

Concorde Experience

The coach trip group's last outing, just before lockdown, in March, was to Manchester Runway Visitors Centre to see Concorde, which is based alongside Manchester Airport. A taste of luxury for the day but unfortunately without the champagne!!!

We had a two hour fully guided tour of Concorde which included time on board with everyone having the opportunity to see the flight deck and sit in one of the pilots' seats with a chance to 'have a go' with some of the many instruments.

In addition we had a fully guided tour underneath the aircraft learning about the ground breaking technology behind the supersonic airliner. For example Concorde's top cruising height was more than 11 miles above the surface of the earth, Concorde could accelerate from 0-225 mph in 30 seconds and more than 2.5 million people have travelled on Concorde. In fact three individuals on the coach trip had travelled on Concorde in the past and welcomed the opportunity to re-live some happy memories.



At the end of the tour we received a Commemorative Certificate as a souvenir of our visit. We look forward to having some more memorable coach trips hopefully during 2021 so we can 'catch up' on the trips we have had to defer during 2020.

Derek & Anne Kershaw

Hi, I'm the leader of the Family History Group and for many years I along with a small team have done voluntary work transcribing Births, Deaths and Marriage records (otherwise known as, matches, hatches and despatches) in the Registrars Office in St. Georges Hall from 1837 onwards when it became law to register such events, I think Liverpool has about seven million such records that we are working our way through, until the dreaded Covid stopped us in Feb. The following is a wedding I transcribed and an indication of the problems we face.

Male.....OLUWASEU TOLUESLAS BABALOLA
Female.....JFEDAYO AYOUA.....OMOYAJOWO

Now you know why we Scousers speak with a funny accent.

Another transcription I made was a marriage when the lady must have been delighted to lose her maiden name of DUMKOW to a man with the name of AL????, much to rude to print in full.

Another true story that happened in Aug, last year is. I was transcribing records in the office when the day opened and two grinning registrars entered, they had just married a Liverpool born Chinese couple whose surnames were, POO and PONG, even the couple saw the funny side of it,
Col Weir

Caption Competition

Thanks to Jackie Taylor for sending in this photo of a well known member during a Meet & Eat outing. Send your captions to the Editor and the best ones will be published next week.



One of the **Gardening Group** speakers, Tony Brougham, who works for the charity SSAFA (Armed forces Charity) has been supplying members of the gardening group with plants, compost etc during the lockdown.



As we come up to Christmas he is offering the following items to the Gardening group and all members of Southport U3A, with donations being made to SAFA from the profits.

- Xmas trees from £6 per foot supplied on wooden blocks.
- Birdseed wreathes from £10.
- Holly wreathes (simple) from £10.
- Holly wreathes dressed with gold/ silver /cones etc from £12.
- Grave pots and crem pots £5.

Deliveries are free in the Southport area. Please send your order either by text or email, including your name and full postal address plus mobile number if available) to Mobile 07804357274.or email anthony.brougham@hotmail.co.uk

Please note. 'Tony will not accept **phone** calls.' as he is either working or driving.

Mike Huddleston



The Southport group in Formby Forest



Third Age Matters Winter 2020

WOOD YOU BELIEVE IT, WE'RE BACK!

Southport U3A's Cycling for Pleasure group is back in the saddle, meeting for the first time in September since lockdown started. A group of 11 split into two groups and ensured they kept their distance while cycling. Group leader Jim Hay said: "It was great to get together again and see old friends and share the cycling experience. Here's to the next one!"

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I love clouds (although not when they are dumping rain on me). As a landscape photographer they are responsible for many of my best photographs. Blue skies are lovely for sunbathing, but give me some textures any day when I have my camera with me.

Click [HERE](#) to read a brief article about various cloud forms.

Membership Update - keeping your information up to date.



If you want to ensure you continue to receive communications from the Southport U3A, including this newsletter, it is important that you make sure your contact details are correct in your membership profile. All members can amend their records, address, phone, email, etc. on the Beacon site.

Here is how to do it:

Go to [Southport U3A Home](#)

- select BEACON
- select BEACON MEMBERS PORTAL
- log in
- MEMBERSHIP NUMBER
- FIRST NAME
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- POST CODE
- EMAIL ADDRESS (old one if changing it)
- select an option
- UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS
- make whatever changes you need and press SAVE CHANGES

Phil Watling

If you were in the market for a big old classic car, which would you choose? Would it be a Grosser Mercedes or a Rolls Royce Corniche. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video which may help you decide.



An elderly woman decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond knecklace, emerald bracelets, a ruby broach, and gold Rolex, "But you're not wearing any of those things, " replied the artist,"I know," she said "Its in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he will remarry right away, and I want his new wife to go crazy looking for the jewellery."





Walking Group 2

Our last walk before the first lockdown took place on Wednesday 11 March



when we walked along the Liverpool waterfront from Cressington to the Albert Dock – a distance of about 6.5 miles.

We do local walks, usually around 7 to 8 miles, and we use public transport to get to our starting point and then home again. On this occasion, we didn't realise it would be our last walk until Saturday 22 August!

During the lockdown, we exchanged details of our lockdown "tasks", ie painting and decorating, gardening, mending fences, etc, but I have to admit that, as time went on, the enthusiasm for such tasks waned considerably!

In August, having consulted the Ramblers Association website, it appeared that we could walk with up to 30 people as long as we were socially distanced, so we planned to start again on 22 August. We normally have between 10 and 16 people on our walks, and you can see the happy gang reunited in the picture.

The walk was around the Ainsdale dunes and nature reserve, and the picture was taken on the bridge of the boardwalk around the Sands Lake in Ainsdale. Three of our indefatigable "recce" walkers have tramped nearly every inch of the Ainsdale Sand dunes and nature reserve in search of circular walks where we don't need to use public transport. Now, of course, we are locked down again but we fully intend to do many more walks in 2021.

Jenny Boulton



Test Your Geography



1. Which religion holds The River Ganges sacred
2. Which two countries are linked by The Oresund Bridge
3. The Galapagos Islands are part of which country
4. Of which African country is Freetown the capital
5. Which town in Strathclyde was developed by Robert Owen as an experiment in socialism
6. In which US state is Yellowstone National Park
7. The River Danube flows into which sea
8. In which city is the only Royal Palace in the US
9. In which Irish county is The Giants Causeway
10. How high does a mountain in Scotland have to be before it becomes a "Munro"

Answers on the next page.

THE PIES HAVE COME!

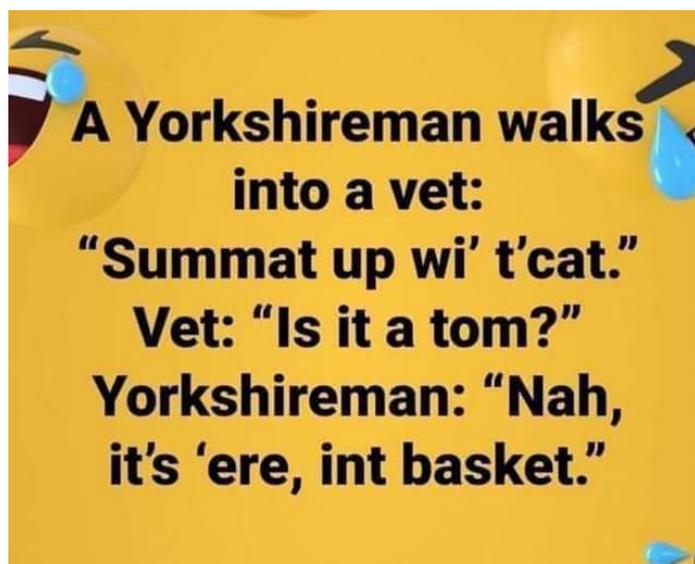


It's the time of year when our attention turns to comfort food and what better kind is there than a steaming pie, straight from the oven, with lashings of gravy (or custard if your preference is a fruit pie).

BBC Good Food have been kind enough to put together 10 recipes for us to try out. There should be something for everybody, so get your rolling pin and apron ready and click [HERE](#) to see the recipes.

If you aren't hungry, but are interested in where pies originated, click [HERE](#) for a bite sized article.

1. Hinduism
2. Denmark and Sweden
3. Ecuador
4. Sierra Leone
5. New Lanark
6. Wyoming
7. The Black Sea
8. Honolulu
9. County Antrim
10. 3,000 Feet



It must be time for a comedy contribution from Del Boy and friends. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video of one of the many classic scenes from 'Only Fools And Horses'



I have had a great response to my email, asking for contributions to the newsletter from members and group leaders. So much so in fact, that there is too much to include in a single newsletter. Please rest assured, that if you have sent something to me it will be published.

Thank you to everybody who has sent contributions. If you send something which needs to be published by a certain date, make sure that you clearly indicate that in your email.

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laugh,
live

Saturday 21st November 2020

Newcastle United v Chelsea
12:30 - BT Sport 1 / BT Sport Ultimate

Aston Villa v Brighton & Hove Albion
15:00 BT Sport 1

Tottenham Hotspur v Man City
17:30 Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Man Utd v West Brom
20:00 BT Sport 1 / BT Sport Ultimate

Sunday 22nd November 2020

Fulham v Everton
12:00 BBC One / BBC iPlayer

Sheffield United v West Ham United
14:00 Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Leeds United v Arsenal
16:30 Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Liverpool v Leicester City
19:15 Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Monday 23rd November 2020

Burnley v Crystal Palace
17:30 Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Wolves v Southampton
20:00 Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD



Merseyrail have announced time table changes on the Southport line.

Click [HERE](#) to view the timetable page.