



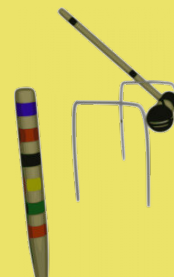
There are still some spaces available on the Let's Go 'Hayes and Finch Factory Tour' in October.

Founded in 1882, Hayes and Finch are manufacturers and suppliers of a wide variety of products and services required by churches. These items range from candles to cabinets, with lots of other things in between.

If you are interested and are a member of Let's Go, [log in](#) and book via the [event page](#). Alternatively, find Ian Homewood at the monthly meetings.

The Croquet Taster session, on 24th May, has spaces available.

If you have ever fancied having a go at this sport, now is your chance. If you are interested, simply [log in to our membership system](#) and sign up on the [Croquet Taster Session event](#). Alternatively, find Robbie Homewood at the monthly meetings.



Seventeen members of the Let's Go Group met up with John Dempsey of Green Sefton for a guided walk.

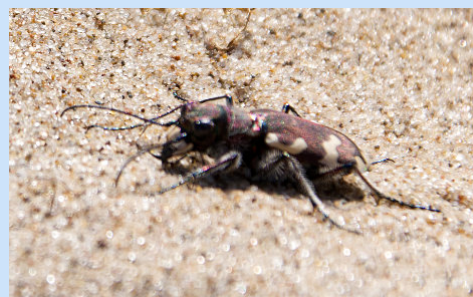
The sun was out, but the wind was strong. Within a very short time of leaving the Discovery Centre we saw two male Wheatears, John informed us that they used to be known as 'white arse'. Their white bottoms are very clear when they are in flight. These birds are the first migratory birds to arrive here, they usually appear during the first and second week in March.



As we made our way towards the Green Beach we were greeted with the song of the Skylark. John explained that the Carrion Crows keep a close eye on

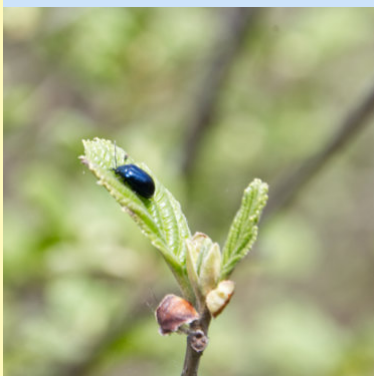
the Skylarks, as they try to locate the nests to raid them.

John brought our attention to the other birds that were around on that day such as Greenfinches, Dunlin, Cormorants, Sand Martins and Meadow Pipits.



There were several swallows around but these are in decline due to climate change and less food being around for them.

The importance of the various plants that grow on our sand dunes was explained to us. In Ainsdale a number of rare plants can be found and John was very excited about these. The presence of these plants show that the sand dunes are healthy.



We were privileged to see a Tiger Beetle, that was sunning itself on the path. Many other insects were around too. Within the next couple of months the dunes will be full of colour with the various orchids that flower as well as the Everlasting Pea, which is invasive and is now spreading around the dunes in this area.

John managed to field all the questions we threw at him, he is such a knowledgeable person. We all came away with a lot more comprehension of what is on our doorstep, or should I say on our sea front?



Trip to Arley Hall Gardens then on to Fryers Garden Centre (Knutsford) Tuesday 23rd May

£26 per person.



This trip is now open to all Southport u3a members. If you are not a member of the Gardening Group and are interested in attending, please [log in](#) and email the event organiser via the [event page](#).

Arley Hall is home to the owner, Viscount Ashbrook, and his family. The house is a Grade II* listed building, as is its adjacent chapel.

The Gardens, which are amongst the finest in Britain, are outstanding for their vitality, variety and historical interest and are particularly celebrated for the magnificent double herbaceous border.



Fryer's Garden Centre is renowned for its extensive range of both indoor and outdoor plants and for its range of over 200 Fryer's bred roses, many of which have won awards worldwide. We can lunch in the Rosary Restaurant where you can sample freshly prepared meals made from local produce.

Ticket price pp for this trip: £26 - including admission and guided tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener and coach travel. (Admission to the Hall is not included as the Hall is only open occasionally to visitors during the year).

Itinerary for Trip:

Departure time - Lord Street West Church: 8.40 a.m.

- Arrival at Arley for: 10 am
- Guided tours - timings to be confirmed with Arley nearer the time, but our coach party will be split into two smaller groups for the tours. Tours will last approx 1 hour.
- Departure from Arley for Fryer's Garden Centre: 2:15 pm approx
- Departure from Fryer's Garden Centre: 5:00 pm approx.
- Return to Southport Lord Street West Church: 6:00 pm approx.



GO WHISKY TASTING

The Whisky events are now open to all Southport u3a members.

We have set up two WHISKY TASTING sessions for you to book



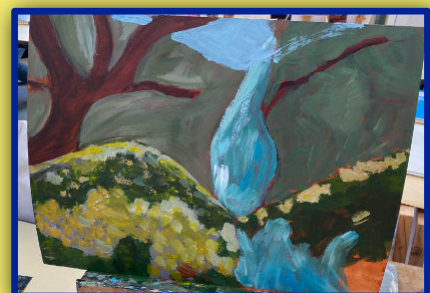
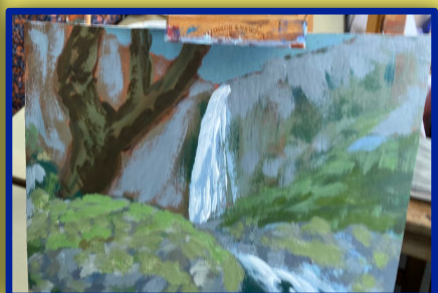
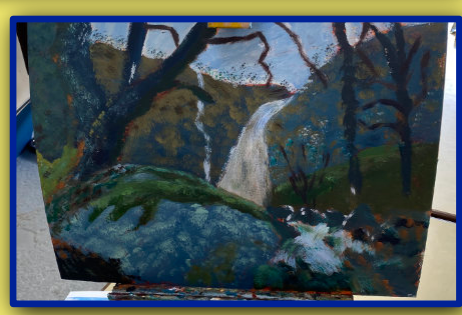
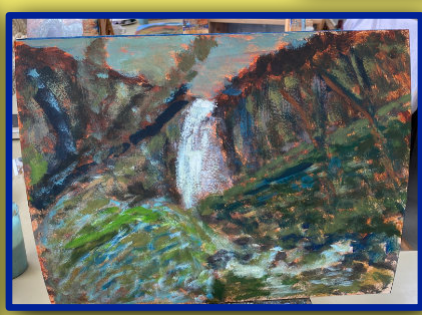
WHISKY TASTING 1 - ARRAN WHISKY TASTING
Wednesday 12th July at 7pm

WHISKY TASTING 2 - SCOTLAND REGIONS WHISKY
Thursday 20th July at 7pm

Places are limited to 12 members each evening. Places can be booked through the u3a website and payment made by Paypal or by cheque. See instructions on the website

ACRYLIC ARTISTS

This was the first of this year's springtime events. It was attended by 9 members, who enjoyed a fun day painting in 2 acrylic pictures. The first was a "portrait" design of a Lake District mountainside with a stream flowing under a bridge. The second painting was in landscape format of a Lake District wooded valley with a waterfall in the distance.



MORE ARTISTS DAYS COMING UP

PASTEL - 25TH MAY
CHARCOAL/PENCIL 22ND JUNE

Cost for each is £60 - book through the OYCZ section on the u3a website

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...Southport U3A's ONLY red wine tasting group is holding their next meeting at Season Southport on Wednesday 10th May. 6 nice red wines and great nibbles - cheeses, charcuterie, breads, etc etc all in a great little venue with some great people. £25 a head.

Due to holidays etc, there are around 10 spaces left - please email Chris or Gordon at either of the following email addresses gclatham@hotmail.com or gordon@renownedresearch.com to book your place or for more details.



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Quiz



WEDNESDAY 24th MAY 2023

At:- Fleetwood Hesketh Club
Fylde Road
Southport
PR9 9XH

Arrive 7pm
for 7.30pm start



Includes:- Hotpot Supper & Raffle

Cash Prizes

Tickets £9

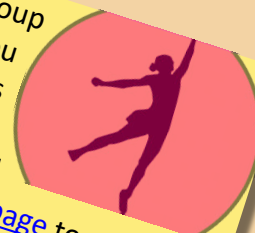
Enrol and pay through 'Simple Membership'
or contact Neil Mc Millan at the monthly meetings

Queries to:- neilmcmillan6@hotmail.com



Outstanding payments for those going on the [Manchester Ship Canal](#) trip on the 7 July 2023 to be paid via the website, by 5 May 2023 or at the May Christchurch U3a meeting on 4 May 2023. The event leader, Karen Goddard will be sat at the Sunday Lunch Group Desk.

Our new Walking Netball group still has some vacancies. If you fancy trying your hand at this relatively gentle exercise, log in to our membership system and go to the [Walking Netball group page](#) to sign up.



**BRING
OUT**

**YOUR
SPECS**

"Bring out your Specs" is a call for lenses from unwanted spectacles and sunglasses. The lenses will be used to create a huge *Dragonfly Sculpture* aimed at generating awareness of the importance of insects.

This Dragonfly will be built at the Oswestry Sculpture Park.

The sculptor, Clive Knowles, also engineered The Knife Angel Sculpture to raise awareness of youth knife crime from handed knives from police forces all over the country.

**BRING YOUR
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SPECTACLES AND
SUNGLASSES -
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THE BIN IN THE
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MAY 4TH MEETING**

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Wings and eyes are made from various eyeglass parts

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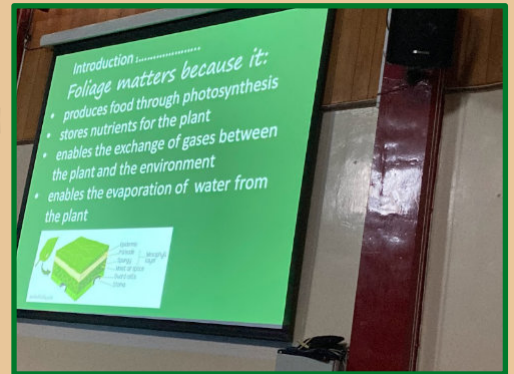


Our April speaker, Maureen Sawyer gave us an excellent talk on the importance of foliage in garden design showing us a mind boggling selection of plants with lots of original and excellent ideas.

Maureen is a consultant in garden design, she designed her own beautiful garden, Southlands in Stretford which is open to the public under the NGS. She is also a practising design artist, making some amazing 3D creations mostly from plant

material, which can be viewed from all sides, she exhibits in craft fairs and art galleries.

She brought some interesting and unusual plants for sale and left us keen to rethink our gardens and stock up on foliage plants.



CYCLING FOR FUN GETS THE SUMMER SEASON UNDERWAY



Cycling for Fun has started off their fortnightly cycle runs with a trip from Waterloo back to Southport. Over the years this has been one of their favourite runs. First out along the Crosby coast past the Antony Gormley iron men statues and then up past the Coastguard Station and across country on the cycle lane to Hightown and onwards up past the railway line to Formby. At Freshfield we had a well earned lunch at Kitty's cafe in front of Freshfield Station before carrying on through the Pinewoods back to Ainsdale Station.



We even had a chance meeting at Crosby with our fellow Southport u3a members from **Walking Group 1** who were on their way to Hightown, and stopped to have a natter!!

Want to join the Cycle Group - it's easy. Just go into the u3a website, sign in, and go to **Cycling for Fun**. Then add you name to the list and you will be included in emails for future meetings

Who were they & what did they invent

1. This Scot invented the first practical telephone

2. Johannes Gutenberg changed the world with this invention (born 1400)

3. Sir Tim Berners Lee is credited with this invention which changed the way we live our lives today



4. He developed the concept of assembly line production for automobiles which revolutionised the whole concept of mass production in many industries



5. These brothers are credited with building, and flying, the world's first motor operated aeroplane

6. Samuel Morse (born 1791) has a famous name. But what are the TWO inventions he is credited with



7. Who launched the ill fated C5 personal electric vehicle in 2010



8. Alfred Nobel (1833) has a famous name, but what created his wealth

9. What made Steve Wozniac and Steve Jobs famous

10. Why is Victorian engineer, George Stephenson famous

11. You see his name when you often walk into them, but who invented the Elevator



12. Yes we've all seen his name on the front of electric cars, but what was Nikola Tesla famous for

13. What invention made Percy Shaw a fortune in the 1930's

14. What did James Hargreaves invent in the 1700's which changed the face of a very important English industry

15. Peter Dinklage created his invention in the 60's which allowed many famous rock bands to add a whole new dimension to their music



Photo 1 member, Steve Birchall, has recently bought a drone to enable him to take more shots at his favourite time of day - twilight. Here is a selection from his stunning portfolio.



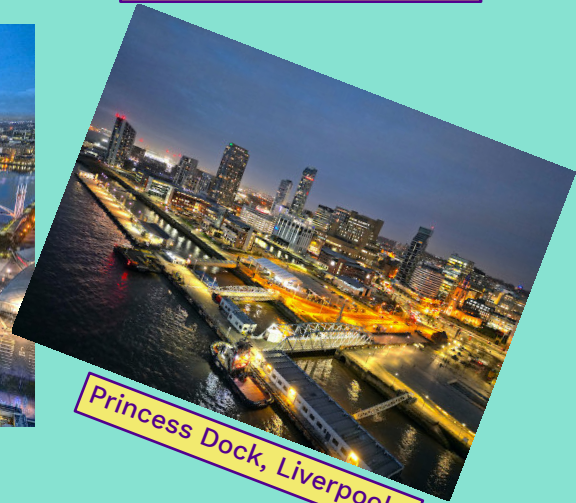
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Three Graces, Liverpool



Media City, Salford



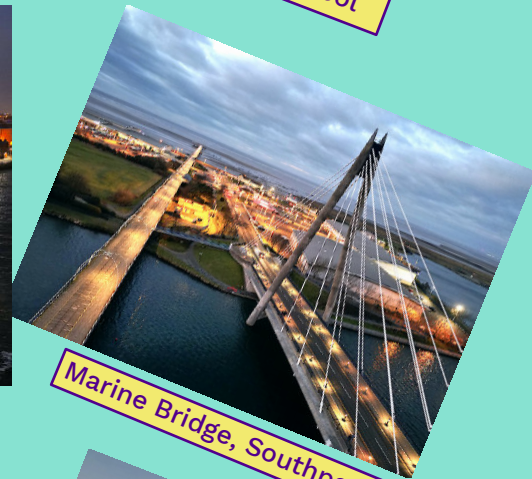
Princess Dock, Liverpool



Media City, Salford



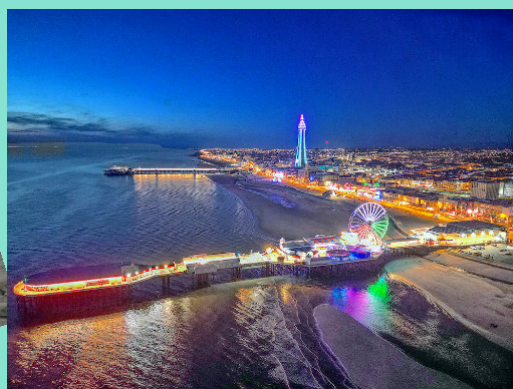
Mersey Ferry, Liverpool



Marine Bridge, Southport



River Alt, Hightown



Blackpool, looking North



Gateway Bridge, Runcorn

COMING UP FROM THE JAZZ GROUP

SUNDAY JULY 16th - Day out at THE WIGAN INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

A short coach trip to The Village on the Green at Aspull to hear the final day's events at this year's long standing (formed 1986) international jazz festival which has attracted world famous musicians over the years.

This is the first time the U3A Jazz Group has been invited and we have been offered an attractive discount for the three excellent Sunday concerts. The arrangements (coach/catering/pricing etc) are still being finalised and will be announced shortly and it would be helpful to hear from anyone interested in the trip.

THE BEN HOLDER QUARTET - a swingin 'hot club' style foursome, high energy and very entertaining ; www.benholdermusic.co.uk

THE ANCHORMEN JAZZ ORCHESTRA a top class big band hailing from deepest Yorkshire ; www.anchormenjazzorchestra.co.uk

THE JAMES MORRISON QUARTET world famous Australian multi-instrumentalist, arranger and composer. He is something special, as witnessed when he guested with Phil Shotton's Swingshift Big Band in Southport at The Atkinson.



BOOK YOUR TICKETS AND TABLES NOW!!!

U3A PARTY IN THE PARK

**FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST 18th
THE SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW**



You are encouraged to bring along family and friends for a evening of dancing and supper to the music of:-

KING PLEASURE AND THE BISCUIT BOYS

jump, jive, rock n roll, call it what you like, it's great fun. This will be the band's 3rd appearance at this annual shindig.

The event is built around members booking and arranging tables of up to 10 (through the Jazz Group). Reservations are being taken NOW

Maximum 200 people.

Tickets will be £45 including supper from the Flower Show caterers.



LORDY&ME CELEBRATE 1ST ANNIVERSARY

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Southport u3a's Little Old Red Wine Drinker & Me group celebrated their first birthday party this month. With a year's full of meetings behind them - many of them fancy dressed affairs - this group have proved once again that we have a fun loving membership, intent on making the best of life as a u3a member



NEXT EVENT FROM THE JAZZ GROUP

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MONDAY JUNE 12th at THE BIJOU CINEMA

Another jazz group day at this really popular venue combining a movie, meal and, in the evening live jazz from **THE SHIRLEY SMART TRIO**.

The music - This London based trio is led by jazz cellist SHIRLEY SMART with pianist JOHN CRAWFORD and percussionist DEMI GARCIA SABAT.

Met them at The Scarborough Jazz Festival last September where they got a standing ovation. A very lively mix of jazz with Arabic, North African and Turkish rhythm and influences. Very unusual to hear a cello in a jazz context with such skill and dexterity.



The film is a Bing Crosby/Bob Hope classic from the 1940's "The Road to Morocco"

The meal - 2 course hot supper - menu to be confirmed.

Tickets £40. On sale now. See advert below for Reservations

**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 manager Andy Harrison, our 6th gig at the Bijou Cinema

**1942 Paramount 'Road series' film "Road to Morocco", a hot meal and The Shirley Smart Trio
on MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023 - Doors 3.30 pm - ends 10 pm - maximum 65 attendees**

THE FILM SHOWING starts at 4.0 pm in the movie theatre



DIRECTED by David Butler
MUSIC SCORE by Victor Young
SONGS by Jimmy Van Heusen and lyrics by Johnny Burke
INCLUDING
"MOONLIGHT BECOMES YOU"
"CONSTANTLY"
"AIN'T GOT A DIME TO MY NAME"
"ROAD TO MOROCCO"

Shipwrecked off the North African coast our heroes discover an Arabian Nights city. Jeff (Bing Crosby) sells best friend Orville (Bob Hope) into slavery in a Moroccan marketplace to buy food. Searching for his partner after an attack of conscience, Jeff discovers that Orville is now engaged to the gorgeous Princess Shalmar (Dorothy Lamour), whose astrologers have told her that her first husband will die violently, leaving her free to marry her beloved Sheik Mullay Kasim (Anthony Quinn). But when the princess falls for Jeff, things get complicated. This 1942 war time escapist musical-comedy was actually filmed in the Imperial Sand Dunes near Yuma in Southern California.

**THE 2 COURSE HOT MEAL 6.30 pm
prepared and served by**



MENU CHOICES TO FOLLOW

TICKETS £40 EACH (includes the meal)

Pre booking essential. To reserve by phone Geoff Matthews on 01704 643835.
By 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 Jan.5th
Or pay on line by card or Paypal via SIMPLE MEMBERSHIP.

**THE LIVE JAZZ from 7.30 - 10 pm
in the Bijou Lounge**

SHIRLEY SMART TRIO
Shirley Smart - cello
John Crawford - keyboard
Demi Garcia Sabat - percussion



where your Group Leader met them last year. Shirley has also lived and worked in Israel for 10 years and her music is influenced by Middle Eastern and North African rhythms and styles fused into the jazz idiom.

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.

DRINKS

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



ROYAL COURT PREVIEW

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Last month the Local History Group had two visits to The Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool. Here is a sneak preview.

Full report in next month's u3a Magazine





INVENTORS & INVENTIONS

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Who were they & what did they invent

ANSWERS

1. Alexander Graham Bell (born 1847)
2. Gutenberg invented the first movable type for printing on a printing press
3. Sir Tim Berners Lee invented the World Wide Web
4. Henry Ford invented the assembly line to produce his Model T cars in the 1920's
5. The Wright brothers made their first powered flight in 1903
6. Samuel Morse, of course, invented morse code - but he also invented the single wire telegraph system
7. Sir Clive Sinclair launched the C5 to a great fanfare in 2010, but mainly safety concerns prevented it from taking off
8. Alfred Nobel invented both Dynamite and Gelignite
9. They co-founded Apple, launching their first Apple computer in 1975
10. In 1825 Stephenson built the first commercial steam locomotive to carry passengers, and in 1830 he built the first commercial inter-city railway from Liverpool to Manchester
11. Elisha Otis invented the elevator together with a device to stop them falling if the drive cable snapped
12. Nikola Tesla invented the concept of alternating current electricity supply
13. Percy Shaw invented "cats eyes" patented the invention, and set up a company which was the sole supplier for the whole country
14. James Hargreaves invented the "Spinning Jenny" which helped to mechanise the weaving industry in the North of England
15. Peter Zinovieff created the electronic synthesizer adopted by many bands in the 60's including Pink Floyd and David Bowie

