

The theme for Photo Group 1 this month is 'Looking Up' and as if by magic I have been contacted by Andrew Phillips about his new website. The site is called 'Southport Looking Up' and focuses on the areas of Southport which are often overlooked (should that be underlooked?).



Click [HERE](#) to visit the site.



Southport and Formby Association (SoFA)
Founded 1971



Another new website to look at is the freshly launched 'SoFA' website. SoFA are a local National Trust supporter group; the website is intended to provide information related to local NT properties and the events held by SoFA. Several Southport U3A members are already also members of SoFA but there is always room for more.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the SoFA site.



A Russian Cyberpunk Farmer has become an internet sensation and this video may give you some clues why. Click [HERE](#) to watch it.

Marjorie Antrobus sent in this interesting video, which possibly proves that dogs don't need a board to surf. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



On my lockdown walks In the past 12 months, I've discovered any number of streets and paths, which I never knew existed. Mind you, I was always secure in the knowledge that I couldn't get too lost. I'm not sure the same applies to these hardy souls! Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



The Police have found a large number of dead crows on the A1081 just outside Harpenden early this morning, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

A Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu.

The cause of death appeared to be from vehicular impacts. However, during analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws.

By analysing these paint residues it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with motorbikes, while only 2% were killed by cars.

The investigators then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorbike kills versus car kills. The Ornithological Behaviourist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger.

They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "bike"



With what we are experiencing I couldn't help but think of the 50s and 60s, long before the days of disco's and all of the mobiles and i pods etc.

A Friday and Saturday night was to dance to a proper band at the Locarno or Grafton on West Derby Road, they were almost next door to each other. Quickstep, Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba and Samba all of the dances that you had to learn to get a dance and pull a bird.

You had to request a dance from a lady, however if she fancied you it wasn't a surprise to find her dragging you onto the floor.

Now for those who preferred a more relaxed life, there was the pub that normally resounded with impromptu singing of many of the old songs. One that springs to mind is 'Barefoot Days,' I'm not sure if it was just a Scouse song as I've never seen it published, below is a 'cleaned up' version. I'd love to hear from others if they have any additional verses.

Oh Barefoot days, when we were just a couple of kids,
 Oh Barefoot days and the things we did,
 We'd go down to a shady nook,
 With a bent pin for a hook,
 And then we'd fish all day and fish all night,
 But those silly old fish refused to bite,
 And then we'd slide past someone's back yard door,
 We'd slide and slide, 'til our pants were torn,
 Then we'd have to go home and have to go to bed,
 While Mama got busy with the needle and thread,
 Oh boy, what joy, we had in those barefoot days.

Colin Weir

Astronomy

Whether or not you are a member of the U3A Astronomy Group, if you are interested in astronomy you may find this link interesting. It is a YouTube recording of the JHI UCLan talk by Dr Mark Norris on "Hunting for the Ghosts of Galaxies". The presentation is excellent, if a little deep at times, and lasts for 60 minutes, followed by a Q&A session. Click [HERE](#) to watch.

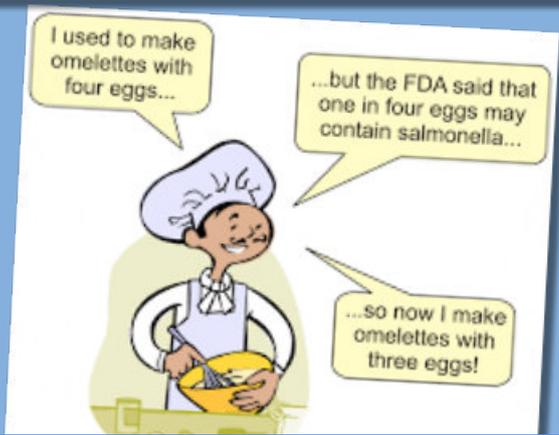
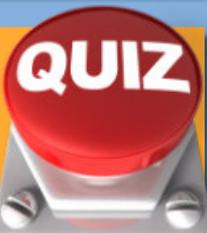


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Cop: You were going fast.
Me: I was just trying to keep up with traffic.
Cop: There isn't any.
Me: I know! That's how far behind I am.

Most of you reading this will already be U3A members but, for those of you who aren't, click [HERE](#) to watch a short video about one of the reasons why you should consider it. If you know people who aren't members, send them the link.

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- 2 - MANCHESTER UNITED
- 3 - NORWICH CITY
- 4 - WEST BROMWICH ALBION
- 5 - ARSENAL
- 6 - AFC BOURNEMOUTH
- 7 - WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS
- 8 - WATFORD
- 9 - BLACKBURN ROVERS
- 10 - CHELSEA
- 11 - BURNLEY
- 12 - NEWCASTLE UNITED





Rivington Terraced Gardens - History & Restoration by Graham Gough

THURSDAY 6th MAY at 2pm



Rivington Terraced Gardens were created on a barren Lancashire hillside by the soap giant William Hesketh Lever (Lord Leverhulme) as a weekend retreat.

Sadly after Lord Leverhulme died the gardens fell into a slow decline and became overgrown and almost unrecognisable, but always a great area to walk through and speculate as to what it must have once looked like.



This talk tells a little of the Gardens' history and how recent efforts have been made to secure their future as a magical place for all.

Graham is a volunteer at RTG and vice chair of the Friends of Rivington Terraced Gardens



In 2016, Rivington Heritage Trust, as part of a partnership with Groundwork Cheshire Lancashire and Merseyside and United Utilities successfully secured £3.4 million in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of a three year £4.2 million restoration package to conserve and revitalise Rivington Terraced Gardens



Friday 30th April 2021

Southampton v Leicester City
20:00 Sky Sports

Saturday 1st May 2021

Crystal Palace v Man City
12:30 BT Sport

Brighton & Hove Albion v Leeds United
15:00 Amazon Prime Video

Chelsea v Fulham
17:30 Sky Sports

Everton v Aston Villa
20:00 BT Sport

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Newcastle United v Arsenal
14:00 Sky Sports

Man Utd v Liverpool
16:30 Sky Sports

Tottenham Hotspur v Sheffield United
19:15 Sky Sports

Monday 3rd May 2021

West Brom v Wolves
18:00 Sky Sports

Burnley v West Ham United
20:15 Sky Sports



A furniture dealer decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he went to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home. To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine.

As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, she asked him something in French (which he could not understand), so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down.

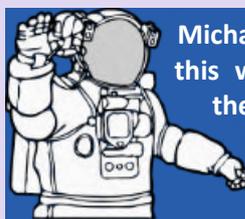
He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music.

They ordered dinner, after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed.

To this day, he has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business!



Michael Collins, who died this week, is often called the forgotten astronaut. While his colleagues were taking giant leaps for mankind he was in the command module, making sure they had a way of getting home.

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Click [HERE](#) to read an article about his route to the moon.

275 years ago Jacobite forces fought the British Army on a remote moorland in Scotland in a clash that might have changed the course of history. Had victory fallen differently, there would arguably have been no American Revolution.

The battle was 'Culloden' and you can click [HERE](#) to read the article about its legacy.




Fancy a new home? How about a 3D printed house? In the shape of a wasp's nest?

Click [HERE](#) to read about this engineering first. Personally I wouldn't touch anything to do with wasps!

Some people have way too much time on their hands, but I can forgive them when they produce superb 'mash-ups' like this one. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video featuring a varied cast, dancing to Benny Goodman'.






THINK NOT WHAT THE U3A CAN DO FOR YOU BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE U3A!!

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Now that we are coming out of lockdown, you have a chance to help your u3a recruit new members.

We now have a series of five A4 printed posters which we want to distribute in as many places as possible around the town. This could be your local newsagent, your hairdresser, your community notice board, your grandchildren's school, your local supermarket or convenience store, your fitness studio, your local church, the back window of your car. Or anywhere you think people who would be interested in joining will see them.

To get your supply of these please email Paddy McNeish on paddyclinch@yahoo.co.uk

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BEAT THE COVID BLUES!!

Southport U3A is open to all over 50's who are not in full time occupation.

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