

## Littleborough u3a August Newsletter

### August 2023

Dear Littleborough u3a members,

Welcome to your August newsletter. Summertime and the living is ... wet! The garden is green and lush and the slugs and frogs are very happy. But the barbecue remains packed up in the shed for now at least. We live in hope, however, of a return to the sunshine. If you are going away on holiday, I hope you have a lovely time whatever the weather. If you are staying at home, I hope you are finding nice things to do. If, like me, you are minding grandchildren, I recommend building dens in the living room and walking in the rain with full permission to splash in all the puddles. It leaves the house in chaos and keeps the washing machine busy.

In case this looks different, I am trying to use the new font as required by the u3a Trust Brand Guidelines. What do you think of it? .

In this issue you will find:

1. News:
  - a. More information about Littleborough u3a annual Open Day
  - b. IT Clinic cancelled
  - c. A note for group convenors
2. August Monthly Meeting
3. Outings and Foodies
4. News from the Groups
5. Secret corners of Littleborough – answers to the photo quiz

The theme for this month's photos is 'Locks and Locks'



Secret Corners of Littleborough: Photo Number 1. Barely a lock?

## 1. News

a. **u3a Open Day** This drop-in event will be 1–4pm on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Coach House. Please put the date in your diaries and tell anybody you know who might be interested in coming along. Many u3a groups have already signed up to be present and to display activities and outcomes. If your group has yet to say what you want to do, please contact Cindy Drinkwater. We also have a list of names of members who have volunteered to help on the day, serving refreshments or greeting people as they come in. The craft group will be making table decorations and rosettes – see below. Please find time to join us and tell anyone who is interested in the u3a or wants to know what we do.

b. **IT Clinic @ Hare Hill House**

The monthly IT Clinic at Hare Hill House planned for Monday 7th August has had to be cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances. This means that the next meeting will be 2pm on Monday 4th September. Members signed up to the IT Clinic have received an email advising, but just alerting as well, via the newsletter.

c. **A Special Note for Group Convenors**

I would like to produce a special newsletter just for group convenors after the September open event. It can include news from the event, information about new groups and anything else that you would find useful. Please do let me know if you would like to see anything in particular in this newsletter. It is likely that it

will be only a one-off or maybe an annual thing so please let me know what you would be interested in.



Secret Corners of Littleborough: Photo Number 2.  
Yellowbrick Road Lock

## 2. Littleborough u3a Monthly Meetings.

I missed it myself but I am told that Winifred Conway, the July speaker, was excellent and we very much hope she will come back again to talk to us.

Our August speaker also looks entertaining and informative. **Tax, Care and Toy Boys**. On Monday the 14th of August 2pm at the Coach House our speaker will be **Matthew Martin** from The Coop Legal Department who will be explaining to us why it is so important to get our financial matters sorted and how to go about it in order to avoid our hard earned money falling into the wrong hands.

Even if you think that you are money wise, I'm sure we can all learn something that we didn't know. I look forward to seeing you all on the 14th August at 2pm.



Secret Corners of Littleborough: Photo number 3

Got its number?

### 3. Outings and Foodies

#### a) Outings

##### Visit to Lytham Hall

36 members had a very enjoyable day visiting Lytham Hall. It began with an introduction to the Hall whilst we had coffee. We then had a very informative tour of the splendid building. We spent the afternoon in the town, and all found some good places to eat. Unfortunately, we had a rather lengthy journey home as the coach broke down. We intend to return in 2024, so more of you can enjoy this lovely place. Here are the pictures –without the unscheduled visit to Owd Betts.



## Upcoming Outings

There are still some places on the following trips.

✚ August 24<sup>th</sup> – RHS Bridgewater – £18 Coach plus £12 entry for non RHS members.

✚ September 15<sup>th</sup> – Harrogate or Harrogate Flower Show – £22 Coach plus £25 Flower Show entry if desired.

For details or to reserve a place/check availability please contact Sandra Kokocki via the website Outings page or by email: [sandrakokocki12@gmail.com](mailto:sandrakokocki12@gmail.com)



Secret Corners of Littleborough: Photo number 4. We have been here before

## 4. News from the Groups

????? **Quiz Group** Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> in the Red Lion Pub at 2.30pm



**Craft Group** August 31<sup>st</sup> Hare Hill House 1pm to 3pm

In this session we will be creating table decorations and rosettes for the Open day on September 30<sup>th</sup>. You can just turn up on the day if you wish to help.



Secret Corners of Littleborough: Photo number 5: Steep setts

## 5. Secret Corners of Littleborough

Picture Number 1: Barely a lock?: On a gate in Barehill Street

Picture Number 2: Yellowbrick Road: At Ealees Lock

Picture Number 3: Got its number? Ealees Lock

Picture Number 4: We have been here before: At the cottages at Ealees

Picture Number 5: Steep Setts: The ramp up to Durn lock

Wait a minute ... is that sunshine I see? I must hang out the washing, dead head the roses ... I will see you soon at a u3a event somewhere. Meanwhile, Happy Summertime. Very best wishes to you all,

Jo Wiggans