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When you use the U3A Site Builder to browse our information pages or access an individual U3A website, two cookies are required to allow the system to function when viewed by a visitor. A third essential cookie is additionally required when an editor logs in to maintain a site. We do not use non-essential cookies to collect visitor statistics or to help make your user experience better. We do not support the use of cookies, including third party cookies, on individual U3A sites.

The new VPS server provided by 443i, the company that hosts our websites on behalf of the Third Age Trust, sets a pair of essential cookies for Site Builder visitors and editors. The cookies (named 'DYNSRV' and SERVERID') allows them to load balance and manage server traffic demand across their computing infrastructure. These are so-called "session cookies", meaning that they last only as long as you are viewing the site, and are deleted as soon as you close your browser.

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