

SPECIAL FLOWER SHOW EDITION



AN ASTONISHING 1292 U3A MEMBERS FROM ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY BOUGHT TICKETS FOR THE SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW USING THE SPECIAL U3A DISCOUNT CODE

80 DIFFERENT U3A BRANCHES VISITED OUR SHOW GARDEN OVER THE FOUR DAYS

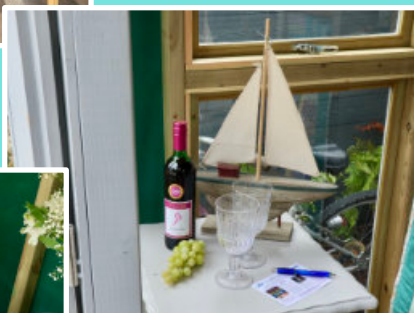
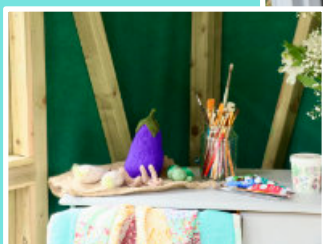
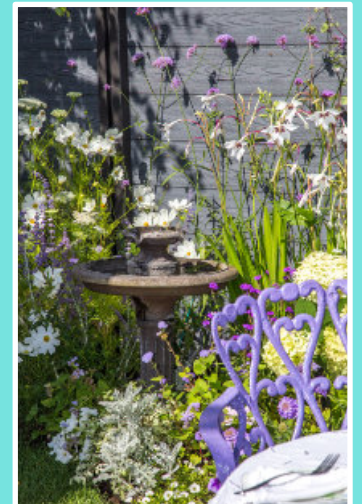
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The Gardening Group certainly did our u3a proud!! The Show Garden was the centre of attraction all through the show. Crowds flocked to see our beautiful display, including all those u3a members from around the country.

There was a non stop queue of people lining up to take pictures of it and asking our Gardening Group members about the names of specific flowers. It is certainly the case that the garden they built was a spectacular arrangement of flowers, shrubs and trees and many visitors were heard exclaiming that it was exactly what their garden should look like - a compliment indeed!

Of course, the whole emphasis of the Show Garden was to highlight the activities of the u3a in this 40th Anniversary year and many of our other Groups contributed to the items in the summerhouse representing many of the activities we run.



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WE WON PRIZES!!!



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OUR TEAM BECAME TV & RADIO PERSONALITIES

Yes, on the first morning of the show, Chris was interviewed live on BBC Merseyside Radio for their Good Morning Live show. Then along came Granada TV News, who recorded Lisa and Dianne for the Main Granada News Bulletin which went out at 6 o'clock. And... Chris was so popular, BBC Radio came back for another interview with Chris for their evening programme!!



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WE HAD MANY CELEBRITY VISITORS

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Adam Frost - Gardeners World



Si King - Hairy Biker



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Adam Frost - Gardeners World



Paul Crone - Granada TV



Neil Stevenson - u3a NW Trustee



Katie Rushworth - ITV's "Love Your Garden"



Janette Manrara & Alijaz Skorjanec - Strictly Come Dancing



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AND OF COURSE, MANY OF OUR OWN MEMBERS

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**BUT, ESPECIALLY WE WERE
OVERWHELMED WITH THE
AMOUNT OF USA MEMBERS
FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY**

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A SMALL SELECTION OF OUR VISITORS



BARNSELY



MAWDESLEY



HALE



NESTON



CRAVEN



BURNLEY



BLUNDELLSANDS & CROSBY



TORREVIEJA, SPAIN



OLDHAM



CHORLEY



BARNSELY



**HEATON &
REDDITCH**



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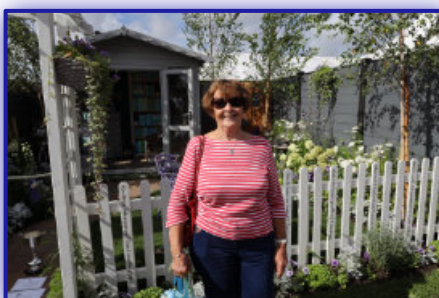
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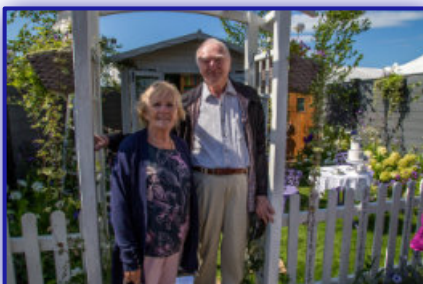
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CREWKERNE



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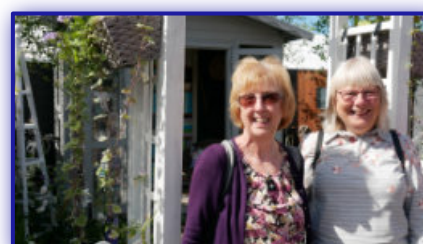
FRODSHAM



LANCASTER & MORECAMBE



ORMSKIRK



FLINTSHIRE



COCKERMOUTH



HOUGHTON

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HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT THE SHOW GARDEN

What a wonderful experience this has been for us all. The four days spent with our Southport u3a Show Garden at the Flower Show, meeting many, many, of our fellow u3a members has been magic.

Exchanging ideas, contacts, experiences, of belonging to this national organisation has been great. So too has the opportunity of talking about the u3a to so many non-members, most of whom had never heard of the u3a.

With 1292 discounted u3a tickets sold, a large number of other u3a's coming in coach trips, this must be the most successful promotion that the u3a nationally has ever had - and certainly it has been a great way of celebrating it's 40th Anniversary.

Thank you to all the companies who sponsored the Show Garden and supplied so much of the material essential to making it a success.

Thank you to all the Southport u3a members who worked so hard in the run up to the event, in the building of the garden, in manning the Garden and Stand at the show and all the other ways that they have supported this great achievement.

Paddy McNeish, Chair



Terry Pederson, Ashby de la Zouch u3a – “Wonderful to learn of your existence!”

Sylvia Kenyon, Hale u3a – “What a lovely garden, wish it was mine”

Sue Power, Hale u3a – “Best garden – well done!”

Pat Tavener, Parbold u3a – “Colours are Superb. Love the mix of planting, congratulations”

Helen Hobbs, Lancaster u3a – “Lovely soft, relaxing colours”

Margaret Stagles, Parbold u3a – “Very nice, well done – loved the reception!”

Brenda Atkinson, Preston u3a – “Beautiful garden, very clever idea”

Joan Keveny – “Looking forward to joining my local u3a now”

David Grimes, Clitheroe u3a – “Wonderful and inspirational”

Jane Wright, Maghull u3a – “Fab-u-lous!!”

Gill & Bill Winter, Anglesey u3a – “Excellent garden, and great fun”

Jamie Huff, Sandbach u3a – “Interesting and beautiful”

Yvonne McCormack, Upholland u3a – “Wonderful planting – and loved the jokes!”

Neil Stevenson, Wigan u3a – “Well done Southport u3a”

Kathy Brown, Southport u3a – “Certainly got the Wow factor!”

Ann Hancock, Warrington u3a – “Lovely, enjoyed the jokes on the fence panels”

Linda Mogg, Mawdesley u3a – “I would love this garden”

Mary Ross, Barnsley u3a – “Love the colours and the extras like the bike and afternoon tea on the table”

Norma Jones, Heswall u3a – “Great promotion for the u3a”

Sue Stokes, Barnsley u3a – “Fantastic promotion of our great movement”



Jim Hay will have completed six very hard-working but rewarding years in February 2024 and will not be eligible to stand for re-election. However, he has very kindly offered to take on an Assistant in 2023 in order to make the transition as smooth as possible for the benefit of all our members.

This position is one of the most important tasks on our very pro-active and forward-looking Committee. The successful candidate will be the first point of contact between new members and Southport u3a, so a warm personality, a good sense of humour and the ability to empathise and deal with the general public is essential.

You won't be starting from scratch as there is already an excellent system in place and you will have the support of the Committee.

Some basic aspects of the job are:

- You will be responsible for providing information to all our members using excellent administrative and database knowledge.
- You will maintain accurate membership records in the desired format.
- You will produce leaflets, brochures and joining packs for new members.
- You will co-ordinate open days or attendance at public events to raise public awareness of u3a and attract new members.
- You will liaise with the Treasurer over financial aspects of membership
- You will deal with income accrued from membership fees.

If you think you could manage some or all of the above, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Paddy McNeish, Chair, on paddyclinch@yahoo.co.uk

Pilates 2 returns after its summer break on Thursday 8th September. 1.00 pm at St John's Church, Ainsdale.

New members are welcome, please join on the [Beacon](#) site or contact Phil Watling via the [Pilates 2 group page](#).

Cost is £5 per session, paid monthly, in advance.

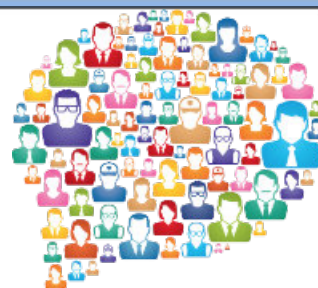


The September meeting at Christ Church was very well attended, we even had a few new members that came to join us.

Chris our Vice Chair gave a lively and entertaining review about the build up to and creation of our Gold medal winning show garden at Southport Flower Show, aided by an excellent collage of

pictures put together by Jim Hay.

There followed an interesting talk by Sheila Walsh, about her holiday cruise through Russia, visits to St Petersburg and Moscow



The talk included theories on the grisly murder of Rasputin, a Russian mystic and self-proclaimed holy man who befriended the family of Nicholas II.

Sheila described some quaint villages they passed and made observations on the somewhat impoverished lifestyle of the average Russian.

I doubt members will be booking on that cruise anytime soon.

Diane Fitton



[Table Tennis group 4](#) has room for new members. Both beginners and experienced players are welcome. Games are played in singles and doubles.

Meetings are Monday 2 - 4 pm at the Southport YMCA. Cost £3. Coaching for beginners available on request.

With effect from 2nd September 'Stitchers' will meet at The Fleetwood & Hesketh Sports & Social Club.



Remember, you can keep up with our news by signing up to the Daily Digest. Just fill in the [simple form](#) to register, then click the link in the email you will receive, to confirm your email address.

The OYCZ group is hoping to run several workshops this autumn. BUT unless I have more members joining me then they will NOT run.

- 22nd September acrylic workshop
- 13th October mixed media workshop
- TBA November pastel workshop



Mixed media is where you will be using a mix of acrylic paint, some collage and artist plaster, with possibly some charcoal or pastel. The themes will be landscape seascape abstract or still life.

27th September pottery workshop, where we will have the opportunity to make a Christmas tree, angel or bird feeder

Both the artist studio and the pottery are in 2 different places in Birkdale. The cost of each of these is £60.00

On the 1st November I am hoping to run a chocolate workshop making a fireworks theme. This event will be on Manchester Road costing £30.00.

In the autumn this year I am holding Pan Asian Fusion cookery lessons in Formby. As these are oversubscribed I have put on Beacon 3 more in the spring of 2023.

If you are interested in any of these please add your details to [Beacon](#).

Brian Mitchell

Jobs for the Garden in September

- Keep summer bedding flowering in hanging baskets and pots until the first frosts by deadheading and feeding regularly
- Clear your annuals as they go over and add them to the compost heap.
- Continue to deadhead perennials such as dahlias, delphiniums, roses penstemons to prolong flowering into the autumn.
- Cut back perennials that are fading and dying down.
- Take cuttings from fuchsia, salvia, osteospermum and pelargoniums.
- Lift and divide herbaceous perennials to ensure healthy vigorous plants

- Save seed from annuals, see Marguerites list sent out in July, some can be sown now
- Plant wallflowers for spring flowering.
- Start planting your spring bulbs – the ground will still be nice and warm from the summer months, and it gives plenty of time for the new roots to bed in before the spring sunshine arrives.

Don't worry about raking up those fallen leaves, In fact, leaving them in place could help protect your plants and suppress weeds, leaving leaves and mulching over top of them in spring is an acceptable and ecologically safe option and much better for your back!



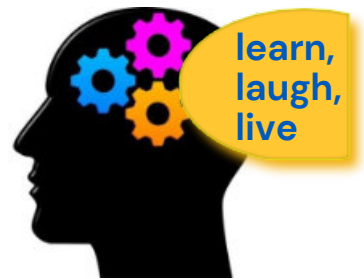


WHERE IN THE WORLD AM I?

- 1 I'm standing on a long red bridge, and I can see an island with a prison in the distance
- 2 I've just arrived by rack and pinion train, it's a clear day and I can see the Irish Sea to the West, and Liverpool Cathedral to the North East
- 3 I'm standing under a large Victorian arch, and I can hear announcements being made in English and French
- 4 I am approaching cliffs and on top all around I can see white houses with blue roofs
- 5 I am travelling downhill at 90mph and screaming – away in the distance I can see a large tower
- 6 I am high up, dressed in one-piece overalls, fastened to a wire, and I can see a building below that looks like sea shells
- 7 I am high above the city and below me I can see a very ornate building with a large clock tower at one end
- 8 I am standing in a tropical jungle, on the border between two countries and water is falling all around me making a very loud noise
- 9 I am high up and below I can see lots of car ferries and the Royal Navy's oldest ship
- 10 I am driving, heading South and passing a City, on Britain's first and oldest stretch of motorway
- 11 I am standing outside a gate, I am not allowed in by security, but I can see a castle in the distance and hear bagpipes playing
- 12 I am floating and I can see Earth out one window and the Moon out of another
- 13 I'm in a very old building, behind me a bird is squawking, in front of me I see a large, ornate bridge and a WWII battle cruiser
- 14 I have just paid £1.80 and I can see lights stretching out ahead of me and daylight in the distance
- 15 I am in a large square surrounded by hundreds of people and a man in a white peaked hat is speaking on a balcony



Quiz



Tuesday 20th September 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 enrol on Beacon
 Or email neilmcmillan6@hotmail.com



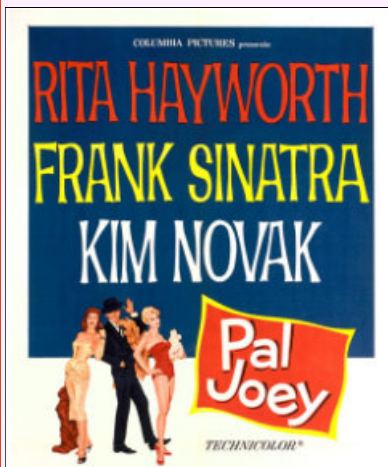
SOUTHPORT U3A JAZZ GROUP AT
 THE BIJOU CINEMA, POST OFFICE AVENUE, SOUTHPORT PR8 1JP
 (Just off Lord St close to Sainsburys, all main bus routes and Southport station)



By agreement with Andy Harrison of Bijou Cinema

Film "PAL JOEY", a two course D'Vine catering meal and the Nicola Farnon Quartet
 on MONDAY 3 October 2022 - Doors 3.30 pm ends 10 pm - maximum 65 attendees

THE FILM SHOWING starts at 4 pm



The 1957 classic musical directed by George Sidney with music by Richard Rogers including timeless melodies like "Funny Valentine", "Bewitched", "Lady Is A Tramp" and "There's A Small Hotel" sung by Frank at the prime of his voice.

Meal 6.30 pm
 in the Bijou Lounge
 prepared and served by



A two course dinner + tea/coffee.
 Full details to follow.
 All special dietary needs catered for.

.....For these U3A film/jazz events at the Bijou we always try to link the film and the following live jazz. The connection this time is the song writer Richard Rogers who composed all the music for 'Pal Joey'. Nicola has included another of his songs "Spring Is Here" on her latest album which also includes four of her own delightful compositions and for which she has done most of the arrangements. Internationally renowned pianist David Newton played on the album and will be appearing in her quartet at this gig.

LIVE JAZZ 7.45 to 10 pm
 NICOLA FARNON QUARTET



Nicola Farnon - voice & double bass;
 David Newton - keyboard; Anthony Ormesher - guitar; Phil Johnson - drums

Singer/songwriter and double bassist Nicola will once again delight our U3A Jazz Group audience accompanied by this most illustrious group of superb jazz musicians with some tunes from her recent CD. Preceding this gig Nicola is appearing for a month at the Edinburgh Festival in August and at Scarborough Jazz Festival in September

THE VENUE



Under the direction of the late Michael Lockwood, the building, formerly 'The Latin Lounge' has undergone a major 2 year project to convert to a 70 seat community cinema and a comfortable upstairs entertainment lounge bar, plus an excellent small ground floor bar.

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Good selection of bottled craft beers, a choice of reasonably priced wines and spirits, soft drinks and tea/coffee available, all of which can be taken into the cinema. The comfortable seats are equipped with drinks holders.

www.southportbijoucinema.co.uk

TICKETS £35 EACH (INCLUDES MEAL)

Pre booking essential. To reserve phone Geoff Matthews on 01704 643835.
 Post—Cheques payable 'Southport U3A' + SAE to 1A Crosby Rd, Birkdale PR8 4SU.
 Or buy tickets at the Southport U3A Jazz Desk meetings at Christchurch starting Aug. 4th

Wine 4

The Mosel meets the Rhine (Alsace + Germany + Austria)



**Venue :-Barnista
Birkdale**

Wine Tasting Evening

Tuesday 27th September 2022

£20 pp

**Contact Lesley Mc Millan
christinepalmer340@hotmail.com**

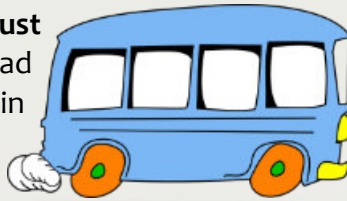
LYTHAM 40's COACH TRIP



LYTHAM GREEN
Saturday 20th August
Sunday 21st August

On Saturday 20th August

the coach trip group had a very interesting day in Lytham which took us back 80 years or so to the Second World War era with the town holding nostalgic 1940s weekend.



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On arrival at Lytham, it was an inevitable coffee stop first, followed by a tempting shopping spree along the main street.

The sights, sounds and atmosphere of the 1940s era was brilliantly revived on the promenade/green and within the town centre. There was a wonderful display of singing, dancing, weapons, historic vehicles, aircraft, military charities, vintage traders and so much more.

Two of our members - Olive Beesley and Derek Lunt who dressed up for the occasion could be seen entering into the spirit of the day by jiving in the main town centre square to music of Glen Miller etc. (see photographs)

Sir Winston Churchill and his wife also made numerous appearances around the town talking to individuals. He was also in the lead car when the parade of all the vehicles took place along the promenade. He also made some of his famous rousing wartime speeches, with many other events taking place, in the main marquee.

There was plenty of opportunity to join in the singing around the town with many old favourites being sung ie. We'll meet again, white cliffs of Dover etc.

In addition to viewing all the vehicles it was interesting to listen to the history of them from their owners and realise all the hard work that takes place to keep them mobile etc.

At the end of the afternoon we had an air display of a spitfire which was displaying a range manoeuvres. A great finish to an interesting and enjoyable day. Long may these events continue to take place.

We have now visited Haworth and Lytham 1940's event so we will have to start looking now for another location for next year - Grassington?

The sound of cheers had us scurrying out of the shops to witness the parade of a varied collection of 1940s vehicles, horns hooting and flags flying.

Lively, memorable tunes of the 1940s led us to the main town square where people of all ages were dancing the jitterbug. Many around were dressed in 40s outfits or uniforms so we felt totally immersed into that bygone era.

We then ventured to Lytham Green where the Spitfire and the other historic vehicles were on display. Throngs of people were gathered around there and also around the numerous vintage stalls. It was a great atmosphere and we were blessed with wonderful weather.

It was now time to wend our way back to the coach to the accompaniment of "We'll Meet Again", and then the finale was a short display of the Spitfire flying overhead.

A great day out thanks to Derek, Anne and Eric our driver.

Pat

You can see some more photos from the day on the following pages.



Derek Kershaw

Saturday 20th August
Sunday 21st August 2022

Taking place on Lytham Green and around the town, relive the 1940s with entertainment, historic vehicle displays,



Saturday
Sunday 21st

Taking place on Lytham...
relive the 1940s with entertainment, music...



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Taking place on Lytham Green, the town,
relive the 1940s with entertainment, historic vehicle displays,



WHERE IN THE WORLD AM I? ANSWERS

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- 1 I am standing on The Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco
- 2 I am standing on top of Snowdon
- 3 I am on the Eurostar platform in St Pancras Station
- 4 I am on a cruise ship entering Santorini
- 5 I am on the Blackpool roller coaster called "The Big Dipper"
- 6 I have just climbed Sydney Harbour Bridge
- 7 I am on The London Eye
- 8 I am at The Iguassu Falls between Brazil & Argentina
- 9 I am standing on top of The Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth
- 10 I am passing Preston on the M6
- 11 I am standing outside Balmoral Castle
- 12 I am on The International Space Station
- 13 I am standing in The Tower of London
- 14 I am driving through The Mersey Tunnel
- 15 I am standing in St Peter's Square in Rome

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This year's **Christmas Lunch** will be held on **Thursday, 8th December** (12:00 for 12:30 and closes at 5:30) at the **Bliss Hotel**.

Tickets priced at £32 include a three course lunch, entertainment by a comedian, a **FREE** raffle and dancing.

To buy your ticket for this super event, please contact **Viv Pulman** via the website.