

# Newsletter

Hartlepool & District U3A

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## Comments from the Chair



By the time you read this we will be well into spring if you use the meteorological rather than the astronomical calendar. The former always starts on March 1st while the latter varies from year to year. This year astronomical spring starts on March 20th. I prefer the meteorological calendar because we cut 3 weeks off winter. There may possibly be a flaw in this logic, but it has always served me well. Spring is definitely in the air, the days are lengthening, and the sun is blazing down. Spring is a time of growth and the same can be said of our u3a.

I am delighted to report that more interest groups have restarted, and we now have sixteen active groups. Please check the notice boards at the back of the hall to keep up to date with what is happening. The membership has also started to grow and we welcomed six new members at the last meeting. I am always available to give talks about what we do to other groups in our area to boost our profile and attract new members. You are probably aware that many people are unaware of our existence so the more people becoming aware of our u3a the better.

This month's speaker will be coming from 'SeaScape' whose vision is 'to reveal and better manage the hidden heritage of our unique seascape' and to support local communities to make good use of our coastal and marine assets. This sounds like a really interesting talk, and I look forwards to seeing you all at St Josephs on Friday 3rd March at 2 pm.

Meanwhile, take care everybody and

Smile! It's spring!

Roger



## Bird's Names

### Ken Williams

Why sparrows, starlings, swans, and numerous others, are so called I've no idea; but several other birds names can be explained.

Names like Kingfisher and Woodpecker are self-explanatory but many others too have some meaning, particularly those relating to appearance. Colour is surely the most obvious feature, so we have names like Blackbird, Blue Tit and Greenfinch, to mention but a few.

Still with colour, we have quite a few birds named after just parts of their body. Quite common along our coast is the Redshank, and a regular migrant is the Greenshank, - named after their legs, of course – and the more blatantly named Red Legged Partridge. Everyone knows the Black Headed, and the Greater Black-backed Gull, and regular summer visitors are the Blackcap and Whitethroat. Regular visitors also to Hartlepool and Teesmouth are the Bar-Tailed Godwit, and Red Throated Diver.

Also in this group, believe it or not is the Wheatear. When seen as a migrant on the Headland, or at North Gare; or hopping along a dry-stone wall in local moorland where it breeds, its most notable feature is its white rump – lower back, base of the tail. Bearing in mind that probably until Victorian times it was called a Wheatears, and that 'wheat' is a derivation of 'white', it only takes a minor letters re-arrangement of the rest of its name to get another word – a rude word nowadays, but not so, in Anglo Saxon times – which roughly means 'rump', hence its name! Enough said!

We have other birds named after a significant feature e.g. Long Eared Owl – only feathers actually- Long Tailed Tit, Crested Tit and Crossbill.

Then there are those named because of unusual behavioural traits, such as the Dipper-bobbing up and down by the water's edge – the Wryneck which can turn its head almost through 360 degrees; Shearwaters, Divers and the Tree Creeper.

Another group actually tell us their name. Everyone knows the Cuckoo; the Kittiwake calling when breeding on sea cliffs is also fairly plain; but I think the Chiffchaff takes a bit of imagination!

I've not heard a Hoopoe or a Corncrake but reputedly their names are also fairly apt. But - if the Yellowhammer actually says, "A little bit of bread and no cheese!" as is claimed, then I'll eat hay with a donkey!

There are, of course, various nicknames or familiar names used by some people. Everybody knows a 'spuggy' is a sparrow and a 'Blackie' is a Blackbird; and many people know the Lapwing as a Peewit. Less known perhaps is 'Dabchick' for Little Grebe, and that on Scottish islands where they breed, Great Skuas are called 'Bonxies'; and Black Guillemots are known as 'Tysties'. And I once knew an old countryman in Rosedale who always called a Barn Owl a 'Screech Owl', and woodpeckers 'Yaffles'!

Finally, we have a number of species whose names involve place names, or people's names. The real reason why these birds are so-called I just don't know, - best perhaps just to regard them as names and not indicative of anything else. Manx Shearwaters are certainly not restricted to the Isle of Man; there's a Mediterranean Gull regularly seen in this area, and I'm told it's very doubtful that a Dartford Warbler has ever been seen in Dartford!

But as somebody far wiser than me once said, "What's in a name?!!!"

## Bird of Prey Barry Liddle



One Saturday in early February I returned home from the newsagents, when I spotted this bird of prey perched on the arm of the garden bench. I rushed for my camera and managed to take two photographs through the glass of the kitchen window before it flew away. The first photograph was blurred, but the second was just about acceptable. I've cropped the photograph to highlight the bird's key features and according to my trusty Field Guide – it seems to be a male Sparrowhawk. But unlike Ken Williams, I am no expert. So, if you think it is something other than a Sparrowhawk then please let me know.

## Discovering My Family Roots Cliff Cordiner

Many years ago my late wife and I used to spend a lot of our spare time researching our family history. We got back to the 1600's and while this was satisfying, it was not much more than a list of names, dates, and places. We decided it would be good to learn more about our ancestors, what they were like and how they lived, to bring the past to life.

This is fairly easy if your ancestors are famous, but a lot more difficult if they are from humble stock and there are no living relatives who can tell you about them. Then you have to rely on old documents or newspaper articles to fill in the blanks if you are lucky.

My ancestors came from Ampleforth and were farmers so they didn't move around much. That is until the industrial revolution and the growth of the railways when they followed the work. So that was the starting point, as we knew exactly where they lived, and the house was still there. We also had some old family photographs, one of which was of Hannah Cordiner, my 2<sup>nd</sup> great grand-aunt. Hannah was born in 1844 in Barton le Willows, and had five brothers and four sisters, one of whom would become my great grand-mother.

I managed to track down a lady who was working on a biography of her grandfather Dr Robert Lacy Kitching who was an eminent surgeon in his day, specialising in cancer research. She was able to tell me that shortly after leaving school in 1856 at the age of 12, Hannah secured a post as maid at the home of the Kitching family in Pickering. Later she became the family nursemaid and looked



*Hannah pictured outside 20 Flamborough Road, Bridlington, with Dr Lacy Kitching and his nephew in 1926.*

after four generations until her retirement in 1926 at the age of 82. They described her as "loyal and much loved". The Kitching family were medical professionals and moved around quite a bit. Wherever the family moved Hannah went with them, living in Pickering, Scarborough, Bridlington, and London

In a newspaper article in the Yorkshire Post following Hannah's death in 1934, Dr Robert Lacy Kitching said that Hannah looked after seven children, including himself. She was nurse to the whole family and, during the war when they lived at Blackheath in

London, he described her as an inspiration in the calm way she looked after them all. Whenever there was an air raid she would take the young children into the cellar until the danger had passed.

Rather than bring them out too soon she always went into the attic to see what was going on, and only brought them out when she could see the danger had passed.

After her retirement Hannah moved back to Ampleforth where she lived until she died in 1934 aged 90.

Of course it is much easier to find out about your ancestors when they are famous, like my late wife's grand uncle Jimmy, better known as Jimmy James.



He was born James Casey in 1892 at Portrack, Stockton. His Parents, Jeremiah and Mary, had seven children, although only





*Jimmy James on the right in the Singing Jockeys*

five survived including Jimmy. His parents were from Wales, and his grandparents from County Cork in Ireland.

Jimmy James's father Jeremiah was an ironworks labourer and was also an amateur clog dancer and introduced his son to the stage. Jimmy started out as a singer, winning a competition at the age of 10, and later became a member of the Singing Jockeys.

Jeremiah died when Jimmy was only 18, so never saw his son's later success as a comedian, which happened

by accident when he filled in for a comic who did not turn up for a show that Jimmy was appearing

in as a singer known then as "Terry the blue eyed Irish boy".



*Blackpool summer season 1959. Left to right are Babette, Eric Morecambe, Ernie Wise, Jimmy James, The Trio Vedette, David Galbraith, Bretton Woods (Eli), Shelley Marshall*

Jimmy was often referred to as the comedian's comedian and many successful comics were fans including Tony Hancock, Peter Sellers, Ken Dodd, Eric Morecambe, and Bob Monkhouse to name a few.

He did not tell jokes but won laughs from his comic timing in playing a character and interacting with his

stooges. His act was often chaotic and unpredictable as it was unscripted. He often played a drunk but was in fact tee total. Perhaps his most famous routine was "The Elephant in the Box". Jimmy made up names for the stars on stage with him. Roy Castle became Hutton Conyers invented from a signpost he saw to the village in Yorkshire. Bretton Woods (later Eli) was played by Jimmy's nephew John (Jack) Casey and was named after a 1944 economic conference of the same name.

Although he had appeared with many big stars, he never forgot his roots, and often appeared in theatres across the North East, including the Hartlepool Empire. He met his wife Isabelle Darby, a dancer, while performing at the Sunderland Empire in 1921.

As theatres struggled and television became more popular in the 1960's he appeared in a number of shows, but hated working with a script, and never recaptured the popularity he enjoyed performing on stage.

Jimmy died in 1964 and his son James Casey, who worked for the BBC, resurrected some of Jimmy James famous sketches performing at the Royal Variety Performance in 1982.

These are just two of my ancestors. Two very different characters I am sure you will agree, and I would have liked to have met them both. You never know what skeletons are in your cupboard so why don't you have a look and see what you can find?

## An Unexpected Visitor

Roger Say

*The following is a 'Short Story' written for the Creative Writing Group.*

It was back in the spring of 2022 that I received an unexpected visitor. It was a delightful day at the beginning of April when I had just finished the tiresome job of mowing the lawn and had just settled down to a nice cup of tea. I had taken but a sip when I heard a knock at the door. I sighed and eased myself out of my comfy armchair and made my way to the front door, wondering who it might be. An inconsiderate person, I thought to myself, somewhat harshly I had to confess because whoever it was could hardly know that I was just about to enjoy my freshly brewed cuppa.

I opened the door to be greeted by a personable young man who introduced himself as Mr. Verdant. He explained he was a landscape gardener and was employed by one of my neighbours and offered his services to me. He told me that my neighbour was delighted with his work and had told him he had green fingers. I had been considering hiring someone to help with the garden for some time and so invited him in. I took him into the lounge and offered him a cup of the recently brewed tea. He thanked me and politely asked if he might have some sugar. I do not hold with sugar in tea myself but went into the kitchen to bring in the sugar bowl.

I was gone but a moment but when I came back to the lounge there was Mr. Verdant rifling through one of the drawers in the sideboard. Mr. Verdant was caught red handed.

By the way, I should have mentioned that I am the local bobby and so had no difficulty in apprehending the light - fingered rather than the green-fingered Mr. Verdant.

## TV Detectives

Barry Liddle

Have you noticed that every 'TV Detective' is carefully matched with a vehicle that reflects their temperament and style of detection? I've put together a short list of well-known TV Detectives and a list of their vehicles. Can you match them together? [Answers on page 12.](#)

### TV Detective

- Inspector Morse (Morse)
- Gene Hunt (Ashes to Ashes)
- Vera Stanhope (Vera)
- Jack Regan (The Sweeney)
- Ray Doyle (The professionals)
- Father Brown (Father Brown)

### Vehicles

- Audi Quattro
- Land Rover Defender
- Bicycle
- Jaguar Mark 2
- Ford Capri
- Ford Consul GT

## Annual Subscription 2023/24

Cliff Cordiner, Hartlepool U3A Treasurer.

Those of you who have been members for a while will recall that the annual subscription was previously £20. As our reserves were at a good level we had sufficient built in resilience to be able to absorb any cost increases. So in 2020 we reduced the annual subscription to £15. However as you will be only too aware the cost-of-living crisis has seen costs escalate significantly. The u3a is not immune from this, and some of our costs have increased by as much as 67%.

Although our finances are still relatively healthy, the escalating costs mean that while we can absorb some of the increases, we can no longer hold the subscription at its current level. Therefore with effect from April 2023 the annual subscription will revert to £20.

Despite this increase I am sure you will agree that at just £1.67 a month it is still excellent value. As well as the monthly meetings with the many varied and interesting speakers, we have some fantastic interest groups thanks to the wonderful volunteers who lead them, and of course there is the social aspect which you cannot put a price on. In addition we have access to the many regional and national events, and then there is the magazine with its many interesting articles and puzzles.

I will let you know when the 2023 subscription is due and don't forget that all u3a members can join the "Click and Save" scheme saving you money with a range of supermarkets, restaurants, and services including Asda, M&S, Morrisons, Argos, Boots, and Costa Coffee to name a few.

## A Song for March

Barry Liddle

Everyone in this country is obsessed with the weather. Ask what is distinctive about March and the first answer you will get is 'March Winds' and for the following month- 'April Showers'. I recently came across a song called just that: 'March Winds and April Showers' and the recording I listened to was released by Ruth Etting in 1935. The first few lines are:

*'March winds and April showers  
Make way for sweet May flowers  
And then comes June, a moon, and you  
March winds and April showers  
Romance will soon be ours'*

After a little research, I'm wondering if the song's first two lines were derived from the proverb "March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers", which Wikipedia cites to a reference dating back to 1886 in the Dictionary of Proverbs 2006. Whatever, the derivation, every gardener knows: 'March winds and April Showers make way for sweet May flowers.'

*References: Wikipedia; YouTube.*

**1 In the 1960s Sandie Shaw was one of Britain's most successful singers, and her 'trademark' was to appear on stage:**

- a Carrying a 'Puppet on a String'
- b Wearing no underwear
- c Wearing no shoes
- d Drinking a pint of Double Diamond.

**2 Engelbert Humperdinck has been described as 'one of the finest middle-of-the road balladeers' in recent decades. But what was his real name?**

- a Arnold George Dorsey
- b Jurgen Klopp
- c Arnold George Oadby
- d Otto von Bismarck.

**3 Which of the following songs was released by the Beatles?**

- a I am the *Hippopotamus*.
- b I am the Woolly Mammoth
- c I am the Walrus
- d I am the *Dalai Lama*

**4 This 1960s band combined elements of music hall, trad jazz and psychedelia with surreal humour and avant-garde art. What was their name?**

- a The Bonzo Barking Doo-Dah Band
- b The Bonzo Bone Doo-Dah Band
- c The Bonzo Dogging Doo-Dah Band
- d The Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band

**5 From the mid-1950s Matt Monro enjoyed a successful 30 year singing career and was often referred to as "The Man with the Golden Voice". But what was his occupation before becoming famous?**

- a Deep Sea Diver
- b Gas Fitter
- c Bus Driver
- d Teddy- Bear Repair Technician

**6 Which British singing duo came second in the 1959 Eurovision Song Contest with a song called "Sing, Little Birdie"?**

- a Alma Cogan and Dickie Valentine
- b Hinge and Bracket
- c Pearl Carr and Teddy Johnson
- d Alma Cogan and Frankie Vaughn

**7 Which of these famous American musicians was a talented amateur boxer, winning 22 fights?.**

- a Liberace
- b Johnny Cash
- c Kris Kristofferson
- d Billy Joel

**8 Who recorded and made popular the novelty song 'My Ding-a- Ling'?**

- a Fats Domino
- b Chuck Berry
- c Jerry Lewis
- d Jerry Lee Lewis

**9 Who was Motown records first successful 'Girl Group,' who had a hit in 1961 with 'Please Mr Postman'?**

- a The Marvelettes
- b The Supremes
- c Martha & The Vandellas
- d The Lewis Sisters

**10 Which one of the following is a famous American rapper?**

- a Snoopy Dog
- b Slim Dog
- c Snoop Dog
- d Booty Dog



**11 Name the three male singers who perform around the world with Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra.**

- a The Platin Tenors
- b The Platinum Tenors
- c The Plantain Tenors
- d The Philately Tenors.

**12 Who made famous these lyrics:**

*"Don't dig there, dig it elsewhere.  
You're digging it round and it ought to be square.  
The shape of it's wrong, it's much too long,  
And you can't put a hole where a hole don't belong."*

- a Swampy
- b Velvet Underground
- c Bernard Cribbins
- d Eric Sykes

**13 Which British group had a string of Top 40 hits in the late 1980s and early 1990s, most notably "China in Your Hand", "Heart and Soul" and "Valentine"?**

- a T'Wow
- b T'Pau
- c K'Pow
- d M'Eow

**14 'My Way' is a song forever associated with Frank Sinatra. It was originally a French song to which unrelated English lyrics were written by:**

- a Paul Simon
- b Paul Anka
- c Johnny Mercer
- d Leiber and Stoller

**15 Which 1960s English rock band had the following hit singles: 'Hold Tight', 'Bend IT!' and 'Zabadak!'**

- a Lee, Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich
- b Dave, Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich
- c Dave, Lee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich
- d Dave, Mee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich

**16 What is the biggest selling novelty record of all time?**

- a Ray Stevens - "The Streak"
- b Eric Idle – "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life"
- c Mr Blobby – "Mr Blobby"
- d The Goodies – "The Funky Gibbon".

**17 Who was the Scottish singer and entertainer who presented the BBC TV variety show 'The White Heather Club' throughout the 1960s, and had a hit with "Donald Where's Your Troosers?"**

- a Kenneth McKellar
- b Rab C. Nesbitt
- c Andy Stewart
- d Jimmy Shand.

**18 Which singer is most closely associated with the following song: "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me"?**

- A Cilla Black
- B Dusty Springfield
- C Aretha Franklin
- D Nina Simone

**19 Which one of the following options is a jazz standard composed by saxophonist Paul Desmond and originally recorded by the Dave Brubeck Quartet?**

- a Take Five
- b Take Time
- c Swing Time
- d Take Ten.

**20 Who had an unlikely hit with a cover version of the song "Unchained Melody," which stayed at number 1 for 7 weeks on the UK Chart, selling more than 1.8 million copies and becoming the best-selling single of 1995?**

- a Captain Sensible
- b Ashford & Simpson
- c The England Football Squad.
- d Robson & Jerome.

## In Search of Snowdrops Barry Liddle



Ray Elliston's 'Photography for Fun Group' is flexible in searching for interesting locations. On 7<sup>th</sup> of February we were on route to Durham City when we remembered that the Snowdrops would be out at Hawthorn Dean, so we took a 90 degree turn and changed our destination.

*Photos: Barry Liddle*



John Sculley famously said – 'Timing in life is everything.' How true, we were in the right place to photograph snowdrops but our timing was wrong. Having said that our mistake was understandable because snowdrops come into bloom as early as January and last until March – but catching them at their very best is very much a matter of timing. The photograph on the left taken by Barry Liddle shows that the snowdrops were not fully out, we were probably a week too early. However, Martin Green managed to find a small clump in full bloom.



Although disappointed with the snowdrops, we did however enjoy photographing the local farmland including this group of Belted Galloway cows – which Martin Green identified as a traditional Scottish breed.

*Photograph on the left Barry Liddle and on the right Martin Green*



## Life Lessons

Barry Liddle

After being on this earth for seven decades, these are my (slightly to tongue-in-cheek) lessons from life.

Things we can rely on:

- Scandals involving MPs generally fall into one of two categories; either they are found in the wrong bedroom, or with their finger in the wrong financial pie.
- The taxman taketh and sometimes he taketh a lot, even after death.
- Seedlings need good compost and tender loving care, but weeds will flourish in concrete.
- 'Work' problems are easily resolved, it's 'people' problems that are difficult.
- Holidays are a triumph of hope over experience.
- A cricket test match can last 5 days, end in a draw, and yet be utterly thrilling.
- The 'instructions' accompanying any electronic product are invariably written by a young computer geek, often in Mandarin, and then translated into a peculiar form of international English – thus rendering them next to useless.
- Nearly all 'on-line' help is of no help at all.
- Black Pudding tastes better than the sum of its ingredients.
- If the weather forecast is bad, it never rains if you carry an umbrella.
- Everything looks better after a slice of cake and a cup of tea.
- Young children are funnier than professional comedians.
- Christmas present is never as good as Christmas past.
- It is cheaper to buy an island in the Caribbean, than to walk to a local railway station and by a return ticket to Manchester.
- It's official, life is definitely not fair!
- BBC1 has become like ITV1; BBC2 is like BBC1 used to be twenty years ago; BBC 3 is only for young people with tattoos and BBC4 is the home of repeats.
- Ironing socks is a waste of time.
- Just when you are beginning to make sense of everything, the end is nigh.

### Life Lessons Wanted

If you have your own list of 'Life lessons,' then please send them to the Editor for inclusion in a future Newsletter. Your 'Life Lessons' can be funny or serious or a combination of both, the choice is yours.

Dear Barry,

I liked the article on birthdays in February's Newsletter. Gosh, Harold Macmillan was older than I thought, I didn't realise he was born in 1094! Since that's the first typo I've ever spotted, I think you do extraordinarily well.

There was a TV programme last year celebrating the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of singer Dame Cleo Laine. I noticed that she shared a birthday with a friend of mine so out of curiosity I looked up my own birthday to see if I shared it with anyone famous. It's always a bit subjective how to rank such people but for my money:

- In third place, Scottish actor Ewan McGregor OBE.
- In second place, French philosopher, scientist and mathematician, René Descartes, who coined the phrase "cogito, ergo sum" ("I think, therefore I am").
- In first place, prolific German composer and musician Johann Sebastian Bach, whose compositions include the mighty Toccata and Fugue in D minor for organ and the St Matthew Passion, my dad's all-time favourite piece of choral music.

I think that's a pretty impressive list and would be interested to hear what illustrious companions' other people have on their birthdays.

Regards,

Phil Jefferies

P.S. Re the article on the Photography group, surely a "Pusher Tug" is a contradiction in terms – when you tug something you pull it, not push it!

### TV Detectives Quiz Answers

Jaguar Mark 2 – Inspector Morse, Morse.  
Audi Quattro – Gene Hunt, Ashes to Ashes.  
Land Rover Defender – Vera Stanhope, Vera.  
Ford Consul GT – Jack Regan, The Sweeney.  
Ford Capri – Ray Doyle, The Professionals.  
Bicycle – Father Brown.

### Music for Fun Quiz – The Answers.

- 1 c Wearing no shoes.
- 2 a Arnold George Dorsey.
- 3 c I am the Walrus.
- 4 d The Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band
- 5 c Bus Driver
- 6 c Pearl Carr and Teddy Johnson
- 7 d Billy Joel
- 8 b Chuck Berry
- 9 a The Marvelettes
- 10 c Snoop Dog
- 11 a The Platin Tenors
- 12 c Bernard Cribbins
- 13 b T'Pau
- 14 b Paul Anka
- 15 b Dave, Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich
- 16 a Ray Stevens - "The Streak"
- 17 c Andy Stewart
- 18 b Dusty Springfield
- 19 a Take Five
- 20 d Robson & Jerome.



Manuel the mechanic from Havana,  
Lost all his tools and a spanner,  
His friends were all dismayed,  
As he looked for them for days,  
'Til he got a new set for a tenner!

Kevin the Andean llama,  
Thought he was such a charmer,  
When he jumped up and down,  
He looked more like a clown,  
And his mates didn't like all the palava!

Dilly the baby seal seemed to be in a haze,  
When swimming alone for days,  
With no thoughts of fear,  
Even when ships came near,  
Her mother said she was just going through a faze!

A young reindeer called Holly,  
Skipped on the snow oh so jolly,  
She was careful on the ice,  
Which wasn't very nice,  
So she decided to carry a broolly!

John Grange

Burt Bacharach was without doubt one of the greatest songwriters of the modern era. He wrote over 100 hit songs, often in collaboration with the lyricist Hal David.

Musicologists, according to *Wikipedia*, say that Burt's music is characterized by unusual chord progressions, influenced by his background in jazz harmony, and uncommon selections of instruments for small orchestras.

He also memorably arranged, conducted, and produced much of his recorded output. The songs I particularly like from the 1960s onwards, include:

- **Baby It's You** (*The Shirelles*)
- **"I Just Don't Know What to Do with Myself"** (*Dusty Springfield*)
- **Make It Easy on Yourself** (*The Walker Brothers*)
- **"Twenty-Four Hours from Tulsa"** (*Gene Pitney*)
- **"Anyone Who Had a Heart"** (*Cilla Black*)
- **"Walk on By."** (*Dionne Warwick*)
- **"A House Is Not a Home"** (*Dionne Warwick*)
- **"(There's) Always Something There to Remind Me"** (*Sandie Shaw*)
- **"What the World Needs Now Is Love"** (*Dionne Warwick*)
- **"Alfie"** (*Cilla Black*)
- **"The Look of Love"** (*Dusty Springfield*)
- **"I Say a Little Prayer"** (*Aretha Franklin*)
- **"Do You Know the Way to San Jose"** (*Dionne Warwick*)
- **"This Guy's in Love with You"** (*Herb Alpert*)
- **"I'll Never Fall in Love Again"** (*Bobby Gentry*)
- **"Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head"** (*Sacha Distel*)

.....and many, many, more. RIP Burt Bacharach.

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- **'View to Vue'.** Roger Say.
- **Walking Group.** Keith Alder

## Copy Wanted for This Newsletter

Articles, Short Stories, Interesting Photographs (with captions), Limericks & Poems.

All contributions to the next Newsletter are most welcome.

Copy deadline for the next issue is 20 March 2023.

**Barry Liddle, Newsletter Editor**