



# Newsletter 28-05-2022



The [Drama Group](#) will be performing “22 Crumpsall Road”, an original play written by member, Dave Ballinger at St James’ Church Hall, Lulworth Road on Saturday 23rd July at 7.30pm and Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £5 and available at u3a meetings in June and July, or by contacting Angela on 07834594290 or Peter on 07528332097.

There are still some people who are owed refunds for tickets purchased for our panto which we had to cancel. Please see us at a meeting for refund or to exchange tickets for the play.



Most people probably wish at some time, that they could turn back the clock to their youth. This video doesn’t exactly do that, but it is an interesting view of the before and after of some of the beautiful people.

Click [HERE](#) to watch it.



At a time when a certain person is celebrating their Platinum Jubilee, virtual tours of the Chelsea Pensioners seems quite appropriate.

The tours are all based in the Royal Hospital Chelsea and cover many aspects of its history, including the famous men in red.

Click [HERE](#) to access the tours.



One of our members, Shirley Hale, recently swam 22 miles, the equivalent of swimming The Channel, in aid of Diabetes UK.

The Channel not being local, Shirley swam the distance in a pool, with a lot of early morning starts.

The challenge continues until 22nd June so Shirley set her own challenge, to try and finish it before the official closing date. Happily, she achieved this.

Having made it to France, Shirley has had her wine, cheese, pate and lovely French bread and is now swimming back. She is two miles off shore and has raised over £700 to date.

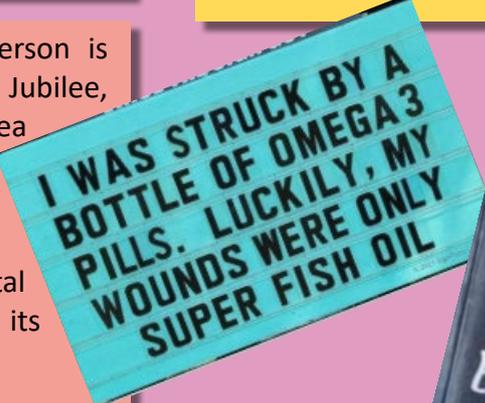
**A big congratulations to Shirley.**

The latest Poetry magazine, sponsored by The Fringe U3A Poets, is available by clicking [HERE](#).



This edition received a huge number of international submissions from across the UK, Ireland, North and South America, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Africa- particularly Nigeria, and India and Nepal.

Phil McNulty



The Gin experience with OYCZ was excellent!

The session started with a **Liverpool Gin & Tonic** to try it, while the staff, Fayed and Joe, were setting up the workshop.

The workshop started with an explanation of how the botanicals were chosen to achieve the desired flavours. This enabled us to formulate our gins using a range of botanical flavours measured using very accurate scales, accurate to 1/100th gramme.

We enjoyed a **second gin** during the workshop.

The botanical ingredients were added to raw grain spirit, stirred well and heated to start the distillation process. It was interesting to **taste the distillate** during the various stages of the process, noting the changes in flavour. The distillate was poured into bottles which we corked and sealed with wax.

We named our gins. Mine is called Winter Warmer because I used warming flavours including ginger, liquorice and nutmeg. Alison called hers Poet's Ruin. Labels were printed to give a very professional finish to the bottles.

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Afterwards we returned to the bar for **two more speciality Gin & Tonics**.

What a good job we were walking to the station!

Malcolm Chisholm



1 What do climbers call a peak higher than 3000 feet (914 metres)?

2 Which country did Baseball originate from?



3 In poker, which hand is more valuable, flush or full house?

4 Which snooker player is nicknamed 'The Whirlwind'?

5 What is the most valuable piece in a game of chess?

6 How many pockets does a snooker table have?

7 Which football player was the captain of the England team after Martin Keown?

8 Who won the 2003 British Open golf tournament?



9 What is a bet on numbers 1-18 in a game of roulette called?

10 Did Stirling Moss ever win the World Championship?

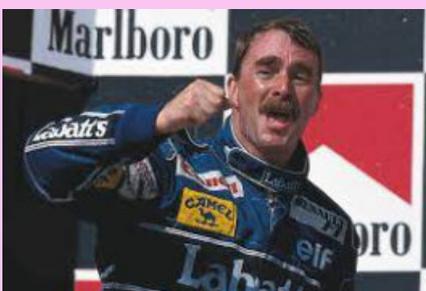
11 What is the name given to a jockey's uniform?

12 How many periods is an ice hockey game divided into?

13 What colours are the five Olympic rings?

14 How many holes are there in a standard ten pin bowling ball?

15 How many motorbikes take place in a speedway race?



16 What is the height and width of a football goal?

17 What Year did Nigel Mansell become world champion?

18 Which country hosted the Football World

Cup in 2006?

19 What is the white target ball known as in bowls?

20 Which footballer has an autobiography called Addicted?



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
At:- Fleetwood Hesketh Club  
Fylde Road  
Southport  
PR9 9XH

Arrive 7pm  
for 7.30pm start



Includes:- Hotpot Supper & Raffle

## Cash Prizes

Tickets £9  
from Neil Mc Millan at the monthly meeting  
Or email [neilmcmillan6@hotmail.com](mailto:neilmcmillan6@hotmail.com)



Recently, some of the members of Short Walks 1 travelled to Ormskirk to walk a part of the [Yellowhammer Route](#).

Pic 1 (left): The group is pictured behind the ornate gate at the entrance to Gorse Hill Nature Reserve.



Pic 2 (right): For a moment or two we thought we were seriously lost when we came across the huge giraffes in the second picture.



Pic 3 (left): The walk was not quite as long as we had anticipated so some members felt in need of extra exercise at the "gym" in Coronation Park.

# Sail Away - with the u3a



This month saw the first of the three “Try Sailing” days organised by Chris Howorth and West Lancs Sailing Club taking place on the Southport Lake. Sixteen budding sailors took part, ably guided by experienced West Lancs members. They had a great day out on the lake and quickly proved their abilities on the water. All this accompanied by a great home-made lunch provided by the Sailing Club. There are two more events organised through the summer.



On the 16th May 2022 the coach trip group had an enjoyable day out to Llangollen. The town being famous for the musical Eisteddfod every July.

On arrival we boarded a barge for a two hour canal cruise on the Llangollen canal. We had a very relaxing journey which was accompanied with some delicious refreshments with scenic Welsh countryside passing by. The highlight of the journey was crossing the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. This is 18 arched stone cast iron structure originally used by narrow boats. It was completed in 1805 and took ten years to design and build. The architect being Thomas Telford. Being 38 metres high and 307 metres in length.

Following the cruise we had some free time to explore Llangollen and the local eateries! There was some pleasant walks within easy distance of the town centre particularly along the river Dee.



# ARE OYCZ BECOMING CHOCOHOLICS?

On the 17th May the OYCZ group had yet another successful workshop at Chocolate Whirled. This time by special request from Brian Mitchell the theme was a jubilee event. This meant that Laura and Simon had to research items for us to make. They managed to get official edible jubilee stickers that could be fixed to lollipops. They also gave us Union Flag designs so that we could make the flag using 3 shades of chocolate - white, milk and dark. Finally we decorated 6 miniature truffles, made of ganache, with sprinkles - 2 each in red, white and blue.

We have left them with a wish for more workshops in the autumn. We have asked for hallowe'en and guy Fawkes themes. We will wait with great expectations



The OYCZ group also had yet another successful workshop at Fishfingers Creative Clay in Birkdale. This time we made owls. They will be glazed with coloured liquid glass in July.

*Brian Mitchell*



At this month's meeting we announced a project to implement a new membership system to replace Beacon. This system is called 'Simple Membership' and, following a successful feasibility study, work is now ongoing to get it ready to meet the requirements of our members.

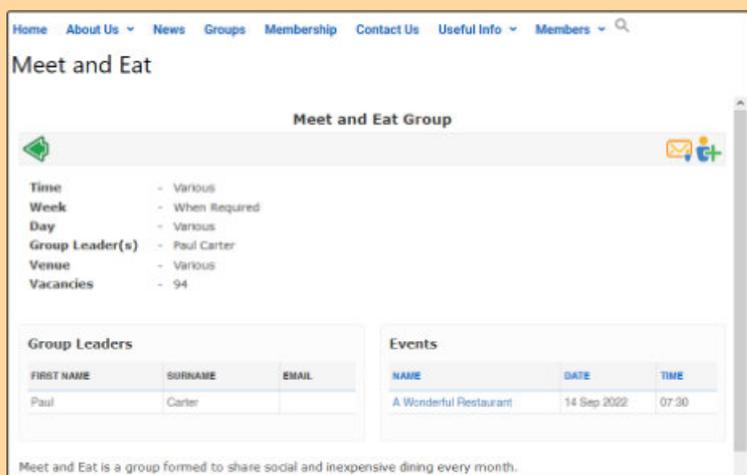
Simple Membership brings major benefits for our general membership, group leaders and club officers. One of the main benefits to the general membership is that it is integrated within our website, so groups and events can be joined directly from the website, no need to open a separate system.

Over the coming months a small working party, made up of two group leaders and selected members of the committee, will be testing the system. Once it meets Southport u3a requirements it will be distributed to the remaining group leaders, for familiarisation and to ensure their group and event details are correct. Finally, it will be launched to the general membership.

Obviously, any new system needs a little time to become familiar. It is our hope and expectation that Simple Membership is easy enough to use that our members will quickly become comfortable in using it. To help with that process we will be producing an introductory video and a user guide.

The screenshots on this page give you a flavour of how the new system will look.

*The menu will change, a 'Members' menu replacing the current 'Beacon' menu.*



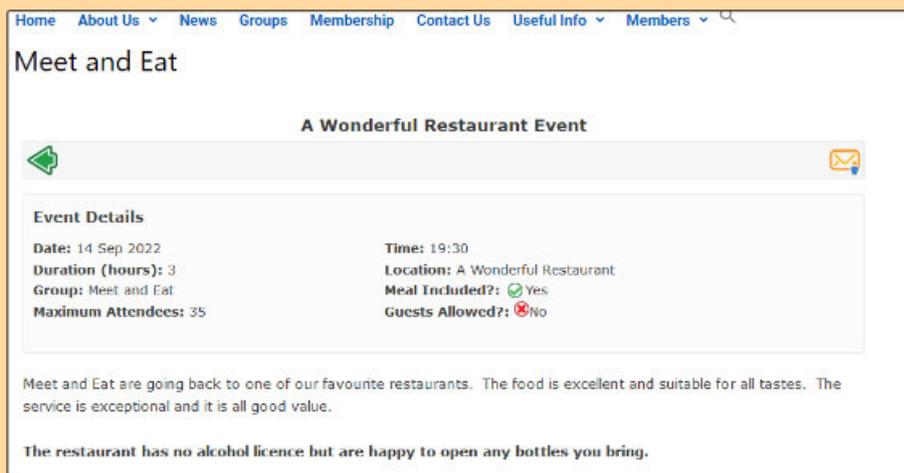
*The group pages will still contain the same information, but displayed in a slightly different manner.*

*The envelope and + icons on the right side are respectively to email the group leader and to apply to join the group. Existing members of the group will not see the + icon. People who are not logged in will not see the icons at all.*

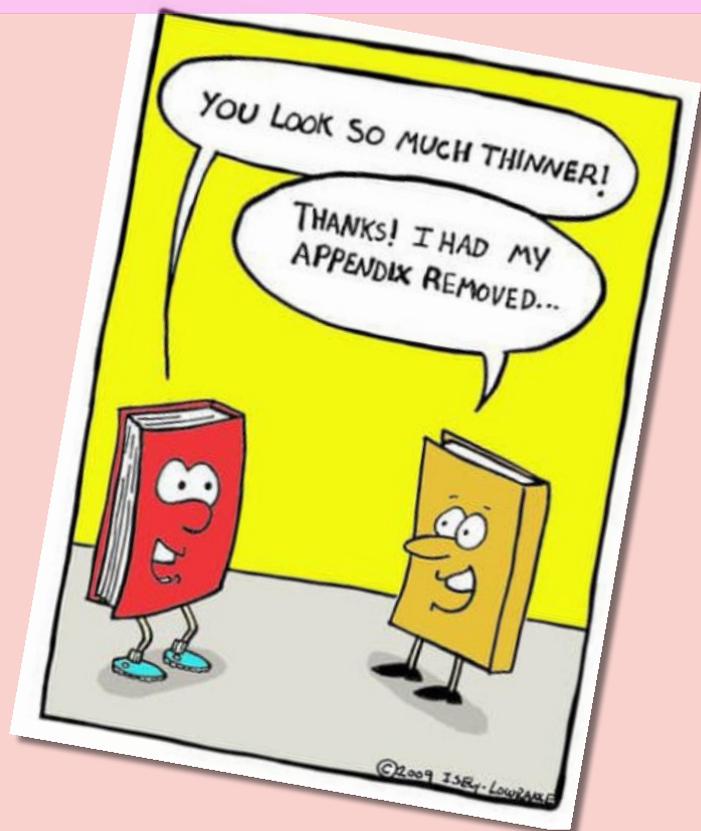
*Events will show as a list on the right side.*

*The event page format will be slightly different but will have the same information.*

*This person is not currently a member of the Meet & Eat group, so cannot join the event. The email icon on the right allows the person to email the event organiser. People not logged in will not see the icons.*



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|----|---------------|----|------------------------------------|
| 1  | A munro       | 11 | Silks                              |
| 2  | England       | 12 | Three                              |
| 3  | Full house    | 13 | Red, blue, black, yellow and green |
| 4  | Jimmy White   | 14 | Three                              |
| 5  | The Queen     | 15 | Four                               |
| 6  | Six (6)       | 16 | Height = 2.4m / Width = 7.3m       |
| 7  | David Beckham | 17 | 1992                               |
| 8  | Ben Curtis    | 18 | Germany                            |
| 9  | Manque        | 19 | Jack                               |
| 10 | No            | 20 | Tony Adams                         |



**D**uellling Banjos?  
Something a little  
different to the norm.

This video is either going to  
annoy you intensely or  
entertain you for (up to) seven  
minutes.

Click [HERE](#) to take a look.



This video is American but still  
funny. Click [HERE](#) to watch a  
selection of adverts.



During May there have so far been 17 news  
items. Did you see them all?

Remember, to be notified automatically about  
our news items you can sign up to the [Daily  
Digest](#).