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A huge number of other UK special days and anniversaries

There are loads of UK special days and weeks; google for exhausting lists, but beware of US sites (which include National Burger Day etc!). Some UK examples of special weeks and anniversaries include World Hearing Day on 3 March, Commonwealth Day is celebrated on 11 March and it's the Commonwealth's 75th anniversary year, and the Commonwealth Year of Youth, Social Prescribing Day on 14 March, Spring Equinox on 20 March, National Gardening Week from 29 April to 5 May, Creativity and Wellbeing Week is 20 to 26 May, English Wine Week from 25 May to 2 June, Loneliness Awareness Week from 17 to 23 June etc etc etc.

You may have a Lakeland store near to you; Lakeland is 50 years old in 2024. A great opportunity to have a '50 gadgets demonstration' for 50 minutes at your Monthly Meeting and send, via the speaker, lots of your u3a leaflets, to recruit new members who are relatives/friends/neighbours of Lakeland staff.

Also, Birds Eye is 100 years old in 2024! An interesting opportunity to organise a 'Posh Fish Finger Sandwich Party' with sponsorship and free fish fingers from your local supermarket. Again, by distributing your u3a leaflets to all of the managerial, check-out and warehouse staff - raising the profile of u3a and, maybe, attracting new members from those staff about to retire.

2024 marks 20 years since the birth of Facebook, the 50th Anniversary of ABBA's Eurovision Song Contest victory, 70 years since Roger Bannister ran a mile under four minutes, the bicentenary of the death of Lord Byron and the 500th Anniversary of the death of Portuguese explorer, Vasco da Gama.

2024 is 200 years since the National Gallery opened in London and the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool is one of only twelve galleries and the only one in our region, across the UK, exhibiting 'National Treasures' on loan from the National Gallery (the only surviving nude artwork by artist Diego Velázquez, 'The Rokeby Venus', from 10 May).