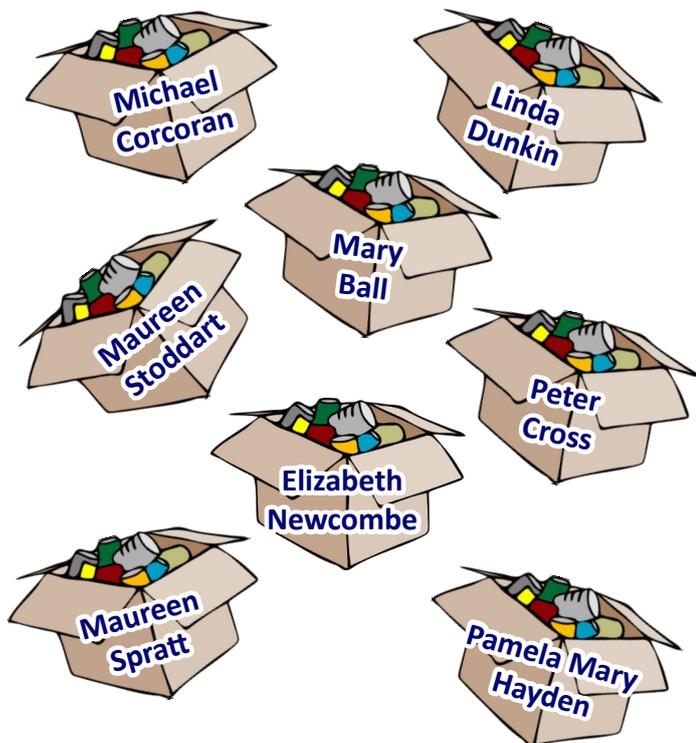


ARE YOU A WINNER?

**WE HAVE 8 HAMPERS UP FOR GRABS
AND THE LUCKY WINNERS ARE...**



The lucky winners will be contacted shortly, to arrange delivery of their hampers. Well done everybody and better luck next year to those of us whose names don't appear above.

Gems In The Dunes



Newsletter readers who live in the Southport area almost certainly know that we are surrounded by beautiful countryside, nature reserves and 'Sites of Special Scientific Interest'. Almost the entire Sefton coast is designated as SSSI or a reserve of some kind.

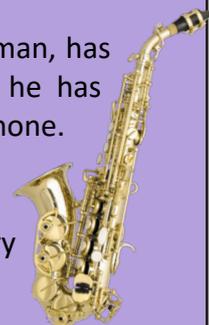
What may be less obvious is the amount of work which goes into maintaining the habitat, to protect the rare species which live here. 'Gems In The Dunes', part of the 'Back From The Brink' project have made a short video to explain their work.

Click [HERE](#) to watch it.

It's December, let's have a Christmas song!

Talented member, Peter Lammyman, has kindly sent in a couple of tracks he has recorded, of him playing the saxophone.

This week, we are featuring his rendition of 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'.



Click [HERE](#) to listen to it

U3A Spanish 2 – come and join us!



U3A Spanish 2 is a friendly group of Spanish language learners. We are not beginners, but by no means are we experts either! Our aim is to improve our Spanish so that we can communicate confidently. We are definitely not there yet, but it is enjoyable to practise what we do know, learn more and help each other to increase our confidence.

We are currently holding our sessions on Tuesday's at 10am via Zoom, and would welcome new members. We have usually finished our session by 11.30.

If you already have a small amount of Spanish knowledge, or even if you have a lot, why not give us a try? You are under no obligation to join our group and can be assured of a warm welcome.

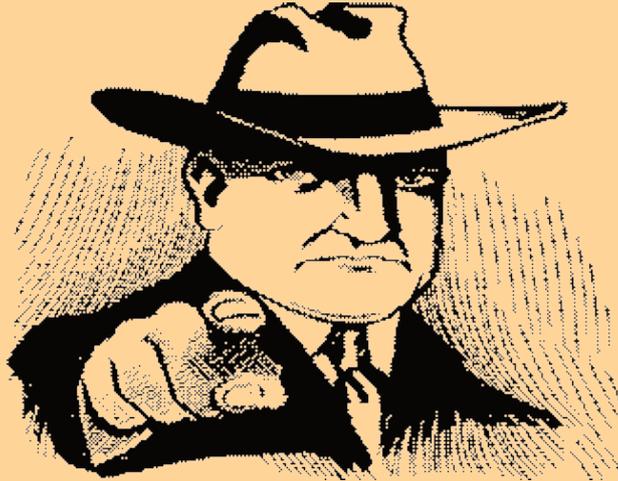
Our classes begin again in the New Year - so why not make improving your Spanish your New Year's Resolution 2021?!

Please contact me for more details.

Nancy Dickson - 07856 584176

Be careful what you wish for!

Click [HERE](#) to find out why



YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!!!!!!

ARE YOUR DAYS LONG AND BORING?

DO YOU FEEL UNDER USED AND UNDER-VALUED?

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY A BIGGER PART IN THE
SOUTHPORT COMMUNITY?**

DO YOU HAVE VALUABLE SKILLS?

**IF YOUR ANSWER TO ALL OF THE ABOVE IS “YES”, WHY NOT
BECOME A SOUTHPORT U3A COMMITTEE MEMBER?**

**PLEASE CONTACT PADDY MCNEISH,
EITHER BY EMAIL (PADDYCLINCH@YAHOO.CO.UK)
OR PHONE ON 01704 531661**

**ASK NOT WHAT SOUTHPORT U3A CAN DO FOR YOU BUT WHAT
CAN YOU DO FOR SOUTHPORT U3A.**

Charity Number: 1164448

Until the sixties, we all accepted B&W pictures, movies and TV as normal. But suddenly our lives were filled with technicolour and B&W was forgotten. Well, B&W is still a powerful tool for photographers, as these examples from Photo Group 1 show.





Stop Press
Smart Covid testing is
available without
appointment at Dunes
Splashworld.

Just a quick reminder that if
you're leaving an alcoholic
beverage for Father Christmas
this year, it must be
accompanied by a 'substantial
meal'. You're welcome



Name These Hollywood Actresses!



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 <p>Friday 11th December 2020 Leeds Utd v West Ham Utd 20:00 Sky Sports</p> <p>Saturday 12th December 2020 Wolves v Aston Villa 12:30 BT Sport</p>	<p>Newcastle Utd v West Brom 15:00 Sky Sports</p> <p>Man Utd v Man City 17:30 Sky Sports</p> <p>Everton v Chelsea 20:00 BT Sport</p>	<p>Crystal Palace v Spurs 14:15 Sky Sports</p> <p>Fulham v Liverpool 16:30 Sky Sports</p> <p>Arsenal v Burnley 19:15 Sky Sports</p>
	<p>Sunday 13th December 2020 Southampton v Sheff Utd 12:00 Sky Sports</p>	<p>Leicester City v Brighton & Hove Albion 19:15 Amazon Prime</p>



Free Stuff For Walkers



Back in March, and in recognition of the fact that many people were struggling financially, Walkingworld.com made the free walks on the Walkingworld app easier to follow. They did this by allowing the app to zoom in further on the map to give more detail. It's not 'proper' Ordnance Survey Landranger and Explorer mapping - you need to be a subscriber to get that - but it is perfectly usable, especially with that extra zoom. In fact, because the map shows street names, individual buildings and other aspects of the built environment, it can actually be better for urban walks (which is why that is an option for subscribers).

Walkingworld have decided to keep offering this better map detail for non-subscribing members over the coming holidays. So if you can think of anyone who might benefit from finding a local walk through the app, please let them know that they can download it and sign up for free. If you are feeling particularly generous you might consider a gift subscription, which they can activate at any time (perhaps when times get better in 2021 and they will be able to walk more widely).

Francine Sagar



Click [HERE](#) for an hour of Christmas Music By Candlelight



Another tool for armchair research

LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) has become a common tool for geographical and archaeological surveys and an increasing amount of data is being made available.

LIDAR is a method for measuring distances by illuminating the target with laser light and measuring the reflection back with a sensor. For wider scale mapping it is done from an aircraft. Differences in laser return times and wavelengths can then be used to make digital 3D representations of the ground.

The data has to be interpreted using computer software to turn it into visual images. After this processing even quite small bumps and ditches in the ground become visible. It is great for tracing the paths of lost roads or the outlines of lost settlements.

The National Library of Scotland has created a website (click [HERE](#)) with various LIDAR datasets covering Great Britain.

The LIDAR data is still quite patchy so you have to look to see if the area you are interested in has been surveyed. The website allows you to bring up the LIDAR view side by side with a number of historical maps, with the earliest dating back to 1885. If you are into local history, hours of fun poring over maps beckons...

Francine Sagar



1. Renee Zellweger
2. Sally Field
3. Olivia Coleman
4. Jennifer Aniston
5. Sandra Oh
6. Helen Mirren
7. Emma Thompson
8. Kate Winslet
9. Maggie Smith & Judi Dench

‘My Street’ NW Region Collaborative Project

Quick summary

Take a local photo, be it of a street, a landmark or local feature, or make a local picture by other means such as sketching or painting, and accompany it with a short piece of text. We aim to feature your pictures and writings on our NW website, on the ‘welcome’ page, and on new pages further inside.

What are the aims of this project?

- to foster both local and regional involvement, pride and awareness, in other words, a sense of place to present to the outside world
- From the NW Region website’s viewpoint, we would like to achieve a ‘winter’ and a ‘spring / summer’ photo collage for our website welcome page as well as having featured work hosted on the website. If there is a large enough response, we may extend the project beyond the proposed finish date (below) to include summer/autumn 2021

What’s involved

- Take a representative photo of your local area, and pen the story behind the photo.
- You can take your first photo during winter 2020 / 2021, and take a second photo (of the same view, or of a different view) when the weather warms up in 2021.
- If you took photos for the U3A national High Street Project in 2020, you are welcome to use those.
- Members can work together and submissions can be by a formal u3a group **or** by individuals acting on their own initiative (must be a u3a member though!)

Writing can be in any form:

- A narrative account
- Calligraphy
- A poem
- The history behind a scene or building
- A fictional or fictionalised account

How extensive the piece of writing is entirely up to you, but if you want us to feature it on the NW website we may edit down longer texts.

The details

- All individual photos must be a maximum of 10mpx in size. If you are unsure about how to gauge the pixel size of a photo, you can ask around in your own U3a or email u3aslp@gmail.com
- We will ask for your permission in advance to use your photo(s) on the website and in limited u3a publicity. Ownership and copyright of the image remains yours.
- The same applies to your written account - we will ask for permission to use your writing in appropriate ways but it remains your intellectual property.

- Only pictures accompanied by a piece of writing will count. Writing can be submitted electronically or by post

How to take part

- You need a camera or a smartphone to take photos - and you will also need to know how you transfer the photos you take. Please ask your own contacts and family about this! There are huge numbers of devices and while some support can be had, we can't do this for everybody
- You need pen and paper, or to be able to type a document, to do your writing.
- If you create 'artwork writing' such as calligraphy, or make a painting or sketch on paper as your contribution, please send a photo of your piece - not your precious original

Criteria to guide you

- Make sure you avoid identifiable faces of people who did not consent to be in your picture
- Also avoid identifiable car number plates
- Be careful about standing on private property if you are pointing a camera, unless you have private landowner permission to take photos. *Perhaps wear a lanyard if you have one!*
- Keep Covid safe and physically safe at all times.

Send your photo and text to nwregionu3a@gmail.com

State your name and/ or the names of those in the group, your U3A and a title for your image eg 'Winter Market, Bacup.'

If you need to send in contributions by post, contact the NW Chair Mo Eccles via the NW Region website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/north-west/home>

Final closing date for submissions 14th May 2021