

Here is a video for all of you out there who have a spare mountain they would like to turn into a home.



It's only an apartment, but it does have a decent view!

Click [HERE](#) to watch it.

**S**ometimes you just don't want to go home and your partner does.

If you've ever been stuck in that situation, click [HERE](#) to watch a video showing one possible tactic to deploy.



## MEET & EAT INVADES BISTRO PIERRE

For the second Meet & Eat since we got back together, 31 members descended on The Bistro Pierre Restaurant in Lord Street this week. We took over the whole of the upstairs dining area for the evening. Group Leader, Lorna had organised a superb meal for us and at a very generous price of £16.95 for three courses. Food was lovely and the service superb. And, of course, the company was marvellous! Jim provided a picture quiz which most people managed to get with one or two tricky ones thrown in.

Afterwards, various members commented on the night:

*“Food was excellent and great value for money”*, said John and Yvonne Barauskas

*“Great night out and great company”*, said Derek Oldfield

*“It is so good just to get out and meet people again”*, said Chris and Andy Sweeney

**The next Meet & Eat is Thai Rice on the 11<sup>th</sup> August. We already have 29 booked for this. So if you are a Meet & Eat member haven't booked yet, get onto Beacon now.**



LAST TALK IN THE SERIES



ZOOM TALKS AT HOME

# A World of Nature



A GENUINE TRAVELOGUE MADE UP OF  
IMAGES FROM AROUND THE WORLD  
INCLUDING FLOWERS, BIRDS AND  
LANDSCAPES

**THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST**

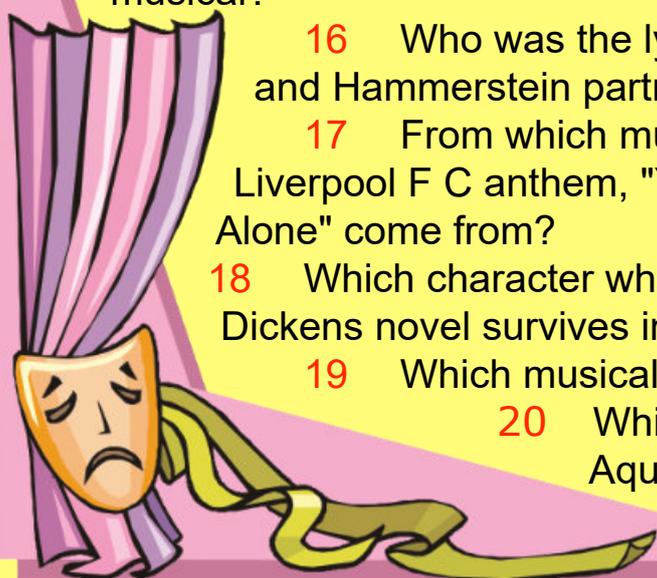
**At 10.30 am**

This fascinating talk is given by Trevor Davenport, Hon Life Member and Past President of Southport Photographic Society. Trevor specialises in Travel and Nature photography

This is a real treat for all who are interested in good travel Photography or just have a liking for places and creatures of beauty

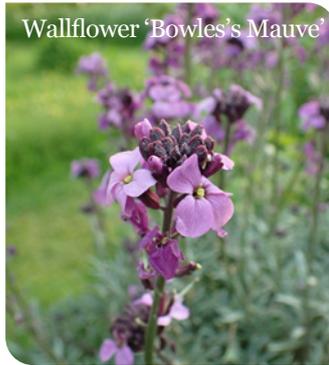


- 1 Which George Bernard Shaw play was transformed into "My Fair Lady"?
- 2 Andrew Lloyd Webber collaborated with Ben Elton for "The Beautiful Game", where was it set?
- 3 The musical "Les Miserables" is based on a book by which French author?
- 4 Which famous musical is set in Berlin just prior to the last war?
- 5 From which musical does the song "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair" come?
- 6 Which song from "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", gave Jason Donovan a UK number 1 in 1991?
- 7 What was the last musical to be written by Rodgers and Hammerstein?
- 8 As at October 2014, what is the longest running musical in the West End?
- 9 Who played the part of Che, in the original London production of "Evita"?
- 10 From which musical does the song "Old Man River" come?
- 11 From which country was the King in "The King and I"?
- 12 Who is known as "The first Lady of British Musical Theatre"?
- 13 The musical "Starlight Express" was famously performed on roller-skates, but what other form of transport was the musical about?
- 14 Which Bond was due to star in the opening of "Aspects of Love", but dropped out?
- 15 Which 1961 Hayley Mills film was made into a musical?
- 16 Who was the lyricist of the Rodgers and Hammerstein partnership?
- 17 From which musical does the Liverpool F C anthem, "You'll Never Walk Alone" come from?
- 18 Which character who dies in the original Dickens novel survives in the musical "Oliver!"?
- 19 Which musical contains the song "Tell Me It's Not true"?
- 20 Which musical hailed the dawning of the age of Aquarius?





Oregano



Wallflower 'Bowles's Mauve'



Sea holly



Columbine

Pick a plant	Buy me as...	Plant me here...	I like a spot that's...	I flower around...	Bonus feature
<b>Oregano/Wild marjoram</b> <i>(Origanum vulgare)</i>				July–September	Sprinkle my leaves <b>over pizza</b> or into <b>tomato sauces</b> for a flavour sensation!
<b>Wallflower 'Bowles's Mauve'</b> <i>(Erysimum linifolium 'Bowles's Mauve')</i>				February–July	I earn my place in even the smallest gardens by producing pretty flowers for <b>months on end</b> .
<b>Sea holly</b> ( <i>Eryngium maritimum</i> )				June–September	My thistle-shaped flowers may be unusual, but they definitely have the <b>'wow' factor!</b>
<b>Columbine/Granny's bonnet</b> <i>(Aquilegia species)</i>				May–August (next year)	I drop my seeds so you'll get <b>more plants without any effort</b> , or collect them from the seed pods yourself.

**Key**  potted plant  seeds  ground  container  container or ground  sunny  partly shady

## Bumblebees need lots of flowers to feed on. Give them a helping hand by adding just one of these bumblebee favourites to your outdoor space in July.

Our top picks are all easy to look after, and great for beginner gardeners. Simply wait for them to flower, then enjoy watching your local bumblebees feeding.

July is also the month to make the most of what you already have. Remove dead flower heads from your existing plants so they can keep blooming, and collect seeds so you can grow more next year for free!

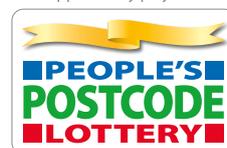
For more planting ideas, try our interactive Bee kind tool [beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org](http://beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org)

 Listen using 'Read Out Loud' in Adobe Acrobat Reader.

### Top tips:

- Read the instruction label on your new plant or seeds for the best way to look after them.
- Thirsty plants won't make any nectar for bumblebees. Make sure yours are watered according to their individual care instructions, particularly in hot, dry weather.
- Always try to choose **organic, pesticide-free** plants and seeds – these are best for bumblebees.

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Time for a little trip to the archives. Colin Weir has sent in a clip featuring Jack Webb and Johnny Carson.



If you were a fan of Dragnet you may appreciate this, click [HERE](#) to watch the video.

**Just failed my driving test. When the examiner asked me "what sign would you expect to see down a narrow country road?" Apparently 'fresh eggs for sale' wasn't the answer...**

Ancient Egypt fascinates many of us, in fact Southport u3a has its own Egyptology group.



For a 1 hour documentary which you may not have seen before, click [HERE](#).

Wife texts her Husband- hey honey don't forget to buy bread on your way home work, oh and your girlfriend Valerie says hello.

Husband - who's Valerie?

Wife - no one I just wanted to make sure you read the message about the bread

Husband- oh thank god I thought you saw me with Valerie, I'm with her now

Wife - what? Where are you?

Husband - in town near the bakery

Wife - stay there I'm on my way!!!!

5 mins later

Wife - I'm at the bakery, where are you!!!!

Husband - I'm still at work, but since you're at the bakery, can you get the bread



QUIZ

# MUSICALS QUIZ

ANSWERS

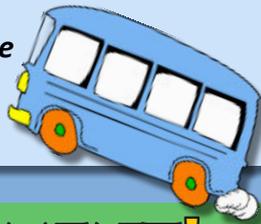
1. Pygmalion
2. Northern Ireland (during the troubles)
3. Victor Hugo
4. "Cabaret"
5. "South Pacific"
6. "Any Dream Will Do"
7. "The Sound of Music"
8. "Les Miserables"
9. David Essex
10. "Showboat"
11. Siam
12. Elaine Paige
13. Trains (A child's train that comes to life in a dream)
14. Roger Moore
15. "Whistle Down the Wind"
16. Oscar Hammerstein II
17. "Carousel"
18. Fagin
19. "Blood Brothers"
20. "Hair"

## RHS BRIDGEWATER

We are in the process of organising a coach trip to RHS Bridgewater which opened its gates to the public for the first time on Tuesday 18th May 2021. It is a 154 - acre garden based in Salford, Greater Manchester and is the biggest hands-on horticultural project undertaken in Europe since planning permission was granted in 2017.

We are currently waiting for further dates to be released from RHS Bridgewater and are looking to visit on a weekday in mid September. Will keep you updated.

Derek & Anne



## !ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Spanish 1 group will resume on **MONDAY 2nd AUGUST**

Same time, same place.

Looking forward to seeing you all.



Pat

learn,  
laugh,  
live



"It's come to my attention that some of you are cows."

Own up! How many of you owned one of these? The Austin Allegro was a strange car in many ways. It was also symbolic of British Leyland at that time.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video about its impact on the firm.



In the week that the Tokyo Olympics started, we can't leave without a link to a documentary about the Olympic Games of the 8<sup>th</sup> Century. Click [HERE](#) to watch it.



Sunset Outside The Fishermans Rest - Image by David North