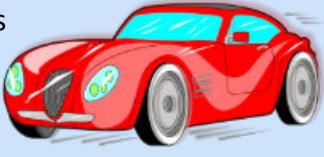




Newsletter 17-07-2021



If you missed this week's Zoom talk, all about the life of Sir Henry Segrave, you can now watch it on Zoom. Click [HERE](#) to watch the recording. There will also be an article in our first quarterly magazine.

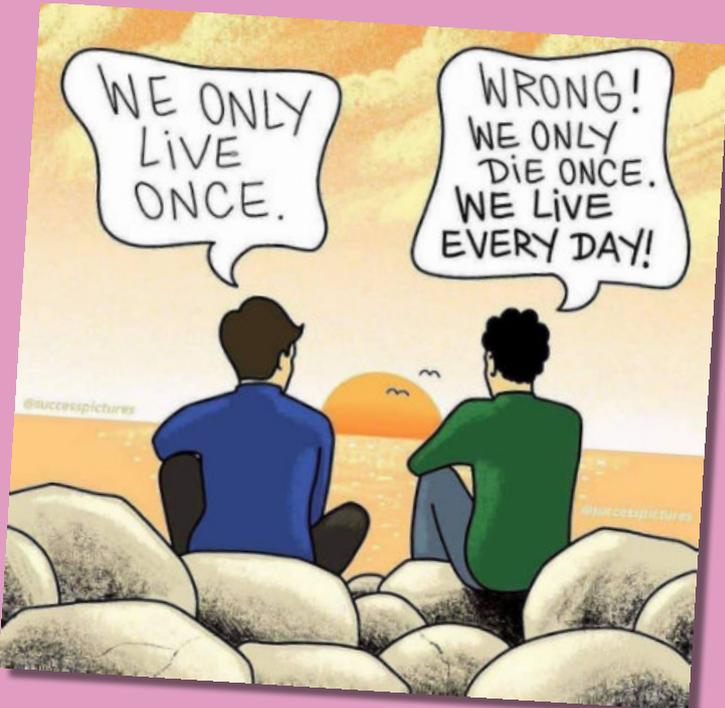


If you own a dog, or dogs and are looking for alternative places to walk them, the National Trust may be able to help. They have published a guide to some of the best places to walk your dog(s) in the Northwest. Click [HERE](#) to visit the page.



News - Ukulele 1 have moved venues and can now be found at:

St Simon & St Jude with All Souls church,
Old Park Lane,
Southport PR9 7BQ.
01704 513534.



Where will you find a hotel that is "Royal" and a house where Captain Edward Smith, who was in charge of the Titanic, once lived? The Local History group found the answers on their guided walks in sunny Waterloo on 14th July. You can read all about it in the first quarterly magazine, expected out in September.



Do you remember childhood trips to Blackpool lights? Boarding the bus, who's first to spot the Tower, the magic as it goes dark and the lights, especially on the trams, start to sparkle...



There has been a change of venue for the coffee morning.

The meeting place is now CAFE 1821, next to Christchurch on Lord Street.

The time has also changed, the new time is 11.00 - 12.30. The group is due to restart on 12th August.

Click [HERE](#) to see the Google Maps information.

Your chance to relive it on October 21 from Southport. A stop in lovely Lytham for shopping and tea, off through the lights and back by 9pm. Safe-managed bus, 60s music on board. £12 plus a donation to the lights fund.

There are a few places left. On Beacon find 'Lets Go Blackpool Lights'. Click 'Join Group and then contact Paul Carter using the following link:

meetandeatsouthportu3a@gmail.com

CAN YOU NAME THESE COMMON BRITISH BIRDS?



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JIM RECEIVES A NOTE UNDER THE DOOR AND IS INTRIGUED, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT'S THE CLOSET DOOR.

The choir are planning to start up again on Weds 1st September - 18 long months since we last sang together.



Since then "Choirantine" has been meeting via zoom each week- singing to ourselves and the walls in kitchens bedrooms and broom cupboards. More recently we have been singing with the birds in Hesketh Park so it will be great to get back together again while we are still mostly sane and especially with those of you who haven't been able to be with us for all this time.

Obviously the re-start will depend on the general covid situation in September .We must also remain mindful of the greater risk associated with singing, so to keep things as risk-free as possible we have arranged to use the large hall to allow plenty of air and spacing between chairs, there are lots of windows for ventilation. There will not be a tea/coffee break so we will need to bring our own drinks. If other changes need to be made I'll let you know. No changes are being planned to having fun.

In the meantime we will continue to meet in the park or via zoom at 11 on Wednesdays, depending on the weather .

I will keep you all updated between now and September.

Take care - David Town

White Roses and Clematis.

learn,
laugh,
live

Water drops speckle double glazing, tracing, weaving, vertical waterways in gravatourial acquiescence.

Visibility, not totally obscure beyond the conservatory wrap around windows. Cumulus drift by with threatening presence.

Not satisfied with earlier torrential water-outs. clouds ease off to promise false hope, then, out of the grey, a renewed wet avalanche.

Clematis, hydrangeas, white roses, droop in defensive posture, soaked into temporary surrender, biding, hoping for another chance.

This is the now, but not that which will be. Weather forecasts and patterns are changing. in plain sight, in real time not just by nuance.

Business interests pay no heed. Greedy and blind to the future they mutilate, kill and maim. It's far to late to change, no chance to re-enhance.

Ice burls melt, rivers flood, famine disease and unrest spread unrestrained. It's gone beyond, changeable or undo-able, gone past the last dance.

Our children will not forgive our negligence. Will not accept our pleas for sympathetic clemency for our failure to exercise the required due-diligence.

Joe Forshaw. 2021



They say that photographers are frustrated artists. I don't know if I am frustrated, but if I could draw like this I may never have picked up a camera! Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.

- Pasta was not eaten in the UK
- Curry was a surname.
- A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
- A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower
- All potato crisps/chips were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.
- Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
- Calamari was called squid and we used it as fish bait.
- A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
- Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
- Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
- Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
- Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
- Fish didn't have fingers in those days.
- Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
- None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
- Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
- People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
- Indian restaurants were only found in India.
- Cooking outside was called camping.
- Seaweed was not a recognised food.
- "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
- Prunes were medicinal.
- Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
- Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!!
- But two things that we NEVER ever had on our tables in the fifties were
Elbows and Phones

(This was all before my time - Editor)



CAN YOU NAME THESE COMMON BRITISH BIRDS? - ANSWERS

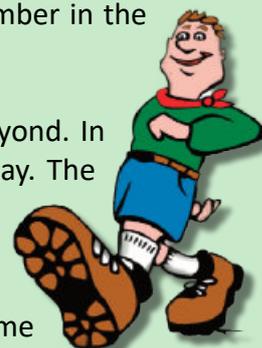
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| 1 - GOLDFINCH | 9 - STARLING |
| 2 - WREN | 10 - WOOD PIGEON |
| 3 - BLACKBIRD | 11 - GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER |
| 4- HOUSE SPARROW | 12 - DUNNOCK |
| 5 - CHAFFINCH | 13 - REDWING |
| 6 - BLUE TIT | 14 - MARSH WARBLER |
| 7 - SISKIN | 15 - BARN SWALLOW |
| 8 - SONG THRUSH | 16 - SKYLARK |

David Miley created Walking Group 4 in February 2015 and retired early this year. Apparently, David sat at his table in Christchurch at the monthly meetings for almost a year before anyone showed any interest. He was on the verge of giving up but was persuaded by Brenda - Chair at the time to continue for a little longer. The first walk consisted of 10 (Phil Watling took the shot). When David retired the number in the group was 50plus - fortunately not everyone walks at the same time.

David's group has been a huge success, he has taken us all over Lancashire and beyond. In 2018 we went to Lake Bled in Slovenia and had the most wonderful walking holiday. The following year we visited Saas Fee in Switzerland and would have returned to Switzerland in 2020 but Covid arrived and the trip was cancelled.

Carolyn (David and Sylvia's daughter) and husband Ian very kindly invited some members to their lovely home in Cheshire to celebrate David's 83rd birthday last Thursday. David is seated at the table with Sylvia beside him - Carolyn is in the red top with Ian sitting behind her. Our new leader Dot is sitting to the left of David.

We wish David Many Happy Returns of his special day.



The entries were judged, the winner, Sylvia Miley, announced, the item published and now we can show Sylvia being presented with her prize.

It is said that every one of us has a story in us somewhere, just waiting to get out. We will be having another writing competition in the future, so get your thinking caps on and start jotting down some ideas. You never know, you may be the next to receive a welcome visit from our Chair, delivering your prize.



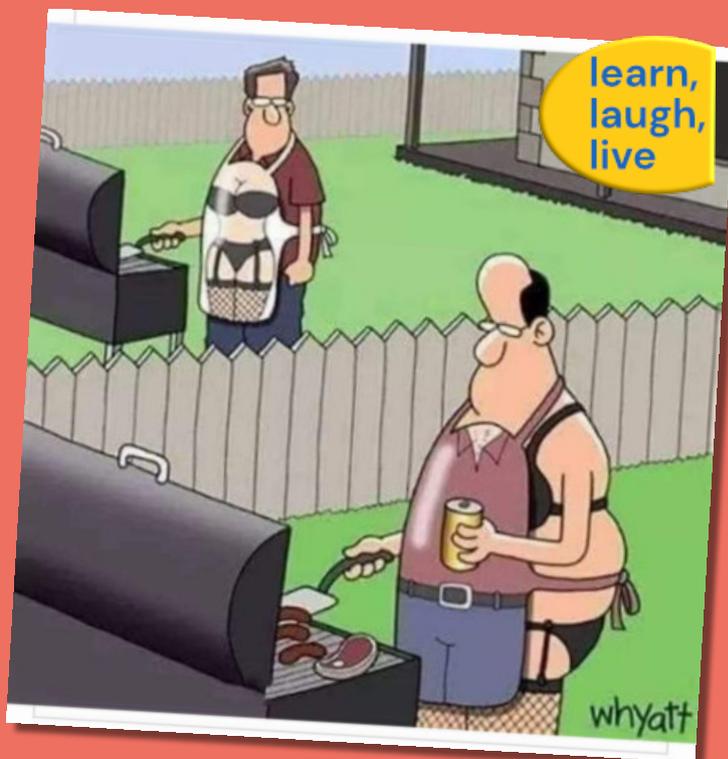
As there has been a lot of interest in upcoming M&E events we have decided to slot in an "extra" one which is provisionally planned for **AUGUST 31st**

We still have to finalise details with the venue which will not happen before next week but then we would like to establish booking quickly.

So I hope to send an invitation next Thursday, 22nd. If you are not already a Meet and Eat member, you need to [register via Beacon](#).

On this occasion, if you know somebody who might be a future U3a member he/she will be welcome as a guest to sample this aspect of our U3a community. Details of this will be in that email.

Paul Carter



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1. When you go into the Beacon portal on the U3a website, it will not let you in unless you use EXACTLY the correct log in details. This includes upper and lower case, spaces and so on.
2. Beacon is slow. Don't be surprised if it takes a couple of minutes to progress to the next screen. If you have entered the wrong log-in information, it will tell you that quickly.
3. When you get in, to book an event use "Groups", NOT "Calendar".
4. When you find the event, if there is room, it will offer you the chance to Join. Click on that. Then WAIT. It may take a little while! If you hit "join" again you may end up booking multiple places for yourself
5. Beacon does not send you anything to say you have succeeded. But it does tell the event leader you have joined.
6. If you want to check later that you are a member, look for the event in the Calendar. If you are a member, it will say so beside the event.

This is how it works irrespective of the event. Do give it a try. If you want to get practice, you can book yourself on an event and remove your booking later.

Paul Carter