

JUBILEE PARTY - AND 'SHE' CAME TOO!

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The Garden Party

The joint Jubilee u3a Forty Year Anniversary Party was a great success. The joint effort with St Andrews Church worked very well. With the u3a team helping out with the food and set up made things run quite smoothly. The idea of food in a box took me back to childhood church functions outdoors.

The garden at St Andrews is large, surrounded by trees and bushes making it a sun trap. The sun certainly shone on us, there was a certain amount of sun burn among the visitors.

We had our information boards on a table with leaflets and cards. The bunting both u3a and Jubilee was around the trees behind it and it was our first outing of our new "Washington u3a Banner" it is very impressive and eye catching. When you see it guess the identities of the glamorous models posing on it. The whole banner was designed and sourced by Linda Carr and it looks great.

We had a royal visitor attending, "H M the Queen" graced us with her presence. There was also a visitor who, unwittingly, was dressed in typically 1950s costume, union jack shorts and a knotted hankie. It all looked great and added to the atmosphere. The children who were there enjoyed the games provided by St Andrews Church. The whole atmosphere was great. People enjoyed the company of both friends and strangers at this celebration.

Keith

Monthly Walk

After meeting at St Andrews church 9 of us travelled on the 'Fab56' to Gateshead. We walked down to the quayside where we made the mandatory stop for coffee at our favourite, Wetherspoons!

Perked up with a shot of caffeine we walked along the quayside to Ouseburn to begin our tour of the Victoria tunnels. After being issued with helmets and a torch ("attractive" photo attached!) we started our tour. We were lucky to have a very interesting and amusing guide.



We finished the day with a nice lunch at the Tyne Bar, even better it was at discounted price with a voucher from Victoria Tunnels. **Eleanor**

Visit to Piece Hall and Saltaire -Thursday 16th June

The coach will be leaving from St Andrew's at 9 am. There are still places available if anyone else would like to go.

Croquet

Last year several of us greatly enjoyed our croquet sessions at Boldon Croquet Club. Anne Thomley has once again organised three Tuesday afternoon sessions for us, 26th July, 30th August and 13th September. The cost will be £5 per session to include tea/coffee and biscuits. Please sign up at the back of the hall if you would like to be included.

QUIZ answers

8 HAMILIN, 9 ST WOLFGANG, 10 BUDAPEST, 11 CANNES, 12 SPLIT
1 NICE, 2 BRUSSELS, 3 FLORENCE, 4 NAPLES (NEAPOLITAN ICE CREAM), 5 WARSAW, 6 MOSCOW, 7 SAVILLE,

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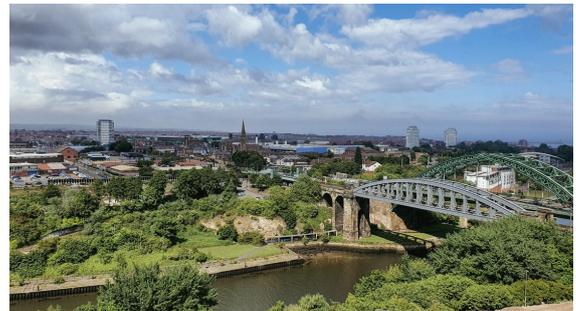
On Wednesday June 8th we took part in a tour of the new Sunderland City Hall. We were met by the Mayor of the City of Sunderland, Councillor Alison Smith and Consort, David Smith who conducted the tour. We went into the council chambers which are certainly different to previous ones with moveable furniture and fully equipped with microphones and IT facilities so that it can be re-configured for multiple functions. Council meetings are streamed live on YouTube.



The Mayor told us about the many developments that are happening around the City Hall including a new footbridge across to the other side of the river which is also being developed. As the tour progressed the Mayor gave us lots of insight into her job alongside how the new building is being used. Our next stop was the Mayor's parlour at the top of the building with fantastic views over the city. The tour was rounded off with refreshments and Keith presented the Mayor and Consort with honorary membership of our u3a. A very enjoyable and informative visit. **Sandra**



Mayor's Parlour



View from the Mayor's Parlour

Holiday Group - Castles and Gardens of Kent

An amazing holiday break commencing with a stroll round Royal Tunbridge Wells and 'The Pantiles', followed by a trip to the Stunning Leeds Castle, currently transformed internally into the exotic house party of Lady Olive Baillie, owner in the 1930s. The following day we visited the 14th century moated Bodiam Castle, one of Britain's most picturesque castles, with an interesting history and towers to climb for stunning views; following this Sissinghurst Castle Garden, created by Vita Sackville-West and her husband Sir Harold Nicolson. The grounds of this Elizabethan mansion are divided into compartments with amazing flower displays and the opportunity to climb even more steps! The views from the tower were magnificent. On our last day we visited Penshurst Place and Gardens, a 14th century manor house once the property of Henry VII. One part of the garden was a huge Union Jack, but sadly it wasn't actually designed for the Queens Jubilee, and was not yet in full colour. As though this wasn't enough on the final afternoon we went to Chartwell, the home of Winston Churchill and his family, still fully furnished as in the time when the Churchill family lived there. A large collection of his paintings are also housed there.



Strollers

After last month's meeting 14 of us went by car to South Hylton, Keith's old stomping ground, where he took us on a stroll along the south bank of the River Wear. We viewed the remains of shipping in and on the banks of the river and ended up with a view of the Northern Spire Bridge.

The following week, 14 of us again took the bus to Heworth and then walked to Bill Quay, where we had refreshments outside at the café and looked at the animals, before returning to Heworth. This was Ken and Shirley's stroll and again they were visiting old familiar ground.

Next 13 members car shared to South Shields, where we once again had fish and chips at Frydays, where we were well looked after. We then caught the ferry and David took us on a walk along the river to the Fish Quay and to see another Ray Lonsdale statue named "Fiddler's Green", dedicated to fishermen who lost their lives at sea. We returned by ferry to our cars.

Our stroll planned for the 31st May was rained off. Then our first stroll in June was led by Jeni and Maureen. Twelve of us travelled in different groups to Newcastle, where we met in The Five Swans for lunch (food is increasingly becoming part of these events) We then strolled into Exhibition Park to view an exhibition of bronze lions entitled "Born Free Forever", modelled on actual lions, many of which were saved from captivity. Very impressive it is! Some of us strolled around the lake and some recalled sailing there in little boats as children. We finished by visiting the Hatton Gallery at the University, where we found the modern artwork somewhat puzzling.

Diana



Quiz

EUROPEAN CITIES

- 1 PLEASANT
- 2 DO THEY EAT A LOT OF SPROUTS?
- 3 MISS NIGHTINGALE
- 4 HOME OF COLOURFUL ICECREAM
- 5 ALTERNATIVE TOOL TO A BATTLE AXE
- 6 IS LITTLE MONICA A DAIRYMAID ?
- 7 OPERA [THE BARBER OF -----]
- 8 PIED PIPER TOWN
- 9 HOLY MAN, LEADER OF THE PACK WHICH THREATENED LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
- 10 IS AN UNOPENED FLOWER REALLY A NUISANCE
- 11 TINS
- 12 DIVIDED CITY FORMER YUGOSLAVIAN CITY

Catch-up on current activities.

Gradually we are opening up our groups and other activities. Below is a summary of what's going on:

Monthly Meeting: At St. Andrews, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am for 10:15 start.

Walking Group – walk once a month on the last Wednesday, distance about 5 miles. Meet at 10:00 in St Andrews car park. **John Ball**

Strolling group – Meets weekly usually at St. Andrews at 12:00 on Tuesday. Contact: **Diana Clark.**

Photography Group – First Thursday of the month at the Millenium Centre. Meets 10:00 am unless going out on a photo-shoot.

Holiday Group – Meets monthly at Woodridge Gardens at 10:30 am last Thursday of the month. Contact **Anne Moffatt**

Quiz – 2nd Thursday of the month 2-4 pm in the Millenium Centre. Contact **Shirley Talbot**

Craft Group – Meets at the Millenium Centre 3rd Wednesday of the Month 1-3pm.

Return of Dominoes and Whist. This will return as soon as there is an indication of demand.

PLEASE NOTE TIMES AND LOCATION MAY CHANGE