



The **Local History Group** group currently has 3 leaders Helen, Jean and Myra. The group has been running for several years and we feel we take the motto "Learn, Laugh and Live" quite seriously!

I was lucky enough to inherit ideas about the running of the group from the original leaders Hilary and Jenny. The term "local" has sometimes been queried by members who say it should be about Southport. Over the years we have visited The Atkinson, The Old School House, Southport Little Theatre, the Masonic Hall and enjoyed guided tours of Hesketh Park and the Observatory and Kings

Clubs, Churches, Libraries, Town Halls, we have ridden on trains and buses and trams! And even joined with the coach group to undertake a tour of the BBC Studios in Salford!

We have had the dubious pleasure of passing through security at Liverpool Airport but not actually getting on a plane and jetting off to pastures new!(but we did enjoy learning about the history of the airport and we did get a free pen and bottle of water!

People often ask if we have run out of ideas but we haven't!! We had a programme lined up for 2020 which included Strawberry fields Liverpool, Walking tour of Waterloo, Preston Museum, St Helens Glass



gardens. We were anticipating a visit to the Mosque and this idea is now "On Hold".

So what else is "local"? Well our interpretation spread far and wide. We use public transport (now not such a good idea!) and have travelled up to Lancaster Castle, over to the Wirral, into Manchester and of course Liverpool.

Hopefully, when travelling with us, members have enjoyed learning about places they may not have thought of visiting before, they have enjoyed a laugh in chatting and socialising with us and as for living, well.....there's nothing like running for a bus, or squeezing into a lift or a train, or enjoying the eateries and pubs we encounter on our way!

We have undertaken walking tours and have visited Cemeteries, Theatres, Parks, Castles, Halls, Hotels,

museum (with lunch....we all like our lunches and don't mention the Bakewell Tart....courtesy of Liverpool Medical Library or the food at Angelina's café in Birkenhead!!).

The three of us enjoy sharing our days out, meeting others and sharing experiences and in writing this I am reminded of the happy times we have all enjoyed courtesy of our membership of U3a.

And now there is a vaccine on the horizon so 2021 beckons!! We will hope to return to our programme next year, and look forward to more learning, laughing and living!

We send best wishes to our regular members and look forward to meeting new ones.

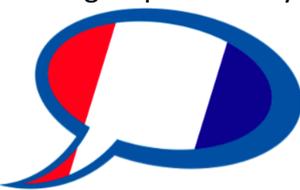
Have your travel passes at the ready!!

Helen Jean and Myra!

Email your contributions to editor@southportu3a.org.uk



French Conversation 3 are proud to report that the group has only missed one of its twice monthly meetings in the whole year. We discovered Zoom very



quickly after the first lockdown and have continued with a programme tailored to virtual meetings. Zoom is not for everyone but we have a regular attendance of about seven members which is probably near the maximum for a meaningful conversation.



In normal times we have a Bastille Day shared table lunch and we were not to be thwarted this year! So we had two sittings a week apart of the maximum six allowed to meet in the garden at that time. The only time we have met in the flesh in eight months.

We try to alternate topics between the serious ("The monarchy – good or bad?") and the light-hearted ("Would I lie to you?"). In preparation for discussion at our next meeting we are all going to watch a full length French film on YouTube. This will be quite a challenge!

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During lockdown, what have other people been staring at out of their windows?

Here is a view from Klitsvoy Island in Norway.

I hope their flood insurance is up to date!



 Have you ever watched an F1 race and marvelled at the massive paddock buildings they call 'Motorhomes'? Click [HERE](#) for a behind the scenes look.

Have you ever wondered?



How deep is the ocean?

Maybe not, but you will be doing so now. Never fear, we have the answers in a really clever and informative animation. Click [HERE](#) to watch it.



Bee conservation is a hot topic these days and rightly so. Click [HERE](#) to view a website, brought to our attention by Francine Sagar, which allows you to see how well your garden choices are helping the bees.

What Legos do when we're not looking



Tristan de Cuna



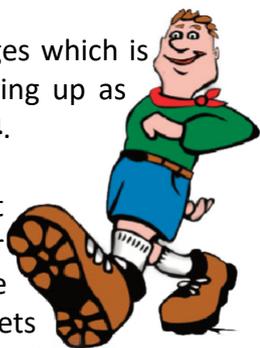
Tristan da Cunha is a place like no other – click [HERE](#) to discover this beautiful archipelago and its spectacular wildlife, which has been designated as a Marine Preservation Zone



The pandemic has changed many things in our lives some for the good and some not so good.

One of the changes which is not so good is David Miley giving up as group leader of **walking group 4**.

David has been one of the best group leaders I have ever known. His absolute commitment not only to the tenets of the U3a to live, learn and laugh



but also to being a fantastic role model always putting the needs of his group first.

David has been the leader of this group for over six years and his adventurous spirit has seen the group have the most wonderful experiences walking not

only in this country but also abroad in Slovenia and Switzerland.

David should write a book on the walks he has taken the group on as most of his walks are in his head. They are all so dramatic and exciting that he will be sorely missed by lots of walkers who have grown and developed under his leadership.



Thank you David for all your commitment and hard work.

You are a star
Brenda Jones

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on!

Franklin D. Roosevelt



TV COP SHOWS



Answers on next page

1. Which actor played both lawyer "Perry Mason" and disabled detective "Ironside"
2. Who was the street-wise jive talking underworld contact for "Starsky and Hutch"
3. Which TV detective, a recovering alcoholic, was based on the Channel Isle of Jersey
4. Where was "Magnum PI" starring Tom Selleck set
5. What were the first names of Mr and Mrs Hart in "Hart to Hart"
6. What role did Brian Blessed play in "Z Cars"
7. What were Bodie and Doyle better known as
8. Sonny Crockett and Ricardo Tubbs were characters in which US based police drama
9. What was the catchphrase of TV detective Kojak
10. Who wrote the novels that the TV series "Inspector Morse" was based on

My mate Dave went to Specsavers for an eye test yesterday.

The optician said to Dave "Look through the lens on this machine and tell me what you see.."

"Well" Dave replied "I can see a man eating a bat, pubs and shops closed and people wearing face masks"

"That's fantastic" said the optician
"You've got 2020 vision"

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The winner of last week's caption competition was Pam Hollings with "I've licked it now.. What Covid? Naan naan a naan nah!".

We were particularly impressed by her managing to capture the intent and also get in a food reference.

If you have any photos from U3A meets, which you would like to submit for a caption competition, send them to the Editor (email at the bottom of the page).

Premier League Fixtures

Friday 27th November 2020

Crystal Palace v Newcastle United
20:00 on Amazon Prime Video

Saturday 28th November 2020

Brighton & Hove Albion v Liverpool
12:30 on BT Sport 1 / BT Sport Ultimate

Man City v Burnley
15:00 on BT Sport 1

Everton v Leeds United
17:30 on Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

West Brom v Sheffield United
20:00 on Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Sunday 29th November 2020

Southampton v Man Utd
14:00 on Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur
16:30 on Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Arsenal v Wolves
19:15 on Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Monday 30th November 2020

Leicester City v Fulham
17:30 on Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

West Ham United v Aston Villa
20:00 on Sky Sports Main Event / Sky Sports Premier League / Sky Sports Ultra HD

Quiz Answers



1. Raymond Burr
2. Huggy Bear
3. Bergerac
4. Hawaii
5. Jennifer and Johnathan
6. PF "Fancy" Smith
7. The Professionals
8. Miami Vice
9. Who Loves Ya Baby
10. Colin Dexter



Many of us have lived in a council house at some point in our lives.

They were originally conceived as homes for returning soldiers and

there was no stigma attached to them. Click [HERE](#) to read a very interesting article about them and the experiences of some of the people who live in them.

I suddenly realised that one of my favourite comedy series had not featured in the newsletter. Time to rectify that, so click [HERE](#) and settle back for 10 minutes of Father Ted madness.





(by Jim Hay)

The U3A had a sneak preview of the Christmas decorations at The Wayfarers Arcade on Lord Street. Pay them a visit and have a look when they reopen next week



AROUND KINGS GARDENS

It was a pleasure the other day having a walk around Kings Gardens on a lovely sunny day. The swans were out in force and were being fed by enthusiastic children. While going round the lake I found a lovely floral tribute to Lin Blezard as I relaxed on her bench to enjoy the view and watch the swans. Coming back to the Carousel I spotted these two beautifully cared-for scooters.

