

## Haworth/Lytham 1940s Wartime Events

In May 2019 the coach trip group had an enjoyable day out in Haworth, West Yorkshire which was celebrating its annual 1940's wartime event. (See photos)

Following this successful trip a large number of members have requested a similar coach trip in the future. We had therefore planned to go to Lytham in 2020 but unfortunately like many events it had to be cancelled.

All being well we are therefore planning on going to the 1940's wartime event in Lytham on Saturday 15th August 2021.

It is reported that, similar to Haworth, Lytham re-lives the wartime era with plenty of forties singing, dancing with big bands, battle re enactments, weapons displays, historic vehicles, military charities, vintage traders and so much more...

There will also be music and dance in Clifton Square in the town centre with a resident forties DJ.

At least those attending the event in Lytham will not have to walk up the very steep hill we had to negotiate in Haworth!!

Further details will be available at a later date.

Derek & Anne Kershaw







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These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services (submitted by Col Chop):

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The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

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The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water.

The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.



Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs .

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Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

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Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

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Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church.

Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The first poem is a little late for the 2020 season, but reminds me of one of the things I love about living in Southport.



### SAFE ARRIVAL

**Chris Coxhead**

From Iceland's, icy, wind-blown shores  
Pink footed geese appear in scores  
Sketched on clouds, spidery patterns  
Pinkfoots in their v-shaped columns

Unknown pilot plotting their route  
Across prevailing gusts they shoot  
For days their masses honking by  
Invading our north-western sky

For us all a message they bring  
We already know they're here 'til Spring  
Pinkfoot's arrival tells us all  
Autumn's here or is it the fall?

### THE SUN SHONE

**Mike Parsons**

Though still the sun shines warm this passing day  
In loneliness I hear the tread of time  
Slow trudging on its calm and heedless way  
To softly end the faith that once was mine  
In Spring's return, in Nature near divine.  
For now whole species fail in life's sad race  
A great extinction works my world's decline  
And now-known living things will leave no trace  
Save fossil puzzles for the human race,  
Should any of our kind by chance remain  
To seek in vain the glory of this place  
This web of life that can't be spun again.  
At dawn on this abundance bright sun shone  
My heart misgives! How soon 'twill all be gone!

**W**ooden Cars may seem like something

from a science fiction novel (or the Flintstones), but when you consider the original source material of

plastic you can see how it could be possible.

Scientists are working on techniques to produce Carbon Fibre from 'Lignin', a Carbon polymer found in almost all plants. Click [HERE](#) to read how, what, where and why.



It may have seemed like 2020 was a year of never

ending

gloom, but Sylvia Miley has provided a

link to a page of 99 good news stories from the year. How many of them do you already know?

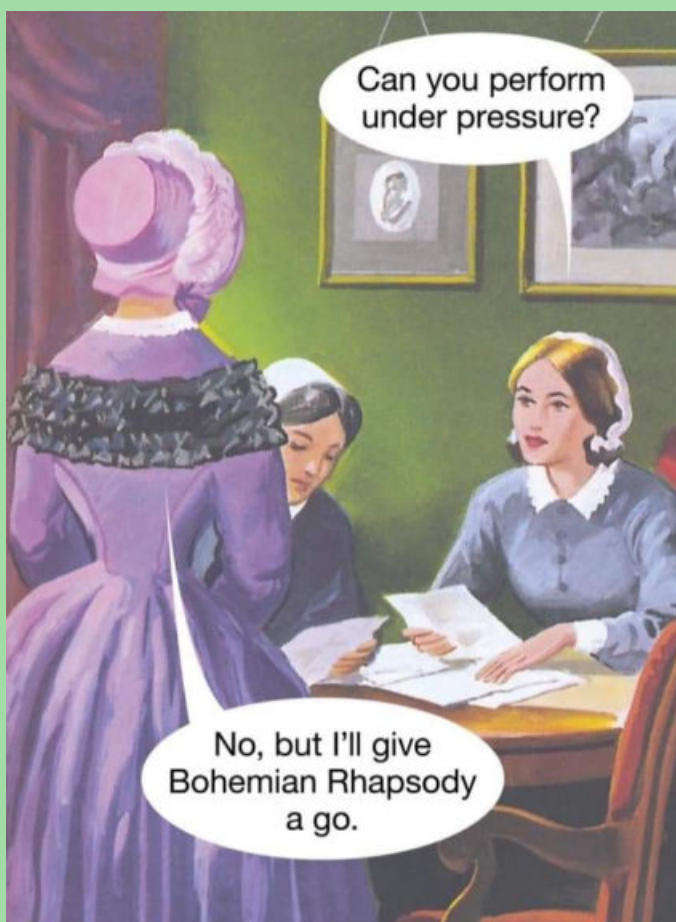
Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

learn,  
laugh,  
live

### QUIZ ANSWERS



1. Edinburgh
2. Portsmouth
3. Oxford
4. Newcastle
5. London
6. Cambridge
7. Bath
8. Chester
9. Lincoln







(David Hopper, February 2015,  
supplied by Sylvia Miley)

Here are some facts:

Ernst August von Braunschweig-Calenberg (1629–1698), who held the title “Elector of Hanover”, was a descendant of Henry VIII (1491–1547). He would have become an heir to the English Throne (Thronfolger) on the death Queen Anne in 1714 if he had not died sixteen years earlier. In 1714, England needed a new monarch, male or female. The Act of Settlement of 1701 stipulated that future monarchs would have to be Protestants (i.e. members of the Church of England). Thus, any Roman Catholic claimants to the English Throne were disqualified. The eldest son of Ernst August, Georg Ludwig von Braunschweig-Lüneburg, took over the title “Elector of Hanover” when his father died. Like his father before him, he was a suitable candidate for the English Throne. In 1714, Georg Ludwig, Elector of Hanover, became George I of Great Britain and Ireland. George I (who spoke German and French, but very little English) was the first king of the so-called House of Hanover. His son became George II in 1727. The grandson of George II became George III in 1760. The eldest son of George III became George IV in 1820.

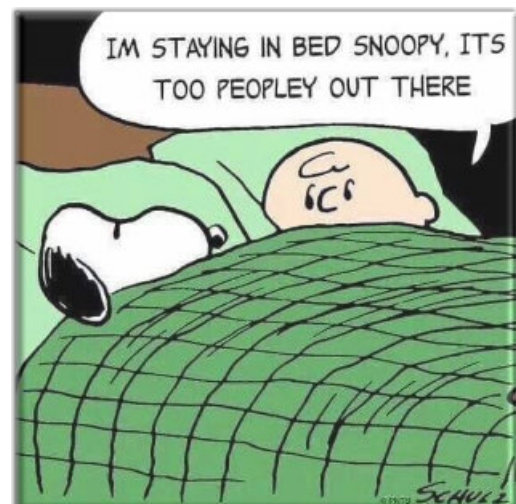
Although they were by nationality Englishmen, all four Georges maintained strong ties to their principality in Hanover. Each of them was married to a wife from the German aristocracy. Thus, they remained essentially German. George IV’s brother, Edward Duke of Kent, married Victoria, who was a daughter of one of the dukes of Sachsen-Coburg-Saalfeld and the widow of the Prince of Leiningen. The eldest daughter of Edward and Victoria was born in 1819. She was also called Victoria and was to become the successor to William IV, who was a brother of George IV and the last king of the House of Hanover. In 1837, when she was only

18 years old, she became Queen Victoria of Great Britain and Ireland. In 1877, she acquired the additional title “Empress of India”. Thus, Queen Victoria’s mother was German and her father was

of German descent. Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha in 1840. They had nine children, all of whom married into royal or noble families throughout Europe. Victoria was known as the “Grandmother of Europe”. In the succeeding generations, the family relationships were such that King George V, Victoria’s grandson, was a cousin of both Kaiser Wilhelm II and Tsar Nicolas II of Russia.

Queen Victoria was the last monarch of the House of Hanover. After her death in 1901, she was succeeded by her eldest son, Edward VII. The English Royal House was renamed “The House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha”, after King Edward’s father. Edward VII was succeeded in 1910 by George V. Like the previous George’s of the House of Hanover, George V had a German wife. It was George V who changed the name of the English Royal House from Saxe-Coburg and Gotha to “Windsor”. George V was succeeded in January 1936 by Edward VIII, who was Queen Elizabeth’s uncle. Edward VIII was succeeded in December of the same year by his brother, George VI, who was Queen Elizabeth’s father. When George VI died in February 1952, Elizabeth became queen; she was 25 years of age. The Coronation took place in the following year on 2 June.

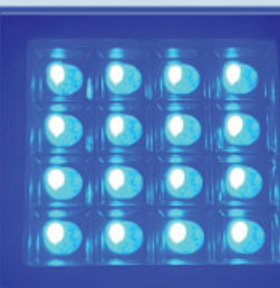
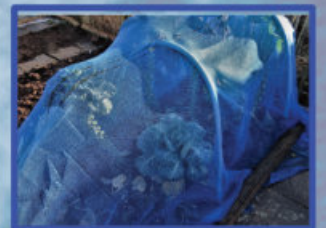
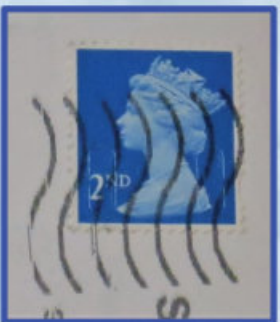
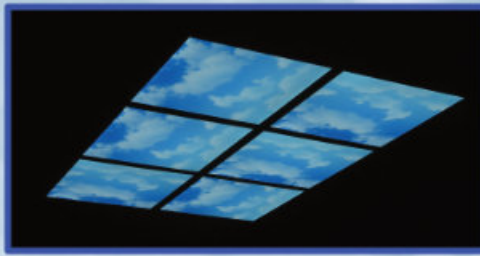
Elizabeth II married Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in 1947. Prince Philip was born on the Greek island of Corfu in 1921. He was the only son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark and Princess Alice of Battenberg. Through his mother, he is partially of German descent. Both Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip are great-great grandchildren of Queen Victoria.





# BLUE

This month's project by Photography 1 was our interpretation of "BLUE". Of course, this can be interpreted by everyone in different ways, which leads to some rather unusual pictures.







### **Saturday 16th January 2021**

Wolves v West Brom  
12:30 BT Sport

Leeds United v Brighton & Hove Albion  
15:00 Sky Sports

West Ham United v Burnley  
15:00 Amazon Prime Video

Fulham v Chelsea  
17:30 Sky Sports

Leicester City v Southampton  
20:00 BT Sport 1

### **Sunday 17th January 2021**

Aston Villa v Everton  
12:00 Sky Sports

Sheffield United v Tottenham Hotspur  
14:05 Sky Sports

Liverpool v Man Utd  
16:30 Sky Sports

Man City v Crystal Palace  
19:15 Sky Sports

### **Monday 18th January 2021**

Arsenal v Newcastle United  
20:00 Sky Sports

### **Tuesday 19th January 2021**

West Ham United v West Brom  
18:00 BT Sport 1

Leicester City v Chelsea  
20:15 Sky Sports

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



All members should have received an email detailing our 'virtual' AGM which is taking place in February. The email contained details of our finances, motions regarding our constitution and the election of officers to the committee.

There were 8 items requiring your vote.

This is a reminder to anyone who hasn't done so, that you have until 31st January to vote, a link to the voting form was included in the email.

If you've lost the email please check your SPAM or TRASH folders. If you need it re-sending please contact the secretary, Phil Watling on [southportu3asecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:southportu3asecretary@yahoo.com)

Thanks,  
Phil Watling  
Secretary

A husband and wife were grocery shopping. He picks up a case of beer and puts it in the cart. "What are you doing?" asks the wife. "They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans" he replies. "Put them back, we can't afford them", demands the wife. They continue shopping. Later on, she puts a \$20 jar of face cream in the basket. "What are you doing?" asks the husband. "It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife. He said, "So does 24 cans of beer and it's half the price." That's him in Aisle 5!

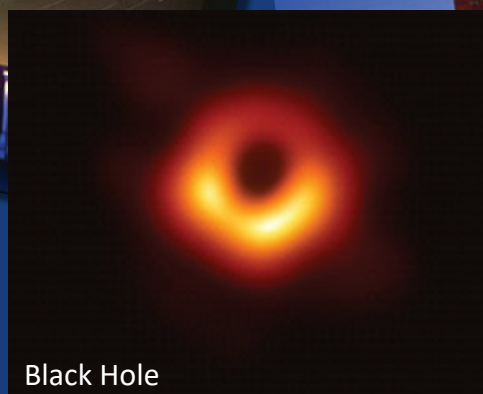
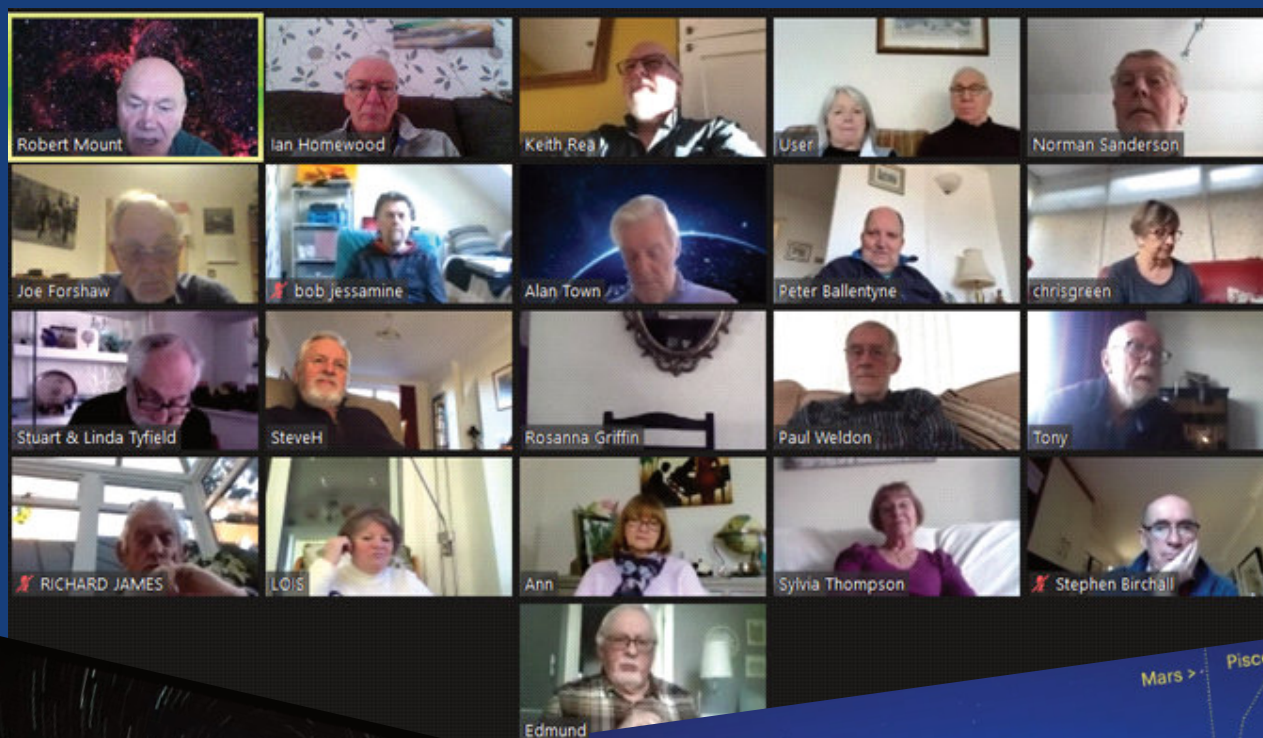


If your team has just lost (again), you may feel like listening to some Blues. Click [HERE](#) to listen to a track recorded by artists all over the world, to honour Blues legend Robert Johnson.

The U3A astronomy group met on Tuesday morning, via Zoom. In total 21 people attended the session, which was led by Bob Mount. During the meeting, Stephen Birchall talked about a number of star trail photographs he had taken, which Bob then annotated with the constellations and meteors which Steve's photos had captured.

Afterwards, Bob showed a video describing cosmic paradoxes and attendees discussed a number of aspects of the video.

Bob has promised a contribution to the newsletter in the coming weeks, but in the meantime here are some images from the meeting.



Black Hole



## National Theatre At Home



Many of us would normally have visited a theatre at least a couple of times since last March. That we have not been able to has not only been disappointing for us, but caused great hardship in the entertainment industry.

The 'National Theatre At Home' website offers you the chance to enjoy the theatre from the comfort of your own home, whilst helping to support the artists and venues. A subscription costs £8.32 a month, or £83 per year (plus VAT) and gives you unlimited access to a regularly updated schedule of shows. Amongst those currently available are War Horse (until Jan 20) and Amadeus

Click [HERE](#) to visit the site.

### SEND US YOUR MEMORIES IN PICTURES

Hopefully you are enjoying reading the various articles our members are sending in to the newsletter. If you are, you can help to keep the content interesting by sending in your own contributions. If you are not enjoying it, then maybe you can help to improve the quality.

We would love to receive your photos of places you have been and a description (long or short) of why it was memorable for you. The photos don't have to be excellent quality, just interesting.

To get you started, there are a few of mine on this page.

If you would like to send any images in, just attach them to an email containing your story about why they are memorable. If you want to send a whole page full, the more the merrier!



Burnsall Bridge, in Wharfedale, was the location not only of one of my first sub-zero sunrise adventures, but the home of possibly the best cinnamon toast ever. The little cafe by the river, just down from the bridge, is a haven for cyclists and photographers who need warming up from their early morning efforts.



Curbar Edge

Curbar Edge (above) is another spot popular with photographers. On a clear day it feels like you can see forever. It was made memorable for me by the presence of a couple of photographers I admired, who took the time to give me some tips to get the best out of the light that morning.



I am not a city person, but there are a couple of cities which have happy memories for me and which draw me back again and again. New York is one of these. It is impossible to get bored there, you don't even need to spend money to be entertained, just spend some time people watching..