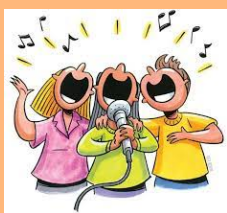


Fancy a Singalong??

If so, why not go along to Ian Stern's Singalong Group, last Thursday of each month at the Cherish Centre in Churchtown. Just go into the u3a website and add your name.



You don't have to be an expert singer, just be able to read the words on the screen. 60s, 70s, popular, shows, musicals, all covered by Ian and his team of musicians.

During our September monthly meeting, our speaker was Ian Gibson of **North West Air Ambulance** (NWAA).

Following his talk, members of the audience asked about ways in which they could make donations to the charity, which receives no government funding.

Acting upon our members' wishes, an envelope was placed by the exit so that voluntary donations could be made by those who wished to do so.

We have since heard, that a grand total of **£296.79** was donated by our members.



If members are inclined to volunteer for this year's **POPPY APPEAL**, then you would be

very welcome. They are looking for Poppy sellers/collectors. They will be manning places around the town and also have street collectors during the next month. If you are interested in volunteering then contact George at Email:

allanblanchard@outlook.com or the Royal British Legion at Wesley Street, Tel: 01704 465947.



Coach trips - short breaks

This is an appeal for anyone who would be interested in arranging some short breaks by coach - for example one, two or three days. There are many interesting places we could visit that is just too far for our day trips.

We did have a successful short break last year to Bletchley Park, Blenheim Palace and the National Arboretum and since then we have been asked if we would arrange some further outings.

We did arrange one for June this year but it became apparent that the timing was not good as many people take family holidays etc during this month.

We are currently busy with our 'day job' in arranging our day trips and would welcome to hear from anybody who would be interested in arranging short breaks by coach as there is a clear interest from members who would like to participate in such events.



It would be great if we could in the future have two groups:

Coach trips 1 - Day excursions

Coach trips 2 - Short breaks

This would very much be a co-operative enterprise, where we will work closely with the persons running the short breaks.



For more information and to discuss this opportunity, contact Derek and Anne Kershaw (Group Leaders - coach trips for day excursions)



Free Tickets are now available for collection for the Christ Church



To accommodate everyone this year we will have **two parties** on two separate dates **Thursday 7th December** and **Thursday 14th December**, you can only pick one date! Admission will be by ticket only; your numbered ticket is also your entry into the free raffle for one of our fabulous Christmas hampers.



Tickets are only available to collect from Christ Church at the monthly meeting, next meeting Thursday 5th October.

You will need your u3a number to collect a ticket.



Southport u3a Christmas Lunch

At The Grand, Lord Street

Delicious 3 course menu, includes Tea or coffee.

Tuesday 5th December 2023

12:30 - 5:00pm £34 pp



Live entertainment by Dave Broe.

Free Raffle



Tickets now available, book online or at the Events Christmas table at Christ Church.

If possible, please can you pay online.

Table Tennis 1

We meet at the YMCA in Houghton Street each Thursday at 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. We play mostly doubles and have a great deal of fun each week. It seems that most people have played table tennis in their teenage years, and probably not much since then, but like riding a bike, you can pick it up again quite quickly.

We need more members and everyone is very welcome. We have a short break in the middle of the afternoon for a drink (bring it yourself) and a chat.

Please come and join us – table tennis is good for the brain and is excellent physical activity.

Jenny Boulton (jennifer43@tiscali.co.uk)

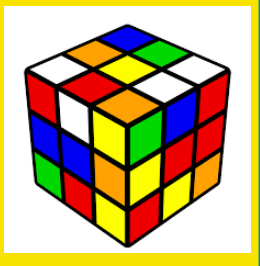


BOOK SALES

Liz and Keith will be on holiday next week, so there will be **NO Book Sales Desk** at the next October Monthly Meeting.

If you have books to donate please hold on them until the next meeting.

1 What is the world record for completing a Rubiks cube



2 This square was the scene of a famous massacre



3 This clock face takes on particular significance at New Year



4 Ideally, you would reach this famous square in a Gondola



5 Which gallery would you find this famous painting in



6 This square is watched over by a rather famous Admiral



7 It revolutionised food storage in the kitchen but you couldn't buy it in the shops



8 Currently the home of a man who is very unpopular at the moment



9 At the centre of one of the world's busiest City's, this square is not really a square shape at all but very busy, especially on New Year's Eve



10 Whose logos are hidden in these four quarters



The Drama Group played to three full houses this month with a very ingenious **"Trio of Plays"**.

This was a collection of three short plays, each on a different subject and with a completely different cast. The plays were **"Invitations"** about the well known shenanigans around wedding invites - who gets one and who doesn't!! **"Murder at Twilight Gardens"** centred on a "murder/mystery" group in an old folks home trying to solve the murder of one of their residents and finally **"An Unmagical Mystery Tour"** followed the fortunes of a group of friends gradually disintegrating during a Mystery Coach Tour.

"INVITATIONS"



"MURDER AT TWILIGHT GARDENS"



"AN UNMAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR"



Southport u3a's Got Talent

Thursday 16th

November

Southport Little Theatre

Doors open at 2.00pm

Curtain up at 2.30pm

Come an have some fun.
Support fellow members for
a truly entertaining
afternoon of music,
comedy, song, drama &
a few surprises

Audience Tickets £4.00 – Guests Welcome

Book online or at Christ Church Meetings

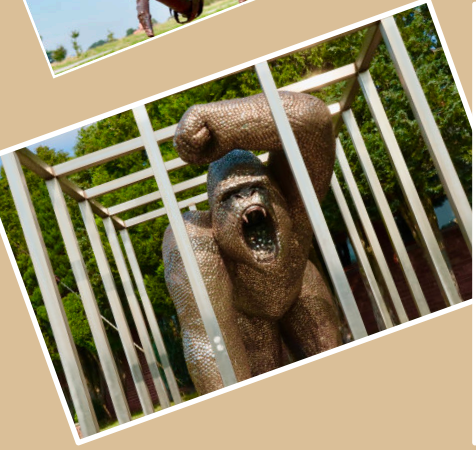
Interval Teas & Coffees Included



COACH TRIPS GO IRON AGE

learn,
laugh,
live

This month's Coach Trip was to The British Ironwork Centre & Sculpture Park in Oswestry, the venue we have all recently been collecting spectacles for. The Sculpture Park is a very large open air collection of sculptures in all shapes and sizes - but all made in metal. We were free to wander round these amazing shapes and then treated to a buffet lunch. They haven't started the spectacles sculpture yet, but gave us all free tickets to come back and see it when completed. In the afternoon we had an interesting guided tour around the ancient town of Oswestry - Oh - and the sun shone all day!!



Yes, once again thirty u3a members had a great night out in Liverpool on the Beatles cruise, organised by Brenda Jones.

They started off with a great meal at the Silk Road Restaurant before wandering down to catch the Ferry at The Pier Head.

This was followed by a night dancing the night away on the ferry to the Beatles Tribute Band.



THE BEATLES



GARDENING GROUP VENTURE OVER THE PENNINES

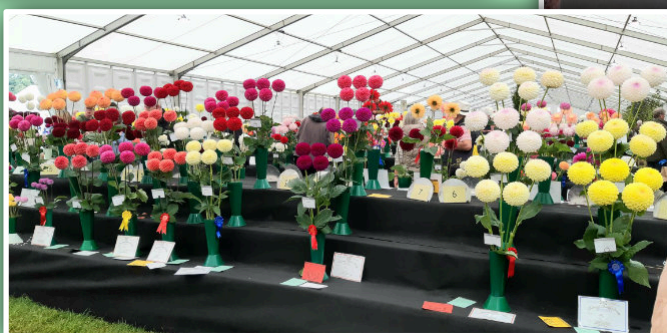
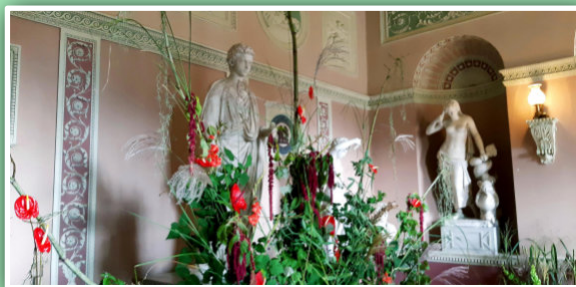
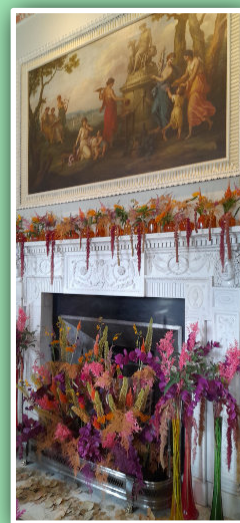
The Gardening Group recently celebrated the change of season with a trip over the Pennines to the Harrogate Autumn Show. This takes place in the glorious setting of Newby Hall and Gardens, near Ripon in Yorkshire.

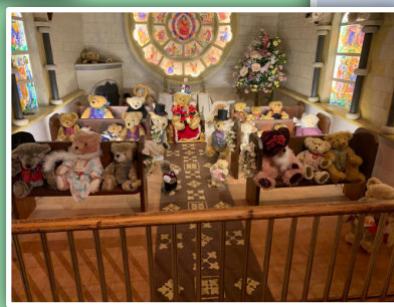
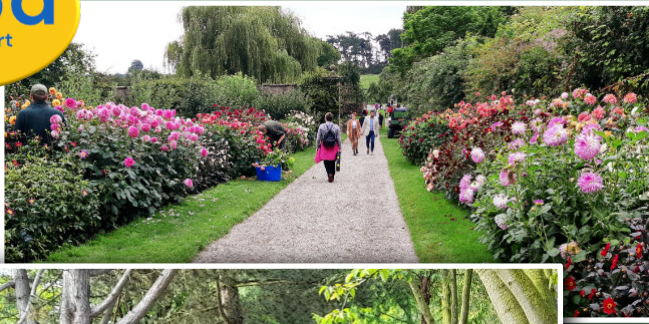
The Harrogate Autumn Show is celebrated as one of Britain's foremost horticultural Shows. We were not disappointed and were treated to an amazing array of vibrant, colourful flower and produce displays; including the famous, celebrated giant vegetable competitions.

Whilst a good number of our party headed first for the Flower and Produce Marquees and exhibits, a good many members made a bee-line for Newby Hall itself, and its' beautiful 25 acres of Gardens, which included a miniature railway! The gardens are terrific in Autumn - with border after border including of, course colourful dahlias, chrysanthemum, salvias and fuchsias.

The Hall itself is a very fine 18th century stately home, designed by the celebrated architect Robert Adams. Our tickets gave us free admission to the Hall's palatial state rooms which were the backdrop to a series of stunning, themed floral displays against the spectacular backdrop of Newby's fine artwork and sculptures. There were also delightful and quirky exhibitions of Dolls Houses and of Gyles Brandreth's Teddy Bears' Collection.

All in all, everyone seemed to enjoy their day. Our tour party did not leave without purchasing plenty of plant treasures. We also nearly acquired a stray member of the Belper U3A who accidentally boarded our coach with us for the journey home – who we discovered in the nick of time before we set off!





Festive Quiz



Wednesday 29th November 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

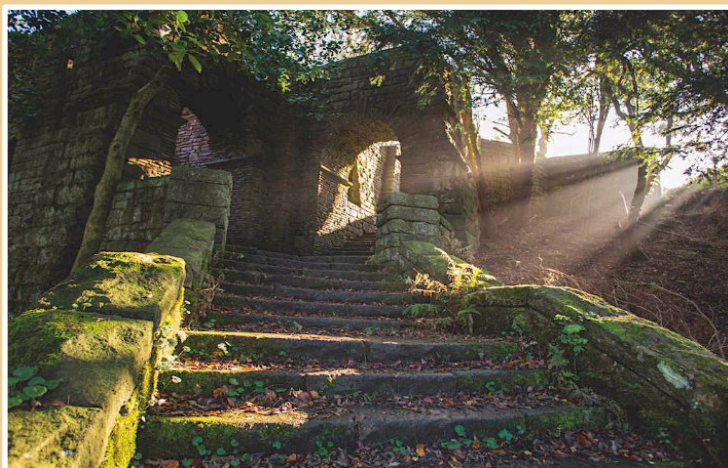
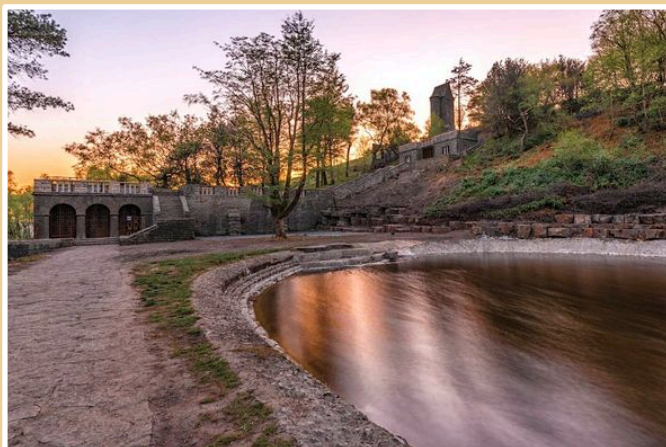
Queries to:- neilmcmillan6@hotmail.com



Walking Group 5 had its inaugural walk on 1st September around the Rivington & Anglezarke Reservoirs and then the Terraced Gardens of Lever Park. Just over 6 miles in glorious weather that seemed to defy all the forecasts.

And as always our efforts were rewarded by a cafe stop at the end - this time in 'The Rivington' - a Bowling Club and Cafe with spectacular views over the Reservoirs.

Our next walk is at Silverdale on Thur 14th Sept.



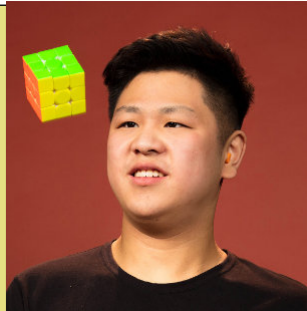
70s

In the second outing on the Mersey Ferry this month by our super host, Brenda Jones, the Group first had a lovely meal at the Silk Road Restaurant in Liverpool before venturing onto the ferry for a night of 70's music. A great time was had by all!!

And Steve Birchall managed to take his Drone Camera on board and get some shots from high above the river.



1 The fastest time for completing a Rubiks Cube is held by Yusheng Du from China who completed one in **3.47 Seconds** in October 2022



2 Tianamen Square in Beijing is also the scene of a massacre in 1989



3 Big Ben, situated in the Houses of Parliament in London is televised at midnight on 31st Dec.



4 St, Mark's Square in Venice is a favourite, especially with cruise ship passengers



5 The Mona Lisa can be found hanging in "The Louvre" Art Gallery in Paris



6 Trafalgar Square in London is looked over by the Nelson Monument



7 Tupperware Parties became the big rage in the 60's. No kitchen was the same without these storage boxes



8 Red Square in Moscow is the traditional centre for all political activities and parades



9 Times Square in New York stands in the centre of the entertainment sector

