

Welcome to the November Edition of our Newsflash

Speakers Meeting

Our Monthly Speakers Meeting is on 4th November at the Leigh Community Centre
Doors open at 2.00pm for a 2.30pm start

Trends of a Decade – a talk by Amanda Sutherland

Amanda launched her working career as a head buyer at London's Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. She brings her experience of fashion, costume, crafting and creative business skills to the mix and delivers in an informative and humorous way



AGM – Chairman & Membership Secretary

The AGM scheduled to be held before our Speakers Meeting this month has been postponed until 6th January as the Committee has been struggling to find a new Chair and new Membership Secretary for next year onwards. These posts must be filled in order to keep our u3a functioning. If you feel you can help support Leigh Estuary u3a by taking on either of these positions, please let the committee know as soon as possible.

Winter Event

Our Winter Disco will be held on Thursday, 8th January at the Leigh Community Centre with Daryl Easlea DJing again. Tickets are £10 each and will be available to buy after this month's Speaker's Meeting and on those on 2nd December and 6th January. Payment can be made with cash or card.

We hope that you will be able to join us for a bit of January cheer.

Group News

232 poppies knitted or crocheted by members of the **Craft Group** to support Southend's *Poppies on the Pier* project to yarnbomb the pier with poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day

Visitors are invited to walk the pier between 5th to 16th November, making this a poignant and inclusive way to mark Remembrance Day in Southend.

Well done ladies!!



The **Philosophy Group** is over-subscribed, having twice the amount of members on the books as regularly attend. Perhaps someone would like to start another group. Please contact the Group Co-Ordinator (details below) if you are interested in starting another group.

The following Groups all have vacancies:

- * Books
- * French Conversation (intermediate and above)
- * Maths for fun
- * Photography
- * Quiz
- * Table tennis on a Monday
- * Table tennis on a Wednesday
- * Whats App 2



The **Family History Group** has spaces for new members and meet on the third Monday of each month at Leigh Community Centre for a couple of hours. As a group, we try to help each other with any family history research or related (mostly DNA!) issues. We are a friendly relaxed group. If you are interested and would like to know more please email derekmurphy234@btinternet.com who will be pleased to talk with you to help you determine whether this group is something you may find interesting and perhaps join.

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.

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

Scam Watch

Households should beware of fake emails impersonating TV Licensing. Tricksters claim they haven't been able to take payments for your TV licence as your "insurer has declined the Direct Debit payment demand". The dodgy email prompts you to click a link to update your details. **Do not click on the link as it will lead to a website impersonating TV Licencing which will ask you to fill in your personal details. Instead forward the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk.**

Households should beware of a scam impersonating Royal Mail. Crooks write that your “parcel has been temporarily held due to an unclear or invalid delivery address”. The text includes a link and says that if you don’t act, your delivery could be cancelled. **Do not click on the link as it will lead to a website posing as Royal Mail in order to steal your personal and financial information. Instead forward scam texts to 7726.**

Let’s be careful out there!!

Member’s Contribution

Luker’s Brewery - from Carol Edwards

Luker’s Brewery once stood on Southend High Street, originally known as Whitegate Road, and would occupy the site from 1869 until the 1920’s, when the company ceased trading. The four Luker brothers who had originally come from Farringdon in Berkshire, moved to Southend in the early 1860’s. Far from being a long line of brewers, they were carpenters, plumbers and builders. Only three of the brothers opened the brewery, John, Robert and Henry. Why they chose to change occupations might have been because living on the same street as the brothers, was a man called Joseph Neate, a Brewer. As their business expanded, to ensure the sale of their beer, they were to own The Middleton hotel and public houses The Hope (on the sea front), the Blue Boar and the White Horse in Southchurch. Their sparkling ale and single stout was also sold in the Smack Inn, Peter Boat and Carlton Hotel in Leigh on Sea, as well as the Sutton Arms, Railway and Park Hotels and the Woodcutters in Eastwood. Although the Brewery was successful for decades, Henry Luker was also a wine and spirit merchant, opening a shop on the High Street. He married Ellen Lucking in 1873 . They were to have 4 children but it was to be their eldest son Allan who went on to be a director in the family business and who would take over the Brewery when his father retired at the end of 1890. Henry died in 1903. Henry’s brothers had already passed away in 1897 and 1899. Robert’s sons, William and Robert opened breweries of their own in Hampshire. It was left to Allan to take on the responsibility for the Southend business. Although married, Allan Luker had no children, and when he died in 1931, there was no one to take on the Brewery that had been in the town for over 50 years.

When staff member William Horner died, he had been employed by the company for 12 years, his coffin was conveyed from his home to the church on the brewer’s dray he had driven every day. Their longest serving employee was a William Nancarrow who had joined the firm in the 1860’s as a clerk, became their accountant, finishing his time there as a manager.

When the Brewery ceased trading the building was left derelict until being demolished in 1929. The site stood vacant for five years until the Astoria cinema was built there in 1934, later being replaced by the Odeon.



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

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. In which sport was Barry Briggs world champion 4 times?
2. What is Adele's surname?
3. Who is the only person left alive at the end of Moby Dick?
4. Who did Morecombe and Wise call Andrew Preview?
5. Who is the new Archbishop of Canterbury?
6. What is the number of the new bus service from Leigh station to Southend airport?
7. Astraphobia is the fear of what?
8. Which Shakespeare play is set during the Trojan war?
9. Which British singer will celebrate her 93rd birthday in November?
10. What is Southend United's nickname?
11. What colour is chartreuse?
12. How much is a 1st class stamp this week!!!?
13. In which country is Angkor Wat?
14. Which British cricketer and umpire died last month aged 91?
15. Which sporting championships took place at the Royal Albert Hall in October?
16. Annie Lennox sang with which 2 chart topping bands?
17. Name a British tree that produces 'helicopter' seeds.
18. Which king signed the Magna Carta?
19. What was the African Queen in a story by C.S. Forester?
20. What does an apiarist keep?

November's Pause for Thought - Remembrance

We do not remember days, we remember moments - Cesare Pavese

Nothing is really lost as long as you remember it - Ally Condie

Sometimes you will never know the value of something until it becomes a memory -
Dr. Seuss

Time and space may separate us, but not the thoughts and memories that bind us -
Ed Parker

Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments - Rose Kennedy

Memory... is the diary that we all carry about with us - Oscar Wilde

It's surprising how much memory is built around things unnoticed at the time -
Barbara Kingsolver

Anything that triggers good memories can't be all bad - Adam West

Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others - Rosa Parks

Take care of all your memories. For you cannot relive them. - Bob Dylan

Beauty exists not in what is seen and remembered, but in what is felt and never forgotten
- Johnathan Jena

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. - Unknown

When we have remembered everything, we grow afraid of what we may forget. A face, a
voice, a smile? No need to fear forgetting, because the heart remembers always -
Sascha Wagner

What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a
part of us -Helen Keller

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die -Thomas Campbell

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened - Dr. Seuss

Memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things you are, the things you
never want to lose - Unknown

Some memories are unforgettable, remaining ever vivid and heartwarming - JB Wirthlin

People will walk in and walk out of your life, but the one whose footprint made a long
lasting impression is the one you should never allow to walk out - Michael Bassey Johnson

What you remember saves you.— W. S. Merwin

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below

John McCrae



Quiz Answers

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| 1. Speedway | 11. Yellow/Green |
| 2. Atkins | 12. £1.70 |
| 3. Ishmael | 13. Cambodia |
| 4. Andre Previn | 14. Dickie Bird |
| 5. Sarah Mullhally | 15. Sumo |
| 6. 23 | 16. The Tourists/ Eurythmics |
| 7. Thunder and lightning | 17. Sycamore Maple Ash |
| 8. Troilus and Cressida | 18. King John |
| 9. Petula Clark | 19. A boat |
| 10. Shrimpers | 20. Bees |

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