



The speaker at our meeting on 3rd August will be u3a member Jergen Petersen.

Jergen will be telling us about Hans Christian Andersen. How the childhood of the Danish boy, who left home aged 14, shaped his world-famous stories. He will also cover Andersen's struggles with the Copenhagen elite and his difficult dealings with Charles Dickens.

Yooks at the International Strum!



Great fun was had by all. We did get an encore, which took us over our 20 minute but nobody seemed to mind.

Roll on next year!

The drama group will be performing their summer production on Friday 1st September at 7pm, Saturday 2nd September at 7pm and Sunday 3rd September at 2.30pm at St James Church Hall in Birkdale.



This will be "A Trio of Plays" - three short light-hearted plays which include the following:

- Murder at Twilight Gardens
- Invitations
- An Unmagical Mystery Tour

Please come and support us. Tickets are £6 with free refreshments and can be purchased [via our group page on the website](#) or at the August u3a meeting.

Neil Mackenzie will be running another Archery Taster Session on Tuesday 12th September with Burscough Archers.



He will be at Christ Church at the August meeting taking names of anyone interested.

This is an excellent experience and amazing value at just £10.00.

Since the taster day in April Neil is now a qualified Archer.

Volunteer Needed Please

Brian Mitchell is stepping down from organising the Third Age Matters (TAM) magazine subscriptions. We therefore need somebody to take up the baton.

TAM subscriptions are renewable annually, so this does not require constant effort and, since the introduction of Simple Membership, is partly automated.

If you would like to offer your help, please contact one of the committee by email or at a monthly meeting.

Remember, you can keep up with our news by signing up to our Daily Digest



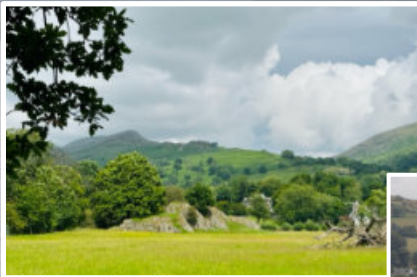
A WET AND WINDY COACH TRIP

learn,
laugh,
live

Due to a wet forecast for our visit to Coniston on the 10th July the coach trip group made a last minute decision to visit Ambleside at the northern end of Lake Windermere. It was considered there were more 'indoor' activities on offer.

There was a range of restaurants, cafés and pubs to satisfy everyone's taste. Ambleside's specialist shops offered a variation on high street chains. In addition there was no shortage of outdoor clothing specialists waiting to kit us out in the latest gear for outdoor activities.

In the afternoon the forecast proved to be correct and it rained and it rained! Although this did not stop our group from enjoying our visit and some even took a cruise on Lake Windermere.



Quiz



Wednesday 13th September 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

WHOSE LOGO'S ARE THESE??





SOUTHPORT TOWN HALL



Local History Group 1 members recently enjoyed a very interesting guided tour of Southport Town Hall, hosted by the Mayor of Sefton, June Burns, assisted by her knowledgeable & entertaining volunteer staff guide for

the day, Fred. We met for the tour outside the Town Hall's imposing entrance. Southport Town Hall is a fine, 'Grade II' listed building, designed by Thomas Withnall, which was built in 'Palladian' architectural style in 1852-53 for the then Southport Town Corporation at a cost of £4,500.



We learnt from Fred that the Town Hall narrowly missed being demolished in the 1960s, when a plan was submitted by the architect John Poulson, to replace it on the site with a shopping centre and car park!

Fortunately, the plan was not approved, partly due to the Town Hall's listed building status.



Our tour included the Council Chamber, its ante-room, the Mayor's Parlour and the 'Birkdale Room'. Full Meetings of the Council take place every 12 weeks at Southport Town Hall (alternating on a 6-weekly rota with Bootle Town Hall). The Council Chamber occasionally also doubles as a Coroner's Court room. We viewed in the ante-room the fascinating series of pictures depicting every Mayor of Southport and latterly of Sefton since the 1850s to the present day. The 'Birkdale Room' also fulfils a regular function for Council Committee meetings as well as a variety of ceremonial functions including for weddings.

The Southport World War II 'Roll of Honour and local Regimental Flags including from our local World War I 'Pals' Regiment were also proudly displayed. We concluded our enjoyable tour with tea and coffee in the Birkdale Room in the company of the Mayor.



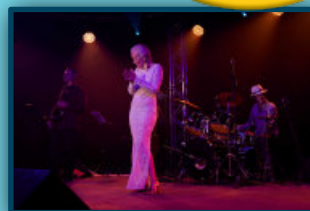


OUR AUTUMN JAZZ SCHEDULE



MONDAY 9th OCTOBER

In my (humble!) opinion, the UK's finest and most melodic jazz vocalist **LIZ FLETCHER** accompanied by a familiar and superb (and Liz's choice) trio ; Keyboard - **Richard Wetherall** ; double bass - **Steve Berry** and on tenor sax **Mr Dean Masser**. On the back of our gig, Liz has arranged a Northern mini-tour. She sings mostly in London and the South of England and is a regular at Ronnie Scott's as well as many festivals, including several appearances at Southport Festival when I was Director [no surprise there then!]



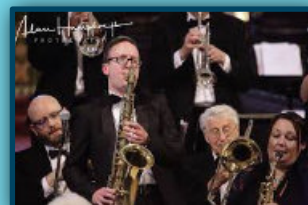
TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER

No, it's not a typo - the gig really is on a Tuesday evening - and for an excellent reason. That reason is **THE TIM KLIPHUIS TRIO**. Internationally acclaimed Dutch jazz (and classical) violinist Tim last played for us at Boulevard West back in late November 2019. One of those rare 'still talked about' gigs and I've been trying to arrange a return visit ever since. His trio (**Tim Kliphuis-violin, Nigel Clarke-guitar and Roy Percy-double bass**) are playing a gig in London on 10th and one in Scotland on the 12th. And here we are right in the middle on the 11th!! The jazz gods are with us.



MONDAY 11th DECEMBER

Nothing like ending the jazz year on a full jazz orchestral high note with a Christmas flavour. That is **THE PHIL SHOTTON BIG BAND** playing a seasonally topical programme of tunes. Phil is never still. He leads multiple bands, teaches and manages to excel as a soloist on a range of reed instruments. In fact it's just about a year to the day of his last gig for us (at the S&BSC) on his '40th birthday tour' which was a great success.



SOUTHPORT BRANCH JAZZ GROUP



AUTUMN '23 JAZZ SEASON AT SOUTHPORT & BIRKDALE SPORTS CLUB

(Trafalgar Road, Birkdale PR8 2HF. Ample car parking and taxi drop off/pickup point: nearest station Birkdale 1/3 mile :bus stop Bolton Rd 49 & X2)

By arrangement with the S&BSC and Simply D'Vine Catering

TICKETS £25 (includes supper)

Doors 7.30 pm. Music 8 to 10.30 pm with one interval when supper will be served

MONDAY OCTOBER 9th LIZ FLETCHER SINGS



with her trio of choice -
Richard Wetherall (keys)
Steve Berry (double bass)
Dean Masser (tenor sax)

Liz is widely recognised as one of the UK's most expressive and melodic jazz vocalists. Sussex based, she sings mostly in London and the South. A regular at Ronnie Scott's and at many festivals, including several appearances at Southport's

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21st TIM KLIPHUIS TRIO



Tim Kliphuis (violin)
Nigel Clarke (guitar)
Roy Percy (double bass)

Dutch born and Netherlands based jazz (and classical) violinist Tim is a truly exceptional international performer appearing all over Europe and the USA with small jazz groups and sometimes full orchestras. He has been doing a couple of UK tours a year with this trio and in late 2019 played for us at Boulevard West - a truly memorable gig. We were lucky to fit in with this tour between a London gig the night before and one in Scotland on the night after!

MONDAY DECEMBER 11th PHIL SHOTTON BIG BAND



play a programme of festive seasonal Christmas tunes

Nothing like ending our jazz year on a full orchestral high note! Those who attended Phil's "40th Birthday Tour" gig here in November '22 know that his big band is made up of some of the North's top jazz instrumentalists. Phil has arranged a pad of suitably seasonal melodies to feature himself on various reed instruments and his band member soloists from all sections. (This tour also includes a gig at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.) Suppose I should finish with a "Merry Christmas all"

TO BUY TICKETS

visit Southport U3A Jazz Desk at the monthly meetings [or](#)

[phone](#) Geoff Matthews 01704 643835 [or](#)

[post](#) - cheques payable 'Southport U3A' to 1A Crosby Rd, Birkdale PR8 4SU+SAE [or](#)

[pay on line](#) by card or Paypal via our U3A website.

MAXIMUM AUDIENCE NUMBERS 70 EACH GIG

THE VENUE SERVICES

D'Vine Catering will serve a delicious supper including special dietary needs if you specify when booking. (menu details to follow)

Ever welcoming and friendly S&BSC bar staff will be on hand to provide wines, spirits, real ales and continental lagers and beers all evening.



Yes, Brenda Jones was back again leading a group from Let's Go across to Hilbre Island. This can only be reached at certain times of the day and Brenda keeps a beady eye on the times to get her flock out to the island, hopefully see some of the resident seals, and enjoy the views, and back in time to beat the incoming tide. Then it is onwards into West Kirkby to Figs for a well earned meal before tackling the train back to Southport.



JAZZ GROUP GO TO WIGAN INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

A small group of jazz enthusiasts attended the Wigan International Jazz Festival with the Jazz Group last weekend and had a full day going from concert to concert. It was an exhausting but highly entertaining day.

One participant emailed Geoff Matthews after the event saying -

“What a fabulous day we had at Wigan - blown away by the music and a great day with lovely people. Excellent venue, hospitality and the music.... A long day but well worth the stay.

Thank you so very much for arranging it and making my Birthday weekend. You're a star, we are so very lucky to have you in our u3a - thank you.”



It was great to be back with Walking Group Four after an absence of over a year. Needless to say I was warmly welcomed by Mary, Ilush and the rest of the assembled walkers. Thank you to everyone.



However, unfortunately, the weather was not so welcoming. It rained pretty steadily all

throughout the walk. We did a four mile route around Ince Blundell along paths that skirted much of the local farmland. Despite the rain it was great to get out and see the crops in the fields. As we were walking back through the village Brenda even spotted a lovely display of geraniums!



At the end of the walk we all retired to the very pleasant Sunshine Tearooms in Ince Blundell for a well deserved lunch!!

Jim Hay



SHORT WALKS GROUP 2 VENTURED A LITTLE FURTHER AFIELD ...



...for July Walk Two. We took a train to Moorfields and then walked down to the Pierhead. We got a "ferry across the Mersey", taking in the sights along the Liverpool waterfront and seeing the progress of the new Everton Stadium - due to be completed for the start of 2024 season.

We got off the ferry at Seacombe where we had some refreshments in the Eureka Cafe. We then walked up along the path to New Brighton, taking a detour into the fairy scenes in the park, along our way. We had lunch in the Pavilion, which was accompanied by live music - an added bonus. We then

walked to New Brighton station taking in a few of the murals along the way. A very pleasant expedition, which I think will be added to our list of "good walks".



I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my Co-Leader Audrey Jones who has moved down to her new home in London, closer to some of her family. Thank you for all your support and for the walks you have led over the last few years. We wish you all the best as you begin this new adventure - and hope you can join a u3a walking group soon.



Catherine McNair (Group Leader Short Walks 2)



1 Domino Pizza

2 Gregg's

3 Unicef

4 Gucci

5 IBM

6 Pringles

7 Premier Inn

8 NATO

9 Radley

10 Shell

11 Vodaphone

12 National Lottery

13 Heineken

14 Little Chef

15 KFC

16 Nike

17 Amazon

18 Toyota

19 BMW

20 Netflix



Members of Walking Group Four enjoyed an eight mile walk from Glasson Dock, along the Lancashire Coastal Path, passing Cockersands Abbey then through fields before returning alongside the Lancaster canal.



There was plenty of wildlife, along with

views of parachute drops from a local airfield.

Not a drop of rain fell during the walk.

The group enjoyed fabulous tea and cakes at the end of the walk.

