative effect. You can often see this above the arched doorway in other churches.

Although flint is extensively used in the walls, a walk around the church will show many other stones have been used too. The geology beneath our feet has certainly been used to good effect.

If you do come across any wall huggers, please do stop and ask what's going on.

Quiz Time

In the last newsletter, I asked:

What is the hardest mineral in the world?

- a) Diamond
- b) Quartz
- c) Pyrite

The answer is : Diamond

Please have a go at the following questions.

1. Some rocks are made by heating and squashing, these are called what?

- a) Sedimentary rocks
- b) Igneous rocks
- c) Metamorphic rocks

2. Remember your stonewashed jeans? Or maybe you've still got a pair.

The stonewashed effect is usually accomplished by washing them in a rotating drum with which light coloured volcanic rock?

A clue: You will have used one at some time!

David Loades

Singing Group update

The Singing Group is still 'on hold' for the time being. However, if the recently published 'road map' comes to fruition I would hope that we will be able to meet again in the not too distant future. Be sure I will let you know!

Hilary Foster

Quiz and History Groups

I'm sorry that it hasn't been possible to hold any of these group meetings over the past year.

Until such time as we can meet again I'm investigating whether we could try Zoom.....?

Melanie Westenra- Hartley

Discussion Group

We have continued to meet on zoom over the winter period and considering that, we have generally had a good attendance of between five and seven. This provides plenty of ideas and comments about our topic whilst giving everybody plenty of time to speak. Most of us are familiar with using zoom so the meetings run smoothly.

Our attendees are pleased to have the opportunity to get together and air their views on a variety of topics. *A few members are unable to use zoom so they cannot be included but we are all looking forward to being able to meet again in person, and hopefully quite soon if the regulations and the weather allows.*

We start the meetings by sharing our current experiences of lockdown, what effect this is having on our life, and the new challenges that we are facing. It feels important to do this in the current climate, to acknowledge some of the many difficulties that we are all facing

before we move onto our main topic of the month.

Our most recent topics have been:

December: The future for transport and power supplies.

January: Humility: Socrates argued that "Humility" is the greatest of all virtues

February: What kind of new world do we envisage? (e.g. after Covid)

Some comments shared included the following:

A future full of electric cars and heat pumps buried in our gardens. More home and flexible working. People recognise the importance of kindness and concern for other people. Covid has highlighted how much we need other people too. Is there any space for humility in today's world of self-promotion? Issues of over-population and affordability brought up the idea of smaller families and dare I say it, do we live too long?

Our topic for the **March** meeting is: **David Warner**
"Social Media, and its impact on

society." We have extra questions to consider and members are encouraged to bring their own thoughts, questions and ideas too:

What are the advantages and disadvantages?

- What would life be like without social media during the lockdowns?
- Do you love or hate social media, tolerate it or ignore it?
- Does social media help to keep you in touch with family and friends?
- Does social media improve communication methods or come with too many problems?
- Is social media for the younger generation or for our third age generation too?

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact **David Warner**, contact details are on the **2020/21** programme, which you can find on.....

[our web site, here](#)



ACTIVITY & INTEREST GROUPS - March 2021. Please contact the Leader/Convenor for the latest regarding your group's activities.					
ART APPRECIATION (SAAG)		GEOLOGY (Virtual)		PHOTOGRAPHY (Virtual)	
New convenor required		Linda Reynolds	07880 516 926	Peter Dakeyne	01449 781 562
		David Loades	07761 282 630		
BOOK CLUB		HISTORY		PLAY READING (Virtual)	
Sylvia Downs	01449 612 661	Melanie Westenra-Hartley	01449 767 757	Maureen Wingham-Eaton	01449 771 200
BRIDGE INTERMEDIATE/IMPROVERS		LUNCH CLUB (Sunday)		POETRY	
Carol Gibson	07918 743 154	Andrea Burton	01449 258 865	Jenifer Adams	01449 615 581
CANASTA (1)		LUNCH CLUB (1)		QUIZ	
Hazel Burl	01449 615 581	New convenor required		Melanie Westenra-Hartley 01449 767 757	
CANASTA (2)		LUNCH CLUB (2)		SCRABBLE PLAYING	
Carol Gibson	07918 743 154	Bryan Hilton	01449 258 152	Contact Andrea Burton	01449 258 865
COMPUTING & TECHNOLOGY (Virtual)		LUNCH CLUB (3)		SINGING	
Peter Dakeyne	01449 781 562	Pat Griffiths	01449 721 137	Hilary Foster	01359 241 773
DISCUSSION (Virtual)		MUSIC - CLASSICAL		TABLE TENNIS	
David Warner	01449 612 730	Ian Hooper	01449 770 179	Peter Dakeyne	01449 781 562
FRENCH CONVERSATION (1 Virtual)		MYTHS, STORIES AND LEGENDS		THEATRE OUTINGS	
Andrea Burton	01449 258 865	Philip Weir	01449 676 528	Sharon Jeeves	07904 026 864
FRENCH CONVERSATION (2)		PAINTING FOR PLEASURE		WALK and TALK	
Zuleika Dobson	01449 615 811	Nina Rouse	01449 612 042	Phil Webb	01449 614 616
				Keith Shelton	01449 7 68 744
GARDENS & THINGS		PATCHWORK			
Stewart Dorward	01449 774 213	Kate Riddleston	01449 612 871		

Group Coordinator

Hello Everyone. It's been a long and turbulent year for us all but spring is around the corner and things are looking up. I think I can safely say that we have all missed seeing one another face to face and look forward to resuming that. Several groups have managed to meet online regularly and found it to work quite well. Of course, this has not been feasible or practical for all.

During this time the leaders of two groups have decided to step down from leading their respective groups. The first is Lunch Club (1) led by **Angela Bentley**— see page 2, and the second, Art Appreciation, led by **Tony Taylor** and his wife, Sally, who sadly passed away at the end of January.

Tony deserves our special thanks. His history and achievements with the **Art Appreciation Group** (ultimately SAAG) appear alongside Sally's in her obituary on page 10. In

addition Tony joined the committee as **Group Coordinator** in 2010, a role he held until 2014. His contributions to the Newsletter both as Leader of the Art Appreciation group and Group Coordinator role were always welcomed, being both informative and amusing.

Both groups are now looking for someone to take over. You don't need to have previous experience as a leader, just a bit of enthusiasm to encourage and share with the other group members. Please feel free to contact me on 07799 761 336 or groupscoord@u3astowmarket.org.uk.

And of course, if you or someone you know is interested in starting a new group then again, please contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Liz Power

Our Archive

We are currently in the process of digitising as many of our past documents as possible, such as AGM Minutes, Committee meeting Minutes and Annual Financial statements, for the benefit of future generations.

As part of this, I've managed to extend the Newsletter record on our web site. Thanks to some original files passed to me by Philip Weir when I became secretary in 2007 I was able to go back to 2002, identified as No 1 in July that year. Going back into surviving paper records there are copies entitled 'Talking Shop' in 2000 and 2001. Before that, there's

a big gap with the only survivors, the original Nos 1 & 2, 1990 and 1991. Simple 2 pages written on a typewriter.

I've found it fascinating to read back through all these, e.g., 'who was the Chair' in such a such year? How did a particular group evolve? Say, 'The Strollers' formed in the early '90s (first 4 miles then 3) splitting into Shorter and Longer Strolls (5 miles) in 2007 - Andrea Burton and Jenny Rogers. This became the 'Walking Group', now 'Walk and Talk'.

[Have a look here](#) for yourself. I'm sure you will enjoy!

Peter Dakeyne

New! Monthly Meetings on YouTube

For the remaining time in lockdown, we have arranged a series of monthly meetings which will be launched at **2.00pm on what would have been our normal Wednesday meeting day**. They will commence with an introduction by our Chair, Glynis Hunt or other Committee member, then followed by a talk by a specialist speaker.

You should by now have received the information and link for the first in the series where Keith gives a talk that explores the things we thought we knew about Suffolk and Stowmarket. If not, you can always catch up by following [this link](#) (if you try before 2pm on 17/03 it will not work).

Thereafter.....

April 21st : 'The Hoxne Hoard', Tony Diamond. Who would have thought that searching for a hammer could reveal so much?

May 19th : 'Don't Eat the Cabin Boy', Toni Neobard. The surprising facts you find whilst tracing your family tree.

16th June: 'The Wisdom of Winston Churchill', Tony Diamond. Inspirational statesman, writer, orator, and leader. What do we really know about Winston Churchill?

21st July: Could be arranged depending on prevailing circumstances.

Links to each talk will be sent via Beacon prior to each meeting and published on the website on [this page](#) at the same time.

Keith and Lorraine

MONTHLY MEETING

17th March 2021

2.00pm

'Record Breaking and the Unusual in Suffolk'

Compiled by Keith Shelton



Please note—This is not a u3a activity, but published here for member information.

Karen Pratt normally holds her classes at the John Peel Centre and when conditions allow she is offering a complementary taster session to any of our members.

Zoom link will be sent every week

Please contact Karen directly at karenlouisedance@gmail.com



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have your say!

The item in the last edition of TAM 'Virtual AGM a Success' reported that more than 770 members took part in the first ever virtual AGM and this was up from 432 last year. This reflects our experience in Stowmarket U3A with about a third of groups now meeting virtually. The photography group has continued as a virtual meeting, in our regular Tuesday slot once a month. Photographs are shared on line managed by our very competent organisers Peter and Roy and a lively discussion takes place. Far from declining the group has gained 2 members since starting the meetings in March and have discussed the possibility that we could continue in this way, even after lock down. The Computer and Technology group has continued as a virtual meeting and the following comment appeared in the Stowmarket U3A newsletter, "what we do appreciate is the social interaction that meeting together, even virtually, gives us..."

I wonder what other members experiences are of the virtual meetings? Certainly the ones that I have attended with U3A and other groups have encouraged me to think that they have something to offer. Not least I have been glad to participate from the comfort of my own home and avoid a difficult and sometimes dark drive to

and from a venue. In addition I must admit that I am quite a shy person who has never felt at ease in large gatherings of people, meetings, parties, social evenings etc. It would be useful to research what are the qualities of virtual meetings and how this type of event could enhance our conventional programme of activities?

Colin Hardy

First published in TAM Feb 2021. To the best of my knowledge, Colin's is only the second letter we have had published in TAM and its predecessor, the first by John Pattison in 2019—also a member of the Photography Group. Ed.

After sending my random thoughts and silly things done from lack of focus and thought processing to friends and due to their responses of making them laugh, smile etc., I thought I would share them with the readers of our Newsletter for some light relief.

From the ridiculousness of what we do at times.....

Mind you I am a Long Covid sufferer so after some weeks at a time of the relapses I find my head is not with it at all and takes sometime to settle and get a bit more to normal!

Eg.. last time on first attempting to see to chores I put Ecover multi-cleaning liquid in my delicate laundry wash instead of Ecover Delicate laundry liquid. I felt the bottle seemed not right (it was slimmer) and the liquid seemed thinner but could just not figure it out

what was wrong even looking at the label it does not register coming out of a long Covid relapse at that time, approximately 4 weeks.

It wasn't until I'd turned the wash on and went to the sink looking at the bottle label still trying to work it out what it was that wasn't right. I suddenly registered what it said! 2 rinses later I started the wash again with the correct liquid I'm happy to say with no apparent lasting effects!

A nightmare time for trying to catch up on anything admin though!

The more I have to work at trying to focus more, the worse the fatigue gets.

Like to see one of my experiences?

I decided the long pink socks weren't warm enough for my wellies I wear when wet.. too thin to keep the cold of the rubber inside at bay..(need fleece liner boot socks if can find any). Anyway I thought I'd cut the feet off and use the leg part for shin/leg warmers in this much colder weather we were having..... .but forgot I had left an old but lovely warm autumn ankle pair of socks inside the pink socks still.

When about to cut the foot off the 2nd one I saw a bulge then realised, on removing it, that I



must have cut the other in half! How annoying to have lost a good sock! Ah well that's how it goes hey-ho!

Anna Rodgers

Obituary

Sally Taylor

Sally and her husband, Tony, joined Stowmarket u3a in 2003 and the following year joined the Committee as our main contact for the Suffolk and District Network of u3as. She became a longstanding committee member serving continuously from 2004—2012.

In 2005 she co-hosted the new group, 'Suffolk Artists Study Group' with Tony at their home. This developed into one of the most popular groups we've had, ballooning from an initial 12 to 19 within a year. The name developed into Stowmarket Art Appreciation Group (SAAG) and spawned two new Art groups along the way.

Initially set up to run for just 5 months it ran continuously until the sudden lock down last year.

Sally will always be remembered for her hard work on the Committee and her hospitality at home with Art Appreciation.

Our Condolences go to Tony and all the family

Stowmarket U3A Committee Members 2020/2021



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