



Newsletter

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Happy New Year!



Comments from the Chair

We are at the back end of the year now and 2024 will soon be upon us. I hope you have enjoyed our general meetings and have taken advantage of the plethora of interest groups we now have. I attended a meeting of South Durham chairs recently and they were amazed that we had such a large number of groups considering that we are one of the smaller u3as with around 110 members. I would like to give a massive vote of thanks to our Group Coordinator for making this possible, to all the Group leaders who are doing a sterling job, and to all the members who attend these groups. Congratulations all round!

We are gradually filling up our diary with guest speakers for the coming year. In January we have Steve Thompson followed by Frances Wilson in February. Both these speakers live locally so we should not have any problem if the weather is not particularly clement. Steve will be telling us about his life as a musician and songwriter and Frances will be introducing her new talk entitled 'Victorian Entertainment in the Lynn Street area'. Further down the line we welcome back Olly Burton who always gives an interesting and entertaining talk, and Andy Hampson and Kelly Close will be revisiting us with up-to-date information on how to avoid Scams and Fraud Awareness. Of course, we will also leave months open for hosting social events such as the ever-popular fuddle.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and all the committee.

Meanwhile

Take care and look after yourselves.

Roger

Notice Board

Are you looking for a New Year Resolution?

Are you making the most of your u3a membership? As well as our own monthly meetings and interest groups did you know that there is lots of useful and interesting information available on the u3a website at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

In particular there are many FREE zoom sessions that you can register for – see <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes> The National Initiatives showcase a wide range of learning activities for members to get involved in - from challenges and projects to competitions. Some are one-off events and others run over an ongoing period of time. If you have any ideas for future initiatives you can even suggest ones of your own that you would like to see.

The Third Age Trust has developed workshops in partnership with u3a members to provide support, information and advice for all u3a members. All u3a members are welcome to attend these workshops which are informal and informative and provide a great opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with u3a members across the UK. Particularly interesting if you are thinking of volunteering to join our committee or run a group is <https://www.u3a.org.uk/advice/workshops> where you can find a list of forthcoming workshops.

There are also many online talks, courses, and events presented by members themselves, sharing their knowledge or skills with others across the movement. In addition there is also a wide range of talks on offer from well-known speakers and organisations, plus in-person events at venues like the Royal Institution. These include such things as how to protect yourself from fraud, meditation and mindfulness, cryptic crosswords, laughing yoga, cookery demonstrations, and talks on William Morris, Art and Literature, and many more. There really is something for everyone so click on the following link for more details <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

And finally, plans are already underway for “u3a Festival 2024” which will take place between 18th and 20th July 2024 in the beautiful city of York, so save the date in your diary. There will be a wide variety of activities - talks, sporting events, musical entertainment and workshops which will make this first u3a national festival something to remember.

The organisers are keen to strengthen their musical offering so if there are any singers or musicians who would like to attend please get in touch by emailing festival@u3a.org.uk. Don't forget to sign up to the u3a Friends Newsletter to receive Festival '24 updates at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/newsletter>

Why not make it your new-year resolution to try something different.

Cliff Cordiner

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thanks to everyone who came to our Christmas Lunch at the Marine. And special thanks to Pauline for her organisation, taking the money etc. Unfortunately Pauline was not able to stay with us for lunch as she was feeling very unwell. I hope you are chirpier now Pauline.

A special thank you to everyone who donated to the Hospice Quiz. We raised the grand sum of £35.50 for the Hartlepool Hospice.

Here are the answers to the anagrams:

1. Santa Claus is coming
2. The holly and the ivy
3. Frosty the snowman
4. Away in a manger
5. Ding Dong Merrily
6. White Christmas
7. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
8. Good King Wenceslas
9. We three kings of Orient are
10. Little Donkey
11. Mary's Boy Child
12. The first Noel

I must apologise if I confused some people about the next real quiz. The challenge Stockton quiz. It is on TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY at 2 pm at the Hub (Central Library) Community Room. You would think that I could remember it, as I am the quizmaster! Incidentally, Stockton didn't win the regional quiz, so let's see what we can do this time. We've got some new people interested in Team Hartlepool. They could be the super-brains we need.

Jacky Armstrong

COFFEE AND CHAT

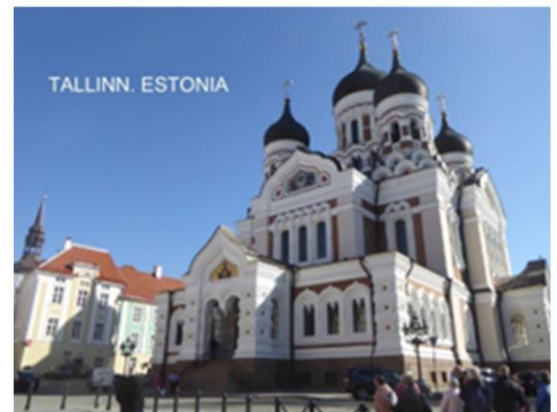
Coffee and chat will be at the Golden Lion on Monday 5th February at 10.30.

Everyone is welcome.

Jacky Armstrong

Holidays

New Year is often the time when our thoughts turn to spring and summer holidays. To get you in the mood, **Bill Horsley** has sent in 2 photographs he took on a Baltic cruise with his wife last May.



Ho: Ho: Ho!

Question: Which Geordie famously looked out on the Feast of Stephen?

Answer: Good King Wencer's lass.

Question: How does she like her pizza?

Answer: Deep pan, crisp and even.

Phil Jefferies

Art Appreciation Meetings 2024

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.30 in the central hub (town library). There is a charge of £2 that goes towards the hire of the room.

- January 10th Members to talk about paintings showing winter scenes.
- February 14th Richard Waldemeyer will talk about Eric Revilius. Wood engraver, designer, water colourist and war artist.
- March 13th Angela Thomas from the art archives at William Grey Museum will talk about the collection.

Please could you let us know if you intend to attend. We want at least 10 people to attend. If there are not sufficient numbers we will open this up to other u3a members.

- April 10th Malcolm Davies, a Hartlepool artist and a member of the art club, will talk about his art work or his stain glass work.

The other meetings are to be arranged. A well-known artist in the town, Roy Carless, will give a talk to the group at a future date.

If you have any ideas or contacts, please let us know. We want our meetings to be enjoyable and fun.

Irene and Andrea.

WESLEY CHURCH BUILDING PAST AND EXCITING FUTURE

As you know, Wesley is in the process of being rejuvenated as a building. The Hartlepool Civic Society are holding a Wesley event on Friday 9th February at 2 pm at the Salvation Army in Park Road, Hartlepool.

Olwyn Hart, a member of the society has done extensive research on Wesley's inception and past.

There will be memories and photographs of Wesley Methodist Church from some former members. We are also having a speaker to give us an update on Wesley's future. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to look round the exhibits.

If you have any memories of the church, or photographs, we would love to share them. They can be put on our email wesleytalk.jacky@gmail.com or you could give them to Jacky Armstrong.

Some of you will never have heard of the Civic Society, so this is your opportunity to find out what they do. The whole presentation will be to accentuate the positive of the town with a view to reintroducing some pride in our heritage.

You are invited to this afternoon by the Hartlepool Civic Society. There is no entry charge. What more could you want!

Jacky Armstrong

Word of the Month (1)

My word of the month is ERSATZ. Meaning something made in imitation. Do you remember several years ago when coffee was in short supply and chicory was used as a coffee substitute. Would that be an example of ersatz coffee? If you agree or don't agree, please feel free to get in touch.

Barry Liddle

Word of the Month (2)

It's New Year so I'm going to offer-up a second 'word of the month', which is LIBATION. Libation is a drink poured as an offering to the gods. Over the history of human kind, I'm sure a few libations have been poured on New Year's Eve!

Barry Liddle

Gardens and Gardening Group



Our November Garden group meeting was a Christmas Table decoration making session at St Mathew's Church Hall on November 27th. The session was led by Anita and she was very helpful showing us how to attempt to make table decorations as artistic as hers! She also very kindly brought several examples of Christmas table arrangements that she had made beforehand and she donated one to be raffled off for garden group funds.

There wasn't much interest in having a December meeting, no doubt everybody is rushing round getting things ready for Christmas.

The next garden group meeting will be on the 22nd of January at 2pm, the venue will be arranged once we know the likely numbers of people who would like to attend. The talk will be by Dave Stubbs, who I have been told is an excellent speaker and he will be talking about allotments, and this talk will be followed up by a visit to Dave's allotment sometime during the summer. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to attend Dave's talk so we can arrange where it is to be held.

We are hoping that the February visit will be to the annual snowdrop trail in Greatham, which next year is provisionally arranged for Sunday February 18th between 1pm and 4pm.

Helen and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Liz Milbourn

What Could Possibly Go Wrong

Joan Hannon

Twenty-five years is quite a milestone. These days many marriages don't last that long. It was up to me to raise the subject. Tom, like many men wasn't one for remembering birthdays and anniversaries. It was decided that we would celebrate by going to the Golden Anchor at Dalton Piercy. We were joined by our daughter Lynne and her fiancé Bob, to whom she had recently become engaged, also our younger son Thomas.

Our meal was booked for seven pm, so we all dressed up for the occasion and climbed into the Moscovitch that Tom referred to as the Tank. My husband had owned a number of cars during his lifetime, some of them had seen better days. I would often find him with his head underneath the bonnet taking the engine apart or patching up the body with glass fibre.

As we set off it was raining heavily with flashes of lightening in the distance. When we arrived at the restaurant we found our table and ordered the meal. The evening seemed to pass quickly, with enjoyable food and the company of my family, I was feeling relaxed and content. When it was time to leave, Tom paid the bill, then once outside laughing and joking we all piled back into the tank. "I think I'll drive home through the back roads" said Tom. It was still raining heavily as we started the return journey home and except for the headlights, it was pitch black outside.

After traveling a few miles, for no apparent reason the car stopped, the engine cut out and all the lights went out (silence), fortunately at that moment the moon peeped out from behind the clouds. Peering through the windscreen we could see that the bonnet of the car was level with water. We had come to a dip in the road which had flooded with rainwater due to the storm. "Father there's water over my ankles" then "father there's water over my knees" declared young Thomas from the back seat, "okay everybody bail out" shouted Tom.

Alighting from the passenger seat with my long black coat over my head, my feet immersed up to my knees in water, Thomas was behind me cursing under his breath. Bob left the back seat on the right with his feet ending up in a ditch drenching his trousers, turning around he lifted Lynne up throwing her over his shoulder carrying her to higher ground. We were standing wondering what to do next, when Tom remembered reading somewhere that an inn keeper was responsible for the safety of his customers and would provide a bed for the night.

As it wasn't far, we made our way back to The Golden Anchor. Sorry said the manager on hearing Toms proposal, I'm afraid I don't have the facilities to do that. Then, he suggested that if we waited around for a while he would take us home in the minibus provided for the staff. Traveling around dropping of individual members of staff we finally arrived home. The next day the flooding had subsided so Tom's friend and workmate Dougie drove him to where the Moskovitch was stranded, both were amazed when the Engine immediately fired up.

Poetry Corner

Ode to the feral pigeon

O hail the feral pigeon
Who nobody likes a lot
In fact if everyone owned a gun
Most likely we'd end up being shot
And yet we are o so 'umble
Just trying to earn an 'onest crust
You can either give us some grub
Or shoo us away if you must
We never knowingly complain
Or fly away in a huff
If you flap or wave your arms
We'll be gone with a coo in a puff
Of course we might return again
In case you changed your mind
It's always worth a few goes
Persistence works well I find
So next time you espy me
I'm Percy the pigeon by name
Just spare me the odd morsel or two
Next thing you know I'll be tame
I can make you a regular donor
A purveyor of very good deeds
I can heartily assure you
I'm a pigeon with very few needs
I can wake you up in the morning
And bid you a very good night
You can have a pal for life
Just as long as you see me right

Roger Say

There was a young woman called Mandy.
Who found herself lost in a maize
She couldn't get out
So she started to shout
Oh no is it one of those days.

Joan Hannon

O what shall my Christmas feast be?
Not turkey, perhaps kedgerree?
Just something that's pleasant
Like Salmon or pheasant
Or partridge (without the pear tree)

And what is this strange turtle dove?
A bird that can fly up above?
Or swim in the sea?
It's a myst'ry to me
Some answers I really would love

Some Hogmanay parties I'm sure
Have pipers and drummers galore
The Lords all romancing
The Ladies a-dancing
And probably hoping to score

Phil Jefferies

Miscellaneous

'Being Sent to Coventry'

'Sending someone to Coventry' means punishing a person by refusing to speak to them. Does anyone know the origins of this phrase? Why Coventry? Why not Birmingham, Elmers End or British West Hartlepool? If you have the answer, send it to me for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Barry Liddle

New Year Quiz: Compiled by Barry Liddle

(Answers on Page 11)

1 Big Ben rings out to mark the New Year. But where is Big Ben located?

- a) Westminster Abbey
- b) The Elizabeth Tower, Palace of Westminster
- c) The Tower of London

2 In which year did the Euro become the official currency in 11 European countries on 1st January?

- a) 1985
- b) 1999
- c) 2004

3 The New Year Sprint (formerly the Powderhall Sprint) dates back to 1870 and is the name of a handicap race for professional athletes. In which Country is it held?

- a) Ireland
- b) Scotland
- c) Wales

4 What is Hogmanay?

- a) Hogmanay is the Scottish word for a firework display on New Year's Eve.
- b) Hogmanay is the Scots word for the last day of the old year and is synonymous with the celebration of the New Year in the Scottish manner.
- c) Hogmanay is the Scots word for sharing whisky with friends and family on the last day of New Year.

5 Who was the compere of The White Heather Club, a TV show broadcast as an annual New Years Eve party by the BBC from 1957 -1968?

- a) Harry Lauder
- b) Will Fyffe
- c) Andy Stewart

6 Auld Lang Syne is traditionally sung at midnight to bid farewell to the old year. It is based on a poem by:

- a) Robert Burns
- b) Sir Walter Scott
- c) William Falconer

7 The First Foot on New Years Day is thought to bring:

- a) Whisky and good cheer!
- b) Good Luck!
- c) Faith, hope and charity.

8 In which City is the New Years Day Concert broadcast across Europe, featuring the music of the Strauss family?

- a) Berlin
- b) Prague
- c) Vienna

9 The 'Still' for making Whisky is usually made of:

- a) Copper
- b) Stainless Steel
- c) Wood

10 How often do we get Leap Years?

- a) Every 2 years
- b) Every 4 years
- c) Every 10 years

11 If you receive an OBE in the New Years Honour List, what does it stand for?

- a) Officer of the Order of the British Empire
- b) Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
- c) Officer of the Overseas British Empire

12 Jools Holland hosts an annual 'Hootenanny' TV show on the BBC on New Years Eve. What does Hootenanny mean?

- a) It is an old Scottish word for Music.
- b) It is an old country word for 'party' or 'get-together'.
- c) It is a party devoted to food and drink.

13 A glass of Prosecco goes down well at New Year. In which country is it made?

- a) France
- b) Italy
- c) Spain

14 Gravlax makes a nice starter to the New Year Lunch. But what is Gravlax?

- a) Dry cured salmon from Sweden
- b) Poached Salmon served at room temperature.
- c) A Scandinavian dish of dry-cured salmon marinated in herbs.

15 In the New Years Honours List for 2023, which of the following people in the world of art and entertainment, did not receive a knighthood?

- a) Grayson Perry
- b) Brian May
- c) Paul McCartney

16 Which one of the following historical events is true:

- a) January 1, 1801 - Ireland was added to Great Britain by an Act of Union thus creating the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
- b) January 1, 1801 – Wales became a Principality within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
- c) January 1, 1801 – the Channel Islands was added to Great Britain by an Act of Union thus becoming part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

17 Advocaat is a traditional Dutch alcoholic beverage, often consumed at New Year. What is it made from?

- a) Eggs, sugar, and brandy.
- b) Citrus fruits, sugar and brandy
- c) Eggs, sugar and vodka

18 A cheese board is often a favourite at New Year, and 'Stinking Bishop' is a popular newcomer. Where is it made?

- a) Leicestershire
- b) Gloucestershire
- c) Lancashire.

I Didn't Know I Could Speak French

Barry Liddle

I hated French at school and dropped the subject as soon as I could. Which means that when in France for I can only ask for a coffee, say hello and ask directions to the railway station and that's about it. But it seems I've been understanding and speaking a great deal more French without ever knowing it. Apparently there are about 800 French words in common usage in the English Language and in an epiphany moment, I realised that I knew and used many of them. The following is a selection of words and phrases I am most familiar with, you may be surprised at how many you can also recognise:

- *Aide Memoire*: is using something to aid your memory. I often used to put an asterisk or scribble a brief note next to an important item on the agenda at a work meeting to remind me to make a specific point about this issue. Also, I frequently annotated a printed copy of a speech with the odd handwritten word or phrase to remind me to tell a particular anecdote or joke (even if it is a bad one) at that point.
- *A la carte*: when sitting down in a restaurant you are always presented with a menu. You can go either 'a la carte' and choose individual items from the full menu for each course or you can choose from thriftier options within a restricted set menu.
- *Apéritif*: I'm very fond of these, an alcoholic drink taken before a meal to stimulate the appetite. The most memorable *Apéritif* I had was at a work meeting in France. I was introduced to a *Kir Royale*, which is a glass part filled with Crème de Cassis (a liqueur made from blackcurrants) and then filled with Champagne. Delicious.
- *Attaché*: is a person on the staff of an ambassador having a specialized area of responsibility. Spies are often working as Cultural Attaches or similar and from time to time are deported during periods of international conflict.
- *Au naturel*: if you are eating a particular ingredient *au naturel* it means you are eating it in a pure state without any sauces or embellishments. Secondly, if you see someone on the beach sunbathing naked, then they would definitely be 'Au naturel'. Although going 'Au naturel' on Hartlepool's bracing beaches is a rare sight indeed!
- *Au Revoir*: perhaps not used very often, but it has its use when you want to say goodbye until we meet again rather than just goodbye.
- *Avant-garde*: are new or experimental ideas/methods made popular in art, cinema, music and literature. As a student I once attended a night of avant-garde cinema.
- *Bête Noire*: is someone you dislike who keeps turning up like an old penny. Perhaps a former work colleague you regularly crossed paths with who made your life difficult or a sporting rival from your youth, who despite your best efforts, was just that little bit better than you and you could never close the gap on them.

- *Bon appétit*: We have all occasionally been to a smart restaurant where the waiter said *Bon appétit (enjoy your meal)*.
- *Bonbons*: as nearly every child knows, are sweets.
- *Bonhomie*: In profiles and obituaries, certain public figures are sometimes described as having great bonhomie, meaning their personality is genial, cheerful and friendly. The former broadcaster Terry Wogan would be a good example.
- *Café au lait*: Coffee with milk, often in equal quantities.
- *Chauffeur*: I expect we have all, if only once, been transported in a Chauffeur driven car.
- *Cul-de-sac*: My former house in Birmingham was located within a crescent shaped *Cul-de-sac*. Which means a street with only one inlet or outlet, you might call it a 'dead-end'.
- *Coup de Grace*: Literally means administering the final blow to kill a wounded person or animal. However, most people use it in the context of an action or event that is the last straw in a badly deteriorating situation. For example Hartlepool United were losing the match but the *Coup de Grace* came in the 90th minute when Pools captain scored a spectacular own goal!
- *Déjà vu*: We have all had that rare moment when we view a situation and get a feeling that we have already experienced it. It is as if the brain records the event twice.
- *Enfant Terrible*: is a person in any organisation or profession who stands out because of their unconventional or controversial views or behaviour.. Keeping the football analogy going, Eric Cantona was always viewed as the *Enfant Terrible* of French National Football.
- *Fait Accompli*: is something that has already happened or been decided before those affected here of it, so they have no option but to accept it. Keeping the football analogy going, Hartlepool's players were informed that the manager had been sacked on the opening day of the new season.
- *Fem Fatale*: is a women who attracts a man by her allure and charm into dangerous or compromising positions. A common character in books and movies, such as Glenn Close in the film 'Fatal Attraction'.
- *Haute Couture*: I'm sure all the ladies in our U3A are familiar with this term, which describes expensive, fashionable clothes produced by leading fashion houses.

- *Joie de Vivre*: if someone is filled with '*Joie de Vivre*' it means they have an exuberant enjoyment of life. Not a term often associated with long term Hartlepool United supporters.
- *Laissez Faire*: when I used to write and teach economics, *Laissez Faire* was often used to describe policies of minimal government interference in the economy. The term means 'allow to do' in French.
- *Malaise*: a general sense of depression or unease.
- *nee*: is a French word used to identify a woman by her maiden family name. If you read the weekly obituary columns in *Hartlepool Life*, you will see this word in common usage.
- *Niche*: often used to describe a specialized market for a particular kind of product or service.
- *Nouveau riche*: a derogatory term to describe newly rich people perceived as lacking in good taste. Typically they spend their newly acquired wealth ostentatiously on multiple cars, Rolex watches and several holidays a year!
- *Par Avion*: this means by aeroplane or airmail. You may remember those old lightweight airmail envelopes bought from the Post Office with Par Avion printed on them and red, white and blue edging around the envelope.
- *Par Excellence*: a term used to describe the highest degree or very best of its kind.
- *Rendez-vous* (*rendezvous* in English) meaning a meeting at an agreed time and place. Frequently used in Spy novels.
- *Répondez s'il vous plaît*: means 'respond, if you please'. If you have ever sent out formal invitations, then it is almost certain you would have had RSVP printed at the bottom of the card so that you can gauge how many will be attending your event.
- *Tour de Force*: a performance or achievement that has been accomplished or managed with great skill.

Answers to New Year Quiz

1b;2b;3b;4b;5c;6a;7b;8c;9a;10b;11a;12b;13b;14c;15c;16a;17a;18b.

Dear Sir,

Re Cliff Cordiner's article about his great grandfather's diaries in last month's December Newsletter...

I note his first job was operating the blower for the church organ. This reminded me of my uncle, who used to be a priest in the wilds of the Canadian prairies. The only person they could get to blow the organ was a teenage boy who would have been called a Red Indian back in those days. I can't remember whether the lad was an atheist or whether he worshiped the gods of his ancestors, but suffice to say he thought the sermon was an ideal time to have a snooze (maybe some of the parishioners felt the same way!). My uncle had a discrete hand signal by which he alerted the organist (my aunt) that the sermon was drawing to a close and that she should arouse the lad from his slumbers.

Phil Jefferies

Dear Sir

In a recent communication from Roger, I noticed that that one u3a has an 'Outings and Travel Group.' Does anyone fancy that? Maybe a trip to Holy Island, Whitby or other exotic places in the summer. Please let Pauline or me know.

Jacky Armstrong

Dear Sir

Re your quiz question about the Twelve Days of Christmas in the December Newsletter...

There's another version in which Eight Eton Old-Boys are mentioned, but it's perhaps best not to sing those words until everyone has had at least a couple of sherries.

Phil Jefferies

Editor's Note:

Both Martin Green and Phil Jefferies responded to 'the word of the month', in the December Newsletter. They were both keen to point out that 'Ferrules' are not only found on walking sticks, can also be found on many other objects and are generally used for fastening, joining or sealing and are often made of metal or plastic.

Dear Sir ...Re The shipping forecast ...

Roger mentions this in the December Newsletter and says, "One of these days I might even try to discover where the places mentioned actually are!". Long ago, I obtained a copy of the Weetabix Wonderworld Atlas. The kids ate the Weetabix (I can't remember how many packet tops we had to send in) and I stumped up 40p for post and packing. I still have this excellent publication, aimed at children but entirely suitable for adults too. Among other things, it has a map of the seas around our shores with the sea areas marked. My sister pointed out that Finisterre is French for Land's End (finis = end, terre = land). Another thing about the shipping forecasts, they sometimes give the wind direction and then say that it will be veering or backing to a different direction later. Do these two words mean the same thing? No! Veering means the weather vane will rotate in a clockwise direction, backing means anti-clockwise (my dad told me that, it was part of his RAF pilot's training).

Phil Jefferies

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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 January 2024.

Barry Liddle, Newsletter Editor