

## Welcome to the August Edition of our Newsflash

### Speakers Meeting

There will be no Speaker's Meeting this month as we will be hosting our Summer Event on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

If you haven't already bought or reserved your ticket, please do come along to our 60s & 70s Disco, DJ'd by Daryl Easlea, at the Estuary Club, 1386 London Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 2UJ, from 2pm to 4pm, doors open at 1.45pm. **Tickets are only £10.00** and will include a tea or coffee and cake. There will also be a free raffle (drawn from your ticket number). There is also a bar if you would like to purchase other drinks at your own expense.

Many of you will remember Daryl as a very popular Speaker at our monthly meetings, who has a vast knowledge of music from 'our' era. It should be an enjoyable and lively afternoon so I hope you will come and join us.

### Group News

New Groups: A Wellness group and a Mahjong group have all been suggested by members. If you are interested in running these groups or joining them, please let our Groups Co-Ordinator, Jim Jennett, know. The Boardgame group is in the pipeline and details will appear on the Groups page of our website in due course. Contact details are at the end of this section.

The following Groups all have vacancies:

- French Conversation
- Just Sew
- Local History
- Maths for fun
- Photography
- Spanish for beginners
- Table tennis on Wednesdays and Fridays

Once again, a note to add about the Wednesday Table Tennis Group – **this group is in danger of folding** unless they get some more members. They meet every Wednesday morning at the MegaCentre Rayleigh. There would always be someone who could offer lifts if people don't have transport. All abilities welcome.

Another group in danger through lack of attendees is the Tap Dancing Group. There will be no more meet ups until October but if you are interested in joining, please see the details on the Groups page of the website.

Details for the above groups and their co-ordinators can be found on the Leigh Estuary u3a website under the Groups section or by contacting the Groups Co-Ordinator, Jim Jennett at [jimjennett@btinternet.com](mailto:jimjennett@btinternet.com).

**Group Co-Ordinators** If you have any Group spaces or Group news that you would like to share with the LEu3a members, please contact Trish at: [leu3anewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:leu3anewsflash@gmail.com)

### Scam Watch

Drivers should beware a scam text that says you must pay a fine for leaving your engine on. Tricksters claim you must pay a 'parking infringement fine' by a certain date and if you fail to pay, you could be forced to stump up 'further penalties' and even face 'prosecution'. The text direct you to a link and asks you to enter your registration number to pay your fine. The link will lead to a malicious website designed to steal your personal and financial details. **Do not click on the link but forward the text to 7726.**

The Department for Transport is aware of text messages claiming to be from the DVLA or DVSA asking people to pay fines for outstanding speeding or parking tickets . These are scams and were not sent by the DoT. The texts direct you to a link and asks you to enter your registration number to pay your fine. **Do not click on the link or share personal and financial details. If you have received this text or a similar one, please forward it to 7726.** I got this one this week!!

Drivers should beware a scam email that impersonates insurance company Admiral. The email claims that you have been selected to win a free 'car emergency kit' that includes tools and a hazard triangle. Scammers say to win the kit you need to answer a few questions by following the link. **Do not click on link as it is an attempt to steal your personal and financial information but forward the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk**

Let's be careful out there!!

## Member's Contribution

### Travel Group - *A personal view of our Winchester holiday* by Richard Lytheer

On a mid-June Monday morning, thirty-three eager members queued at points along the London Road, grateful, as ever, that Lorna can predict our weather several months in advance. In light of the fine, settled forecast you might think our cases would be lighter than usual -- but ours certainly weren't! All aboard by 0930 hrs, we sped off towards Winchester. Well, as fast as the M25 would allow. A long lunch-stop in Windsor coincided with the Kings 'Garter Day' at the castle but the sight of a fluttering Royal Standard was as close to the monarch as we got! The Thames provided an excellent alternative.



Then onwards to Norton Park Hotel, a modern conference facility about ten miles north of Winchester which was to be our base for the next five days. Dinner, canasta, a night's rest and an excellent breakfast and we're off on Lorna's imaginative schedule.

First visit - after a very challenging route for Nick, our excellent driver, was the beautiful *Longstock Park Water Gardens*, part of John Lewis Partnership (and a site with my favourite damselfly - but I digress and there's no time allowed for that). After coffee, we embarked on an even more challenging drive, 'ooohs' and 'aaahs' all round. I think Nick was the calmest soul on the coach as we squeezed past overhanging thatched cottages on narrow village streets to *Wherwell* and the crystal-clear waters of the River Test, one of England's finest chalk streams.



Wednesday morning's destination was *Chawton House*, Jane Austen's brother's home and where several of her novels were written. We were wowed by the building, its history and some original manuscripts. A quick walk around the grounds and we were whisked off to *Alresford* (or more exactly New A\*\*\*\*\*, the original village is further down the hill) for lunch. Then perambulations around this pretty town and its river, complete with water-cress. Confess that, for me, the afternoon's extreme heat made the coach's aircon a welcome relief.

Thursday, and *Winchester* beckoned. Members adopted several different approaches to tackling the sometime capital of Wessex. Pat and I managed to visit the cathedral in sync with six hundred Hampshire school children! Not ideal but it's hard to spoil the majesty of such a great endeavour. More sensible travellers did things better; enjoyed a much quieter afternoon visit and still had time to exploit the shopping opportunities.

We were sad to leave on Friday but our return journey detoured via the '*Watts Gallery*' near Guildford. Suspect none of us had ever heard of this once-famous Victorian painter and sculptor who made his fortune selling portraits of the rich and famous. Or his equally celebrated artist wife and widow, Mary, who created a wonderfully unique Chapel in the village. The pair are both worth 'Google', I think.

To sum up, this was definitely a five-star holiday. Lorna picked a great hotel and scheduled a succession of interesting visits. And we lucked-out with our SBC driver Nick, too. But most importantly, we all had so much FUN. The weather helped of course. Hoping Lorna's luck holds for September's *Lake District* holiday. I know every holidaymaker will echo my personal 'Thank you, Lorna

If you would like to write a few words on a topic close to your heart, have an anecdote from a group meeting or something you think readers would be interested in, please do get in touch. Would you consider becoming a regular contributor to a section? Email: [leu3anewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:leu3anewsflash@gmail.com)

## Quiz

Thanks once again to our Quiz setter, Shirley Eastwood, who sends in a quiz for us every month. Shirley does an excellent job and I would like to thank her on your behalf.

1. Which is shorter, an era or an eon?
2. Who did Morecombe and Wise call Andrew Preview?
3. What is the capital city of Peru?
4. Which fictional character has a memorial plaque at Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland?
5. Which game was originally called Pretzel?
6. Who wrote the autobiography "The Greatest, my own story"?
7. Which Presidents of the USA are the only ones to be divorced before they became President?
8. Who won this year's Golf Open Championship ?
9. Where was it held?
10. The models of which creature can be seen around Leigh this month?
11. What type of creature is a slow loris?
12. In which county are the Daphne du Maurier books "Rebecca" and "Jamaica Inn" set?
13. Which Bridge was sold to USA in 1968?
14. How many sheets of paper are in a quire?
15. Which car company folded before it's car featured in "Back to the Future"?
16. Where did Stacey, of Gavin and Stacey, live when they met?
17. Which company deposited 11 million gallons of oil in Alaska Bay in 1989?
18. On which Greek island was Prince Philip born?
19. The Stockton & Darlington railway is celebrating which special anniversary this year?
20. Barbara Streisand had only 1 Number 1. What was it?

## August's Pause for Thought

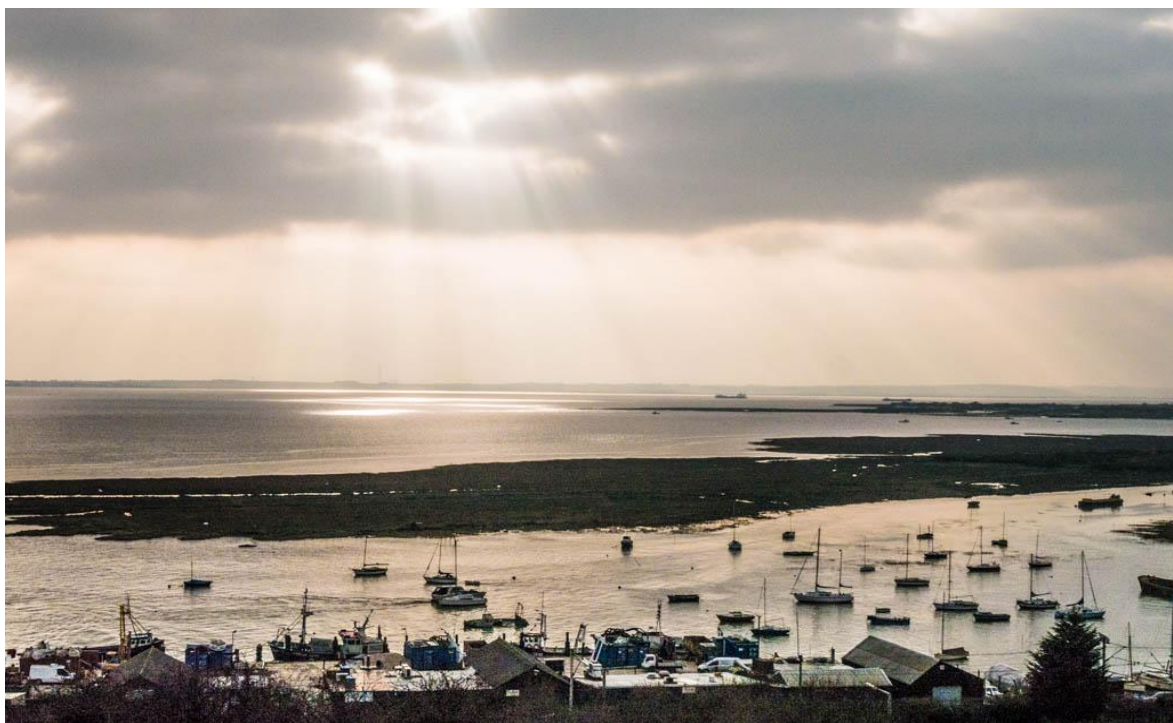
- \* "There is no 'we' in summer. Only 'u' and 'me'." – Unknown
- \* "In summer, the song sings itself." – William Carlos Williams
- \* "It's summer and time for wandering..." – Kellie Elmore
- \* "One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter." – Henry David Thoreau
- \* "Summer afternoon, to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." – Henry James
- \* "Summertime is always the best of what might be." – Charles Bowden
- \* "Rejoice as summer should chase away sorrows by living." – Melissa Marr
- \* "Ah, summer – that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility and rife with possibility. – Darrell Hammond
- \* "Summer is a period of luxurious growth. To be in harmony with the atmosphere of summer, awaken early in the morning and reach to the sun for nourishment to flourish as the gardens do. Work, play, travel, be joyful, and grow into selfless service. The bounty of the outside world enters and enlivens us." -Paul Pitchford
- \* "And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer." -F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
- \* "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." – John Lubbock
- \* "I love summertime more than anything else in the world. That is the only thing that gets me through the winter, knowing that summer is going to be there." -Jack McBrayer
- \* "In summer, as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them." – Aldo Leopold
- \* "I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always summer." – L.M. Montgomery
- \* "The summer night is like a perfection of thought." -Wallace Stevens
- \* "Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability" – Sam Keen
- \* "It's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine...it's summertime!" – Kenny Chesney
- \* "Some of the best memories are made in flip flops." – Kellie Elmore
- \* "Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it." – Russell Baker
- \* "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken." – James Dent
- \* "Why is summer mist romantic and autumn mist just sad?" – Dodie Smith



## Quiz Answers

1. An era
2. Andre Previn
3. Lima
4. Sherlock Holmes
5. Twister
6. Muhammed Ali
7. Ronald Reagan and Donald Trump
8. Scottie Sheffler
9. Royal Portrush N.I.
10. Penguins
11. Primate
12. Cornwall
13. London Bridge
14. 25
15. De Laurean
16. Barry
17. Exxon
18. Corfu
19. 200 years
20. I am a Woman in Love

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