

A message from the Chairman



And another year bites the dust. Is it imagination or does it seem to be happening more frequently? As a young child growing up in the 1950s, the year 2000 was firmly buried in the realms of science fiction, yet here we are hurtling at speed towards 2030. This year and last seem to have merged into a blur and I find it difficult to recall what happened when – often shocked to find that something that I thought happened just a few months ago was actually over a year ago. Both 2020 and 2021 will forever be in my mind as “that was the year that wasn’t”.

St Augustine of Hippo famously said, “What, then, is time? If no one asks me, I know; if I wish to explain to him who asks, I know not.” Some argue that it is an illusion, but whilst the illusion of re-arranging my trip to Russia for the fourth time seems very real to me, I am with James Joyce: “There is not past, no future; everything flows in an eternal present.” So, *carpe diem* – ‘seize the day’, live for the moment, refuse to be cowed, enjoy life and have a very happy 2022, whatever it may bring.

Dr Robert Hodge
Chairman

Membership renewal

A big thank you to those of you who have renewed their membership and a reminder to do so if you haven’t.

The quickest way to renew is to use the online facility. Click the link to go to the [Members’ Portal](#) and pay with a debit or credit card via PayPal. Members sharing an address can renew together with one payment.

Alternatively, payment can be made by bank transfer or by cheque, but we ask you to click the link to download and complete the [membership renewal form](#) to let us know that your details have not changed (or go to the Documents page on the website: www.u3ainludlow.org.uk)

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Study group update

Writers' group



This long-running group is likely to cease meeting as a u3a group. It's coordinator is stepping down and no-one has volunteered to take over. The group is also looking for new members.

If you are interested in creative writing – and wouldn't mind taking on the reins – please contact the study group adviser: info@u3ainludlow.org.uk

Calligraphy



A suggestion has been raised that there might be some interest in a calligraphy group. Foundational, Roman writing, Italic, Uncial, Gothic, Copperplate are all different 'hands' that can be used for many different projects, including hand-addressing invitations, creating beautiful written artwork or poetry, and enhancing other paper crafts.

Photography



The photography group is starting up again. If you are interested, please contact the members' adviser.

How do I use my laptop?



The telephone number for the Hands Together Ludlow helpline was given incorrectly last month. It should be 01584 817250.

For more information on the above groups please contact: membersadviser@u3ainludlow.org.uk

■ Exploring Mathematics

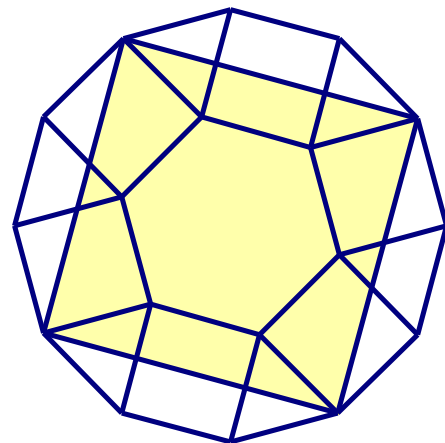
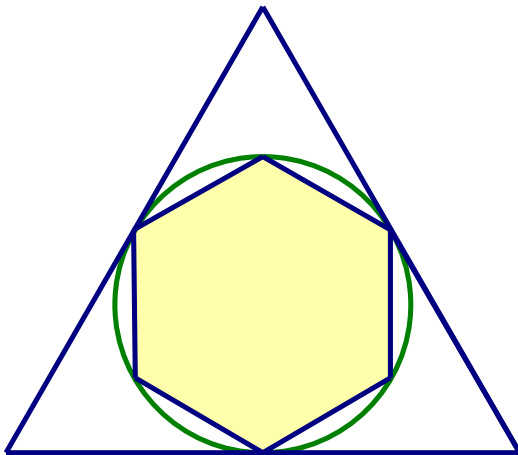
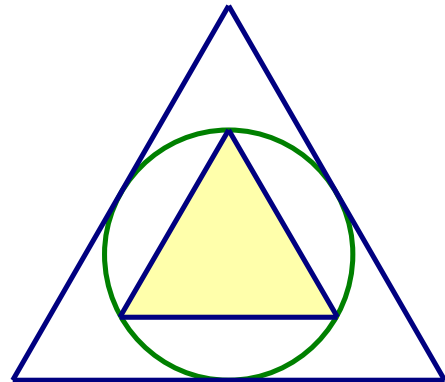
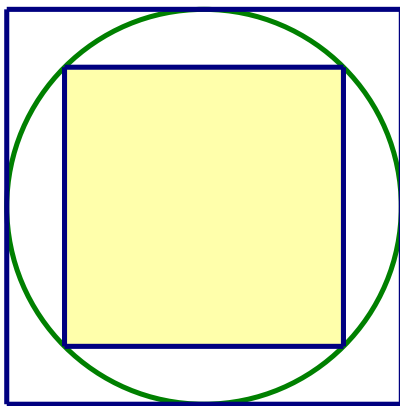
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Answer to *Christmas puzzle* (from Decembers' Newsletter)

My sister and I get identical presents on consecutive days, except that my sister gets her new present an extra time compared to me. So she gets $2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 10 + 12 = 42$ more presents than I do.

New year puzzle

What fraction of the area of the biggest shape in each picture is coloured?



Derek Ball



Send comments if you have any. If you want to do more puzzling why not come to Exploring Mathematics. We meet in Ludlow on a Monday afternoon once a month. If you are interested or want to know more contact me (derek@ludlowballs.force9.co.uk or 01584 879180)

Derek Ball

Noticeboard

■ Pauline Goslyn



Members of the committee were very shocked and saddened to hear of Pauline's death on Christmas Day. We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to her husband, Howard, and her family.

Pauline was a lively and energetic member of u3a in Ludlow. She was a member of the committee from 2013 to 2016 both as Speaker Secretary and a member of the team welcoming new members. Many people will have known Pauline as the coordinator of their study group (she was still coordinating two groups up to her death) or as a fellow member of the group. When the committee surveyed the whole membership in 2014 it was discovered that Pauline was in more study groups than any other member – a reflection on her wide-ranging interests and passion for life.

Her contribution to u3a in Ludlow was much greater than most people would know, to the extent that after their return from Northern Ireland there was a desire to co-opt her (and her husband) to the committee because they had both done so much for u3a in Ludlow before their move.

Her energy, commitment and enthusiasm for life will be missed by many.

■ Monday meetings

Back at the Assembly Rooms – 1030 for tea and coffee – 1100 start.

31 January 2022

Eglantyne and Ellesmere

Alison Utting



Eglantyne Jebb was born in 1876 in Ellesmere and spent her early life there. She was a member of a fascinating family who worked to improve social conditions nationally and internationally. Eglantyne and her sister Dorothy created Save the Children to help children impoverished and displaced by the Great War. Eglantyne also wrote 'The Declaration of the Rights of the Child' which was adopted by the League of Nations. Her work changed the lives of millions.

Alison Utting's illustrated talk will explore Eglantyne's life and achievements and celebrate her links with Shropshire. Alison, who lives in Ellesmere, is a teacher with a love of public speaking, theatre, amateur dramatics and history.



One of the leading architects of his time, Lutyens is renowned for his wide range of iconic buildings and memorials. Lutyens' professional interests also extended to gardens through his collaboration with influential horticulturist Gertrude Jekyll who was herself responsible for designing over 400 gardens.

A splendidly illustrated talk presented by horticulturists Richard and Jill Rallings who took over the plant nursery and display garden at Delbury Hall Walled Garden almost a decade ago and created their nursery Mynd Hardy Plants.

■ Upcoming Online Talks: Organised by the Third Age Trust

From the u3a national website a range of events is available, some of which attract a fee.

Here is a sample below, arranged by the Third Age Trust, which are free to access: u3a.org.uk/events

Pastels with Pete



Join Pete Akers from Sherborne u3a for a demonstration and informal conversation about making a start in art with soft pastels.

January 27 at 2pm. Join [here](#).

Cryptic crosswords for beginners



Join Henry Howarth, u3a Subject Adviser for Cryptic Crosswords, for a 6-week course on Cryptic Crosswords starting February 3. Thursdays at 10am. For more information, click [here](#).

If you have any useful links that would help advance the education of other members, please get in touch: info@u3ainludlow.org.uk

Committee update

■ The Committee members are currently as follows:

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All the members of the committee are Trustees of the registered charity, u3a in Ludlow. A description of each role, along with a description of the role of Trustee, is available on the Committee page on the website.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please contact Robert Hodge: chair@u3ainludlow.org.uk.

■ Committee

Committee meeting

The next committee meeting, on January 24, will be devoted to succession planning, with decisions hopefully reached on how to fill committee roles for 2022 and beyond.

There is still room for volunteers on the committee and in particular for a Newsletter Editor. If you are interested, please contact the Chairman: info@u3ainludlow.org.uk

Barbara Ball
Secretary