

## **Notes From the Chair.**

Just a warning...don't mention hosepipe bans!

How can you just lose a ship, hopefully this month's speaker will give us some insight into that very question!

The Travel group have been photographed prior to their latest adventure to Syon Park, a formidable group they look.

Advance date for your diary - The AGM for 2022-2023 will be held in the Community Centre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July starting at 11:00 and will precede the monthly speaker.

Save the date – We'll be having a Summer Gathering with Pimms and stuff on the  $22^{nd}$  July so keep the date free

## June Speaker Brian Margeston

## The Mysterious Loss of the SS Waratah

Brian Margetson has always been fascinated by mysteries and tales of discovery. Having spent his career designing buildings, he is now semi-retired and today will tell us of the mysterious loss of the SS Waratah.

In the early hours of 27th July 1909, the Waratah overtook another steamship, the Clan MacIntyre, off the east coast of South Africa. That was to be the last positive sighting of Waratah. To this day, no debris, wreckage, or bodies have ever been found. She simply vanished with 211 passengers and crew. One passenger, who disembarked at her last port of call, had premonitions of her demise, and succeeded in adding an additional swirl of mystery to the loss.

Did she succumb to a giant wave, was she fundamentally unstable, or perhaps an alien abduction was involved. There are no shortages of theories as to her disappearance, and the audience can choose their favourite.

June's Monthly Meeting is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June in the Community Centre. Doors open 10:45 meeting starts at 11:00.

<u>Don't forget to please have your</u> <u>new membership card to hand as</u> <u>we will be checking them.</u>

Brian Bilston's poem not displayed due to copyright restrictions.

We will be having a Summer Gathering complete with Cream Tea and...Pimms and...entertainment by the u3a Guitar group!!!!

Date: 22nd July

Place: Heath End Village Hall and on the Green

Time: 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Cost: £5.00

Tickets: Purchase at the June and July monthly

meeting

A number of our committee members, including the Secretary, will be stepping down at this year's AGM. Although we have been lucky enough for two of our members to step up to the role of committee member there's still room for more. So please if you feel that you can help the committee in anyway do contact us on <a href="mailto:TandDu3a@gmail.com">TandDu3a@gmail.com</a> or speak to us at the monthly meeting. We're especially looking for someone to help with media/communications/publicity.

Apropos of not much, those who have friends in the States will only be too aware that their kids started their summer break at the end of May, it's no surprise they invented summer camps. Talk about the endless days of summer!

You can always contact us on email TandDu3a@gmail.com



If you still haven't picked up your new membership card, then the June Monthly meeting is the opportunity to do so.

Don't forget significant building is still taking place at the TCC.

Entrance to the TCC for the monthly meeting is through the double fire doors on the right of the building.