



## Members Newsletter November 2022

### A Message from the Chair

Greetings, Members

As you will see from the list of Committee Members for 2022/23 on p13, the Committee has asked me to become Chair, taking over from Kathy Platt. I am honoured to be given this role, and I look forward to working with you all to continue Alnwick u3a's continuing emergence from the constraints forced upon us by Covid. We've managed to bounce back from the worst of Covid; let's keep on going and improving what we do!

I am very fond of Autumn; season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, as Keats wrote. If you are able to, I hope you are going out and kicking those Autumn leaves around.

**Trevor Robinson**

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**September Monthly Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The North East's Connection to Abolitionism and the American Civil War**  
**Professor Brian Ward**

Professor Brian Ward, Professor of American Studies at Northumbria University, has investigated the long historic connection of Newcastle with the Civil Rights movement in the US and gave us a fascinating talk about some of historic figures that were active in the abolitionist movement in Newcastle and the Northeast in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, those who were invited to Newcastle to talk about abolition and some who escaped slavery in America and settled in the NE.

Like a lot of the industrial cities in the north – Liverpool, Manchester, Hull, in Newcastle there were many opposed to slavery. They came primarily from non-conformist, Unitarian, Methodist, Quakers groups etc. Britain abolished Slavery in the 1830's but the Southern states of America depended upon Slavery in the production of cotton and sugar.

A notable anti-slavery reformer in Newcastle was the Rev. **William Turner** 1761/1859 – a unitarian minister famous for forming the Lit. & Phil. Society in Newcastle 1793 but he also set up the first regional ant-slavery society.



One of the first recorded visits to Newcastle was **Olaudah Equiano** in the 1790's. He was born in Benin, Nigeria around 1745, taken as a child into slavery and sold in the Caribbean to a Royal Naval officer. He was sold twice more but purchased his freedom in 1766. As a free man in London, Equiano supported the British Abolitionist Movement and wrote a book *The Interesting Narrative of the life of Olaudah Equiano* published in 1789. He travelled throughout England, Scotland and Ireland promoting the book, and when visiting Newcastle, he visited St Anthony's Colliery under the Tyne and was sympathetic with the appalling working conditions of the miners.

**William Lloyd Garrison** was the most prominent abolitionist in America at that time. Born in 1805 in Newburyport Massachusetts, he came to Newcastle 3 times.

**Harriet Beecher Stowe** born in Connecticut 1811, the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852) describing the horrors of slavery, was a celebrity when she came to Newcastle.

## September Monthly Meeting – contd



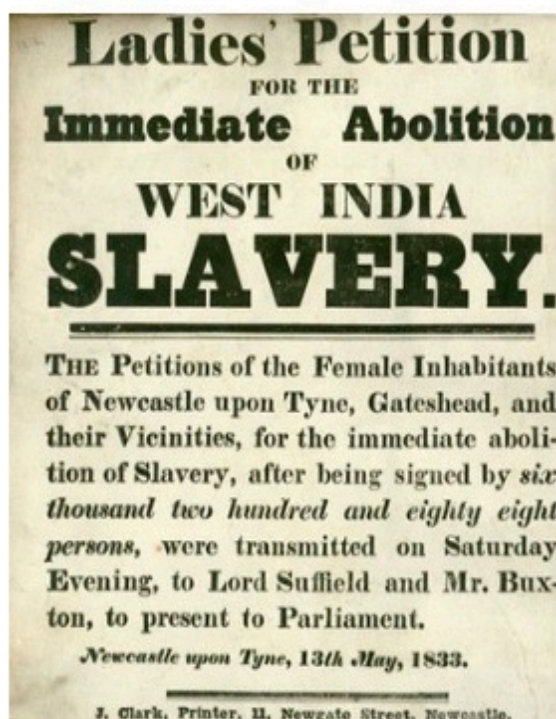
**Moses Roper** was born in North Carolina around 1815. His father was a planter and his mother a slave. He escaped slavery in 1833 and became an African American abolitionist, author and orator. He wrote a book, *Narrative of the Adventures and Escape of Moses Roper from American Slavery* and toured extensively in Britain and America.

On one of his tours, he came to Alnwick and was sympathetic to the plight of the labouring classes.

**Mary Anne Machan** was born around 1802 in Virginia. Her mother was a slave, and her father a 'gentleman's son'. She escaped slavery in 1830, hiding in ships bound for Holland and then Hull. She was taken in by Quakers in North Shields and eventually married a local rope maker, James Blyth. When he died, he had a marker on his grave but not so Mary Ann who died aged 91 and was buried next to him. Her grave received a headstone in the 20<sup>th</sup> century when the link connection between the NE and abolition in America was remembered.

Women were mostly involved in the petitioning for the abolition of slavery, and over 228 groups petitioned parliament. One group in Alnwick recognised that boycotting slave-produced goods such as sugar and cotton could be an effective protest.

In 1838 the Berwick Advertiser reported 'the Ladies Petition'



## September Monthly Meeting – contd

**Frederick Douglass** was born a slave in about 1818 in Chesapeake Bay, Maryland. He was of mixed African, Indian, European blood on his mother's side, a slave, and it was thought his father was 'The Master'. After several owners, he escaped from slavery to New York in 1838 and married Anna Murray, a free black woman from Baltimore. ¶



Finding the Methodist congregations in Massachusetts were segregated, he joined the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and became a licensed preacher in 1839 where he held various positions and became a well-known speaker. He regularly attended abolitionist meetings and became acquainted with the works of William Lloyd Garrison, to become an anti-slavery speaker at the age of 23. He wrote his first book in 1845, 'Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave'. The book became a success in the unionist north, but friends encouraged him to leave America and go on tour to Europe as they feared his previous owner may claim him as a runaway slave. ¶

Douglass spent two years in Ireland and Great Britain, lecturing in churches and chapels. His draw was such that some facilities were "crowded to suffocation". ¶

It was during this trip that **Douglass** came to Newcastle and stayed with **Anna Richardson**, her husband and sister-in-law **Ellen**. The family were prominent Quakers, abolitionists, peace campaigners and formed Newcastle Ladies Free Produce Society in 1846. **Anna** encouraged other Quaker Groups to establish similar associations, including sponsoring a speaking tour in 1850 of England, Scotland and Ireland which led to at least 26 other groups being formed. She and Ellen also raised funds to purchase the freedom of not only of Douglass but other escaped slaves. It was controversial at the time as by doing so they had acknowledged the fact that someone could own someone else, and they could be bought or sold. ¶

He went on to become a national leader of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts and New York, becoming famous for his oratory and incisive anti-slavery writings. However, he didn't forget Newcastle and the Richardsons and came back to thank them in 1886. ¶

**William Wells Brown** was born into slavery in Kentucky about 1814. His mother was a slave, his father a white planter, a descendant of the Mayflower passengers. He escaped aged of 19 with the help of a Quaker friend (whose name he took), learned to read and write and eagerly sought more education. He was hired by a famous abolitionist and worked in the printing press. ¶



## September Monthly Meeting – contd

Brown was lecturing in England when the 1850 **Fugitive Slave Law** was passed in the US. As its provisions increased the risk of capture and re-enslavement, he stayed overseas for several years travelling throughout Europe. It wasn't until his freedom was purchased by the **Richardsons** in 1854 that he returned to the US where he became a prominent abolitionist, lecturer, novelist, playwright and historian in the US. Wells Brown said of Newcastle: ¶

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*'in no place in the UK has the American slave had warmer friends than in Newcastle'* ¶

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**Henry Box Brown** was born into slavery in 1815/16 in Virginia. He escaped to freedom at the age of 33 by arranging to have himself mailed in a wooden crate in 1849 to abolitionists in Pennsylvania. For a short time, Brown became a noted abolitionist speaker in the NE United States. However as a public figure and fugitive slave, Brown felt extremely endangered by passage of the Fugitive Slave Law in 1850 so moved to England where he lived for 25 years touring with an anti-slavery panorama, telling his story and becoming a magician and showman. ¶



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The American Civil War broke out in 1861 when some southern states wanted to secede from the Union. Britain declared itself a neutral country and William Armstrong sold arms to both the Union and the Confederacy. In January 1863 President Lincoln issued the *Emancipation Proclamation* declaring all slaves in rebellion states to be free, which meant ending slavery became a war goal. ¶

**Joseph Cowan**, owner of the Newcastle Chronicle was a strong supporter of abolition publishing anti-slavery articles and leading the mourning in Newcastle for the death of Lincoln in 1865. ¶

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Professor Ward has been especially interested in the history and culture of the Southern States of America and has written numerous articles and books. In his latest book, *Martin Luther King in Newcastle upon Tyne: The African American Freedom Struggle and Race Relations in the North East of England 2017*, his research has shown that a lot of the history of the connection between the NE and the Civil Rights movement has been forgotten. ¶

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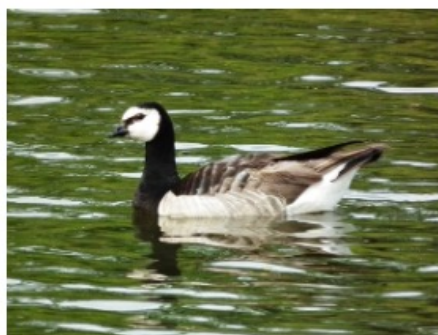
Martin Luther King visited Newcastle in 1967, Mohammed Ali 10 years later and President Jimmy Carter also in 1977, but no one referred to the historical connection between the NE and the anti-slavery movement. This is now changing with the foundation of Freedom City 2017, a regional commemoration of Martin Luther King's 1967 visit to Newcastle, and the Journey to Justice's 'Footsteps to Freedom' social justice campaign on Tyneside. °¶

## October Monthly Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 ¶

After the AGM, Tom Cadwallender, Regional Representative of the British Trust for Ornithology, gave us an interesting talk on the effects of climate change on winter birds, entitled 'Ware Geese, Whaups and Whistlers', the Trials and Tribulations of the Winter Birds on the Northumberland Coast. ¶

Northumberland and the area around our coast attracts a lot of interesting groups of birds who overwinter in our area. One of the reasons is due to the rich feeding grounds in and around Lindisfarne. ¶

Barnacle Geese (*pictured opposite*) are one of our smaller geese who migrate from northern areas such as Svalbard, they can be found on the Solway but now are frequently found on Lindisfarne. ¶



A pale-bellied Brent Goose which was ringed in Svalbard in 1996 was recorded as being 26 years old by birders at Lindisfarne, making the journey from the Norwegian Archipelago to Northumberland 52 times. ¶

Dark-bellied Brent Geese winter in the south of England from Canada, but more recently due to climate change have also been found on Holy Island, they feed mostly on agricultural land. ¶

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Greylag Geese (*opposite right*) are easily identified by their bright orange bill; most of the geese we see here are now feral and remain all year round. ¶

Pink-Footed Geese are seen in their tens of thousands usually in Norfolk but as a direct consequence of climate change are now seen more regularly in our area. ¶

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Whooper Swans (*opposite left*) spend their winters in this country. They arrive from Iceland in late autumn returning north again in the spring. Winter migration carries high costs in



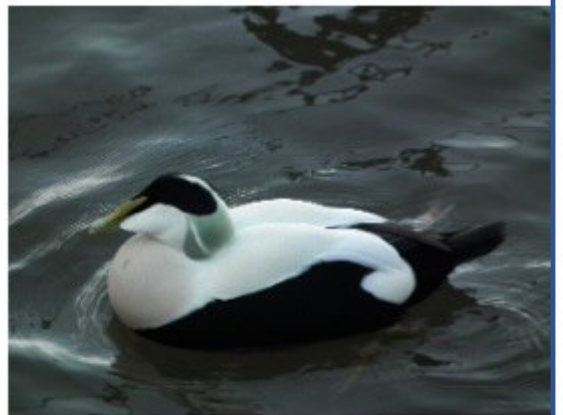
mortality and predation for all bird species. ¶

## October Meeting (contd.)



Oystercatchers (*opposite left*) in the UK breed on almost all our coastline, feeding on mussels and cockles; the population can be vulnerable if cockle beds are overexploited. Overwintering birds travel south from Iceland/Greenland to North Africa.

The Eider Duck is the UK's heaviest duck; it is a true sea duck rarely found away from coasts. The male duck (*pictured opposite*) has black and white plumage; with a distinctive call, they are often seen around Northumberland sea coasts.



The Red-Throated Diver (*pictured opposite*) is the smallest of the UK's divers. Shetland is the UK stronghold for breeding birds but outside the breeding season these birds can be seen along the east coast.

Within the UK, breeding seabirds and upland breeding birds are the two groups most vulnerable to climate change. Climate change does more than heat up our planet, it can cause more intense weather, heat waves, droughts and flooding which can all spell trouble for our bird populations. Researchers are predicting that European breeding birds will move north by an average of 300 miles due to climate change.

In 2021 the list of Birds of Conservation Concern, otherwise known as the "red list" now contains 70 birds which are in decline.

Photographs courtesy of Alan Sayers.

## **Breaking News**

The entrance charge for our monthly meetings will have to be increased from £1 to £2, with effect from January 2023. The reason is that we need to secure the quality of our speakers, and currently most u3as pay more than we do, so we must increase our speaker fees. It should be noted that the current charge has been in place for around 10 years. And don't forget, you get a hot drink and a biscuit!

## **Future Monthly Meetings**

**17th Nov 2022- Mark Hatton - "The Artwork and Symbolism of Gravestones"**

**15th Dec 2022- Jessica Turner - "The Life and Times of St Cuthbert"  
Plus Xmas get-together**

**Jan 19th 2023 Sue Rogers "The Origins (and future) of the Rights of Way Network" - Find out how we can preserve our public rights of way**

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup>2023 Louise Percival "Traditional Chinese Medicine in the Modern World" - Is there still a place for it?**

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 Tom Allen - "The Early Northern Railways" - Exploring the railways of old in the North**

**Apr 20th Maria Chester - "The Art of Bonampak" - Learn about the culture of the Mayans from their art**

**May 18th Andy Griffin - "Cuthbert Collingwood" - The Northumbrian who saved the Nation**

**June 15th Dinah Iredale - "Bondagers" - The forgotten workers of Northumberland and the Borders**

**July 20th Possible Summer Outing**



## **Minutes of Alnwick u3a AGM - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**WELCOME & APOLOGIES** – Kathy welcomed everyone to the AGM and opened the meeting with apologies from: Mary Atkinson, Jacqui Edwards, Kathryn and John Godfrey, Jane Hall, Julie and Peter Hall, Doris Hinshaw, George Nasmyth, Sheila Robertson, Ann and Gordon Turner.

**MINUTES** - The minutes of the AGM held on 21st October 2021 were accepted as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING** - None.

**CHAIR'S REPORT** - Kathy Platt thanked all members for their support throughout the year. At the monthly meetings during the year, we enjoyed a variety of speakers all with interesting and fascinating insights into topics as diverse as assistance dogs to ordnance survey maps, culminating in an enjoyable summer outing to visit a reconstructed Victorian greenhouse.

**HONORARY PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS** – Maureen Stephenson spoke about maintaining the central ethos of the u3a through learning and friendship, and highlighted the support associated with belonging to a wider organisation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - George Ellames presented the accounts for the year 2021/22, which were accepted.

See Appendix (A) for the full Treasurer's report.

## Minutes of AGM – (contd)

**APPOINTMENT OF AN EXAMINER** – Brian Ellis has agreed to examine the accounts for the following year.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE** - Kathy Platt has completed nine years on the committee, the last two as Chair and wishes to stand down as Chair but continue on the committee.

Tom Burroughs having completed three years on the committee wishes to stand down. Julia Grieveson and Doris Hinshaw have each completed four years on the committee and both wish to stand down.

Pat Ashton has completed six years and is willing to stand again for re-election.

George Ellames has completed four years and is willing to continue.

Anne McMillan and Trevor Robinson have both completed two years on the committee and are willing to continue.

Maureen Sayers has completed one year as a full member having been co-opted the previous year and is willing to stand again for re-election. Jeanette Wilkinson who was co-opted onto the committee this year is willing to stand for election.

Carollyn McDonald is willing to stand for election.

It was proposed that the following members be elected to serve on the committee: Trevor Robinson, Pat Ashton, George Ellames, Carollyn McDonald, Anne McMillan, Kathy Platt, Maureen Sayers, Jeanette Wilkinson.

Proposed: Richard Higginbottom Seconded: Lalik Nasmyth

Unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

**AOB** – none

**DATE OF THE NEXT AGM** – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**PLEASE NOTE** – these are **DRAFT** minutes and will remain so until they are agreed at the next AGM

## **Alnwick u3a Treasurer's Report 2021-22**

This report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The accounts were independently examined by Bryan Ellis and this was carried out satisfactorily and without issue, on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Our overall Income for last year was £5155.42. This is slightly lower than it should have been as £348 of Subs for 2021-22 were paid before the end of August 2021 and so appear in the figures for the previous year. But that figure of £5155.42 compares with £3153.24 the year before. Income for that year was low as a consequence of the Covid situation, but was none the less boosted by a grant of £750 from the Sir James Knott Trust for IT equipment as well as by the above mentioned early payment of subs for the next year. A better comparison would be with 2018-9, which was the last year we were able to hold face-to-face meetings, and this was £5277.15. So there is really very little change.

Our expenditure in the last year was £6122.44 in comparison with £1881.63 the previous year, during which of course we paid no rent. In 2018-19 our expenditure was £5116.52.

This means that last year we had a deficit of £967.02, in comparison with a profit of £1271.61 the year previously. Even taking into account the early payment of subs mentioned above, there is no hiding the fact that our balance is moving in the wrong direction, but we did have unusual items of expenditure which account for much of this and which I don't expect to be repeated this coming year.

Firstly we had two unexpected IT needs. We had to replace our large capacity Colour Printer at a cost of £358, and then we needed to buy a new Projector for £382. We also had the one-off expense of producing the Booklet celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary which cost £280. None of these, which totalled £920, should reappear in 2022-3 – although probably something else will!

You will see that in this past year we received Subscriptions from 183 members (199 taking those early payers into account) whereas the previous year this figure was 169. This was very gratifying and took us back up to pre-Covid levels.

## Alnwick u3a Treasurer's Report 2021-22 (contd)

So at the end of August we brought forward £2392.42 (+£30.32 in Petty Cash) into our new Financial Year, which compares with £3354.42 (+ £35.32 in petty cash) brought forward the previous year. This is about what it should be as we are advised to maintain funds for about 6 months as reserves. I did comment last year that we were really carrying forward more than we needed.

Now we need to touch on our current situation. We know that everything is becoming more expensive. We do not aim to make a profit but we cannot repeatedly make a loss. You know that we have maintained our subscription for this coming year, 2022-3, at last year's level (£24). There is no Proposal before you at this AGM to raise our Subscriptions for 2023-4. We are very lucky that our largest annual expense (our rent) has remained unchanged. It is this figure that very much drives our Subscription Rate. The Fees that we pay annually to Third Age Trust were expected to rise by about 10% and there was a motion before the National AGM to this effect. However the membership, through their representatives (including ours) at the National AGM, voted not to accept this increase. So that helps for this year at least.

The cost of Third Age Matters is expected to go up during this coming year; although, at the time I wrote this, the size of this increase is not yet clear. I believe that, assuming our membership remains roughly the same, that we should be able to absorb this increase. BUT I do warn you now that I would be very surprised if that during this year we will not have to call an SGM to adjust our Subscriptions for 2023/4. We are unfortunately heading into a period of Inflation for which our historical Policy of setting our subscription rate for the following year (starting in next September) at an AGM held in the October before is really less than appropriate. But whatever any increase will be, it will be to no more than to meet our costs.

When I spoke to you last year I was very worried about whether or not our numbers would return to pre-Covid levels, because if they didn't there was no way we would have been able to continue to use these facilities without a really quite substantial increase in Subs. I actually mentioned a target of 175, and we exceeded that. I am really so very, very glad that those figures were achieved.

That is all I have to say today. If you have any questions on anything I have said, or on the Report itself, please ask. I will try to answer your questions, and if I can't here and now I will get back to you when I can. Thank you.

**George Ellames [Treasurer]**

## Committee Members 2022/23

The Committee members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, which this year was held on 21st October.

Committee roles, listed below, were agreed at the meeting of the Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

<b>Trevor Robinson</b>	Chair (and Newsletter Editor) chair.u3a.alnwick@gmail.com
<b>Carollyn McDonald</b>	Vice Chair
<b>Maureen Sayers</b>	Secretary secretary.alnwick.u3a@gmail.com
<b>George Ellames</b>	Treasurer
<b>Pat Ashton</b>	Membership Secretary membership.alnwick.u3a@gmail.com
<b>Anne McMillan</b>	Groups Coordinator groups.alnwick.u3a@gmail.com
<b>Jeanette Wilkinson</b>	Social Secretary
<b>Kathy Platt</b>	Speaker Secretary

## November Photos

This month's theme is **Autumn**. All photos taken by Maureen Sayers.



## Groups Update

**PLEASE NOTE** - if you would like to come along to a group meeting that you do not normally attend, please contact the Group Coordinator. This is to safeguard any groups that are full, and also for insurance purposes.

# Quiz

1. Which colonial power ruled India prior to its independence in 1947?
2. In 1913 Emily Davison died after jumping in front of the King's Horse at the Epsom derby. What was her cause?
3. What year was the Berlin Wall built?
4. What type of aircraft are these?



5. Which was constructed first, the Suez Canal or the Panama Canal?
6. By what name is Leningrad now known?
7. Who was the British Prime Minister during the Falklands War?
8. Where did Captain James Cook die?
9. Which British monarch accepted Magna Carta?
10. Who was the first person in space?

# Odds and Ends

One minute you're young and free, and the next you're super excited that your supermarket grocery delivery had no substitutions or out of stock items

The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

There was once a king who was only 12 inches tall. Terrible king, but made a great ruler

If one door closes and another one opens, your house is haunted, and you need to run

So after winning the game, I decided to throw the ball into the crowd, like they do on TV. Apparently, it's unacceptable in bowling.

A captain notices a light in the distance, on a collision course with his ship. He turns on his signal lamp and sends "Change your course 10 degrees west". The return message is "Change yours, 10 degrees east".

The captain gets annoyed, and sends "I'm a US Navy Captain; you must change your course". The signal back says "I'm a Seaman First Class, and you must change your course, sir".

Now the captain is mad. He signals "I'm an aircraft carrier and I'm not changing my course". The return message is "I'm a lighthouse. Your call".



# Interest Groups Timetable

To assist any Members who do not have access to a computer, here is the timetable for our interest groups

<a href="#">ARCHAEOLOGY</a>	Tuesday p.m. 3rd Tuesday of each month	<a href="#">ARCHITECTURE</a>	Thursday p.m. 4th Thu; some all day outings
<a href="#">ART APPRECIATION</a>	Friday p.m. 2nd Friday	<a href="#">BOOK GROUP 1</a>	Tuesday a.m. 2nd Tuesday
<a href="#">BOOK GROUP 2 (Fairfield)</a>	Tuesday p.m. 3rd Tues; early evening	<a href="#">BOOK GROUP 3 (St Michael's)</a>	Monday p.m. 3rd Mon, 2-4pm
<a href="#">Bridge</a>	Friday p.m. 1st & 3rd Fridays, 2-4pm	<a href="#">French</a>	Monday a.m. 2nd & 4th Mon 10-12pm
<a href="#">Cribbage Group</a>	Wednesday a.m. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays	<a href="#">German</a>	Monday a.m. 1st & 3rd Mon 10-12pm
<a href="#">HERB GROUP</a>	Wednesday p.m. 1st Wed - 4-6pm	<a href="#">HISTORY</a>	Tuesday p.m. 1st Tues 2-4pm
<a href="#">Intermediate Walking Group</a>	Tuesday a.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays	<a href="#">LATIN ADVANCED GROUP</a>	Friday a.m.
<a href="#">LATIN FOR IMPROVERS</a>	Wednesday a.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays	<a href="#">Line Dancing</a>	Monday p.m. Weekly - 12.15 to 1.30pm
<a href="#">LUNCH SOCIAL GROUP</a>	Wednesday p.m. every 3rd Wednesday 12:30	<a href="#">Mahjong</a>	Tuesday p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesday
<a href="#">Painting &amp; Drawing</a>	Friday a.m. Weekly	<a href="#">PHILOSOPHY</a>	Monday p.m. 2nd Mondays. 2:00pm
<a href="#">POETRY 1</a>	Monday a.m. 1st Monday	<a href="#">POETRY 2</a>	Monday a.m. 2nd Monday
<a href="#">POPULAR CLASSICAL MUSIC</a>	Friday p.m. 3rd Friday	<a href="#">Science</a>	Friday p.m. 4th Friday
<a href="#">SHORT WALKS</a>	Thursday a.m. 1st Thur	<a href="#">Social evening</a>	Wednesday p.m. 1st Wed; dining in local venue
<a href="#">Spanish</a>	Tuesday a.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays	<a href="#">Ukulele</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays a.m.
<a href="#">WALKING</a>	Wednesday a.m. 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays		

## u3a Tree Planting

One of the National u3a hopes was that each u3a would plant a tree to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of u3a in the UK. Alnwick u3a committee decided that planting two trees locally would be of greater benefit to the community than adding to the proposed wood to be created in the Brecon Beacons. So, our u3a has donated 2 pear trees to Bullfield Community Orchard, Weavers Way, Alnwick, and these were planted on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 by a small, willing team of members, namely Pat Ashton, Jeanette and Malcolm Wilkinson, Jean Findlay, Hazel Verhamme, Colin Platt and Immediate Past Chair Kathy Platt, helped by one of the orchard's creators, Peter Edge.



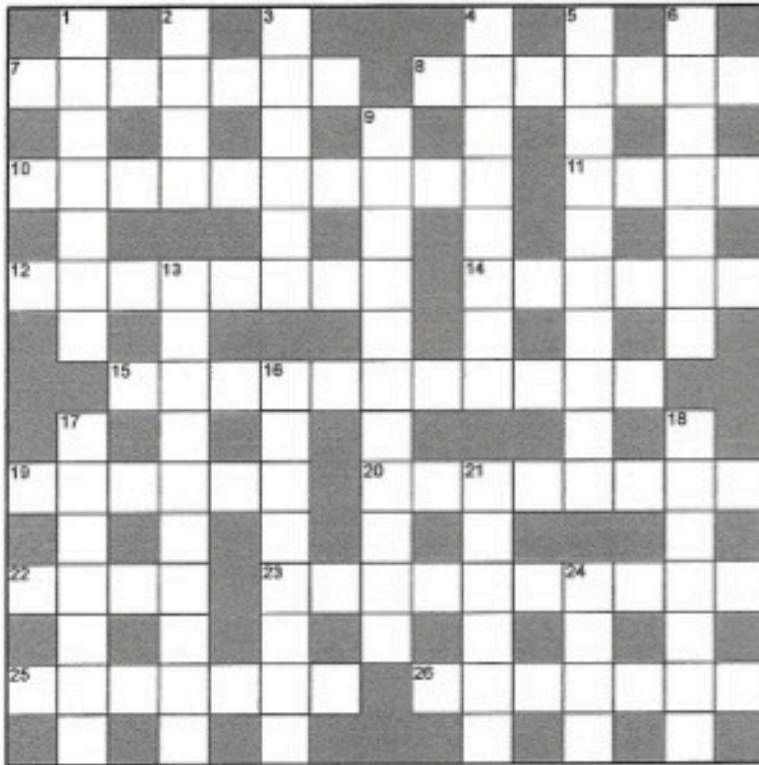
## Cribbage Group Update

Due to an extended Christmas Break, the Cribbage Group will be meeting on the following Wednesday mornings.

November	9th & 23rd
December	7th only
January	11th & 25th

# Crossword

(courtesy of Maureen and Alan Sayers)



## ACROSS

- 7 Man on horseback (7)
- 8 Dawdles like snooker players do (7)
- 10 Considering the price this is an excellent musical instrument (5,5)
- 11 Cart parked in the cordwainer's yard (4)
- 12 To pay out for the mystery bus rides (8)
- 14 A monster that's in a progressive decline (6)
- 15 Nobleman who finds himself in hot water (4,4,3)
- 19 Suitcase crammed full (6)
- 20 He's on the board (8)
- 22 Insect that's turned over a new leaf (4)
- 23 Breadmaker (6,4)
- 25 Impersonators in the office (7)
- 26 Erica's identical twin? (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Tried to arrange a trip to where the Motown Museum is (7)
- 2 Knock out in a most underhand manner (4)
- 3 Is this the largest part of a car? (6)
- 4 Dealings in the property market using funny money (8)
- 5 She looks after the high-fliers (10)
- 6 Confused pirates taking a slow tedious trek (7)
- 9 This island treat goes down well with its local wine (7,4)
- 13 Witchcraft used in the manufacture of chocolates (5,5)
- 16 Spotted insect with a female warbler (8)
- 17 If you can't reach the top drawer then get the help of this guy (7)
- 18 Made a point of sorting out the red tape (7)
- 21 Shuffles nearer to the breadwinner (6)
- 24 German guy who's not sure whether he's coming or going (4)

## Quiz – Answers

1	Britain
2	Women's Suffrage
3	1961
4	Supermarine Spitfire
5	Suez, in 1869
6	Saint Petersburg
7	Margaret Thatcher
8	Hawaii
9	John 1
10	Yuri Gagarin

## Crossword Answers

**ACROSS** - 7 Centaur. 8 Potters. 10 Grand Piano. 11 Wain. 12 Disburse. 14 Ogress. 15 Earl Grey Tea. 19 Packed. 20 Chessman. 22 Flea. 23 Bakers Oven. 25 Copiers. 28 Heather.

**DOWN** - 1 Detroit. 2 Stun. 3 Bumper. 4 Monopoly. 5 Stewardess. 6 Traipse. 9 Madeira Cake. 13 Black Magic. 16 Ladybird. 17 Tallboy. 18 Tapered. 21 Earner. 24 Otto.

### End Piece

#### *Autumn*

*It fingers the trees  
Gingers their leaves  
Spices the earth with fallen  
cinnamon  
Paprika nutmeg*

**Mary Atkinson**