



THE THURSDAY NATTER

YOUR WEEKLY GOSSIP - 17TH EDITION. 16.07.20



This is the final edition of the Thursday Natter.

The following new arrangements have been made for supporting our community.

HUBBLE BUBBLE SESSIONS. START TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2020.

Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00 noon. - Book up to 6 places for coffee and a chat

Wednesday 10.30am - 12.00noon coffee and a chat (fully booked)

Thursday 10.00am - 12.00noon Coffee and a Chat Book up for the 6 places

Thursday 2.00pm - 4.00pm Coffee and Chat Book up for the 6 places

Friday 10.00am 12.00noon Pool Group 6 places phone if not already booked in

Friday 10.00 - 12.00 noon coffee and chat 6 places (5 left). Book in.

All sessions will respect social distancing, the centre will be sanitized before and after each session, parking available at the school.

Contact Details: peter.crathorne@gmail.com 07974573582. Still available to help don't hesitate to contact us there is nothing we cannot help with. Even though the Natter is snuffing it our support team continues to be ready to leap to your assistance. There is a twice a week check in on Monday and Thursday at 11.00am on Zoom.

ZOOM INTO ZOOM

Meanwhile the Monday and Thursday Zoom meetings will continue even when the Hub bubble sessions are operating as there will be a number of friends who will still feel they wish to remain away from the risks of closer social interaction. The Hub will continue to support those who make this decision.

If you would like to try this, phone Peter and he will arrange a one to one session either by internet or phone to ensure you can get involved with confidence. From 10.45 am each Thursday You can call on your home phone. Dial 0131 460 1196. And when requested enter 377 931 4064 followed by the hash key on the keypad of your phone. There you find us all to listen and add your comments.

It is not too late to join this happy band, you will be surprised to find how close to the atmosphere we remember well at our Thursday Club is retained by this virtual video get together.



This photo taken by Annie Davies was used by the weathermen on TV. It shows how lucky we are to live in Henley in Arden.

IT SUPPORT ON THE END OF THE PHONE OR BY SOCIALLY DISTANCED VISIT.

If you are just thinking I would like to begin or you are a continuing learner remember there is all the support you need available by contacting Peter. The Hub has three laptops, two I-pads and a kindle to loan out to get you started.

A Special Invitation

Have you ever wondered what the Hub Trustees get up to, what their responsibilities are? Are you curious about where the £66,000 per year funds come from to run the Hub? You definitely have not met our Executive Officer, Rachel who undertakes all the work, is answerable to the trustees for delivery their agreed plans, manages the staff and looks after the building.

The trustees are holding an open public Zoom meeting on Tuesday. 28th July at 7.30pm. If you are on our list you will receive an invitation, if you know someone who is interested contact us and we will arrange an invitation.

At the session you will hear from the Executive Officer, the Treasurer and me.

You will get an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions and perhaps offer to help in some way.

If you are not sure how Zoom Video Conferencing works please do not worry; we can help you through the relatively simple process by phone, you just need a computer with sound and vision capabilities. If you do not have a computer you can dial in in on your landline and listen to the talks and hear the questions and answers.

This could be your first chance to experience what many are talking about as the future of meetings



YOUR VEXILLOLOGICAL ANSWERS

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4 HUNGARY. 5 VIETNAM. 6 BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINIA
7 MONGOLIA 8 NORTH KOREA 9 KUWAIT.
10 MONACO. 11 ZIMBABWE 12 PHILLIPINES.
12 CUBA 14 BELGIUM 15 HONDURAS

And now a Farewell from our esteemed Correspondents.

From our Operatic correspondent:

Dear Luvvies,

You will be mortified to learn I have lost my voice. My Insurers, the Padua Inert & General, have asserted they will not help me look for it!, Keep singing, as the Henley birds have never ceased, Roderigo.

From our Gardening Correspondent: Alack, and alas, my secateurs went missing,.. an over-confident magpie?, a rapacious bramble? No. Only later to be seen recovered in my wife's hand. I shall now need to show great caution when emerging from the shower. Your very own, Green Fingers, [at the last count 8].

From our Medical Correspondent: Never forget, dear patients, the Virus has no ear for Politicians, for Doommongers, nor for any self-proclaimed expertise, nor computer predictions. Just stay sensible, healthy and do us all out of a job, your attentive servant,
Dr. Stroukoff, F.R.C.Hasbeens.

Roger: Many thanks for the enjoyable laughter.



Thanks again for all you've done,
Corona virus ain't much fun
I decided to write you a rhyme
As I'm a golden oldie with lots of time
Back to normal soon? We just can't tell
Hope it goes quickly This virus from hell
In any case we're both very much alive
Thanks for helping us survive
A big thank you for all you've done
I must dash now – because you see
Its my turn to make a cuppa tea

Glyn & Annette
WALKER.

Just an example of the lovely “thank you” the Hub has received during the last few weeks.

They are very much appreciated and all our volunteers who have been tirelessly telephoning our group appreciate receiving such accolades.

This is just what a good community centre ought to be doing. This support will continue but will be initiated by the receiver rather than the Hub staff from now on.

Nature Notes – DEREK HEALNG

We have 57 resident species of butterflies in the UK and two migrants, the Painted Lady and the Clouded Yellow both of which occasionally irrupt with huge numbers arriving in some years but very few in others. There is the big garden birdwatch in January but did you know that there is also a Big Butterfly Count between 17th July and 9th August when we are asked to spend just 15 minutes on a sunny day in the garden, park or woodland to record and count all the butterflies we see? You can do as many counts as you wish within the dates as long as the site and date are noted.

Butterfly Conservation is the organisation running the count and their details of how to join and record in can be found via this link, where there is also a free guide for butterfly identification.

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>



We are frequently told that Buddleia is the “butterfly bush” to have in our gardens to attract them but although we have several different Buddleia species in our garden for some reason they fail to attract the insects in any significant number.

Areas left to go wild with grasses, thistles, nettles, and wildflowers may all help and here is a list of recommended plants you can buy with butterfly attraction in mind. •

Achillea • Alstroemeria • Arabis • Buddleja • Campanula • Clematis • Coreopsis • Dahlia • Delphinium • Dianthus • Digitalis • Echinops • Erysimum • Fuchsias • Geranium • Geum • Honeysuckle • Lavender • Leucanthemum • Ligustrum • Nepeta • Papaver • Penstemon • Phlox • Polemonium • Potentilla • Pyracantha • Salvia • Scabiosa •

Viburnum

You will know these common butterfly species, but I took the photographs with my mobile phone to show how easy it can be. Above is a **Peacock** on a Buddleia and below a **Speckled Wood**, not a garden butterfly but common in shady grassed woodland. Other brown butterflies to see in July are Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, often on bramble flowers, and Ringlet. Several different species may fly up together as you walk through a grassy meadow, all resident and on the wing now, they spend the winter as small caterpillars.

Speckled Wood



The **Red Admiral** likes ripe fruit, but its favoured food plants are stinging nettles. With a velvet black wing and red and white markings it is a distinctive favourite amongst our garden visitors. These larger colourful butterflies, like tortoiseshells, Commas and Peacocks should all be on the wing in the next few weeks. You have to go to Norfolk to see our largest and rarest native butterfly – the Swallowtail – as it relies solely on Norfolk Milk Parsley as caterpillar food. From my experience it is well worth the visit if you can. Horsey windpump and Hickling Broad are the best sites.



Last year (2019) there was a good **Painted Lady** invasion, millions can migrate north from Africa in some years and I took this photograph when there were many of them around. They mate all summer, lay eggs that develop into caterpillars, then pupate for about 1 week before emerging as adults. Once on the wing they only live for another two weeks. Known as the Thistle butterfly, as that is the favoured plant on which caterpillars feed, the adults are known to feed on over 300 different plant species. They can fly at up to 30mph, cover over 100 miles a day and are the most widespread butterfly in the world.

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Do you read the focus when it comes through your letterbox? You should, there is always an article about the Hub, its news and its events. Support the Focus, it's a great way of getting information. In addition, you will find a wide range of very useful information and ideas. It is always worth a look.

We have produced 17 editions. Averaging 10 pages, sent to 44 email addresses with a printed version hand delivered to 13 contacts who do not have internet connections.

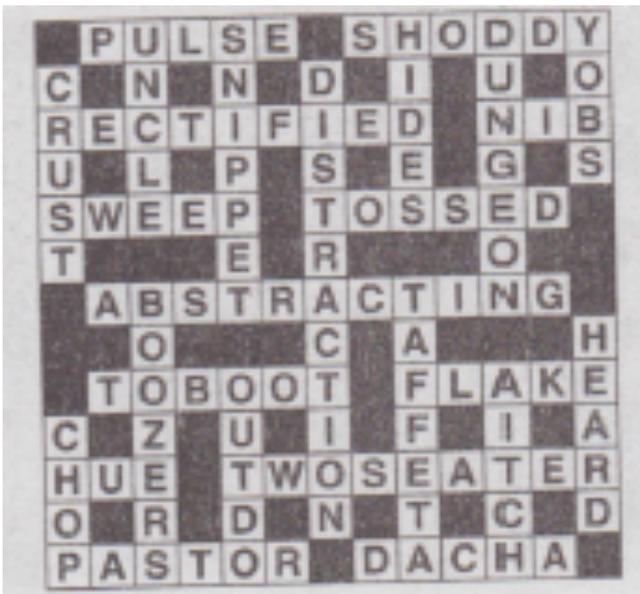
The feedback has been good and many have contributed to the wide range of articles that have been enjoyed by many. Particular thanks go to Derek Healing who is not a Henley resident but delivered a new article every week that was read with interest.

The £500 project was funded by Warwickshire County Council Grant and Hub funds.

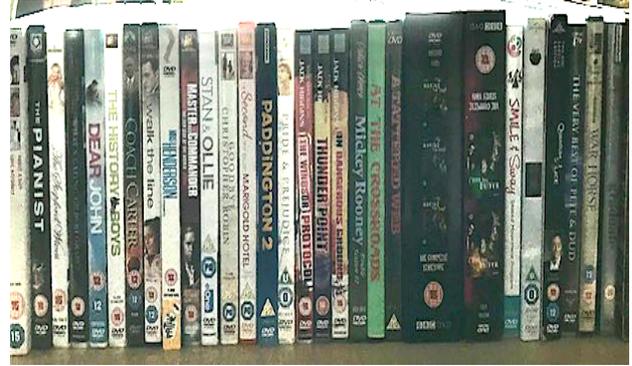


Hopefully we will see you at a "Distanced Event" soon.

THE ANSWERS FOR LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD



For DVD's YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THEM BELOW and you can collect them from the Hub.



Penny Stott one of our trustees has been taking part in the People's orchestra on line. The results are impressive. You can see her performing with this link to You Tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9CiSYXL9f8>

THE HUB APPEAL TO RECRUIT NEW TRUSTEES

The Hub normally runs with 13 Trustees. We have three vacancies, including a secretary. The aim is to create a board that has a wide range of experience and represents the community it serves. The present Trustees are a retired doctor, two retired prison governors, two retired head teachers, a retired youth worker, an ex factory manager, an engineer, a volunteer manager in a large national charity, a retired high-level trainer from industry and a structural engineer. You will notice that representatives of the younger working person are few. If you would like to find out about being a trustee why not sit in on a trustees meeting? This can be done on Zoom next Tuesday 14th July from 7.00pm. Contact Peter for more information.

As this is the last edition there are no crosswords or quizzes to tax your brain. From the responses we have received we know these have been appreciated. With the new arrangements you will be able to cheat together at dominoes, quizzes and crosswords. We all have so much to catch up on. Please contact your friends within the Thursday Club so you can arrange to meet together on the various sessions organised at the Hub. Keep in touch with the Hub in the usual ways so we can develop and grow our new approach as we learn together what works for us in this new and worrying future.