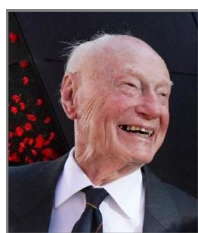


U3A CROYDON BULLETIN - WEEK 21

Dear Members,

Right, stage 4, 32 days to go and hopefully by then we will be emerging from our home cocoon, enjoying some sunshine and time with friends, but only if we all do our part.



This morning I heard an interview on 3AW, with Jack Bell, World War 2 veteran, 102 years of age, who was shot down in Libya in 1942. He was on the HMS Orion in the Mediterranean when the war ended in the Pacific and has fond memories of the plum pudding the troops were served in celebration as he had never tasted plum pudding before.

He talks about his time in a POW camp and sharing one toilet for 250 men. Jack laughs and chuckles throughout the interview but is completely flummoxed by those folk who are flouting the Covid regulations. In comparison with what Jack has endured in his life, it does seem difficult to understand. Jack is articulate, cheerful and an absolute inspiration ... part of a generation that really knew what it meant to "do it tough". (If you Google Jack Bell, you'll find lots of information about him)

One of the members of Diana Long's French class has been in England since the start of the pandemic and unable to return to Australia. Her story on this page highlights the importance of keeping in touch and the value she places on her U3A class. Oh and how chuffed am I that we have an "international" member!

As always, let me know what is happening in your lockdown life.

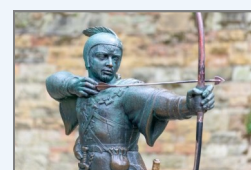
Write to: coordinator@u3acroydon.org.au

Take care, keep busy and keep in touch with your friends and family. Ingrid

Bonjour from Nottingham

I came to the UK in early March to help support my Mum with a hip replacement but the operation was cancelled at the last minute because of the coronavirus lockdown. The last 4 months have not been easy being so far from family and friends in North Ringwood. I have belonged to Diana's French class for 2 years. The class has turned out to be about so much more than just my French and has been a great support and distraction. Through the lockdown we have had Zoom classes every week late afternoon Melbourne time which is 7 am for me and it is valuable regular contact which has a purpose and a welcome change from talking about the difficulties of the virus situation. There's some continuity with life before lock down and I've made some good friends. Mum who is 92 finally had her hip replacement last week and we can now concentrate on her recovery.

I grew up in Nottingham and my UK family and friends here have been good support and I've been glad to reconnect on FaceTime. I am still friends with my French pen friend from school who now lives near St Tropez. Hopefully my letters make more sense now thanks to Diana's great lessons and enthusiasm. Let's hope we can all move around more freely soon in safety and meet up with our families and friends who we have been unable to visit this year. Cathryn



COMPUTER CORNER



ZOOM WEDNESDAY-AUGUST (ONLINE)

Wednesday 19th, 26th August & 2nd Sept @ 10.30-12.00

ZOOM is a cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to communicate with others - either by video or audio-only or both, all while conducting live chats - and it lets you record those sessions to view later. Not only can it be used for online courses, but also great for connecting with family members and friends. It is similar to Skype but more versatile. Learn how to use this app before doing any of our Online Courses.

PREREQUISITES: The pupil will require some experience on the computer.

REQUIREMENTS: Enrolees will need a computer preferably a laptop computer as this usually has an inbuilt webcam and microphone. However, you can use a desktop and converse by typing in the Chat Panel although a webcam and microphone can be added to a desktop.

Notes will be emailed after each session, ONLY to those who attend the session.

Enrol online for this course. For inquiries or assistance to enrol ring Trevor or Joy on 9729 9308.



COMPUTERS- SCREENSHOTS (ONLINE)

Friday 21st August @ 10.30-12.00

You will learn how to print the computer screen 3 different ways. This includes using the Print Screen key on the keyboard; utilizing the Screenshot tool in WORD and using the Snip & Sketch Tool which is part of Windows 10.

Screenshots can be a capture of a full or part of a webpage or any other document or picture of your screen. Suitable for pupils with some computer knowledge and experience. Phone Trevor or Joy on 9729 9308 for more details.



"It's just that I find that having two glasses of wine at once stops me touching my face..."

