

# Newsletter

Hartlepool & District u3a

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## Comments from the Chair

It was great to see such a good turnout for last month's general meeting when we had an excellent speaker in Denis Fox who gave us a fascinating talk based around his paintings of aircrafts in the second world war and the people who flew and maintained them. Everybody there was thoroughly entertained, and several members approached me to say how much they enjoyed Denis's talk. Denis had been recommended to us by other u3as, and cooperation between u3a groups in our area has proved very beneficial to each other.

As you know, the hall is closed in August so our next speaker will be in September when we will be welcoming Jane Ruffer who will be talking to us about 'The Auckland Project' which I expect many of you have heard about. Jonathan and Jane Ruffer established this project to secure the future of Auckland Castle and the collection of Zurbarán paintings of Jacob and His Twelve Sons, which have hung there for two hundred and fifty years. I hope many of you are able to attend this talk by Jane, which will on Friday 1st September at the normal start time of 2 pm.

Other talks in the pipeline include a talk on Heraldry which is subtitled 'Cracking the Medieval Code' by Olly Burton who has entertained us in the past, and a talk on Scamming by the local police force which should prove to be fascinating. Olly has been booked in for our October meeting so that it something else to look forward to.

Our u3a is one of the smaller ones and we are lucky to have so many members who have come forward to help run it. Without volunteers we would not be able to exist. If you would like to help in any way please come and have a chat with me or any member of the committee.

Take care everybody.

Roger

# The Quakers and Saltburn

Chris McLoughlin



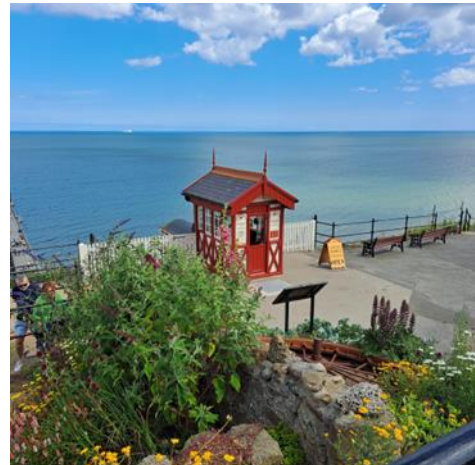
(c) Margaret Boddy

Arch. & History Group could not have chosen a better summers day for their visit to Saltburn-by-the-Sea, reached by the regular train service out of Hartlepool and for several of us the first time we had travelled by train that took us through Redcar, Longbeck, Marske and then Saltburn.

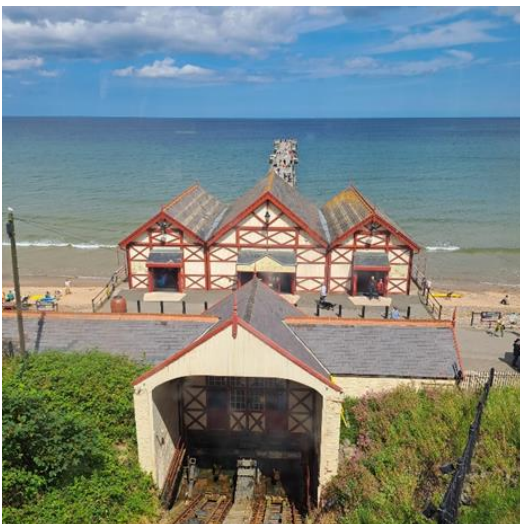
Although there is a small village of Old Saltburn, the town is largely the vision of Henry Pease, son of Edward Pease, leading light in the establishment of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. Henry purchased the land from the Earl of Zetland and from 1871 with the establishment of

the Rail Station, he created a seaside resort to attract wealthy visitors and residents.

Our walk took us past many buildings from the Victorian Era such as the Zetland Hotel and the Miners Convalescent home now put to other uses but well preserved as were of the streets and villa residences along with the well-kept public Gardens and spaces, obviously a lot of civic and voluntary effort goes into keep it looking so well, our Gardening Group could enjoy a day there as well. Even where older buildings had been cleared away, their modern, well-designed replacements added to the experience.



(c) Margaret Boddy



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Of course, Saltburn is famed for its Cliff Tramway dating from 1884 and that was taken in along with the Prom and its famous pier of 1871, apparently in its early days regular excursions ran by steamer from the pier to Hartlepool.

Besides commanding sea views up to Hartlepool, the outstanding geographical feature of the area is Cat Nab and Huntcliff which contains a remnant of a Roman Signal Station on the cliff edge whilst Old Saltburn itself is a row of cottages with the Ship Inn for visitors who enjoy tales of smuggling and piracy in former times.

### **Butlins Holiday Camp**

When I was a boy in the early sixties we spent a week at Butlins Filey. Proud of her eldest son aged 8, my mam entered me in the under 12s Tarzan competition. I repaid her by coming third, but, whisper it gently, there might have only been four entrants! Returning home in an old battered mini bus, the front left wheel came off as we came down a hill and being in the front seat, I bounced off the windscreen. No damage done, so they say.

### **School Trip to Switzerland**

When I was 14/15 I was as a member of the school trip to Switzerland. It was memorable for 5 things, my first time on an aeroplane, my first time abroad, my first time on continental railways, my first journey by cable car to the top of a mountain, and my first taste of continental lager! We stayed at a youth hostel by a lake in the beautiful green countryside outside Interlaken.

### **Hitch-Hiking in France**

In the sweltering summer of 1976, my second year at Kingston Polytechnic, a friend and I set out to hitch-hike from Saint-Malo through France to Northern Spain. Unfortunately, I soon developed a serious case of the runs (brought on by an unfamiliar diet consisting of red wine, more red wine, bread and pate). Without access to the facilities at the Youth Hostel, the only public toilet I could find was a at a cattle market. So I spent a miserable day there using a middle eastern 'squat toilet' which, for the unfamiliar, is basically just hole in the ground. Needless to say, by the end of the day my thigh muscles were like jelly!

### **On Tour to The New Forrest**

At the end of my days as a student at Kingston Polytechnic a group of us decided to go on a vacation to the New Forrest. We set off in a fleet of assorted vehicles and spent a glorious late summer camping in the woods, paying frisbee, drinking real ale and generally having a great time. On our meandering return journey we stopped at a small café in sleepy Frinton-on-Sea for breakfast. Having not eaten for a considerable time we were ravenous. The cook was shell shocked to suddenly find 20 plus students burst into his café and instead of accepting orders for variations on the full English breakfast he just gave everyone everything! One of my best breakfasts ever.

### **Walking Holiday in Connemara**

Having arrived in Dublin on- route to Connemara, a conman taxi driver took me the long way round the city to the wrong railway station. Somewhat discombobulated to find a small local station with no staff, passengers or taxi rank, it took me a while to find a bus to the right station. However, any feelings of relief soon disappeared as I found myself sitting directly

behind a mentally ill man having a terrible psychotic episode. The bus driver chose to ignore the situation, but an heroic young woman sitting next to this man did wonderfully well in trying to calm him down. Seeking to put this ordeal behind me, it was with some relief that I boarded the train for Galway on a hot Friday afternoon during the Dublin rush-hour. At first the sun shone over the lush green countryside and we made good progress, but any sense of optimism was soon replaced by frustration as the train soon made the first of several lengthy and unscheduled stops. Feeling tired and somewhat defeated, it was dark when the train eventually limped into Ceannt station, Galway.

### **Malta**

One summer in the 1990s whilst working in Birmingham, I made a last-minute decision to go on holiday. At that time it was common to be able to go to the travel agent and pick up a last-minute bargain if you were flexible over where you were willing to visit. Unfortunately for me, the only last-minute deal was for a 5-star hotel in Valletta, the capital of Malta. So, in for a penny and a lot of pounds, I took the deal and flew to Valletta. Shortly after arriving, I set off at mid-day to walk the old walls of the city, but with the temperature exceeding 40+c, I quickly succumbed to heat exhaustion. After recovering in the only café I could find with air conditioning, the song 'mad dogs and Englishmen' came to mind.

### **New York**

I didn't enjoy New York, but it was an unforgettable and exhilarating experience. A heady mixture of stifling humidity, vast crowds, towering Skyscrapers that gave you neckache, skateboarders weaving through the traffic down main avenues, vagrants opening shop doors for a few cents, famous landmarks everywhere and strangely, an all-pervasive smell of hot chocolate! And then there was the sensational view from the top of the World Trade Centre over the Hudson River and Manhattan. A memory that came back so vividly on that infamous day of 9/11.

## **Your 'Holidays of a Lifetime'**

**If you have experienced some interesting or eventful holidays over the course of your lifetime, then please write them down and send them to the Editor.**

# Notice Board 1

## Andrew Mills.

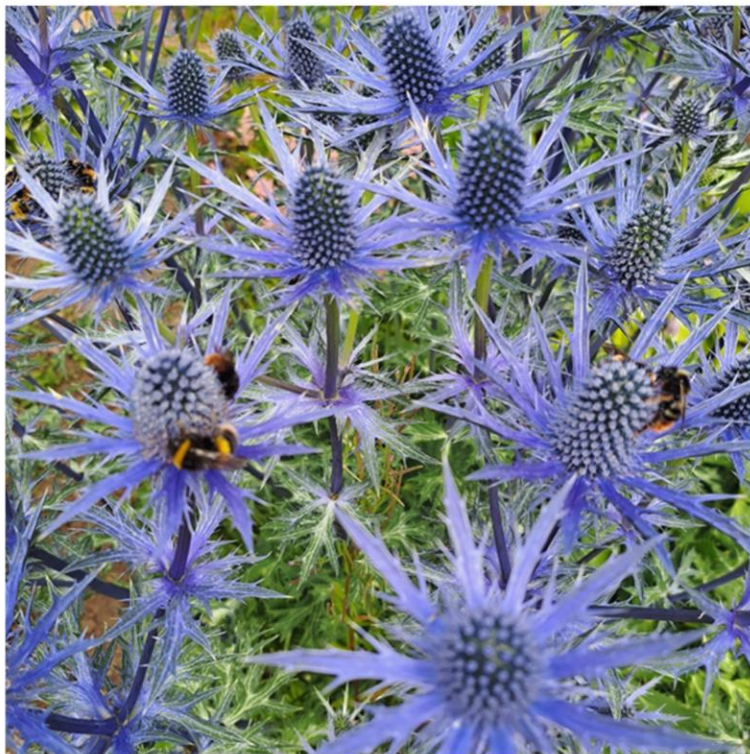
We were saddened to hear of the passing recently of Andrew Mills, the first Chairman and a founding member of our U3A. Indeed, it could be said we would probably not have taken off had Andrew not volunteered to Chair the Steering Group to set us on our way.

He steered the ship well, his wise guidance and good counsel put us on the right path and other founder members recall those early meetings at his home in Windermere Road.

Besides his U3A involvement, Andrew drew on his Christian beliefs to work as a Street Angel, patrolling night-time Hartlepool with his supply of Lollipops and Flip Flops for distribution among those who had overindulged or taken off their heels for relief. On one occasion, we had a collection of £80 among u3a members to ensure his supplies, the £80 covered 5 weeks' worth of Lollies and Flipflops!

This work took him closer to the Quaker movement and he eventually stepped down from his u3a duties after getting us up and running so successfully.

Chris McLoughlin



Margaret Boddy has seen up to 50 Bees on this plant in her garden.

### Coffee and Chat Group

Does anyone fancy a Coffee and Chat Group, meeting at the Golden Lion (next to Aldi), one morning a month, possibly the first Monday. No Agenda, just turn up.

Open to men as well (you needn't drink coffee). The Golden Lion do a scone of the week, bacon sarnies etc.

Let Pauline, the Group Co-ordinator know if you are interested.

Best Wishes,

Jacky Armstrong.

# Notice Board 2

## Music Group

We recently had the first session of the new Music Group. Steve Cole, leading the group provided a well thought out programme.

We were encouraged to think about how we listen to music using that well known and the much-loved aria 'Nessum Dorma by comparing two contrasting versions sung by Luciano Pavarotti and Russell Watson. The difference between the two renditions was quite profound. Do we go for the tall good-looking Russell or the shorter more rounded shape of Luciano?

We also listened to Maria Callas and the depth of colour in her voice. Bringing the session to a close Steve challenged us to singing in a 'round.' I allowed the others to entertain me on this as my singing voice is too scary.

The second session will be Thursday 3 August (1st Thursday of the month) 10am in the Peoples Centre Raby Road.

Wendy Borthwick.

## Our Website Will Receive a Major Overhaul in the Next Few Months.

Over 10 years ago, a small group of u3a volunteers created a tool called SiteBuilder to make it easy for individual u3as to build websites with very little knowledge of how such things work. The Third Age Trust soon decided to support SiteBuilder and pays for the servers that run it. Hartlepool is now one of over 700 u3as that rely on it and it has proved to be a reliable workhorse over the years.

The problem is, the original small group of u3a volunteers who support SiteBuilder are all 10 years older than they were at the start of the project and there is a limit to how long they will be able to continue.

In 2022, the Trust took the decision to migrate to a new package and have settled on WordPress, which "is among the most popular content management systems – it was used by 42.8% of the top 10 million websites as of October 2021". It is supported by the WordPress Foundation, which is "a non-profit organization that was set up ... to guarantee open access to WordPress's software projects forever" (quotes are from Wikipedia).

The Trust has arranged for individual u3as to have a simplified version of WordPress, which has been branded SiteWorks. Migration of individual u3as has commenced, with 2 pilot sites already complete and 20 "pioneer" sites nearing the end of comprehensive testing. A further 10 pioneers (including Hartlepool) will migrate in the next few months with the remainder migrating progressively over the next year or two.

Why are we honoured with a place near the front of the queue? I've done a deal with the SiteWorks team. They are currently producing the documentation that u3as will use during migration and I have volunteered to "test drive" that documentation to make sure it is clear, correct and easy to follow. This is something I had much practice in doing over my working life, I just hope it doesn't need too much honing.

Will the new website look the same as the old one? Broadly yes, though it will not be identical. Much of the existing content will be transferred across but websites, like most things, benefit from a "spring clean" once in a while and this will be a good opportunity. If you have particular pages that you look at regularly, please let us know, at a meeting or via [hartlepoolu3a@gmail.com](mailto:hartlepoolu3a@gmail.com).

Further information on the project is available at <https://siteworks.u3a.org.uk/>

Phil Jefferies

# Notice Board 3

## Gardens and Gardening Group

- The July Garden group meeting is a visit to Margaret Boddy's garden on the 24<sup>th</sup> (subject to the weather).
- The 4th Monday in August will be the Bank Holiday Monday and the August meeting will be on the Wednesday 23rd instead. It will be a visit to Wynyard Hall Gardens, and we can have a coffee, and lunch if you want to, in the Wynyard Hall gardens restaurant.
- September's meeting is on Monday the 25th and will be a visit to a Stockton u3a member's garden at Hartburn followed by a wander round nearby Dobbies Garden Centre with coffee and lunch. Parking is very restricted outside the Hartburn garden so we will car share as much as possible and we will leave cars further afield, if necessary, rather than restrict the numbers of people going.
- Please let us know if you want to go to these visits (if you haven't already done so). We will meet about 10.30am in the Aldi/Golden Lion pub car park on Dunston Rd, TS26 0EN. Let us know if you want a lift from there and if you would struggle meet us at the car park as we can try and arrange to pick you up from home.

**Liz Milbourn and Helen Eustace**



## Photography for Fun Group Visit Preston Park Museum & Grounds

On a day of torrential rain, when the rest of Europe was experiencing an unprecedented heat wave, the Photography Group ventured out looking for an indoor venue and eventually settled upon the Museum at Preston Park, Stockton. We particularly liked the conservatory/greenhouse which has a diverse collection of palms and ironically, drought resistant plants (see above photograph).

**Barry Liddle**

## Talk on Aircraft in WWII

I enjoyed the talk by the artist Denis Harry Fox on aircraft during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War at the last u3a monthly meeting. It reminded me of a time when Leslie, one of my seven brothers, served in the RAF during the war. Les wasn't a flyer, he served as a member of the ground crew, who don't always get the credit they deserve. The RAF Ground Crew towed damaged aircraft away from the runways to make way for others to land, repaired damage from raids, fought fires and helped pilots out of their aircraft. Ground crew fulfilled these responsibilities whilst sometimes under fire themselves, leaving them extremely vulnerable. Les, fortunately survived the war, met and married a girl from Essex then emigrated to Australia.

**Joan Hannon**

## My Cultural Life

Chris McLoughlin



*I am a founding member of our U3A (I had also been a member of Dunelm U3A for some years previously – I continue my membership there) and have served on our committee on several occasions including a spell as Hon. Secretary. From the outset I have guided the Archaeology & History Group members to explore the rich heritage of British History mainly in the Northeast of England and occasionally as far as London. Currently I support the main meetings and have recently been backing the initiative to re-launch the Luncheon Group.*

### **My favourite home cooked meal.**

A Sunday lunch, based on the time-honoured Meat and Two Veggies, all trimmings, Yorkshire puddings included. Vegetables in season if possible – why? family/friends gathering, chatter, all breaking bread together – marvellous.

### **My fantasy restaurant meal.**

Mine would have to be based around half a lobster with a well-chilled Chablis and include whitebait – we don't see fish courses much these days. I'll book in at the Silver Grille at the Ritz if I can claim it on Arch. & History expenses.

### **My fantasy dinner party.**

I'd choose Henry Campbell-Bannerman 1905, Clement Atlee 1945 and Margaret Thatcher 1979, three PM's who led radical Governments that still affect our lives today. I was amused to hear recently that Mitterrand described Margaret Thatcher as "having the eyes of Caligula and the mouth of Marilyn Monroe", Atlee always has the look of an old-time solicitor, would be interesting to see them close.

### **My favourite Album**

"Jazz in the Making" a Parlophone compilation from the sixties of jazz original recordings running from 1919 through to 1939 contains "Nobody's Sweetheart Now" Eddie Condon's Chicagoans, great rendition.

### **My favourite memory of watching live music.**

Have seen Beatles, Stones, Queen, Quo, Chris Barber, Elton John, Boe & Ball, etc and always fond of Classical Music (Classical Spectacular at the Albert Hall is a wonderful experience) probably must go for Michael Bubl  his for stage presence. performance and ability to hold a huge audience was amazing.



### **My favourite film.**

Film fan all my life I am also now a Talking Pictures follower so what a question! I'll go for "All the President's Men" the story of the Watergate scandal that brought down President Nixon. I liked the persistence of the two reporters in sticking to their task despite the difficulties. Jason Robards as their editor Ben Bradlee, won an Oscar, playing, a no-nonsense taskmaster but he supported staff to the hilt. My idea of how a boss should be.

### **My favourite songwriter or composer**

If ever I am asked to be a guest on "Desert Island Discs" beside Shakespeare and the Bible, I'd need a Shipping Container full of Records to be washed up with me to make my choice as I have a catholic taste in music from many genres, and I'd plump for something in Opera, American Song Book, Jazz Standards, Folk, Classic, Anything from Wagner to Flanders to Swan would cover it.

### **My favourite TV comedy series.**

So many to choose from that I enjoyed, such as "I didn't know you cared", but probably "The Likely Lads" very funny and captured a time and a changing period locally. I suppose it identify with the main characters and would match this series with the film "Billy Liar."

### **My favourite TV drama series**

Don't watch drama series on the telly, but often to watching one off plays especially on BBC4. /BBC2

### **My favourite radio programme.**

You mean the "wireless" of course. I'll go for "The Goon Show" from times past and slip in "In our Time", the Goons were so anarchic and original while Melvyn Bragg's programme is so informative and yet never overly academic.

### **My favourite book**

Had my nose in a book since first learning to read and read a lot of fiction, novels, and short stories, mainly Dickens at present plus poetry, but a lot of non-fiction especially History, Politics etc. I read "Vanity Fair" recently and intend to read it again I was impressed by Thackeray's style and viewpoint on life, a lot of characters but worth persevering to read how Becky Sharp ended up.

### **My guilty pleasure**

I feel guilt at the immense pleasure in acquiring books. I have too many\* but browsing, buying, receiving, and re-reading them gives endless interest and despite several poor efforts at clearing some out, I cannot bring myself to reduce their numbers.

*(\* an obvious fib, book hoarders can't have too many – Ed)*

## Changes to Landline Telephones

Cliff Cordiner

Did you know that the UK's Telephone Network is changing?

History is littered with people credited with inventing something when in fact somebody else did. They just happened to patent the idea first, and Alexander Graham Bell is one of those.

Although there is some debate over who actually invented the telephone, we all know that in 1876 Alexander Graham Bell patented a device he called an acoustic telegraph. A few days later he summoned his assistant in another room by making what is regarded as the first telephone call saying "Mr Watson, come here, I want to see you".

I wonder how many said it will never catch on.

In 1878 Alexander Graham Bell demonstrated the telephone to Queen Victoria who was so impressed she wanted to buy one. In 1879 the first telephone exchange was opened in Coleman Street, London, and had 200 subscribers. In 1891 the first international telephone service opened between London and Paris via a sub-sea cable. Calls were made in special booths and only two people could make a call at any one time. In 1936 the iconic red phone box appeared for the first time and in 1958 Queen Elizabeth II made the first long distance call without the need for an operator when she called the Lord Provost in Edinburgh. It wasn't until 1976 that the last manual exchange was closed to make the UK telephone system fully automated.

In the 1980's things started to go digital and in 1985 the first ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) was launched allowing people to transmit video, and data, as well as voice over the phone network. I wonder what Mr Bell would have thought.

In the 1990's the first dial up internet appeared. In 2000 the first broadband service was launched in the UK, and a sole user in Essex took advantage of the testing period provided by NTL.

Up until then the telephone network used copper cables. Copper wires and analogue signals served the UK for over a century. But, because it has been around for a long time, it is no longer as efficient as it once was, and replacement parts are hard to come by. This is why the analogue telephone network will be switched off on 31st December, 2025.

So by 31st December 2025 everyone in the UK will have been upgraded to a digital phone line, although some service providers are making the change sooner. This means all landline voice calls will be transmitted digitally over the internet like zoom or skype.

**Before the analogue phones are switched off there are some important things you should know to avoid any potential scams, as no doubt the scammers will be hoping to catch us all out.**

Your telephone provider will write to you in advance to let you know when this is happening. You don't need to do anything until your telephone service provider gets in touch with you.

Telephone landlines will still exist, and you can still have a landline telephone. However the network the phone uses will be different. There will be no charge to upgrade to a digital telephone line and in most cases your number won't change either.

Many people will simply plug their phone into their digital hub or broadband router. However if your phone handset is old you may need to change it but your telephone service provider will be able to advise you on this.

One thing to remember is that, unlike the current analogue phone lines, digital phones will not work in a power cut so it would be a good idea to have a mobile phone to use as a back-up if you don't already. Something to bear in mind in case you need to make an emergency call during a power cut.

If you have other devices or services connected to your existing phone line, like a care alarm, smoke alarm or security alarm, you will need to check whether the device or service will work over the new technology. You can do this by contacting the provider of your telecare or security device directly. If you are buying a new device that is linked to the telephone system you should check with the seller or manufacturer that this will be compatible.

Remember also that upgrading your phone line will not need anyone to enter your home unless you specifically ask your service provider for help.

As the switchover will affect millions of homes, this can create an opportunity for criminals to develop new scams. Scam attempts can happen over the phone, via email or in person on your doorstep.

Unscrupulous people may try to sell you equipment or get you to sign up to expensive contracts you don't need. Your service provider will be able to give you information on what you need to do, so it is important that you do not do anything until you have spoken to them. Don't get caught out and remember:

**Stop:** Take a moment to stop and think before parting with money or information

**Challenge:** Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, Refuse, or ignore any requests. Only criminals try to rush or panic you.

**Protect:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud

For more information visit the BT Openreach website at: -

<https://www.openreach.com/upgrading-the-UK-to-digital-phone-lines/for-my-home-or-business>

or the Age UK website at:- <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/consumer-issues/changes-to-landline-telephones/>

Becoming Membership Secretary was not what I envisaged or expected when I joined Hartlepool and District U3A committee, but of course committees don't run themselves and it soon became apparent that there were some jobs up for grabs. So bravely I offered to take on the role of Membership Secretary. Did I know what it involved? Not really, but it all sounded good!

From time to time during committee meetings the term 'Beacon' crept in. What on earth is Beacon I timidly asked? Answer, it is a membership Data Base. All sounds very professional until that is, I had to be introduced to Beacon by our very own intrepid Beacon Administrator, and so, a date was fixed.

With pencil, notepad, laptop and some, what I thought were intelligent questions at the ready we embarked on, not quite the trip of a lifetime but more of a scary moment as with a few taps to the keyboard Beacon in all its glory popped up on the screen. Was I impressed? I have to say yes, whoever put it all together certainly knew what they were doing. Sadly of course, my knowledge was limited in the extreme. My previous employment role didn't include inputting data and sadly my brain has not been set up to comprehend such intricacies.

So, it was onwards but not quite upwards. Needed to provide a password or two. Scrabbling around in my mind I came up with something but by the time the session had ended and our Beacon Administrator had gone home I had forgotten them and couldn't find them in my hastily scribbled notes. Not to worry at confession time two appropriate passwords were formulated and handed over.

Back on track I began inputting new member information and miraculously a new member total automatically appeared, so I put the calculator away! Other data inputting tasks were added to my portfolio of knowledge and it seemed that Beacon and I were getting along quite well until the Third Age Matters (TAM) magazine dropped an email asking if I would mind transporting the addresses of all who have elected to receive this magazine. Would I mind and did I really have any choice? Added to which it all had to be done and dusted within a set time frame. In a calmer moment I noticed the email had included some, how to do notes. The beauty of Beacon is that with a few clicks (more than two or three) plus the much-appreciated support of our intrepid Beacon Administrator, the necessary information for receipt of TAM magazine was produced in a small matter of time and sent on its way.

Some time ago the U3A nationally decided on a fresh look. The logo was retained but the decision was made to leave out the qualifying statement, 'University of the Third Age' and replace it with, 'Learn, Laugh and Live'. It is safe to say that in true u3a form I can qualify the learning aspect, how to work with a data base, live to tell the tale and chuckle at my lack of knowledge and my adventure into the unknown.

At this point in time, sadly I have to hand over the Membership Secretary role. I've done my time but I move on to Business Secretary. Once again I'm on a learning curve, able to tell the tale and no doubt once again chuckle at the scary moments as I navigate the road ahead.

## Poetry Corner

### Out of the mist

Mid-afternoon fret descends  
Aspect across the water  
Fades then disappears.  
Out of the mist  
A 2-masted schooner  
Out of nowhere  
No sails  
No crew  
Drifting silently  
Across the waves  
Eerie  
Enigmatic  
Trick of the light?  
Young couple approaches  
Stop. Ask.  
Had I see it?  
Yes  
Did I know anything about it?  
No  
Retrace steps  
No 2-masted schooner  
Turned round  
No young couple  
Just  
The mist  
The sea  
Me.

Roger Say

### A Drop in the Ocean

Crystal clear water  
Teaming with life  
Creatures  
Swim, float, dive  
Frolic  
In their deep blue Ocean Home  
Crystal clear  
A drop in the Ocean

Corinne Spence

## Flowers at Alnwick Gardens



Barry Liddle

# Directory

## List of New Committee Members for 2023 -2024

### **Chair & Speaker Finder –**

Roger Say

### **Vice Chair–**

Vacant

### **President & Minutes Secretary –**

Linda Sargent

### **Business Secretary –**

Wendy Borthwick

### **Treasurer –**

Cliff Cordiner

### **Membership Secretary –**

Andrea Reid

### **Group Co-ordinator –**

Pauline Williamson

**Committee –** Keith Alder; Irene Archer

## Interest Group Leaders

- **Archaeology/History Group:** Chris McLoughlin
- **Art Appreciation:** Group Leader role shared.
- **Board Games:** Irene Williams.
- **Bridge:** Phil Jefferies.
- **Chess Group:** Roger Say.
- **Creative Writing Group:** Roger Say.
- **Film Group:** Contact Phil Jefferies.
- **Fun with Fabrics:** Ann Say
- **Gardens and Gardening:** Liz Milbourn and Helen Eustace
- **Lawn Bowls:** Ray Elliston.
- **Music:** Steve Cole
- **Natural History Group:** Group Leader role shared.
- **Photography for Fun Group:** Ray Elliston.
- **Quiz Team:** John Campbell.
- **Reading Group:** Andrea Reid
- **Shibashi Exercise Group:** Marjorie Reynolds.
- **Tuesday Book Club:** Mary Waldmeyer
- **'View to Vue':** Roger Say.
- **Walking Group:** Keith Alder

**Watch out for other interest groups starting in September!**

## Roles of Non- Committee Members

**I.T. Support (Website and Beacon)** for a temporary period–

Phil Jefferies

### **Newsletter Editor-**

Barry Liddle

## Copy Wanted for This Newsletter

Articles, Short Stories, Interesting Photographs (with captions), Limericks & Poems.  
Items for the Newsletter's 'Notice Board' are also welcomed.

All contributions to the next Newsletter are most welcome.  
Copy deadline for the next issue is 20 August 2023.

**Barry Liddle, Newsletter Editor**