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EMS VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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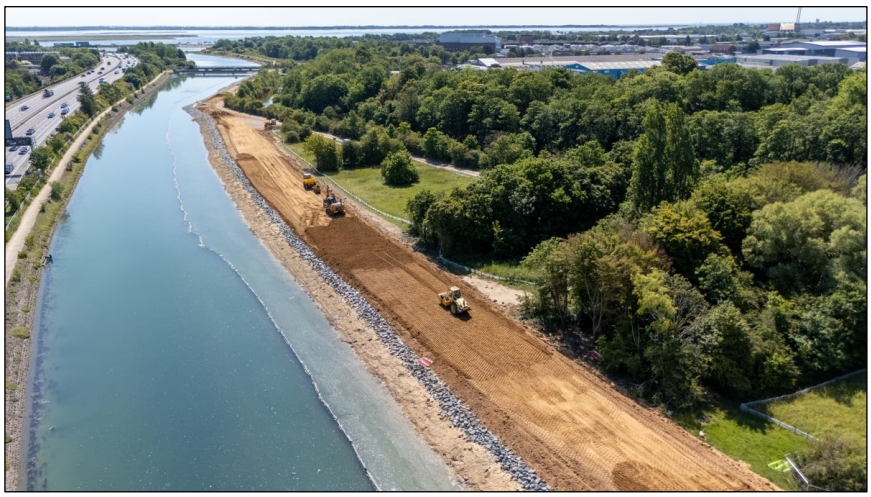
STEM October meeting – Rising Sea Levels

For our October meeting we were given a talk by visiting speaker Richard Binks. Richard started his career as an offshore surveyor and has since given many presentations on sea levels rising. He has developed a talk more relevant to the South coast of the UK, where many areas are vulnerable to tidal flooding, as we are here in Emsworth.



First – a context of time. Sea levels have always changed – but we humans have done a lot of damage in a relatively minor span of time. The current sea level rise rate is unprecedented over the last few thousand years. We are seeing extremes of all weather – heat and rain, causing flooding and drought. Almost inevitably large coastal areas will flood over time, causing gradual movement of people inland. London will flood along the Thames – the Thames Barrier was raised 8 times in 1980. By 2010 – 2020 it was 79 times a year. Coastal properties will become uninsurable; there is already talk of that by insurers.

The photos show efforts to fight rising sea levels locally, the Hilsea lines scheme halfway through (now completed) and below, the area around Southsea Castle.



We heard there are huge changes in weather as the circulation of oceans change- as when the Americas joined at Panama. The Antarctic is in particular a huge cause for concern – NASA records and studies show it is discharging ice in the seas, not as a result of warming, but because the winds have changed direction. Doomsday!

These are things we can do nothing about, but Richard gave us a glimmer of hope – 90% of excess heat is absorbed by the Oceans. If we can press on in getting CO2 down, we are near to the levels that the Oceans can cope with. In the meantime, the country is doing well – in some areas – creating sea defences to alleviate short term flooding, hopefully for 10 years. Portsmouth, the second mostly densely populated area in the Uk has just had fantastic work done on its defences, well worth a look if you haven't

strolled along the seafront. Hayling, meanwhile, has minimal defences given its much smaller population – "cost outweighs the benefits". There will be population migration there over the years.

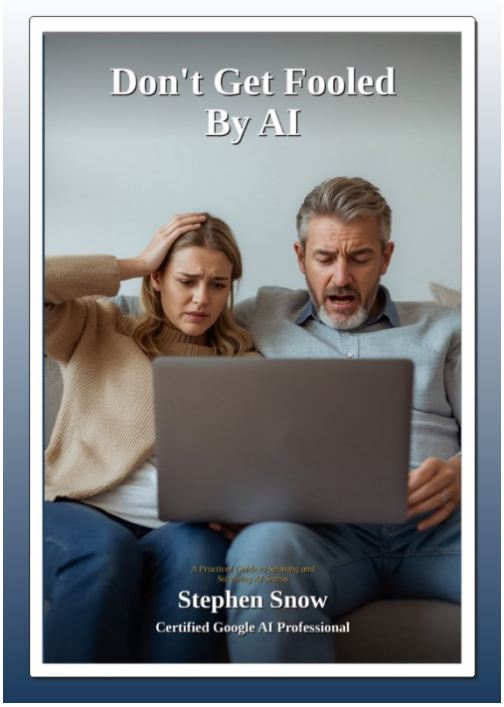
To highlight this problem, see left – a scary picture showing Westminster under water if we do nothing!



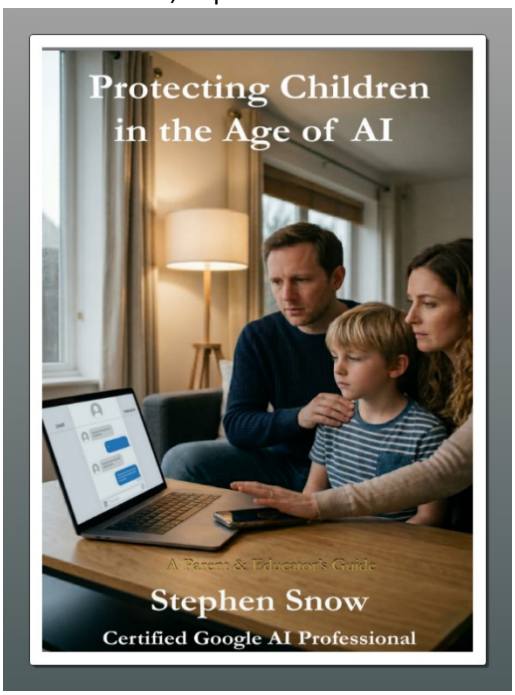
For any of you needing to be reassured we CAN stop Doomsday, Richard recommended two books by Hannah Ritchie: Clearing the Air and Not the End of the World. I think I shall invest, having listened to Richard's (excellent) concerning talk. Our next STEM Meeting is November 5th at 2.00pm, usual venue at St James's Hall. Do come and join us for our next talk, details of the content will be circulated soon. All members of Ems Valley U3A are warmly invited. If interested, just let Geoff know, via stem@emsvalleyu3a.org**.** **Pam Palmer**

EMS VALLEY MEMBER STEPHEN SNOW PUBLISHES TWO AI BOOKS

Two new books on the subject of AI have recently been published by Stephen Snow, husband of Eileen who leads our CAMEO group. **"Don't get fooled by AI**" is, Stephen says "A clear and practical guide for everyone who uses a phone, has a bank account, or uses the internet!" It explains exactly what AI-enabled scams exist, how to reorganise them, and what to do without requiring any technical knowledge. There is a kindle edition at £6.49, Paperback £8.99 from Amazon.



"Protecting Children in the age of AI" A parent and Educator's guide, is a book for parents, grandparents, teachers, School governors, Youth workers, and anyone who has a child in their life and wants to understand the landscape clearly enough to protect them. The kindle version is £6.49 and the paperback is priced at £9.78. Stephen states that he is a Certified Google AI Professional which means that he spends his working days thinking about how AI systems work, what they can do, and how organisations should respond to them. But he also points out that he is a parent and a grandparent and that is the reason for this second book: "To close the gap between his knowledge of AI's capabilities and what people generally understand about those capabilities!" The



CAMEO interest group recently had a full presentation from Stephen on understanding AI and how it can help different facets of life that we may be involved in. It was extremely well received! **Editor.**

PETANQUE – now every week!



My apologies,these photos were left off last month's newsletter. Anne Gains mentions that the Petanque meeting details published on the web site are being changed. She states: "As we are all keen, and weather permitting, we do attempt to play every week from now!





"We keep in touch with our WhatsApp group and we do have space for a few more members!"

Hello, Curious Readers! Have You Had a Bright Idea Lately?

Have you ever had a brilliant thought while making a cup of tea, digging the allotment, or wondering why nobody has started a group for something you absolutely love? Well, don't keep it to yourself! **Our u3a Suggestion Box** is waiting for your brainwaves, big or small. And no, you don't need to be a genius, a committee member, or even particularly good at making suggestions!

Got a website brainwave? Is there a page missing, something you'd like to find more easily, or an improvement that would make life simpler? Tell us. We're all for making our website work harder than a committee member chasing missing paperwork.

Fancy starting a new group? Perhaps you're desperate to find fellow enthusiasts for coffee drinking, amateur astronomy, ukulele playing or something wonderfully obscure. You never know — someone else might be sitting at home thinking, & "wonder if anyone else would be interested?" Be the one who asks! Indoor Olympics perhaps with the longest biscuit dunk without losing it to the tea, or even a Mystery objects group?



Know a speaker who'd be fascinating? Perhaps you've heard someone brilliant, know an expert with a tale to tell, or fancy a talk on something completely unexpected at one of our Monthly Meetings. (The history of custard creams, anyone?) Or perhaps you have a topic you could share at one of our after tea presentations?

What about the newsletter? Would you like a new feature, more member stories, a quiz, or perhaps a regular column you have thought of? We'd love to hear your ideas. In fact, if you've thought of it, we'd like to hear it!

No suggestion is too small, too unusual or too wonderfully bonkers. We can't promise every idea will become reality — we haven't yet found a way to squeeze an extra day into the week — but every suggestion deserves consideration.

So, where do you put these marvellous ideas? Simply click the "SUGGESTION BOX" on our Ems Valley u3a website and let us know. You supply the idea and we'll supply the listening ears.

After all, u3a is run by members, for members — and the next great idea could be yours!

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING



The main speaker at our next monthly meeting on 26th November will be Sharon Wright, an author and journalist. In the 1900s balloons became all the rage among ladies who lunched… and flew for fun. Fashionable balloon races, picnics among the stars and hair-raising attempts at breaking records became de rigueur among Britain's proto jet set. Long before women won the vote these have-a-go heroines seized a freedom in the sky that was to be found nowhere on the ground, with all the courage of true pioneers. Sharon will tell us fabulous stories of Golden Age heiresses, actresses, writers, scientists, explorers and suffragettes who went up, up and away in the thrilling, liberated world of early balloon sport.

Tea will be prepared by the Petanque Group.

After tea, the Photography Group will be showcasing some of the best pictures of the year.

This will be our last monthly meeting of the year as we do not meet in December. Rod Lipscombe Chairman

GARDEN GROUP VISIT Gilberts Dahlias

The Garden group's October outing took us to Gilbert's Dahlias and Nursery near Romsey, tucked away in the Hampshire village of Sherfield English. Seventeen of us set off bright and early on the Community Bus — early, at least, by retired standards, as 9:15 still feels rather heroic — while others travelled by car. Our journey was briefly interrupted by an accident on the M27 near Rownhams Services, which had blocked two lanes. Happily, our wonderful driver made a timely detour to the services for a welcome comfort break before re-joining further along the queue. In the end, we arrived only around 30 minutes later than planned. We left Emsworth in murky drizzle, but by the time we reached Gilberts the clouds had lifted and we were greeted by brilliant sunshine and clear blue skies — perfect conditions for exploring the nursery. As every good garden visit should, ours began with refreshments in the tearoom before we made our way out to the dahlia fields. The sight that met us was truly spectacular: row upon row of dahlias glowing in breath taking, jewel-like colours. Gilberts is a family-run nursery with a well-earned reputation as specialist dahlia growers. They cultivate more than 100 varieties, including large decorative blooms, neat pompoms, dramatic cactus types, singles, collarettes and many more. Seeing them planted in carefully labelled rows really brought home the extraordinary diversity of dahlias — from shape and size to colour, form and texture. After being tempted to buy a few plants from the nursery area, Ronnie had the chance to speak with Nick Gilbert at the nursery counter.









He shared some insight into the growing process. The dahlias begin life as rooted cuttings taken from carefully maintained mother stock in another large field nearby. These young plants are planted out in the first or second week of June, then grow strongly through summer and into early autumn until the first frosts arrive. By that point, the plants have formed healthy tubers beneath the soil. Each one is then lifted by hand, washed, dried and stored on heated benches, ready for sale the following February. It was a real reminder of the skill, patience and hands-on care behind every beautiful bloom.

Tuber availability for spring 2027 For anyone tempted to grow some of these showstoppers at home, Gilberts will add its list of available tubers to the catalogue from 12 February 2027. More details can be found on Gilbert's website: www.gilbertsdahlias.co.uk

Ronnie Tyler

CRAFT GROUP – stlll CRAFTY!

This month we did a quilting project called 'Maple Leaf Block' Gail was going to kindly show us how it's done, but unfortunately she had an eye infection & couldn't come, we all hope she is feeling better now. However, we muddled through & enjoyed doing this, albeit a bit complicated, we followed Gail's written instructions and although we didn't all finish, some 'Work in Progress' photos are enclosed and we were all very pleased with our efforts, thank you Gail for this idea! If you are interested in Craft ideas, please do not hesitate to email via the web site with a view to joining us!





Kim another one of our talented members was making crochet Mince Pies, they really are delightful, and just right for Christmas!!

Angela Blunden

CROQUET

There are around 250 clubs in England affiliated with Croquet England, and our u3a are lucky to enjoy a great association with the Chichester and Fishbourne Croquet Club.
While the game reached massive fashion status in Victorian England during the 1860s—and famously birthed the club that would later host Wimbledon—its competitive profile receded later when lawn tennis eclipsed it in popularity by the late 19th century.
But it seems our Croquet group are showing great keenness **and DAVID SAWYER WRITES:** On September 30th we held our annual Croquet tournament against Chichester U3A. I am glad to report Ems Valley won 43 hoops to 25. Our highest scoring pair were Rob Nelson and Diane Kingswood. (Rob is extreme left and Diane is extreme right)
Pictures attached of both teams and helpers, below left, and the two highest scoring pairs. below right.





Daytrippers visit Winchester College

A most fascinating day of history, stories and remarkable characters…..
On Tuesday, 20 October, twenty members of the Ems Valley u3a Daytrippers group enjoyed a truly memorable visit to Winchester College, one of England's oldest and most distinguished educational establishments.
We arrived at 11.00 am and were welcomed by Martin, our first guide, whose knowledge, enthusiasm and engaging manner were to make the next hour and a half an absolute delight. With the pupils away for half-term, the College seemed unusually quiet, but there was certainly nothing quiet about Martin's tour!



From the earliest days of the College, founded by William of Wykeham in 1382, Martin brought the buildings, their history and the lives of generations of Wykehamists vividly to life. Every corner seemed to have a story, every tradition an explanation, and every building a fascinating connection with the past or present. His ability to turn even the smallest historical detail into an absorbing tale was quite remarkable. ***(Above: Our group in the 'School room' a more recent addition)***

One story that particularly tickled our fancy concerned a tree in the College quadrangle known as the Lord's Tree. Apparently, tradition had it that if a master was more than five minutes late for a lesson, a pupil could dash outside, pick a twig from the tree and return triumphantly to the classroom. The lesson was then cancelled, and the pupils were free! Whether this was a privilege frequently exercised or just an irresistible temptation is left to the imagination, but it certainly gave us a glimpse of the lighter side of school life through the centuries.
We also learnt about the distinctions between the different groups of boys at the College. The Scholars were the original foundation pupils, selected for their academic ability and supported by the College's endowment. The term Pupils refers to the wider body of students, while the Quiristers are the choristers who sing in the College Chapel and whose musical tradition remains an important part of College life.



Today, Winchester College has around 780 pupils, including approximately 70 girls, reflecting the changes that have taken place in this historic institution. Yet, despite its long traditions, the College is very much a living school, with its past and present woven together in a fascinating way. ***(right: William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester and Chancellor of England. He founded New College, Oxford, and Winchester College in 1379)***

After our morning tour, Martin kindly escorted us to the nearby Queen Inn, where we enjoyed a very good lunch and an opportunity to chat about all we had seen and heard.



But our day was far from over! After lunch, we returned to Winchester College War Cloister which is Europe's largest private war memorial, designed by architect Sir Herbert Baker and envisioned by Headmaster Montague Rendall. (Herbert Baker was the joint architect who co-designed the imperial capital of New Delhi alongside Edwin Lutyens in 1912, BRICK BUSINESS members may remember when we covered that part of India some three years ago!) Now we were to meet our second guide, Pippa, a retired lady who had previously served as a Commander in the Royal Navy. We quickly discovered that she was every bit as knowledgeable, engaging and captivating as Martin.

She took us around the College's War Cloister, a remarkable and deeply moving memorial commemorating former pupils who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars and in subsequent conflicts. More than 500 Wykehamists have died in these conflicts, and their names and sacrifices are remembered with great dignity and care.

(Above: The School Chapel ceiling and beautiful stained glass window)

Our guide's military background brought a particularly powerful dimension to the stories she told. Her accounts were rich in historical detail, yet always personal and vivid, helping us to appreciate the lives behind the names and the enormous human cost of war. The next hour and a half passed all too quickly as she brought these events and their lasting significance to life.

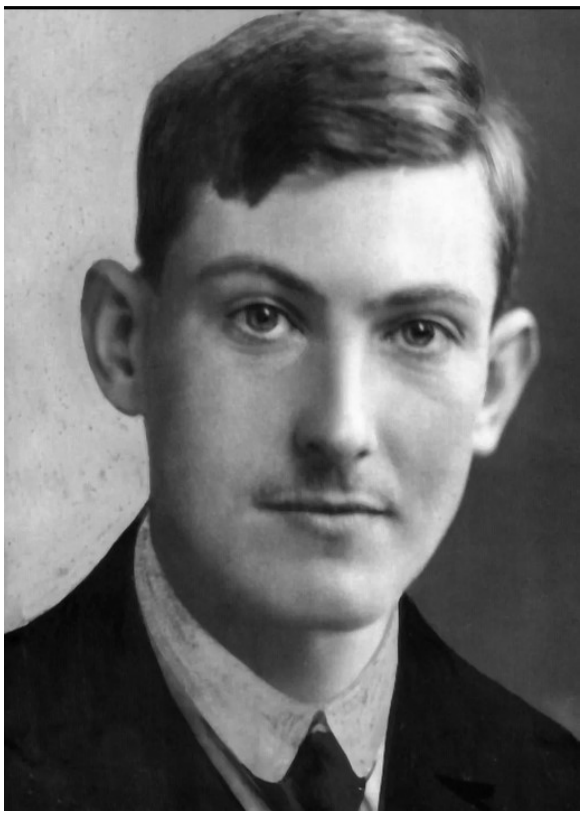
The War Cloisters ***(seen below)*** themselves are an extraordinary setting for remembrance, and the combination of the architecture, the memorials and our guide's storytelling made this part of the visit especially poignant. It was a



privilege to spend time in such a place and to reflect on the generations of young men whose lives were tragically cut short. By the time we left, we had enjoyed a day that offered an exceptional combination of fascinating history,

entertaining anecdotes, architectural interest and moving remembrance. We returned home with plenty to talk about and many happy memories of a truly wonderful outing.
Our sincere thanks go to both Martin and Pippa for sharing their remarkable knowledge and enthusiasm so generously. We are also very grateful to Steve Gorban, the co-leader of the Daytrippers interest group, whose organisation and coordination made this excellent day possible.
All in all, a thoroughly memorable day out — and a wonderful example of what the Ems Valley u3a Daytrippers group does best! **Alan Borrow**

A POSTSCRIPT on MOUNTAINEERING!



Our Guide at Winchester College mentioned one of the pupils, the famous climber George Mallory. He had perished on the slopes of Everest in1924, and it was not known whether he had reached the summit or not. We were told about Mallory's climbing antics at school and shown the Church tower he repeatedly scaled much to the annoyance of masters. George Mallory's body was found on Mount Everest on May 1, 1999, by an American mountaineer, at an altitude of 26,760 feet (8,155 meters) but it is still unknown whether he was on the way up or coming back down from the summit***! (right: George Mallory)***

Our member **Simon Winslow** then chipped in with another School related climbing story: During his days at Repton in the early 1960s, George Lowe who was the official photographer on the 1953 Everest expedition was his geography teacher and during one of my lessons, a tall man entered the classroom unexpectedly. George stopped the lesson and said "I would like you meet my friend Ed." This stranger turned out to be Sir Edmund Hilary who, along with Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, were the first (known) mountaineers to conquer the mountain. Needless to say any geography tuition was abandoned that day and the rest of the lesson was spent on hearing about this conquest. This included George Lowe and Edmund Hillary demonstrating a number of climbing techniques using the deep window cills and reveals found in the Victorian gothic classroom together with the exposed, high level cast iron central heating pipes. This caused much excitement and amusement for us teenage school boys and was never to be forgotten! **Thank you Simon!**

U3A Wine Appreciation Group 6

The recently started Wine Appreciation Group 6 — which, in itself, says quite a lot about Emsworth! — is now finding its feet. Steve and Jackie have taken on the leadership role with enthusiasm and maturity considering they are relatively new in our u3a1 After our first meeting in July, the group gathered for its fourth meeting on 14th October. This time, it was Brian Simmonds' turn to introduce us to six different wines. He chose three whites and three reds, all from Italy. Alan Borrow, with his knowledgeable wine background, added extra titbits of information after Brian gave us the tasting notes — including one wine said to have an aroma of tobacco, which most of us found rather challenging to detect despite plenty of enthusiastic sniffing into our glasses. **What a selection Brian provided — all from Tesco and all within a budget of £75.** Amid a fair amount of joviality and banter, we tried all six bottles in turn, taking small sips of course, before each of us shared our thoughts, guessed the price and awarded the wine a mark out of ten. It was fascinating — and sometimes surprising — to discover just how differently people's taste buds responded. Some of us found certain wines too sweet, while others sitting just

across the table thought those very same wines had a noticeably drier edge. Brian has certainly raised the bar for whoever takes on the wine choices next time. We were slightly aghast when he produced a 100% recyclable aluminium bottle of Vinca Sicilian organic white at £8.50. It was citrusy and quite pleasant, though not the most popular of the evening. A discussion followed about the merits of aluminium bottles — and whether they might affect the taste of the wine. A later check informed us that the aluminium is not normally in direct contact with the wine. The manufacturers make certain that they have an internal food-grade lacquer or polymer coating. This separates the acidic wine from the metal and ensures that the wine retains its intended aroma, acidity, fruit character and finish. The wine that went down well with everyone was La Masseria del Borgo Primitivo di Manduria, a Tesco Finest wine priced at £13.50. Perhaps unsurprisingly, it was the most expensive bottle of the selection — and well worth it. This smooth red was full of ripe dark berry flavours, including blackcurrants and black cherries, with a hint of exotic spices. Everyone really enjoyed it! Primitivo has become a go-to red recently because it offers rich, ripe fruit, a smooth mouthfeel without the firm tannins that some people find challenging in some traditional reds. It also tends to offer good value for money. But it is not a new wine; it is just one of several traditional wines of Puglia now enjoying a definite revival. What were our six wines you may ask - Whites: Falanghia, Passerina and Vinca and Reds: Millefiori, Primitivio, Chianti**.**





Ronnie Tyler

HELEN HOCKEY - an Appreciation


Helen Hockey holding the Crown from her Maundy Money

When I first took over the Singing for Fun group - about 2013 I think - we didn't have a pianist. I experimented with a range of online music provision, but it never felt satisfactory. I advertised in the newsletter (thank you Alan!) for a member to come and play for us once a month, and then first met the absolutely wonderful Helen. She had an extremely busy life - organist at St James, other musical commitments, she looked after older friends, she had family commitments...and yet she said she would help us. And she did. She stayed for many years, playing all the melodies I provided, always with a smile, encouragement and a joke. She was loved and appreciated by me and also by all the choir members, who would all agree that having her as a pianist simply made the session. I was able to be at her funeral, and loved hearing all the positive comments about her - a much loved, and will be a much missed u3a member and part of Emsworth.

Anne Powell

(photo shows Helen displaying her Maundy crown – April 2024)

Did you know..?

If you book a holiday with Riviera Travel please mention, at the time of booking, that you are a member of Ems Valley U3A. The company will then make a generous donation to our funds.

Rod Lipscombe

Travellers Tales hear about Japan: Toilets, Trains and Tiny Towels!

Dbee gave Travellers Tales a real treat on Monday evening, 19th October, with her entertaining presentation about her recent trip to Japan, sharing fascinating customs, spectacular sights and a few surprises! Onsens (hot springs) are hugely popular thanks to Japan's volcanic activity and are renowned for their relaxing waters. There is, however, one small catch: you must bathe naked! Men and women bathe separately, and it's considered a social activity. Dbee raised a few laughs when she revealed the very tiny "modesty towel" she was given. Modesty, it seemed, came in miniature!



Vending machines are everywhere, even on suburban streets, selling everything from water and coffee to delicious peach and matcha drinks. One drink she was advised to purchase was 'Pocari Sweat' which although sounded awful, was a hydrating water ensuring essential lost minerals in Japans heat are replaced (they can reach over 40º) Dbee had never seen so many! They were clean, modern and easy to use. She was also lucky enough to witness the spectacular Gion Festival, dating back to 869 AD, with it's enormous, beautifully decorated wooden floats and lively evening street parties.

Then came the high-tech toilets! With heated seats, bidets and even a "privacy flush" sound, they make public conveniences surprisingly luxurious. The only challenge is working out which button does what - before you need to leave! Japan's bullet trains were another highlight, with one reaching an impressive 189 mph. Large suitcases were transported separately by a specialist service. Litter bins were few and far between, so you take your rubbish home with you. Japan is remarkably clean, and Dbee felt safe throughout her travels, with lost property usually finding its way back to its owner.



The country's beautiful gardens, temples, shrines and castles were equally impressive. Every detail was meticulously cared for: the grass was combed, the paths washed and even the ponds swept. Enough to make any allotment holder hang up their gardening gloves! Dbee explained the difference between a **Maiko and a Geisha**. A Maiko is a Geisha in training, a process that usually takes around five years. Their traditional white rice-powder makeup originally helped their features stand out in the flickering light of candles and lanterns. ***(see photo right – the Maiko is on the left)***

But the real purpose of Dbee's trip was to find her inspiration to paint again — and Japan certainly delivered, she said! Two highlights were visiting a traditional Japanese art gallery and being given handmade rice paper during a tea ceremony. While everyone else was concentrating on the matcha tea, Dbee had spotted the handmade rice-paper placemats! She was kindly given some to paint on, and since returning, she hasn't stopped creating new Chinese brush paintings inspired by her travels. You can see her latest artwork inspired by this trip in an exhibition with her artists from the Emsworth Art Group at Emsworth Community Centre **on 31 October and 1 November.** Fancy visiting Japan? Go on, she said! The trains are bullet-fast, the gardens immaculate, and even the toilets are smarter than some of us!

Roger Pratt – a Variety of Travels

In total contrast, the second half of the evening was Roger Pratt's photos which really had us on our toes! Their photographic excellence were obvious, their miscellany was captivating, the variety was outstanding and the order of presentation had us wide awake….. I suspect that he was playing with us a little – BUT IT WORKED! **One minute we were at Idsworth viewing the Church in the field, the next in a desert, up a mountain in the Alps, San Fancisco waterfront, honestly – there was no chance to nod off! Roger has threatened to come back with more – BRING THEM ON ROGER!**

HELP!

'The Garden Group is seeking to borrow a projector to present their video showing the garden visits during the year to the group at our review on the afternoon of Tuesday November 10th (2 - 4pm). (The one at the Community Centre may not be available). Any suggestions would be very welcome. Please contact Dianamf1223@gmail.com. Many thanks'

WHAT YEAR at SOUTHSEA BEACH?



• Bathing Machines: A row of wheeled wooden huts (bathing machines) lines the upper part of the beach. Bathers used these to change into swimwear out of sight and, historically, to be rolled directly into the water.

• Mixed Bathing: Men and women bathing and wading together in the sea reflects a shifting social norm of the Edwardian era, as strict Victorian separation of the sexes on beaches began to relax.

• Attire: Swimmers wore heavy, full-coverage wool or knitted bathing costumes, and crowds on the shore watched fully dressed in period suits, hats, and parasols.

DAYTRIPPERS propose a visit to the Hovercraft Museum



Simon Winslow writes: Steve Gorban and I are planning one further outing this year, a visit to the Hovercraft Museum in nearby Lee-on-Solent. This is a unique museum and is the only one in the world. As the name implies it is all about hovercraft and is an interactive place where everyone can participate in a wide variety of activities and even get hands-on with the displays.
The museum is only open on Saturdays and Sundays and we are suggesting that the visit should take place on Sunday, 15th November. At this time of year it is open from 10.00am to 3.00pm. There is a modest on-site cafe serving teas and coffees along with sandwiches etc but no hot food. The entrance cost is £7.00pp for seniors payable on the day. At the moment, there is no guided tour available but there are volunteers at each exhibit available to answer questions and give advice.

It is proposed that we car share for travelling there and back. It takes approximately 30 minutes drive time from Emsworth via the A27. The post code for SatNav purposes is PO13 9NS.

If you are interested in this day out please contact Simon Winslow via the web site (Daytrippers Interest Group) and let him know if you will be driving and able to offer lifts to other non-drivers. Also, if you are a non driver but interested, ask if there is available car share.

He may be arranging a late(ish) lunch afterwards at a nearby pub, if there is demand from members.

One reviewer recently wrote: “As soon as you enter there is a definite wow factor, seeing this enormous SRN4 hovercraft right in front of you. Everywhere you go there is something unique to see. The exhibits on their own are great but it was most impressive that all the volunteers we spoke to, seem to have a real passion for what they were doing. They imparted so much information that couldn't be put in a simple information sign. Overall, we were left with a very friendly and warm feeling of this museum! We spent about 4.5 hours there, until it closed and still didn't have time to go into quite as much depth as I would have liked!”

QUOTATION CORNER – THIS MONTH SUBJECT "DRINK"

A woman drove me to drink and I never even had the courtesy to thank her. **W.C.Fields**

I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me. **Winston Churchill**

Love makes the world go round? Not at all. Whisky makes it go round twice as fast. **Compton Mackensie**

You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on **Dean Martin**

One more drink and I'd have been under the host. **Dorothy Parker**

It was my Uncle George who discovered that alcohol was a food well in advance of medical thought. **P.G.Wodhouse**

On drinking etiquette: "It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a friend, one's present or future thirst, the excellence of the cognac, or any other reason." — **W.C. Fields**

I distrust camels and anyone else who can go a week without a drink." **— Joe E. Ellis**

"A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory." — **Albert Einstein**



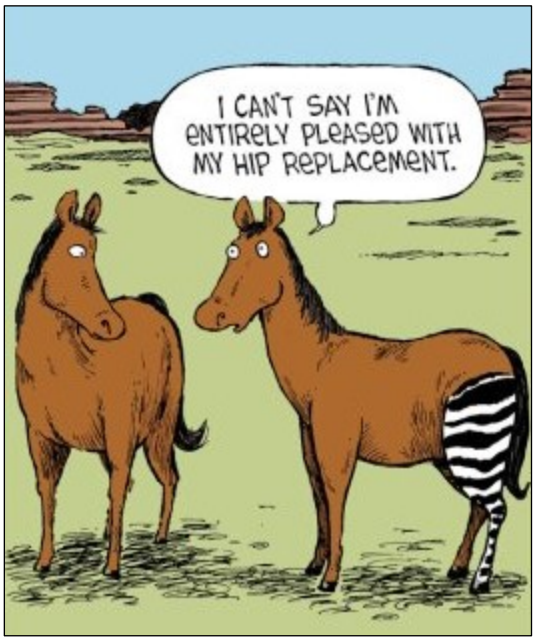


The Economy:
I am currently investing in a very high-risk portfolio called "Filling my car with petrol and hoping my card doesn't decline."



What do you fancy: Mexican, Chinese or Indian?











A man goes to his doctor and says, “Doctor, I think my wife is going deaf.”
The doctor says, “Well, before we arrange a hearing test, try a little experiment. Stand about 20 feet behind her and ask her a question. If she doesn't answer, move closer and try again.”
So the man goes home. His wife is in the kitchen, preparing dinner.
From the doorway, he asks, “Darling, what's for dinner?”
No answer.
He moves halfway across the room, towards her.
“Darling, what's for dinner?”
Still nothing.
He moves right behind her.
“DARLING! WHAT'S FOR DINNER?”
She turns round and says:
“For the THIRD time, chicken!”

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