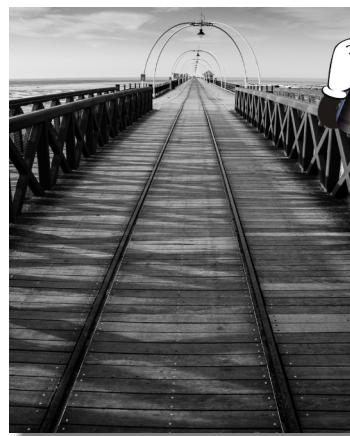


Friday 13th Novemberlearn,
laugh,
live**U3A LOCKDOWN QUIZ**

A reminder that Jim Hay is running a new daily Lockdown Quiz for members during this current lockdown 2. Over 100 members have signed up and are already enjoying the quiz. Questions will cover a variety of subjects to keep you thinking. You can also send the quiz to friends and relatives, as some members have done, including setting up friendly competitions.

To sign up, register on Beacon in the U3A website and add your name under "LOCKDOWN QUIZ" or if you are not sure how to, send your details to membership@southportu3a.org.uk and Jim will add you to the list.



After the success of last month's Autumn theme, this month **Photo Group 1** are trying their hand at mono and black & white (yes there is a difference).

The low, strong sunshine provides lots of different opportunities for good black & white shots and we are looking forward to see what our members come up with. If you want to follow their progress yourselves, you can view the online album by clicking [HERE](#).

**Southport To Get A New Waterfront Theatre?**

Hot on the heels of the Go Surf announcement comes news of another major investment in the waterfront area of Southport. Click [HERE](#) to read about the potential new Events Centre, planned to replace the decaying Southport Theatre.

Comedy Clip

The films are always good for a laugh, but click [HERE](#) to watch how James Bond also provides comedy in its adverts

Did You Know?

Martin Mere used to be the biggest lake in England?
See page 4 for more information

NAME THESE FILMS FEATURING ICONIC MEN



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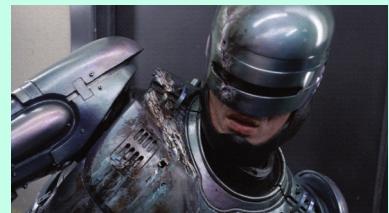
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As usual, answers are on the next page.

I wasn't allowed to say anything until today, but it's now okay for me to share this information with friends.

I have volunteered for the Covid-19 vaccine trials that York District Hospital have been secretly running in partnership with Pfizer.

The vaccine is the one that has been developed in Russia, but I thought it important that we all do our part to help beat this virus.

Please keep it to yourselves, however, because it's a tad controversial.

I received my first dose this morning just after breakfast and I'm pleased to report that it's completely safe, with no side effects whatsoever, and that I feelshki я чувю себя немного стрно и я думю, что вытыл осные уши. чувству себя немго страо.





Membership Update: While introducing the latest Lockdown Quiz, I have been getting asked a lot of questions about the current situation with membership. So here is a summary.

The committee decided to suspend the renewal of membership during the current Covid outbreak until the early part of next year. So, this means that instead of renewing your membership in September of this year we will be asking you to renew your membership from February 1st next year. The membership fee remains at £10. I will be sending out renewal letters to all members in early January asking you to renew for the following year which will run from February 2021 until February 2022.

As we are anticipating that we will not be in a position to start up monthly meetings by then you will be able to renew either online using Beacon, which a great many of you did last year, or by post. You will not be able to renew personally at Christ Church.

Many of you have gone into Beacon and had a message that your membership has not been renewed. Like most things in our lives at the moment Beacon was not designed with Covid in mind so please ignore any messages you get when signing up. We are assured that after we go through the renewal cycle next year it will sort itself out.

Just to remind you, if you wish to go into your record to make any changes on Beacon, you can do so by clicking the “Beacon” tab on the Southport U3A website and following the instructions to get into your record. Remember Beacon is case sensitive. If you need any help, please contact me through the website.

JIM HAY
Membership Secretary

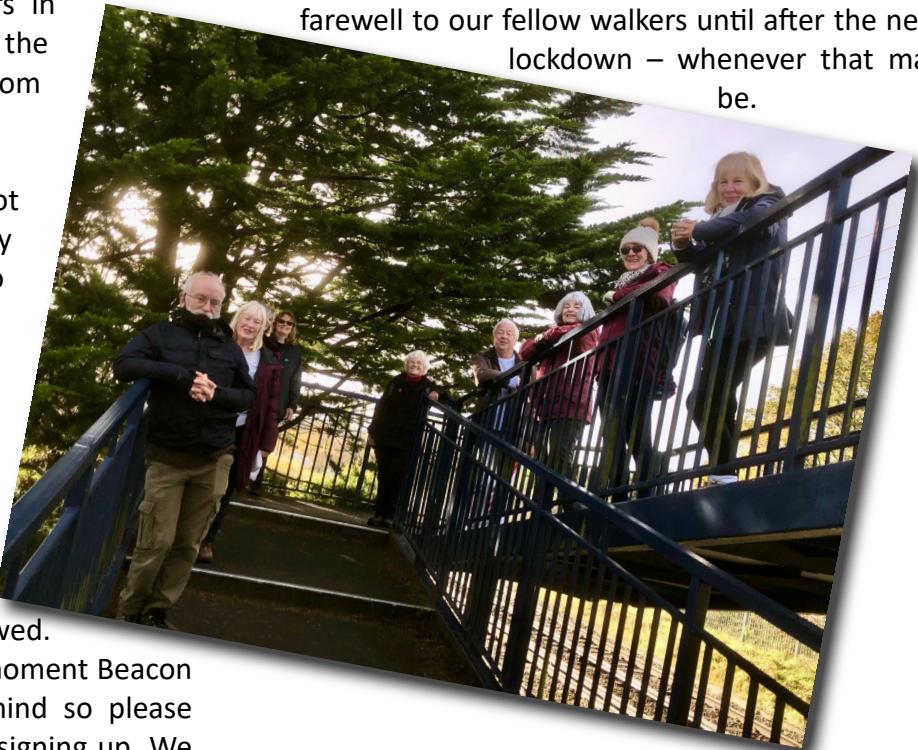
U3A Walking Group 1

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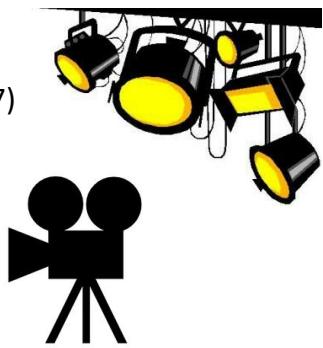
Mary and Ilush led our band of walkers on our last walk before the new lockdown started. In socially distanced groups (of course!!) we set off in a circular tour that took us through many of the lesser used paths around the sand dunes behind Ainsdale. Even for those of us who have lived in Ainsdale for some time we discovered quite a few places we did not know existed. They had even scoped the ground beforehand to make sure we avoided some of the more boggy parts in our trek.

Unfortunately we were not able to partake of our usual lunch at the end of the outing and had to bid farewell to our fellow walkers until after the next lockdown – whenever that may be.



Quiz Answers

- 1 – Braveheart (1995)
- 2 – Chinatown (1974)
- 3 – The Untouchables (1987)
- 4 – Gladiator (2000)
- 5 – Pulp Fiction (1994)
- 6 – Top Gun (1986)
- 7 – Scarface (1983)
- 8 – Ghostbusters (1984)
- 9 – Robocop (1987)



History of Martin Mere.

Many of you will have visited Martin Mere, but did you know it used to be the largest lake in England?

Martin Mere was formed at the end of the last Ice Age, when water filled a depression in the glacial drift. Since then its size has varied as water levels have risen and fallen. The original giant lake can be seen on Christopher Saxton's map from 1579 and stretched from Rufford in the east, to Churchtown (then known as North Meols) in the west.

To the north of the lake were the villages of Mere Brow and Holmeswood, the site of Holmeswood Hall, built by the Heskeths as a hunting lodge. South of the lake was the Scarisbrick Hall estate, Martin Hall and Tarlefarrowood, now known as Tarlscough.

The mere originally drained out in two places; at the western end the arm of the mere known as the Wyke drained into the Pool (or Old Pool) at what is now Crowland Street, Blowick, while at its eastern end it flowed into the river Douglas at Rufford.

Active management of the mere began in 1692 when Thomas Fleetwood of Bank Hall cut a channel in an attempt to drain it. Further attempts to drain it were made in the 1780s, but effective drainage was achieved only in the mid-19th century, with the introduction of steam pumping.

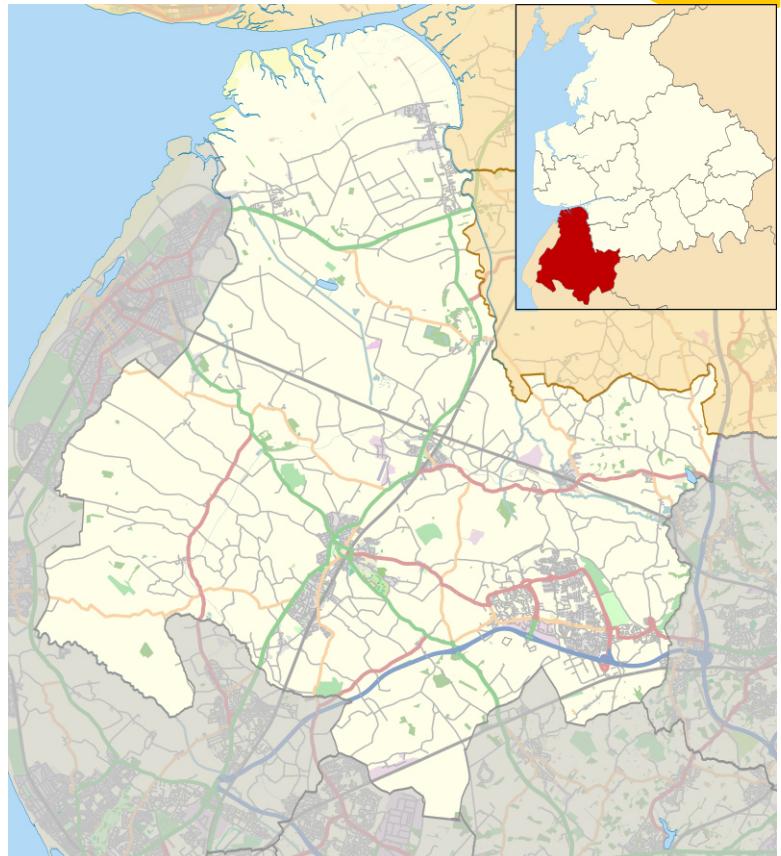
Farms and market gardens were established on the rich soils of the reclaimed land. Between 1974 and 1982 sand from the former lake bed was quarried for use in glass-making at Mere Sands Wood which is now also a nature reserve.

DOG MEDICATION

I have been contacted by one of our members, Ali Houston, whose Cairn Terrier unfortunately passed away recently.

Ali has a supply of 40 'Vetmedin 5mg Chewable tablets for Dogs' which her dog was taking for a heart murmur. These tablets are normally very expensive, but Ali is happy for a U3A member to have them at a much reduced price.

If you are interested, please email your details to the newsletter editor and these will be passed to Ali.



A New Hobby

Fancy doing a bit of wood carving? Don't rush out to buy a set of chisels just yet. Click [HERE](#) to watch

