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LONDON DOCKLANDS
A TALK BY MAGGIE PIPER

We welcomed Maggie Piper to our Friday meeting to talk about the rise and fall and rise again of London Docklands from the Romans to the 21st century.

The Romans were one of the first nations to realise the value of the Docks with regard to trading with foreign countries and so used their knowledge to bring goods and wealth into the country.

Elizabeth 1 decided to bring the docks into London and started to charge taxes so that she could have 20 wharfs built. When completed, trade was at its highest level and London became one of the world’s main financial centres. The East Indies Company had its own dock. Sugar and tea were some of the goods which were imported.

St. Katherine’s Dock was one of the busiest ports in the world and the first ship to dock here was the Royal Victoria. The dock managed to survive WW2.

In 1960 thirty thousand people were employed in the docks but when containerisation arrived the numbers were cut to three thousand as the ships could not get into the Docks - they were too big.

Canary Wharf traded with the Canary Islands and their main trade was tomatoes. It was said to be the main smell which came from the dock area.

Surrey Docks also became containerised. Sadly, in 1960, the London Docks became derelict. Michael Heseltine enquired what was happening to the docks and Margaret Thatcher, the then Prime Minister, said it was to become a redevelopment area. Many large businesses and banks are now located here.

The Jubilee Line is built 24 feet below ground level. There are also gardens, water fountains and many modern buildings in this area. Art Exhibitions are held here. The Dockland Light Railway has had the platforms extended for bigger trains. Crossrail is still on-going.

Canada House has a light on top which flashes every 40 seconds. It was originally going to be 55 stories in height but had to be adjusted to 50 stories because of its nearness to London City Airport.

The Cartier building has a garden with trees which have been planted in 18 inches of soil.

The HSBC building has copies of lions. The reason behind this is that lions are meant to be lucky. Eight coins are buried beneath the statues.

A piece of art - a traffic light tree - is situated outside Limehouse Station. The lights flash in sequence, all 65 of them. A lady driver who was watching the lights change in sequence kept kangarooing her car until eventually a security guard from a nearby building informed her that the traffic light tree was actually a roundabout.

Faberge, who are famous for their eggs, also have a shop here.

There is a replica of the West India Docks gate which has a ship situated on top of the gate. One of the gates was for the use of prisoners and the other for armaments. It has now

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A wall in the docks area tells world time.

West India Company used people to collect transported sugar from the ships. They carried the sacks on their backs which after a prolonged period caused their bodies to bleed. This area became known as Blood Alley. It has now become a bridge where new buildings and barges are situated and is used as a social area.

Most ships can pass through the docks quite comfortably but when the Mauritania came into the docks, because it was such a large ship, it only managed to clear each side by nine inches. Blackwell Dock is now used as living accommodation.

South Quay is where yachts are moored. The Onasis yacht is one of the well known yachts to have used this dock. Yachts were also used during the Olympic Games for cruising and as accommodation. It costs £1,400 per day to moor here. A German yacht - Love Boat - was used for a party but unfortunately extensive damage was caused to the yacht costing 1 million Euros.

The Queen's Jubilee parade started from this location.

The O2 Arena, Docklands, Excel, housing, a cable car and the Sunborn Yacht are all located in this area. There is also a mini lighthouse, London City Airport and the Thames Barrier. An old grain silo mill is to be changed into flats.

The Thames Barrier was built to control the tides. It stands about 5 stories high. The Thames Garden is designed to look like the tide.

Containers are being used to build new homes at Trinity Bay Wharf.

St. Katherine's Dock was originally used by wooden ships but unfortunately when steel ships arrived became too small.

Knightsbridge was originally built on marshland and was then used for premium housing and shops. It was used originally for the storage of ostrich feathers. Cutlers Gardens has now become shops and restaurants.

Tower Bridge was built to improve footfall. The Bridge opens between 50-60 times a day. Previously when Tower Bridge was raised pedestrians were able to walk up to the top to cross the river but as many people tried to commit suicide by jumping off it was closed to the public. Thames barges and ships use it.

Surrey Quays was used to land whale meat and blubber - hence the name Blubber Alley which has now become housing.

Deal porters were used to collect wood that had been left floating in the water until it was required.

Nowadays, the London Docks have been superseded by Tilbury as the bigger ships cannot access the old docks. The new port of Tilbury has large cranes which were manufactured in China and transported to the new port welded to the decks of the ships.

Many thanks to Maggie for a very informative talk.

Roberta
ART
The Art Group hold their meetings at
The Jubilee Hall at the rear of
Waterside Farm Sports Centre on
alternate Thursdays from 10am – 12pm
For further information please contact the
Group Convenor Ann

BADMINTON
The Badminton Group hold their meetings at
Waterside Farm Sports Centre
every Thursday
For further information please contact the
Group Convenor Faye

IF A GROUP YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IS FULL, WHY NOT START ANOTHER?
SEE LINDA FOR MORE INFORMATION

CANASTA
THE CANASTA GROUP MEET ON
ALTERNATE TUESDAYS AT 2PM
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE GROUP
CONVENOR JAN PARIS

The Committee would be grateful if you could inform us of any members events e.g. landmark birthday/anniversary/occasion/bereavement/marriage/illness/hospitalisation/etc. in order that we may send a card on behalf of Canvey Thameside U3A. Many thanks.
Please contact Jan, our Membership Secretary, with details.

If you have put your year of birth on your membership form we would like to acknowledge your important birthdays. If you DO NOT wish your landmark birthday to be publicly acknowledged please let Jan know.

Not all of our members have included their year of birth on their application form and we are therefore unable to ascertain if their birthday is a special event.

PARKING AT ST. NICHOLAS’ CHURCH
We appreciate parking can be tight when we have a full Friday meeting, especially if you arrive close to 10am. Although most members do park sensibly, we have been asked by the church to remind members again not to double park or block people in as not all the cars in the car parks are for our meeting and to take special care if parking on the road by the side particularly to leave plenty of access room for prams etc. to get down the middle. Sensible parking prevents embarrassing interruptions to the meeting asking people to move cars.
We would also like to ask our members not to arrive at the car park until after 9.30 please.
Many thanks, Jackie.

A lie of naps, snacks, and hissy fits?
Cats are my kind of people.

All that glitter is not gold, but if there’s chocolate inside the tin, who cares?

If you’re happy and you know it, thank your meds!
**BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH**

**JULY**

2nd Frank Robinson  
3rd Margaret Murphy  
6th Rita Westwell  
6th Jackie Blackwell  
7th Stephanie Stevens  
8th Kim Yoxen  
10th Pamela Taylor  
11th Carol Browne  
15th Edwin Goldsmith  
15th Jeanette Hodder  
15th Peter Watkins  
20th Colin Slade  
21st Edward Goddard  
23rd Derek Martin  
27th Ronald Franklin  
30th Colin Yoxen  

**SPECIAL JULY ‘MILESTONE’ BIRTHDAYS**

4th JANICE GROSSMITH is 70  
5th GLORIA OVERBURY is 75

If your name is not shown here your birth date was omitted from your membership form. Please let Jan know your birthday and year to add to our records.

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**CINEMA**

This group is for members who would like to visit the cinema as a group and then maybe go to a café or restaurant to discuss the film.

**CRAFT**

We are a friendly and enthusiastic group and enjoy different types of crafts. Come along and join us for a cup of tea and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

We meet at Morrisons Community Room (next to Timpsons) on alternate Thursdays from 1.30 - 3.30pm

If a group you would like to join is full, why not start another? Contact Linda for more information.

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**CRIBBAGE**

The crib group is full as we meet at people's houses and 8 is our maximum. Perhaps if anyone else wants to play a new group could be formed?

We aim to meet about every two weeks but this will depend on people's other commitments.

Jan
DARTS

The Darts Group holds regular meetings on alternate Tuesdays at the Conservative Club, Long Road.

Yvonne

IF A GROUP YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IS FULL, WHY NOT START ANOTHER?
CONTACT LINDA FOR MORE INFORMATION

DINING CLUB

Jeanette has arranged an evening meal at Gallo D'Oro in Hadleigh on Wednesday 3rd July at 7pm.

The cost is £15 for 2 courses and £18 for 3 courses including tip. There is plenty of parking nearby including Morrisons.

Transport can usually be arranged if enough notice is given.

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A reminder also that Andy & Jeanette’s BBQ will be on Saturday 20th July at 2pm - cost is £12 person for food & wine (hic!)

Full payment for BBQ at June meeting to give Jeanette time to go shopping! Spaces limited for BBQ so if you want to put your name down - please let me know and I'll put you on the list - first come, first served!

Frances

TICKETS ON SALE AT JULY MEETING
PAYMENT IN FULL PLEASE

CORONATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 17th September
£49

Kings, queens, statesmen & soldiers. Poets, priests, heroes and villains. All coronations since 1965. The weddings of 15 Kings & Queens. The final resting place of 17 monarchs. Westminster Abbey is a living pageant of English history. Groups can only visit with a Blue Badge Guide and ours have passed the very exacting Abbey exams with flying colours - so you can request your favourite City & Village Tours guide to join you for a very memorable day out.

Arrive at 10.30am for time to buy morning refreshments. To do full justice to the Abbey we’ll split your group in half - each for an intimate guided Abbey tour and each for free time to explore two unique and important institutions a stone’s throw from the Abbey.

In the Abbey we show you the Shrine of Edward the Confessor, the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior and Poets Corner. Heraldic banners hang beneath the sublimely beautiful fan vaulted ceiling of the Henry VII chapel and we see how medieval architects created a theatre for coronations.

For the other half of your day you’ll be free to visit St Margaret’s Westminster, Parliament’s parish church and the Supreme Court - the highest court in the land set up to replace the Law Lords.

We come together to buy refreshments before heading home at 4.30pm ahead of the rush hour.

DON'T DELAY IN PUTTING YOUR NAME ON THE BOOKING SHEET FOR THIS TRIP. PAYMENT IN FULL IS REQUIRED PLEASE.

THERE ARE ONLY 48 PLACES AND THEY WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME BASIS

ONE NAME PER LINE ON THE BOOKING SHEET PLEASE
IF TWO NAMES ARE ON ONE LINE THE SECOND NAME WILL HAVE TO BE PUT AT THE END OF THE LIST AND MAY NOT OBTAIN A PLACE AS THERE ARE ONLY 48 SPACES PER TRIP.
The Indoor Games group meets every other Wednesday at the Jubilee Hall from 1.45pm till 3.45pm.

We play a variety of games - mostly board and card games.

We are a small very friendly group and always have lots of fun and laughter. It also keeps our brains very active.

New members are more than welcome to join us.

Regards, Jan & Joan

These are the 2019 Friday monthly meeting dates for your diary

To be held at St. Nicholas’ Church Hall, Long Road, Canvey Island
Fridays - between 9.45am – 12pm

19th July
16th August (AGM)
20th September
18th October
15th November
20th December

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL STARTS AT THIS MEETING

7th SEPTEMBER RENEWAL DEADLINE

DOORS WILL OPEN at 9.45

We aim to be seated by 10am ready for notices to be read, etc.

We would ask that our members do not arrive at the car park until after 9.30 please

WORD CHUNK PUZZLE

Below, 10 nine-letter words have been broken into chunks of three letters. These chunks have been mixed up, no chunk is used twice and all of the chunks are used.

Can you determine the 10 original words?

RBR TIM SAG TEL LIG ENT HEA DLI BLE WHI
HTN FER CAR AGE ESC ING IND WAT TIL HAI
USH DIF ETA NEW RLW ALL ERF OPE ENT GHT

HIDDEN COUNTRY PUZZLE

Can you find the hidden country in the following paragraph:

As a keen photographer, I find the best way to capture the portrait of a gazelle is to stand well downwind. I also try to wear clothes which blend in with the background to reduce the chances of scaring the animal.

NUMBER SEQUENCE PUZZLE

What number comes next in this sequence

917452  97452  9745  975  ==??==

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LOCAL HISTORY

OUR FUTURE EVENTS ARE:

Date: Wednesday 19th June 2019
Title: Anglo Saxon Life (Saxon Prince Extension)
Time: 11am
Presenter: Chris Langdon
Cost: £5

We shall meet at the Paddocks close to the Kiddies Play Park at 10.10am with departure 10.15 am SHARP for all members who need transportation or select to car share with shared parking costs. Any member prepared to assist in transporting others is very appreciated. Parking is available at nearby Sainsburys or directly opposite in the pay car park at £3.50 for 3 hours. We shall organise a car lift scheme.

ALSO IN JUNE

Date: Thursday 27th June 2019
Venue: Canvey Bus Museum, Guided Tour. 105 Point Road, Canvey Island SS8 7TD
Time: 10am
Presenters: The Museum Members
Cost: £3 All to Museum Funds

If possible could all members who hope to attend the second event please let me know asap so that I can advise the Museum Group so they can provide sufficient guides as they like to make groups of 10 people.

JULY IS THE START OF OUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our U3A membership year runs from 8th August 2018 to 7th August 2019 which is when all existing memberships expire. The renewal period this year is from 1st July to 7th September 2019 and all renewal membership forms and fees must be received within this period.

OUR 2019/2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE IS £25

Renew at July/August meetings: Renewal membership forms will available at our 19th July and 16th August (AGM) monthly meetings. Please complete the form and your cheque for £25 (made payable to Canvey Thameside U3A) (cash is also acceptable at our monthly meeting) and visit Jan on the Membership desk to renew your membership.

When renewing please also bring your membership card and you will be issued with a card for the new membership year.

The renewal membership form will be available on our website (on the Membership page). If you prefer you can print the form, fill it in and bring to the July or August meetings with you.

Renew by post: Download the renewal membership form from our website, print, fill in and post it with your cheque for £25 (made payable to Canvey Thameside U3A) to Jan at any time before 7th September 2019. The address to post your form to is shown on the membership renewal form.

If you know of any member who wishes to renew their membership but do not have internet access and are unable to attend the July/August meetings could you please ask them to phone Jan for a renewal form. Jan’s telephone number is 07817880306.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT AND AN ENJOYABLE AND FUN YEAR AHEAD.

Please ensure that your renewal forms reach Jan by the 7th September.
If we do not hear from you by this date you will forfeit your membership - we don’t want to lose you!
ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY?

UP IN SMOKE!

Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires.' The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued and WON!

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid $15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars lost in the 'fires'.

NOW FOR THE BEST PART...

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!

With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail... And a $24,000 fine.

This is a true story and was the First Place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

ONLY IN AMERICA!

PC/LAPTOPS and PHOTOGRAPHY

The PC/Laptop and Photographic groups meet regularly every two weeks, from 1.30–3.30pm, at B.O.P.H, Charleets Close.

Please check the online diary for future meeting dates.

If anyone has old photos they wish repaired or transferred to disc, we are willing to do this.

A small donation would be welcome for this service, if possible. (Please see page 16)

IF A GROUP YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IS FULL, WHY NOT START ANOTHER?
CONTACT LINDA FOR MORE INFORMATION

SCRABBLE

We are a lovely friendly group who meet in each other's houses once a month from 2.30 – 5pm.

We have space for new members so if you are interested please contact me.

We all have fun and we use the dictionaries (it is called cheating, but we see it as learning!!!!!!)

Please check the online diary for future meeting dates.
We continue to meet at the community room of Morrisons fortnightly on Wednesdays from 2-4pm. The Members Support Meetings occur regularly to help everyone with their research, sort out problems, give advice, look things up on sites we are members of etc. Bring your research with you and we will see what we can do. It was great to see 2 new members last week and welcome to Carole and Terry, and hopefully this may encourage others to join us. Bring laptops, tablets, iphones etc. to meetings to look things up. I will bring spare copies of the 2 transport talks so far.

June 26th: Members Support Meeting 5 (Because I won't be here.)
July 10th: Transport for the People 3. Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside.....
August 7th: Members Support Meeting 6.
August 21st: Captain Charles Campion of Scarborough, 1861. This is the first of a season of 4 detailed searches on my wife's ancestors (less criminal and generally nicer than my ancestors).
September 4th: Members Support Meeting 7.
September 18th: Ellen Bond, a mill child worker in a Burnley mill, 1861.
October 2nd: Members Support Meeting 8.
October 16th: Lily Crosby, 1901. A sad tale of what happens to a family where the husband dies young, and an unexpected link to Frinton-on-Sea!
November 27th: Members Support Meeting 9.
November 13th: John Bond, 1901, in another Burnley mill town with 2 unusual lodgers.
October 30th: Members Support Meeting 10.
November 13th: John Bond, 1901, in another Burnley mill town with 2 unusual lodgers.
November 27th: Members Stories 9. We haven’t had one for a while. This is where you tell us the story of one of your ancestors, about 10 minutes or so. We like criminal, sordid, scandalous etc., as well as heroic.
December 11th: Quiz and our informal AGM. The quiz will be as hard as usual, though most people got over half right last year! I do need help, suggestions for topics, people volunteering talks etc., as I have been going single-handed since August, 2014.
December 25th: Santa calls if you have been good.

January 8th 2020: Hatch, Match and Despatch. The changing laws and customs regarding birth, marriage (and divorce) and death in England and Wales. Every country is different, as you will have discovered with Scottish and Irish ancestors etc.
Jan 22nd: How to do your research. How to research your family, how to write it up (eg Do you research backwards in time, but write up forwards?), format, details, scope of the family tree, the cost of doing it, getting family help, what works and what doesn’t, who are you doing it for etc. A questionnaire in pairs and then feedback (apologies, but due to too many American-style courses I was forced to endure as a teacher, where this was always the format!).
February 4th: Members Support Meeting 10.
Meetings continue thereafter, unless we change it, fortnightly, 19th Feb, 4th March,18th March, 1st April etc.

Paul
This is a new production of the show which will reopen in December at the newly refurbished Queen’s theatre.

ALL NEW !!!

£10.00 deposit to hold your seat

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WE WILL ROCK YOU

Wednesday 6th November
Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff
£28 FOR TICKET ONLY
You will need to make your own way there
Seats reserved in first 4 rows of the balcony

NOW FULLY BOOKED

NEW SHOW!! NEW SHOW!!

LES MISERABLES

Wednesday 5th February 2020
Queens Theatre, London
Evening performance - £58
This is a new production of the show which will reopen in December at the newly refurbished Queen’s theatre.
ALL NEW !!!
£10.00 deposit to hold your seat
We have a full quota of players at the moment as we meet at people’s houses and therefore have limited space. However if you are interested in coming at odd times when people are on holiday, etc. please contact me.

Regards
Den

The rules of Sudoku are simple. Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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A DOGS LIFE WORD SEARCH

Can you find the dogs hidden in the box? They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, forwards or backwards.

AIREDALE, ALSATIAN, APPENZELLER, BASSET, BEAGLE, BEDLINGTON, BLOODHOUND, BORZOI, BOXER, BULLDOG, CHIHUAHUA, CHINOOK, CHOW CHOW, COLLIE, CORGI, DACHSHUND, DALMATIAN, DOBERMAN, GREAT DANE, GREYHOUND, HUSKY, JACK RUSSELL, LABRADOR, LANDSEER, MAGYAR, MASTIFF, PEKINGESE, POINTER, POMERANIAN, POODLE, PUG, ROTTWEILER, SAMOYED, SANSHU, SETTER, SHEEPDOG, SPANIEL, TERRIER, WHIPPET.
WE HOLD MEETINGS ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH BETWEEN 2PM AND 4PM IN THE RAINBOW ROOM, ST. NICHOLAS’ CHURCH, LONG ROAD.

The May attendance was higher than expected but that didn’t stop us enjoying our first venture into organic wine. We all have to do our bit for the environment!!

Next meeting 28th June 2019 and will be hosted by Georgia and Derek.

Dave

ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE 2019

5th Following a trial at Southwark Crown Court, entertainer Rolf Harris is found guilty on 12 counts of indecent assault between 1968 and 1986. (30th Jun 2014)

5th The teaching of creationism is banned from free schools and academies. (9th Jun 2014)

10th Conservative MP John Bercow is elected as the 157th Speaker of the House of Commons. (22nd Jun 2009)

10th MPs expenses are published online by Parliamentary authorities, but the decision to black out many of the details leads to criticism. (18th Jun 2009)

10th The first Swine Flu related death in the United Kingdom is confirmed by the Scottish Government. (14th Jun 2009)

25th Britain’s railways grind to a virtual standstill with a strike by more than 4,000 signalling staff. (15th Jun 1994)

25th An RAF Chinook helicopter carrying more than twenty leading intelligence experts crashes on the Mull of Kintyre, killing everyone on board. (2nd Jun 1994)

30th Police arrest 250 people celebrating the summer solstice at Stonehenge. (21st Jun 1989)


70th George Orwell’s Nineteen Eighty-Four is published. (8th Jun 1949)

75th World War II: Germany launches a V1 Flying Bomb attack on England. Only four of the eleven bombs actually hit their targets. (13th Jun 1944)

75th D-Day for the Normandy landings: 155,000 Allied troops land on the beaches of Normandy in France, beginning Operation Overlord and the Invasion of Normandy. (6th Jun 1944)

80th George VI and Queen Elizabeth visit New York City on the first visit to the United States by a reigning monarch. (7th Jun 1939)

200th The U.S. vessel SS Savannah arrives at Liverpool. She is the first steam-propelled vessel to cross the Atlantic, although most of the journey is made under sail. (20th Jun 1819)

225th The battle of the Glorious First of June is fought, the first naval engagement between Britain and France during the French Revolutionary Wars. (1st Jun 1794)

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL GROUP

We hold our meetings in the War Memorial Hall on the High Street. The hall is nice and large and we have plenty of space, so if anyone else would like to join us please let Sandy know.

We meet every Monday from 12-2pm

YOGA

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MINION MOMENTS

MY BED WASN’T FEELING WELL THIS MORNING SO I STAYED HOME TO TAKE CARE OF IT.

I just stepped on a cornflake. Now I am officially a cereal killer.

Police: “You were going fast.”
Me: “I was trying to keep up with traffic.”
Police: “There isn’t any.”
Me: “That’s how far behind I am.”

Remember as you slide down the great banister of life, there are gonna be people who are splinters in your butt. Pick em out and SLIDE ON!!!

The answer may not lie at the bottom of a bottle of wine, but you should at least check.

Old people at weddings always poke me and say “you’re next.”

So, I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.
I Need It Up,  
You Need It Down  
She cook’s and cleans  
And keep’s things neat  
And with five in the house  
That’s no mean feat  
There’s just one question  
Though that has me beat  
Tell me why can she never  
Work the toilet seat

Does My Bum Look Big In This?  
Does my bum look big in this?  
Well is the answer no or yes  
Actually you have a big bum  
So stop blaming it on the dress

Lucky Lotto  
Despite winning twenty million pound  
My feet are still firmly on the ground  
So I am the same despite my good news  
But I am wearing much better shoes