

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.

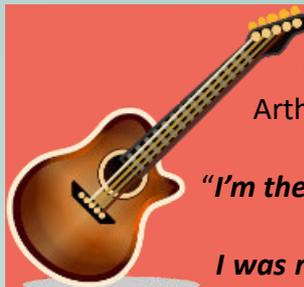
Contact Phil Watling
southportu3asecretary@yahoo.com

Francine Sagar has sent me this short video clip. I don't recognise everybody in the clip, but the first person on camera is certainly well known. Click [HERE](#) to watch this short American comedy video



I don't think this airline was in Jim's tailfin quiz on Friday, but you can't complain about the service levels.

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



I have received the following message from Arthur Blaylock.

"I'm the group leader of Guitar 2

I was recently contacted by a U3A member called Barbara Hulme she is registered blind and asked me if I could help her get back into guitar playing she has played once and would now like to take it up again.

I have done some research and there are cd's out there that can help her, I was wondering if we have anyone within the group that is familiar with this type of teaching.

I have sent her a classical guitar lesson to help her get started and will attempt to burn it to cd for her to play and pause."

If you think you are able to help, please send an email to arthurblylock@yahoo.com.

Thanks

Considering the guiding principle behind the U3A, this quote sent in by Sylvia Miley seems particularly appropriate.

"Learn As If You'll Live Forever

When Dr. Suess said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go," he understood, as Gandhi did, that to learn is to grow. Each day brings an opportunity to expand ourselves by reading, taking classes, asking questions, and listening to others. We can view learning as a great adventure and soak up all the knowledge and wisdom that surrounds us. The gift to learn is always there and to be taught and to teach enriches life."

Following the AGM held remotely on the 4th February, here is the new u3a Southport Committee, together with a note of their responsibilities. If you have any questions concerning any aspect of your u3a, please contact the relevant committee member



CHAIRPERSON

Paddy McNeish

Responsible for the direction and efficient running of the Organisation, and for ensuring that all actions are in accordance with the U3A Constitution.

paddyclinch@yahoo.co.uk



VICE CHAIRPERSON

Sharon Partington

Will deputise for the Chairperson when required. Also responsible for the induction of new members and the setting up of new groups.

sharonpartington@icloud.com



TREASURER

Alan Patmore

Responsible for all matters regarding the U3A finances and ensuring that records are kept and audited of all transactions according to Charities Commission and U3A UK rules.

alan.patmore@btopenworld.com



SECRETARY

Phil Watling

Responsible for communication outside the U3A. To maintain the minutes of the Organising Committee and ensure that all decisions are made in accordance with the U3A Constitution.

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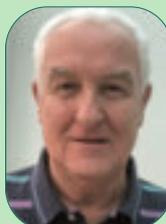


GROUP ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR

Phil Watling

Responsible for managing and co-ordinating the running of all groups. Working with Group Leaders. Offers help to form new interest groups.

southportu3agroupcoordinator@yahoo.com



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Jim Hay

Responsible for all membership matters including maintenance of the U3A database. Responds to all Membership enquiries.

membership@southportu3a.org.uk



SOCIAL SECRETARY

Viv Pulman

Responsible for all social aspects of U3A activities, including the contracting of venues

vivpulman@gmail.com



ASSISTANT TREASURER

Dawn Oldfield

Assists the Treasurer with his duties. Especially responsible for the co-ordinating and reporting of the groups finances

dawnoldfield@yahoo.co.uk



NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Ian Homewood

Responsible for the compilation and generation of both online and printed Southport U3A Newsletters

editor@southportu3a.org.uk

We would like to add a couple of new volunteers to this committee to help out. If you are interested in joining the committee, then please contact Paddy McNeish in the first instance to explain what you would bring, and to discuss our needs.



ZOOM TALKS AT HOME

While the monthly meetings are suspended we have organised a series of speakers who will give talks using zoom

Wed 24th Feb at 2pm

Historic Pubs of Liverpool by Julie Kershaw, a local Blue Badge Guide

Wed 10th March at 2pm

Cyber Security, being Safe and Secure by Dave Carlos from Lancashire Constabulary

Wed 24th March at 2pm

Dark Light, The Flannan Island Lighthouse Mystery

told by Fools Gold who are Carol & Steve Robson, Acoustic Musicians

Wed 7th April at 2pm

Ladies of the Air, 'Grandma Flew Spitfires'

by Tim Young, a U3A member from Eastern England

Thur 22nd April at 2pm

Wrecks of the Southport Coast

by Martyn Griffiths, who will talk about the many wrecks that have foundered on our coastline

Thur 6th May at 2pm

Rivington Terraced Gardens

Its history and how recent efforts have been made to secure its future as a magical place for all to enjoy

Thur 20 May at 2pm

Apitourism - travelling for bees by our very own Francine Segar

Francine will talk about her trips to Ethiopia and to Trinidad and Tobago, which she undertook on behalf of UK-based charity Bees for Development.

Thur 3 June at 2pm

John Dempsey, on the Sefton Coast

John who many of you know, will talk about the flora, fauna and history of our wonderful coastline and the work that is carried out to protect it.

To take part in these sessions, first go into your Members Portal and click on the "Southport u3a Groups" heading. When in Groups, go to the "Zoom Talks at Home" heading at the bottom of the page and add yourself as a member by clicking "Join Group".

You will be sent a link before each meeting which you can click on to enjoy the talk. Maximum numbers for each talk are currently 100.

If you have any problems, please email Steve Birchall on wentworth1949@gmail.com



TAIL FIN QUIZ ANSWERS

- A American Airlines
- B Air New Zealand
- C Alaskan Airlines
- D Alitalia
- E Cathay Pacific
- F Hawaiian Airlines
- G Korean Airlines
- H Quantas
- I Singapore Airlines
- J South African Airways

**ISN'T IT WEIRD HOW
THE TOP FORMULA
ONE DRIVERS ARE
NAMED AFTER TOWNS
IN SCOTLAND.**

(I know that isn't an F1 car, but it is still funny)



**STIRLING MOSS.
LEWIS HAMILTON.
EDDIE IRVINE.
AYR TOWN CENTRE.**

50 years ago this week, decimalisation hit the UK. Sixpence became 2½ new pence and £1 became 100 new pennies, instead of 20/-. One of my pet hates also happened that day, when people stopped talking about pennies and instead called them 'pee'!

Click [HERE](#) to read an article and watch some videos about the event.



**FROM
BATTLEDORE TO
BADMINTON**

Eileen Morris, of Badminton Group 2, has sent in this interesting snippet of the history of badminton.

Battledore and shuttlecocks was a children's game that had its roots in Ancient Greece. The battledores (racquets) were made of parchment stretched over a wooden frame. The shuttlecocks were made from a base of a light material, with feathers affixed round the top. Unsurprisingly a shuttlecock was known as a bird or birdie.

The current game of badminton is derived from poona which was played by British Army Officers stationed in India. Whether or not other ranks had the opportunity to play I have yet to ascertain. It gained its current name from the country estates of the dukes of Beaufort Gloucestershire where it was first played around 1873.

The first unofficial All England Championships for men were held in 1899 and I am pleased to say that the first tournament for women was held in 1900.

