

The Local History Group are pleased to announce an event!

On May 20th Julie Rudge will give us a guided tour of Kings Gardens.



The walking tour is likely to last about 50 minutes to an hour and the cost is a £4.00 donation to the Kings Gardens Charitable Trust. As you know, Kings Gardens is maintained by volunteers and funds are used to provide their tools and the plants for the gardens.

We will meet near to the Tea Rooms in Kings Gardens at 1.30pm. (the tea rooms are open for refreshment either before or after the walk).

If you wish to attend this event, please apply via Beacon (see next page for guidance).

We look forward to seeing members on 20th May.



If you have recovered from the disappointing end to Line of Duty and are missing it, Francine has sent me a link to the soundtrack on the BBC library. Click [HERE](#) to listen to it.

The latest in the series of 'People we are glad have too much time on their hands' is the man who built a model aircraft. Well actually, not just the turbine jet but also a mobile launch pad. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



The British Library are holding an online event on Monday 10th May. The title of the event is 'Digital Nature' and is billed as 'Curators, artists and authors explore where nature and the digital world crossover during this time of radical change.'

Admission is free. Click [HERE](#) to visit the booking page



A new camp commander was appointed and while inspecting the place, he saw 2 soldiers guarding a bench. He went over there and asked them why do they guard it.

"We don't know. The last commander told us to do so, and so we did. It is some sort of regimental tradition!"

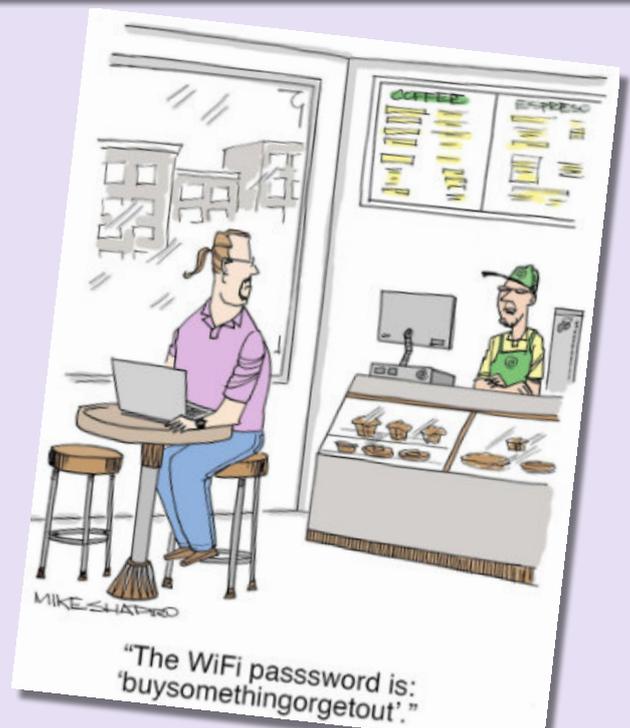
He searched for last commander's phone number and called him to ask him why did he want guards in this particular bench.

"I don't know. The previous commander had guards, and I kept the tradition."

Going back another 3 commanders, he found a now 100-year old retired General.

"Excuse me sir. I'm now the CO of your camp you commanded 60 years ago. I've found 2 men assigned to guard a bench. Could you please tell me more about the bench?"

"What? Is the paint still wet ??!"



Update on Local History group.

The leaders of Local History are now beginning to plan some events for 2021.

In the past, bookings for our trips have been made at the monthly meetings and any payment due has been taken when the booking is made. Clearly this is not possible at present so we are now putting new procedures in place.

Our May event has been publicised via the newsletter and also an e mail has been sent out to all members who are on Beacon. Bookings for this tour are being taken via Beacon.

However, in order to avoid e mailing every member on Beacon each month, it is necessary for us to operate a Local History group on Beacon. This means that news of upcoming events and changes to arrangements will just go to those members involved.

It is for this reason that we ask any member, who feels they may be interested in our group's activities either now or in the future, to register as a member of Local History on Beacon.

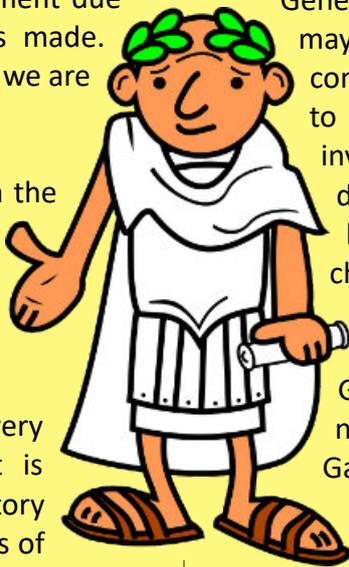
For the benefit of new members, we will outline how our group usually operates.

We identify venues and locations in the local area which we feel are worthy of a visit or tour so that we can learn more about the area in which we live. Local is not just Southport or even Liverpool. We have travelled to Manchester, Lancaster and the Wirral in our search for interesting days out.

We are a flexible group so members will join us if they are interested in what we are offering. Not every member attends every event!

We use public transport and anyone booking on our tours will be advised which train or bus to catch in order to meet the group. In the current situation, we are not intending to use transport until July when hopefully everything will be more normal! We do not intend to go indoors until September 2021.

There is insufficient space for us to show a list of all the places we have visited over the past years but examples would be Birkenhead Priory, Sefton Park Liverpool, Manchester Cathedral and Lancaster Castle.



Generally there is a fee to pay for the tour. This may be a donation or a charge but, having committed to that tour, the leaders will have to pay the agreed amount. The amounts involved are often small, e.g. £5, but if you decide to accompany us on an event and book your place on Beacon and there is a charge, you will be liable for that charge.

Our May event is a guided tour of Kings Gardens on 20th May. On June 24th at 12 noon, we have a picnic at the Botanic Gardens n Churchtown. We have leaflets to hand out to members on that day so you can either walk around the village using this or keep the leaflet for future use.

We will be available to "mind" chairs and bags up to 2pm if people choose to undertake the walk!

We did have a walk in Waterloo booked for July but the guide who was taking us has advised us that he is awaiting an operation so he has cancelled all his bookings until he is well enough to do this for us. We are now looking for an alternative for July and details will be posted in the newsletter and on our web page when this is known.

We are concerned that members who are regular attendees on our trips may not be registered on Beacon or reading this newsletter. If any member reading this is aware of people who like to come with us and may not be aware of the changes, we ask that they either let the person concerned know what is happening or email the group leader via the U3a web page so we can reach out to as many people as possible.

Fingers crossed all will be well with Covid and Beacon!!! And we look forward to enjoying some activities in 2021.

BEFORE 6 BEERS



AFTER 6 BEERS

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A man in his 40's bought a new BMW and was out on the interstate for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to open her up.

As the needle jumped up to 80 mph, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him. "There's no way they can catch a BMW," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100.... Then the reality of the situation hit him. "What the hell am I doing?" he thought and pulled over. The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car.

"It's been a long day, this is the end of my shift and it's Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go."

The guy thinks for a second and says, "Last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back."

"Have a nice weekend," said the officer.



LIVE Scientists

learn,
laugh,
live

- Cancer Month**
- 3rd May 2021**
Proton Therapy in Cancer Blog
(by Beth Rothwell)
 - 10th May 2021**
Ovarian Cancer: Developing New Therapies Using a Living Biobank Q&A
(with Prof Stephen Taylor)
 - 18th May 2021**
Role of the Tumour Microenvironment in Therapy and Metastasis
Live Talk (with Dr Isabel Pires)
 - 24th May 2021**
Black in Cancer - Activity
 - 31st May 2021**
Cancer in Young Adults Blog

www.livewithscientists.com

Len Morris is hoping to set up a U3A group later this year to explore “science, health and wellbeing” based on medical science in the news, films and books.

In the meantime, members may be interested in an initiative from Manchester University, “Live with Scientists” (<https://www.livewithscientists.com/>), that aims to connect the public with its scientific research. May’s theme is “Cancer” and there is a programme of online presentations and activities lined up.

Len appreciates that it’s not an easy matter for all to talk about but hopefully, the initiative will give a sense that progress is being made locally.

Friday 7th May 2021

Leicester City v Newcastle United
20:00 Sky Sports

Saturday 8th May 2021

Leeds United v Tottenham Hotspur
12:30 BT Sport

Sheffield United v Crystal Palace
15:00 Sky Sports

Man City v Chelsea
17:30 Sky Sports

Liverpool v Southampton
20:15 Sky Sports

Sunday 9th May 2021

Wolves v Brighton & Hove Albion
12:00 BBC One / BBC iPlayer

Aston Villa v Man Utd
14:05 Sky Sports

West Ham United v Everton
16:30 Sky Sports

Arsenal v West Brom
19:00 BT Sport

Monday 10th May 2021

Fulham v Burnley
20:00 Sky Sports

Tuesday 11th May 2021

Man Utd v Leicester City
18:00 BT Sport

Southampton v Crystal Palace
20:15 Sky Sports

Wednesday 12th May 2021

Chelsea v Arsenal
20:15 Sky Sports

Thursday 13th May 2021

Aston Villa v Everton
18:00 Sky Sports

Man Utd v Liverpool
20:15 Sky Sports

Friday 14th May 2021

Newcastle United v Man City
20:00
Sky Sports

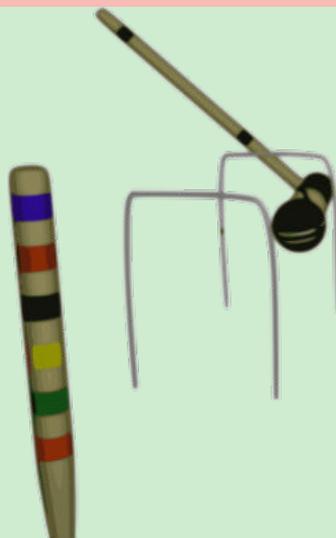




Southport and Birkdale Croquet Club - Taster Sessions.



If walking through a secluded part of Victoria Park, you hear the sounds of Mallets striking balls followed by cries of glee or anguish, you have found Southport and Birkdale Croquet Club, one of the oldest sporting clubs in Southport. Croquet has been played here for more than a hundred years in one of the most picturesque sporting settings in the area. The historic clubhouse was opened in 1904 and is still fully used today, adorned inside with some historic photographs presenting an interesting and practical base for the club activities.



Over the decades, Southport has hosted national and regional tournaments, as well as international matches, and witnessed many of the nations leading players exhibiting their skills. The club manages five league teams, playing matches all over the North West, in addition to many competitions for club members.

The club has about 70 members and Croquet is played at all levels from beginners to experts. Coaching is readily available at various levels and all equipment is supplied, however, many players prefer to buy their own mallets.

Forget the 'posh' reputation and fantasy tales of Alice in Wonderland, Croquet can be a highly competitive and serious sport for young and old, male or female, all competing on equal terms. It is also a wonderful social game played between friends for pleasure and relaxation. Playing croquet in the sunshine on a magnificently manicured lawn is one of life's greatest pleasures.

If you are capable of swinging a 1m long mallet, why not try Croquet? A sport involving thinking and strategic skills along with good hand-eye co-ordination, (think of Snooker on grass), a sport to maintain cerebral skills and a modicum of fitness. Why not give it a try?

Free one hour taster sessions will be taking place in the first 2 weeks of June. Following this you may like to join our coaching sessions which would be £20 for 4 two hour lessons. Hope to see you there!

Croquet is amazing!



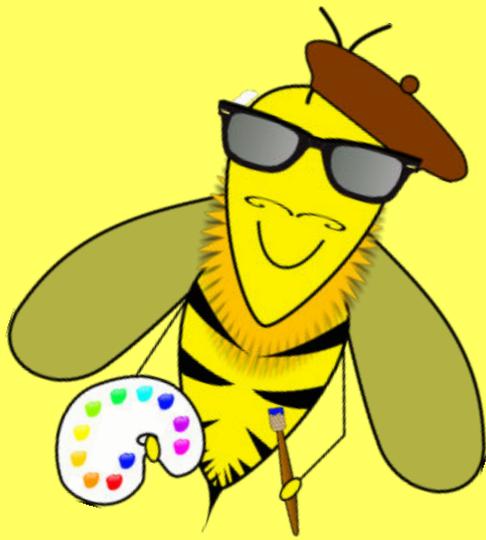
**Phone 07496 605 340 to book a free one hour taster session.
or visit our website: www.southportcroquet.org.uk**

Are you allergic to mushrooms (personally I love them)? You might be surprised to learn that virtually every living thing on Earth is dependent upon fungi, including us.



Click [HERE](#) to read the article





"APITOURISM"

(travelling for bees)

by our own Francine Segar,
Beekeeper and Southport u3a member

Thursday 20 May at 2pm



When a simple hobby can become a passion, and lead to unexpected travels...

Being a hobby-beekeeper in the UK is easy, and any 'honey money' is just a bonus. But for the poorest people in the world, beekeeping can be a life-changing experience. All they need is a little help...

Sceptical? You are not alone. However, we can go on a "bee safari" to see for ourselves the impact that charitable work can have, and how the money raised is actually used (and not misused).



Two very different trips, one to specifically witness the impact of Bees for Development's work, the other more of a fund-raiser - but both are events that UK beekeepers find incredibly interesting and enjoyable.



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