



Minutes Secretary required for Southport U3A committee.

We require someone to take and type the minutes at our monthly committee meetings.

You do not need to join the committee (unless you so desire) but we would expect you to be professional and respect the confidential nature of the job.

The committee meets once a month, on the last Wednesday, at 7 - 9.00 pm. At the minute we are meeting via Zoom, but our usual venue is Southport Fire station.

Salary is commensurate with experience but is expected to be £NIL.

Contact Phil Watling
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We may be unable to fly at the moment, but we can spend 48 minutes watching a fascinating documentary about how the A350 Airbus is built.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



Once you have seen it built, come aboard and be entertained by a Flight Attendant, doing his best to make people pay attention to the safety briefing. Click [HERE](#) to watch.



I'm not sure if we have any Cockney readers of the newsletter. Cockney or not, I'm sure everybody will enjoy this Two Ronnies tribute to their language. So, to feast your mince pies, rest your plates and click [HERE](#).



Are you thinking of changing your car because it is getting old? Click [HERE](#) to watch this video and maybe think again.



In case you haven't had a chance to see this yet, click [HERE](#) to find out how **not** to set up your Zoom session (this is not Handforth Council).

Its getting beyond a joke here now, theres 2 feet of snow outside



Scientists appear to be finding new elements on a regular basis these days, but did you ever wonder what practical uses they have? Click [HERE](#) for a guide to the real life use for every element on the periodic table.



There are some inventions for which you can't see any real point and then there are those which deliberately don't have a point. Click [HERE](#) to read about the inspiration behind these and to watch a few in action.



FLY AWAY WITH ME



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What are the names of these airlines flying around the world
(Answers on Tuesday) Jim Hay



Dear Members of Southport u3a,

I feel very honoured to be elected as the new Chair of the Southport u3a Committee. I shall try very hard to fulfil your expectations of me and your confidence in my abilities over the next three years; my aim being to make a difference for the benefit of everyone.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Neil McMillan, for all the hard work and commitment he has given to the Committee and hence the membership during his tenure over the last three years. His will be a hard act to follow but hopefully the fact that we are both Irish and proud of it will help me through!

I should also like to thank my colleagues on the Committee for their work during these particularly distressing times. Thanks to the Committee's initiative and enthusiasm, the membership has benefited from the brilliant quizzes, the introduction of the wonderful Newsletter and the added bonus of a six-month holiday from their subscription charges. It was heart warming to see how many people signed up to keep in contact with

those members who were by themselves or lacking in technological knowledge or equipment.

It is this spirit of community care, thought for one's fellow man/woman and commitment to our u3a that I would hope we can build upon for the future. In establishing a focus, we can spend our time more usefully; concentrating on the issues which really matter, in order to create, plan and establish a more beneficial outcome for all. The work has already started, so wish me luck (of the Irish)!

Finally, I found solace these dark days from the words attributed to the Irish poet Seamus Heaney:

"If we can winter this one out, we can summer anywhere"

Take Care, Stay Safe, Think Positive.

Yours sincerely,

Paddy McNeish (Mrs)

Chair



ONLINE EVENTS

Peter has been scouring the internet for us and has come up with a list of events available online. Take your pick from the following links:

- [Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club](#)
- [Manchester Art Gallery](#)
- [National Gallery](#)
- [Tate Gallery](#)

In addition, the Liverpool Philharmonic has an 'on-demand' service, which you can access by clicking [HERE](#).

Some of these streams are free and others are paid for.

If you know of any online events which may be of interest to other members, please let me know.

Even if you have full trust in your 4x4, please don't try this at home.



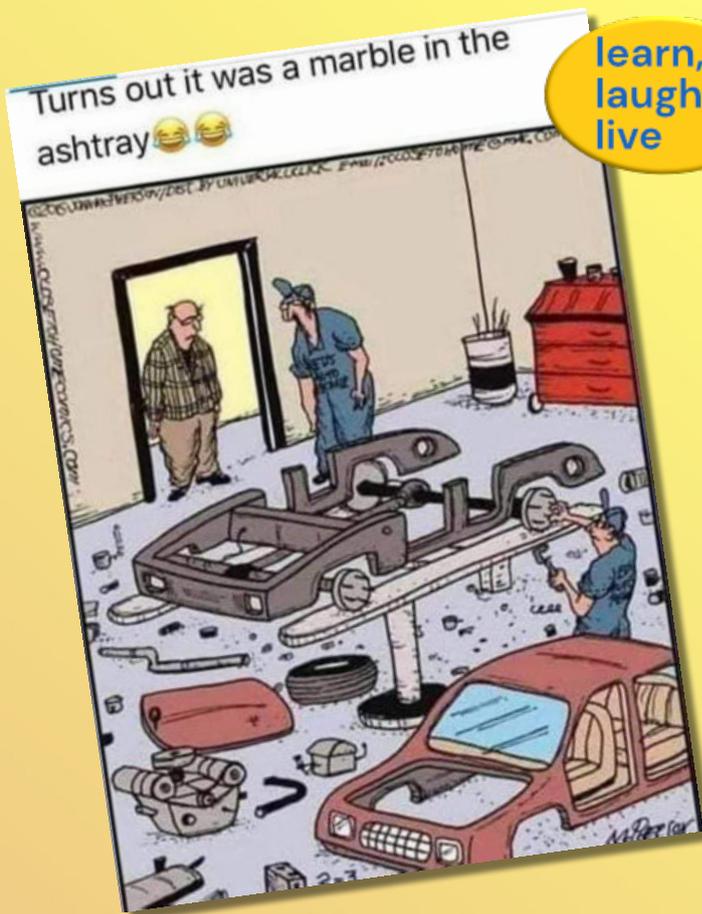
Click [HERE](#) to watch a video of a Land Rover on ice.



The Southport U3A members Facebook group has now been set up and is rapidly gaining support. If you would like to join in, click [HERE](#) to go to the group page.

This is a closed group, to join you will need to enter your membership number and confirm that you agree to the group rules.

If you have watched 'The Dig' you probably know that it was based upon a true story, about possibly the biggest archaeological find on UK soil. Click [HERE](#) to read about the story which inspired the film and some of the artefacts discovered.



Paul Carter has sent in some more of the amusing signs he has seen on his travels. These are from Milan.

- **THIS IS A JOLLY HOTEL AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO IT**
- **WHY NOT SIGHTSEE? WE CAN PROVIDE AN UNINFORMED DRIVER**
- **AND A DOOR ON A CORRIDOR WHICH SAID "THIS IS NOT A DOOR".**
- **AND OF COURSE THERE IS THE CLASSIC HOFFNUNG THING ABOUT READING FROM A BROCHURE FOR A HOTEL IN SWITZERLAND... "AND FOR YOUR PLEASURE THERE IS A FRENCH WIDOW IN EVERY ROOM"**



Saturday 13th February 2021

Leicester City v Liverpool
12:30 BT Sport

Crystal Palace v Burnley
15:00 Sky Sports

Man City v Tottenham Hotspur
17:30 Sky Sports

Brighton & Hove Albion v Aston Villa
20:00 Sky Sports

Sunday 14th February 2021

Southampton v Wolves
12:00 Amazon Prime Video

West Brom v Man Utd
14:00 Sky Sports

Arsenal v Leeds United
16:30 Sky Sports

Everton v Fulham
19:00 BT Sport

Monday 15th February 2021

West Ham United v Sheffield United
18:00 BT Sport

Chelsea v Newcastle United
20:00 Sky Sports



learn,
laugh,
live



In the absence of our usual monthly meetings, U3A Southport have decided to organise regular online talks, which will be provided using Zoom.

The first of these talks is scheduled for Wednesday 24th February at 2pm and will be on the subject of 'Famous Liverpool Pubs'. It will be given by Julie Kershaw, a Blue Badge Guide for the Liverpool City

Liverpool has some of the most historic and decorative pubs in the country including the only purpose-built Grade 1 listed Victorian pub.

At a time when the Temperance Movement enjoyed strong support in Liverpool, breweries competed with each other to employ the best architects and interior designers of the day and to use the finest materials and most skilled craftsmen, to combat the image of pubs as dark, dangerous dens of iniquity.

Join Julie, from the comfort of your home, with a glass of your favourite tippie in hand, as we tour some of the historic and decorative pubs of the city and learn of their history and quirks.

To register for this talk, log in to the '[Members Portal](#)' on Beacon, select 'Groups' option and scroll down to the 'Zoom Talk At Home' group. Click 'Join Group' to complete the registration. If you are unable to access the Members Portal, send an email to the [Beacon Admin](#) for assistance.

The second talk, on March 24th, is a show called 'Dark Light' by acoustic musicians 'Fools Gold'

Zoom Meeting

Audio only

With video



THE ROCKIES

We took a trip through the magnificent Rockies a few years ago. First few days by coach, then three days on The Rocky Mountaineer. The views were stunning. We would certainly recommend it. Jim Hay





HAPPY
VALENTINES
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