

All aboard with the MOTO Crew!



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Chat from the Chair

I hope this finds you all well.
I have received a survey questionnaire from the **Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)** (their usual practice) regarding our recent speaker Mike Dawson's presentation – this has been returned with relevant comments.



I'm looking forward to our **Blackwater u3a Garden Party at Hawley Green** on 20th July and we've started looking out books and plants for the popular 'Swap Tables'. Maybe a few sunflowers will be there, you can never know!

Most of the facilities are laid on but I should warn you that it will be best to bring a seat with you!

So let's get out there and have a good time.

On a final note, our old friend Mel Rees will be joining us on the 17th August, telling us more about his life! A small selection of his books will be on sale which I'm sure he'll be happy to sign for us.

Kind regards,
Barbara

At the Garden Party — 20th July

Bring a couple of books in good condition for our **BOOK EXCHANGE** at the Party. There will also be an opportunity for the **GARDENERS** amongst you to bring in any plants or seedlings for a similar exchange. Don't worry if you have neither books or plants and would like to take an item or two. There will be a jar for cash donations — a small amount will secure!

Forthcoming Meetings

July 20th

No Speaker: Our Garden Party

*We shall be holding a Summer Meeting using **The Coffee Shop on the Green** as last year as our meeting point. Members are asked to bring their own refreshments strictly for their own use or alternatively food should be available from the shop. Remember to bring a seat!*

August 17th

Mel Rees: *Telling us more about his life.*

September 21st

Michelle Cleave: *"Savill Gardens"*

October 19th

Bobbi Derbyshire: *"Where do authors get their ideas from?"*

November 16th

David Allen: *"Merry Christmas Mr Dickens"*

December 21st

The Christmas Party: *"Carols and Entertainment"*

FRANCES PICKETT

It is with great sorrow that we have heard today (7th July), that Frances Pickett was unexpectedly admitted to Hospital and sadly died last weekend.

Frances was one of the early MOTO members going back to when the group started. She was very keen for the group to get going following the Covid break.

Always ready to go on an outing (and, indeed, was on the MOTO canal trip last week and is on the right in the middle picture on page 4); or to go out for a Sunday lunch. She will be sadly missed by us all who knew her.

Catching up with the Groups

MOTO

MOTO NEWS:

Very many thanks to Lyn for organising a fantastic day out in June. Eleven MOTO members went to Odiham



where we enjoyed lunch at *The Water Witch* followed by a trip along the tranquil Basingstoke canal. At the midway point we took a stroll

around the ruins of Odiham Castle from whence King John rode 28 miles to Runnymede to sign the Magna Carta in June

1215. Not only did we all have a good time but also learnt an interesting historical fact. In July we are off to visit the Riseley Village Tea Room.

Our quarterly business meeting will take place at *The White Lion*, Yateley in August.



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The Book Group

This month's book takes us to Paris and New York.

Paul Gallico's *Mrs Harris goes to Paris* was made into a film last year. Sadly, although I wanted to see it, I missed the event. It is always interesting to compare a film to the actual book.

Anyway, Mrs Harris is an old fashioned cleaning lady from London. Whilst cleaning for a rich lady in Belgrave, she spies a Dior dress in her clients wardrobe and instantly falls in love. (with the dress, not the client!). Ada 'Arris is determined to buy herself a Dior dress, she doesn't want to wear it, just desperately wants it. After scrimping and saving over a few years and no treats of bingo, beer and Lyon's teas which she normally shares with her best friend Mrs Butterfield, she manages to save enough.

She finally gets her trip to Paris where she is completely impressed by the air line supplying her with a full English breakfast included in the price of the tickets (those were the days!).

Ada does get her dress, however many things happen to her before her dream is fulfilled. But then disaster strikes. I want say what happens in case you want to read the book yourself.

This is a two part book, the second half is Mrs Harris goes to New York. Another great little story where she and her friend attempt to find a GI father to help a little boy who her neighbours are abusing and neglecting.

Both stories make delightful summer time reading. Enjoy the warm weather, the nights are drawing in!

The next meeting of the book club is Thursday 27th July.

WENDY DAUVEN



Walking Together

WITH MIN GARDINER AND ROMY WHITE

The June Walk was led by Jane and Pam starting and finishing at the Horseshoe Lake Activity Centre.

The route from the lake took a footpath through fields, crossing the Ambarrow Lane to go through the familiar but now bluebell-less woods to the top of the Finchampstead Ridges on Wellingtonia Avenue.

As a matter of interest Finchampstead Ridges was purchased by a group of local people who raised the money by subscription and gifted it to the National Trust.

After a statutory group photo taken against a dazzling sun and the horizon of the Surrey Hills and the Hogs Back, we began a descent towards Dell Road and its junction with Lower Sandhurst Road. Pausing only for a quick view through the gates of EU Plants' strawberry fields [forever?]. This company now has several installations in our area.

We continued to the Moor Green Lakes' car park and walked down beside the Colesbrook South Lake to the River Blackwater. Following the river for a while before going between the lakes to arrive on the north side of the Horseshoe Lake and the final stage to the Lake View Italian Cafe where we were booked in for lunch.

This we took *al fresco* enjoying the view across the lake, the bird life, and some excellent refreshments of rolls and ciabattas.

Pausing for breath and a picture



Start and finish at the Lake



The Art Group

The Art group is continuing to meet every Monday at the Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall (opposite the old Bell pub) between 11am and 1pm through until the last Monday in July. A recent theme/subject have been detailing a rose in bloom, and coming up, more of the horticultural theme - a picture of or within a garden centre. In August we are taking a break, then reconvening at the same time and same place in September.

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On a Musical Note



DIARY DATES

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 26TH JULY will be our Songsters' Summer Party (2pm onwards) at No 7 Sandhurst Lane – maybe sing with Alexa, or sit in the sunshine, enjoy some nibbles and have a chat with friends! We will be back in action in The Gallery, Tythings on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 2pm to 3.30pm from 6TH SEPTEMBER.

Regards Barbara

[It would be best to bring a seat with you to No 7 as we have some but maybe not enough.]

Bowling

FROM DAVID DICKINSON



Hawley Bowls had an open weekend and invited those of us that regularly practice at their club to join them and as you can see Val Green, Dave Turner, Keith Parker, and myself took the opportunity to spend the afternoon enjoying ourselves and the sunshine, as you can see we had one fan supporting us the other fan who took the Photo was Pat .

GROUP THE PHOTOGRAPHY

On the evening of 17th June a small party from the Group explored Castle Bottom with the intention of catching the sun as it set. Whilst not completely successful in its aims the concept of *ad hoc* meetings seems to have some merit. This was a spontaneous idea by one of the members and other evening outings could be arranged.

Another of our members made the suggestion that the subjects for the rest of the year for our photographic "homework" should be published well in advance to allow members more time to prepare new pictures for the meetings.

To that end whilst not the end of the year the next four subjects are: **July - Three Colours; August - Monochrome; September - Open Door(s); October - Garages.**

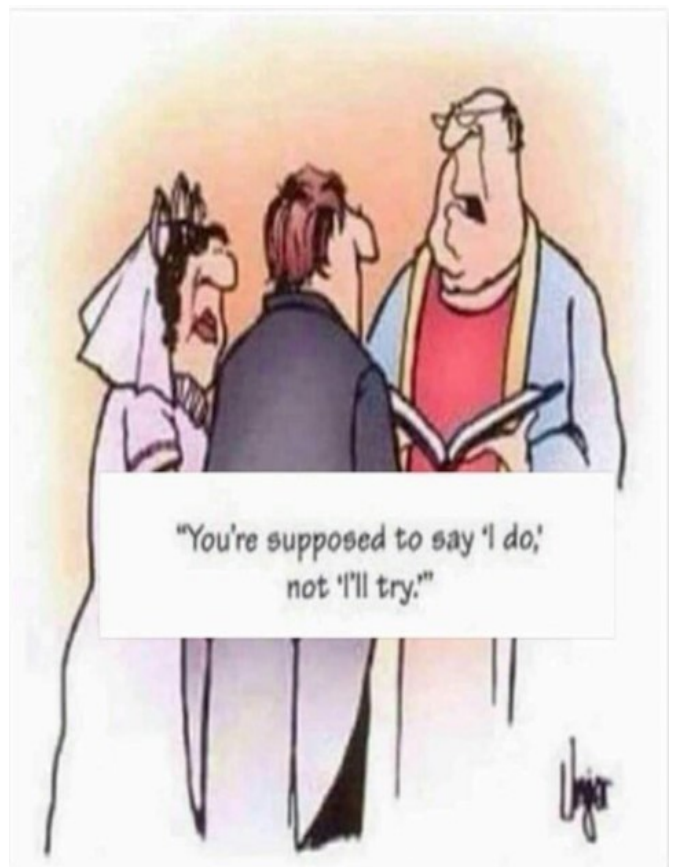
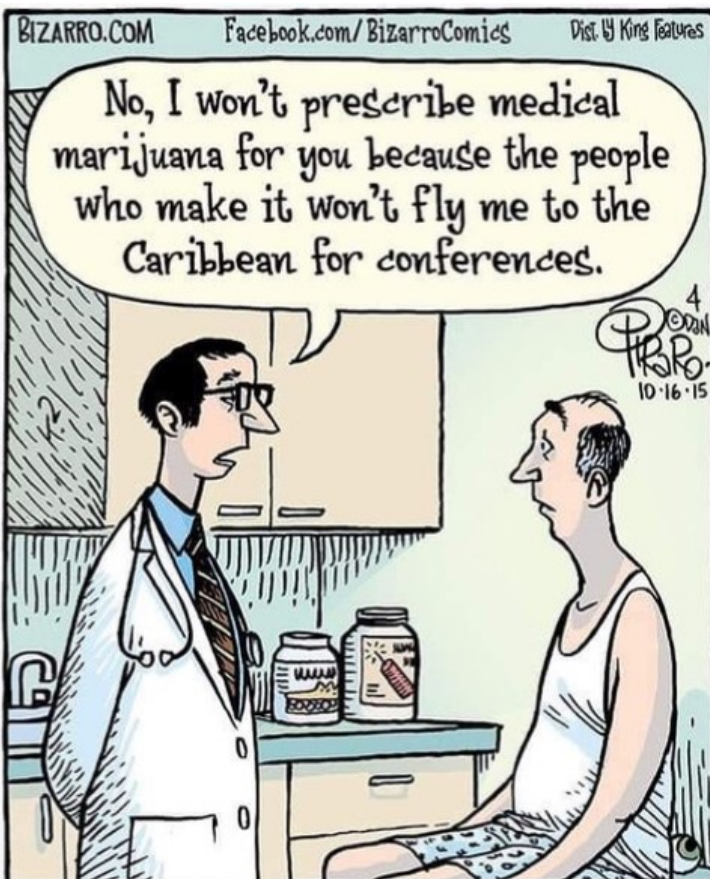


At the bottom of Castle Bottom [Picture by Brian Coan]

About time for some laughs



Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.





A Good Wife



Can bring balance to
your life



**This Is the Reason Why You Should Not
Wait Until Retirement:-
to Travel!**

Following last month's meeting

THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION [CWGC]

Following the talk by last month's speaker Mike Dawson of CWGC Min Gardiner discovered local war graves in the churchyard at Eversley where she took the pictures below.

CWGC is responsible for the continued commemoration of 1.7 million deceased Commonwealth military service members in 153 countries. Over 23,000 separate burial sites and the maintenance of more than 200 memorials worldwide. In addition to commemorating Commonwealth military service members, the commission maintains over 40,000 non-Commonwealth war graves and over 25,000 non-war military and civilian graves. CWGC operates through the continued financial support of the member states: United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa

Since its inception, the commission has constructed approximately 2,500 war cemeteries and numerous memorials. The vast majority of burial sites are pre-existing communal or municipal cemeteries and parish churchyards located in the United Kingdom as we find at Eversley [and Yateley churchyard has some as well].



How about a Quiz?

Trying to be clever and to look ahead,
I've set too many questions for this month instead.
Therefore, I've saved some 'till August for you.
Keep going everyone and enjoy yourselves too.

- 1) Who played Chandler in TV's Friends?
- 2) Which designer created the Mini and Morris Minor?
- 3) In which war were the Battles of Bull Run?
- 4) Who wrote the Opera Carmen?
- 5) The Madeira Islands belong to what country.
- 6) What white metal is represented by the symbol Al?
- 7) Peter Buck is the lead guitarist of which rock group?
- 8) He who pays the piper calls the.....what?
- 9) In the 1987 film, who played the Fly?
- 10) Who became the youngest world heavy weight champion in 1986?
- 11) What was the most popular girl's name in 2021?
- 12) What was a Snickers bar originally called?
- 13) What is the currency of Denmark?
- 14) Which is the smallest planet in our solar system?
- 15) In which year did Tony Blair become Prime Minister?

Questions by Cat R Coombes

Quiz a lot?
Then let's see what you've got.

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| 1) What is the 3 rd highest mountain in the world? | Kangchenjunga
Nepal/India |
| 2) How many Catherines did Henry VIII marry? | Three |
| 3) What was most popular baby boy's name in 2021 | Oliver |
| 4) Where is Banksy from? | Bristol |
| 5) Name a French wine region and a luxury car. | Cadillac |
| 6) Who wrote The Catcher in the Rye? | J D Salinger |
| 7) What is Acrophobia? | A fear of flying |
| 8) What does 'Chilli con carne' mean? | Meat with chilli |
| 9) Average number cups of tea drunk daily in UK? | 165 million |
| 10) Where are the Spanish Steps? | Rome |
| 11) What country has the highest life expectancy? | Hong Kong |
| 12) How many minutes in a full week? | 10,080 |
| 13) Which nation drinks the most coffee per head | Finnish |
| 14) What is a group of Pandas called? | An Embarrassment |
| 15) Where is the strongest human muscle located? | Jaw |

Answers by Tom E Gunn

More from Martin

I phoned the doctor's surgery.
I needed a new appointment,
To get a new prescription.
For medicine and my ointment.

I listened to the instructions,
Before I got put through.
Then I answered all the questions
About what I had to do.

I had to give my name,
With date of birth and gender
And lots of other things
of which I can't remember.

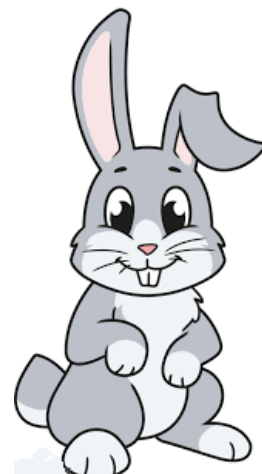
Then I was put on hold
Until they found my notes.
So, I listened to their awful music,
Was this some clever joke?

I waited and I waited,
It took a very long time.
Then they came back to tell me,
I have to book online!

(Adapted from the original by Sylvia Adams)

'The rabbit has a charming face,
But its private life is a disgrace.
I really dare not name to you,
The awful things that rabbit's do.
Things that this newsletter never
prints,
You may only mention them in
hints.
They have such lost, degraded
souls,
No wonder they inhabit holes.
When such depravity is found
It can only live underground!'

Anon



In case you were wondering . . .



Barbara with last Month's speaker Mike Dawson who not only spoke about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission but was also asked to pick the winner for the monthly prize draw.



Barbara asking Sue Puxley the Organiser of the Club's Prize Draw who the winner was.

For the sake of transparency

Winner of June's Monthly Draw

The winner of last month's Prize Draw was our Chair Barbara Brooks who admitted to being surprised and delighted as were we all.



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Group Meetings

	Venue	Time/date	Contact
Art	Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall	Mondays 11:00 – 13:00	Martin Brooks thebrooksies73@gmail.com Phone: 01252 871333
Books	Private House	Last Thursday in the month 14:00	Wendy Dauven deedauven@gmail.com Phone: 01276 513984
Bowls (summer)	Hawley Bowls Club, Blackwater & Hawley Leisure Complex	Every Wednesday April to September 10:30 to 12:00	Dave Dickinson daviddickinson9@btinternet.com Phone: 01252 879056
Canasta	Private house	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays 14:00	Clive Singer clive.singer1@gmail.com Phone: 07901 568126
MOTO, a group for members on their own	Arranged monthly	Various	Judith Shaw jmshaw17@hotmail.co.uk Phone: 0118 9732724
Photography	The Tythings, Yateley	4th Tuesday of the month, 14:30	Phil Rowling rowingphilip@gmail.com Phone: 01252 870879
Rummikub	Private House	Tba	Lyn Sado sadlyn@ntlworld.com Phone: 01252 872221
Singing Group	The Tythings, Yateley	The first Wednesday of the month 14.00-15.30.	Barbara Brooks thebrooksies73@gmail.com Phone: 01252 871333
Various Sports Table Tennis, Curling	Frogmore Leisure Centre	Friday 13:00	Val Green greenvalley2043@gmail.com Phone: 07990584571
Walking Together (approx. 5 miles)	Meet in the Car Park at Potley Hill Campus	2nd Thursday in every month 09.30 for 09.45 start.	Rosemary White romyandjohn@hotmail.com Phone: 01276 503813 Min Gardiner xansamaz@aol.com Phone: 07450256948