

# Newsletter

Hartlepool & District u3a

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## Comments from the Chair

I would like to start with a big thank you to all of you who attended the last general meeting with Dan McNally's talk on the work of Mary's Meals. You raised the sum of over £173 for this worthy cause, which was very generous of you all. Money might also be involved with our next speaker who will be Gyles Bolden from Bolden Auction rooms. He will not only be talking about his auction house but has asked us all to bring along items for him to tell us about them and give a valuation. This would be a good chance to find out if we have something of interest so please bring something along. Could be like 'Cash in the Attic!'

I have had quite a busy time recently including a trip to Sedgfield for a meeting with South Durham Chairs. These meetings are informal within the u3a but are a useful check to see how other u3as in the district are getting on. It is always reassuring to find out we are all running along similar lines, and pass on useful tips on good speakers for the future. We are one of the smaller groups with about the same number as Middlesbrough but other groups run into the 100s. Stockton has well over 300 members, but it includes Billingham as well.

I am always looking for ways to raise our profile and I had an interview with Radio Hartlepool on September 10th. I expect you all listened in! I must admit I was not aware of this station before but it is good for local information and to give air space to groups like ours. We will have more posters available for you to pick up to put up in places like local shops and surgeries.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting which will be on Friday September 27th at the usual time of 2 pm.

Meanwhile

Stay safe

Roger

# Archaeological Dig, Seaton Carew Green, August 2024

Cliff Cordiner

Last month I told you about the archaeological dig on the Headland. Following on from the success of that I volunteered to take part in another dig on Seaton Carew Green.

After analysing the results of a geophysical survey we carried out in April and July, and cross referencing the data with newspaper cuttings, photographs, old maps, and anecdotal stories from local people, three areas were identified on The Green for further investigation. These were (1) a bomb crater, (2) the site of a former drinking fountain, and (3) another area that suggested something else may be present that could not be readily identified.

So on 19th August I went to The Green and was allocated the trench that appeared to be the site of the drinking fountain. As before, day one involved removing the top layers of turf.



After less than an hour the first piece of ordnance was discovered, so no sooner had we started than we had to rapidly stop work, clear the site, and wait for the experts to arrive. It turned out to be a dummy training shell used to practice loading and unloading rifles, and clearing blockages, so was not live. The all clear was given, and work resumed.

Very soon the base of the drinking fountain started to appear. So after digging down a bit deeper it was soon clear that the plinth upon which the fountain would have stood was on a brick foundation. After a bit more digging a second layer of bricks appeared, and the plinth upon which the fountain once stood was on a foundation comprising two rows of bricks.



The drinking fountain was made of cast iron and was manufactured by Andrew Handyside at his Britannia Ironworks in Derby. It was a gift from William Charles Ward Jackson and was

installed in 1870. The newspaper of the day described it as “a most beautiful design, and consists of a pillar richly ornamental, and surmounted by two intertwined dolphins”.

Andrew Handyside’s company manufactured and designed many fountains and decorative iron works between 1850 and 1931. A lot of their work still exists and is grade II listed. There are some decorative columns designed by him in both Hartlepool and Middlesbrough railway stations. There are also a number of drinking fountains still in place similar to the one that was at Seaton Carew Green, including one in Allum Chine, and one in Dorset.

In 1859 Andrew Handyside made the first red pillar box we all know and love, and in 1879 won the contract to supply large quantities all over the country.

It is not known when or why the fountain was removed. It was certainly still there in 1911, but had been removed by 1933 when residents appealed to the Council for a drinking fountain “like the one we used to have some years ago” be erected on The Green, but the appeal must have fallen on deaf ears.



The next steps of the excavation were to find out where the water supply came from for the fountain. After excavating the hole in the centre of the plinth, a piece of lead pipe was discovered which would have been connected to the water main. There was also a lot of fragments of pottery, pieces of glass bottles, old rubber bottle screw tops, light bulbs, and a selection of coins dating from 1914. There were also a number of metal objects which were badly corroded but may have come from the fountain. Over the next few months the items will all be cleaned up to aid identification.

Meanwhile one of the other trenches had not produced anything of note, so was closed down leaving the bomb crater trench.

During WWII an air raid took place on the night of 2nd October 1941, into the early hours of 3rd October, in which six 50kg high energy bombs fell on Seaton Carew. Two fell harmlessly on the foreshore, one fell on Egglestone’s field, now Seaton Park, one fell on a garage in North Road destroying a car and throwing debris over the top of the houses scattering it across the promenade. One fell on another garage behind Seaton Hall, and it was reported that a car parked next to it was thrown over the top of the house landing on The Green. The sixth bomb fell directly on The Green itself, and it is the crater left behind that was being investigated.

This particular bomb was reported to have caused most damage by blowing out windows, and the roof a house in Green Terrace lost it's roof.

At first there was only a lot of very fine soil and ash in the trench, but as the excavation got deeper a lot of items started to appear. These included a lot of marbles, a domino, a very small pottery figurine which was probably a game piece, lots more bottle tops, broken pottery and fine China plates, parts of old radio sets including valves and control knobs, animal bones left over from the Sunday roast, a complete milk bottle, a complete jam jar, decorative tiles, roof tiles, broken window glass, and various coins and buttons. Even a broken toilet seat and part of a toilet! The bomb crater had clearly been used as a tip for the residents to bury all the debris from the bomb damage.



But one item in particular caught our attention causing us to draw breath. A square piece of lead with a swastika etched into it. So far we have been unable to identify the significance of this or where it came from. If anyone has any information that could shed any light on this it would be very much appreciated.

The dig lasted five days, and on one of the days I took time out to lead a history stroll around Seaton Carew for Tees Archives, which included some of our own u3a members. As it coincided with the dig they had a unique opportunity to visit the excavation and see it for themselves first-hand.

At the end of the dig everything had to be put back how it was. However once again it was a wonderful opportunity to enhance my archaeological skills and learn more about the history of where we live.

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# Discovering Local History in Hartlepool's North Cemetery: The Tragic Loss of Hartlepool Ship; SS Armstor. Wendy Borthwick

## Introduction

The old cemetery, a fabulous source of local history. Crumbling headstones still with discernable information, recording all who have gone before, giving not just a name and accompanying sentiment but on some a snippet of information, a curiosity about a life loved and remembered and sleeping peacefully in the good earth close to all who loved them. However, so many times we see a family name remembered with love but not sleeping close to loved ones but sleeping in one of the deep seas and oceans of our world; they were, 'lost at sea'. Curiosity always got the better of me; I would silently ask the question, 'but which sea or ocean would that be'?

Information is usually scant. The deceased's name is a starting point and can be traced via Merchant Marine, 'lost at sea' records and though interesting from a social history point of view they don't complete the search. Knowing the name of the ship is generally the key but this seems to have been of little consequence when deciding what to record on a headstone. Despite there being so little physical evidence now left in the old cemetery, I have come across one or two headstones that provide that vital clue.

## The Loss of SS Armstor.

The following is a quote from the Preliminary Enquiry of the Marine Department Board of Trade:

*"The British Steamship, 'Armstor' (SS) of the port of London, left New Orleans, United States of America in charge of a pilot, on 23 December 1912 with a crew of approximately twenty-four hands with a cargo of oil cake, bound for Esbjerg, Denmark. SS Armstor discharged her pilot who had taken her through the South West Pass (the Mississippi entrance), at 4.30am, on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1912 and has since not been heard of..."*

The SS Armstor (launched 7<sup>th</sup> July 1909 as 'SS Napoliana. Later sold in 1909 and renamed Armstor) – was a British single-screw steamship, built of steel at (West) Hartlepool in 1909 by Irvine's Shipbuilding and Dry Docks Company, Ltd and was registered at the Port of London and owned in joint shares by Furness Withy and Company Ltd (West) Hartlepool and Richard Haswell Holman from the city of London. The engines and boilers were made by Richardson, Westgarth Company Ltd (West) Hartlepool. She was built under special survey and to the highest class at Lloyds. She complied with all the necessary lifesaving equipment including two lifeboats and a jolly boat, life-buoys and life-jackets. SS Armstor was in good repair.

## Events Leading to the Loss of SS Armstor

Arriving in Genoa on 25 October 1912 the Armstor discharged her cargo and was then rehired for one round trip to the Gulf of Mexico and return to Huelva in Spain. Subsequently leaving Huelva the Armstor then proceeded with another charter with a cargo of copper ore to New Orleans. Having discharged the copper ore, the Armstor took on a cargo of oil-cake (used as

cattle feed) and made ready to sail on 23 December 1912 for Esbjerg in Denmark some 4,856 nautical miles.

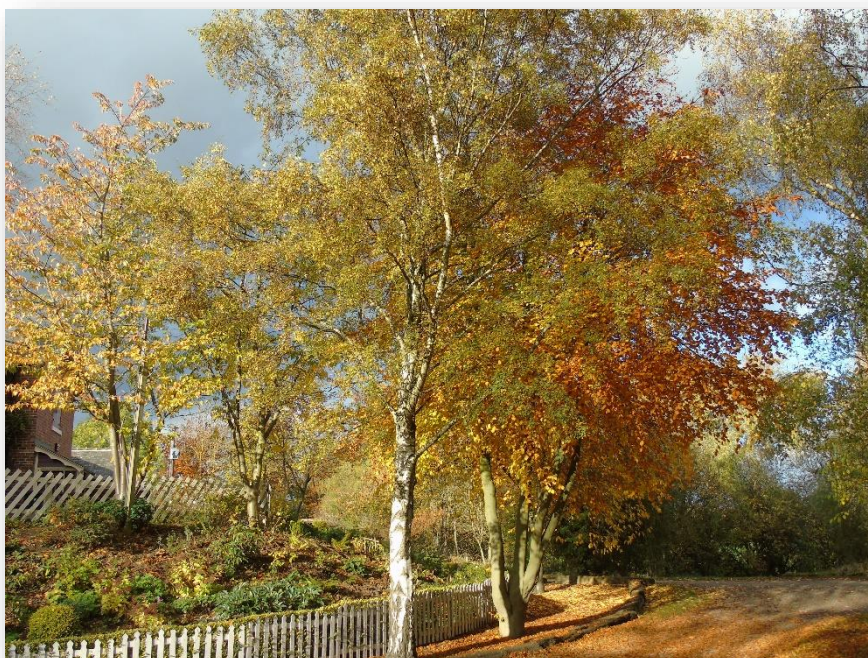
Leaving New Orleans, the Armstor was in good seaworthy condition, her cargo was properly stored and secured from shifting and was in good trim for a voyage to Esbjerg, Denmark. She discharged her pilot at approximately 4.30am on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1912. The opinion was that the SS Armstor perished, with her crew due to the ordinary perils of the sea when encountering heavy weather which undoubtable prevailed in the North Atlantic shortly after departure.

Communities so attached to and reliant upon the sea, experience grief at the loss of a loved one often without knowing exactly where their last resting place could be. On 24 December 1912 as preparations for Christmas Day were underway so this grief came home to a Hartlepool family and the families of the other twenty-three crew members (drawn from several countries) of the SS Armstor. RIP

### **Reflections on Hartlepool as a Ship Building Town**

Hartlepool, an industrial town with a proud history of ship building, ship owners and renowned engineering works ranking, in its time third busiest in the country alongside London and Liverpool Docks. Ships, built in Hartlepool took to the high seas from the port with crew members recruited locally often evidenced by the term 'Master Mariner' found on many of the remaining headstones. Hartlepool was a significant and busy shipping hub (to use a modern turn of phrase). However, time brings about change and our once busy dockland area is now a marina sitting passively with associated hospitality hotspots nearby.

## **Autumn Colour at Thorpe Thewles**



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# Notice Board

## Natural History Group: Programme of Events

Our meetings usually take place on the first Thursday of the month at 1.30p.m.

**October 3rd Wynyard Woodland Park.** Meet outside of the cafe. See how many different fungi we can find.

**November 7th** This meeting will take place in the People's centre because of the colder weather. Carole Lloyd will give a talk about weeds and we will listen to and identify different bird songs.

**December** No meeting.

**2025**

**January 24th,** Friday 10.30a.m.  
Burn Valley Gardens for the Big Garden Bird Watch. Meet at the zebra crossing entrance in Baden St. Bring binoculars if you have them.

**February 20th** at 12.00 for a meal at the Golden Lion. Details later.

From **March** onwards a new programme is to follow. All new members are most welcome. If you require any further details please get in touch with the group leaders: **Irene Archer; Margaret Andrews or Beryl Turnbull.**

## Calling all Birdwatches: Name That Bird!

- I'm often found in Ward Jackson Park, ponds, rivers and at marshes.
- I walk with chicken-like movements of my head.
- I swim well, but my flying is laborious after a lengthy pottering take-off.
- I'm about 12-14 inches in size.
- My upperparts are dark brown with a white lateral line.
- My crown, throat, breast and belly are very dark grey.
- My bill is red with a yellow tip and is short and pointed.

Which Bird am I? **Answer, on page 12**

**Barry Liddle**

## Thank You, from Mary's Meals

At our monthly meeting on 6th September, Dan McNally came to speak to us about the work of Mary's Meals. Since then, Dan has been in touch with me to say how much he enjoyed meeting us all and to see such an active and engaging group of people. He has also asked me to pass on his thanks to all who donated a very generous total of £173.10 on the day. This will help feed NINE hungry children for an entire school year, providing them with a nutritious meal in their place of education.

**Cliff Cordiner,  
Treasurer**

## Famous People -Who am I?

Compiled by Barry Liddle

1. I was born in Walker, Newcastle in 1941.
2. My early years were a dark nightmare that could have been penned by Charles Dickens.
3. Going to art college changed my life.
4. I was soon listening to American music with hard drinking friends in a local jazz club.
5. In the sixties I became a lifelong friend of the American guitarist Jimi Hendrix.
6. I was also a good friend of John Lennon and he mentions me in his song 'I am the Walrus' by my nickname of 'the Eggman'.
7. I can't tell you how I got that nickname, it's too rude for a mainstream publication like the Newsletter.
8. I got to know these famous musicians because since 1962 I was in a famous Newcastle Band.
9. We had several hit records playing electric blues and rock.
10. The band disbanded and re-united in several different formats over many years after I had a dispute with at least one other member of the band over copywrite and trademark issues.
11. In 1969, whilst living in San Francisco, I joined forces with the California funk rock band War.
12. I also had a period as a solo artist and as a leader of several bands.

Who am I?

Answer on Page 12

## Art Appreciation Group

The Art Appreciation Group meet in the People's Centre. The room is available from 10 until 12 and the talks start at 10.15.

There is a charge of £2 per person for the use of the room. Refreshments are available at a charge of 50p to the centre.

**September 11th** \_ Richard Waldemeyer will give a talk on: Casper David Friedrich, a German romantic painter (1774-1840). It's the 250th anniversary of his birth.

**October 9th** \_ Anita Ivison is going to give us a demonstration on flower arranging.

**November's** meeting, the topic is yet to be decided.

### 2025

- Early next year we will be visiting Bishop Auckland and a trip to Staithe's art festival is planned for September.
- In addition, Angela Thomas from the Hartlepool art archives, will give us a talk on Pitman artists. The date has yet to be decided

Irene Archer

## Who Wrote These Famous Songs

1. America
2. Love on the Rocks
3. September Morn
4. You Don't Bring Me Flowers
5. Cracklin' Rosie
6. Forever in Blue Jeans

Barry Liddle

Answer on page 12

## Did You Know?

All the members of our u3a are older persons, so I thought you might be interested to know that there is an **'International Day of Older Persons'**. It has been held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October every year since 1991. It was established by a vote of the United Nations General Assembly in December of the previous year.

The observance of 'International Day of Older Persons' provides a focus for aging organisations and the United Nations Programme on Aging.

Each year has a particular theme. I've chosen a select few at random to illustrate the type of issues they focus on.

- 2005 Aging in the New Millennium
- 2008 Rights of Older Persons
- 2013 The Future We Want: What Older Persons are Saying
- 2021 Digital Equality for All Ages
- 2022 Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World

I can't recall every noticing this day before, but this year I will follow the news very closely on 1st October to see what is being done for us oldies. You might like to keep an eye on events yourself.

**Barry Liddle**

## QUIZ GROUP

The new term has begun for the quizzers. For the first quiz of the new season a Hartlepool team were victorious, narrowly beating a strong team from Stockton. A new trophy was presented as the original one is at the jewellers for valuation.

The next quiz is on Tuesday 15th October at 2 pm in the Community Room at the Central Hub. The quizmaster will be Pat Rutter.

Jacky Armstrong

## What are We?

- We can be found in every room in the house.
- But it is not necessary for us to be in every room of the house.
- We come in various sizes.
- Some of us are transportable outside the house.

What am we?

Compiled by Barry Liddle

**Answer on Page 12**

## Latin Phrase of the Month

*'Mens Sana in Corpore Sano'*.

Which translates as 'a sound mind in a sound body'.

Barry Liddle

## The Gardening Group Visit RHS Autumn Show at Newby Hall

Liz Milbourn



Photograph © Paul Eustace

The Garden Group's September trip was to the RHS Autumn show at Newby Hall. In all, 16 members travelled by coach, courtesy of Lee's of Durham. It was a good day out and although it looked like rain for most of the day, in the end we had very little.

The Autumn show differed from a lot of RHS shows in that there were no show gardens, but there were many plants societies there, traders selling plants, the usual show merchandise and also food and drink. We had plenty of choice for obtaining refreshments and there were several demonstrations throughout the day where you could sit down and relax.

There were entries for the best vegetables, flowers and fruit and also the monster vegetables. Newby Hall and Gardens were open during the show, their renowned long borders were starting to look past their best, though, but would make an ideal garden group visit during the summer months.

We have been looking for places to visit during October but due to the difficulty in finding interesting gardens at this time of the year and the likelihood of bad weather we have decided to meet at a garden centre with a decent cafe, where you can all stock up with your autumn bedding and spring bulbs and we can have lunch and a chat. We will be in touch with the garden group members once we have sorted out a date and a venue.

## Whim-Wams on Toast

Barry Liddle

When my brother and I were growing-up we would constantly be asking “what’s for dinner” or “what’s for tea”? If mam had not yet planned the meal or wanted to be mischievous, she would always reply – *much to our frustration* - ‘Whim-Wams on Toast!’

‘Whim-Wams on Toast’ could be anything. After breakfast, like most families, we had one main meal a day and one lighter meal that could often be as simple as something on toast, such as poached eggs, cheese or beans.

Other ‘Things on Toast’ we ‘enjoyed’ growing up in the 1960s and 70s include:

- Cod’s Row on toast (not a combination I particularly enjoyed, although a favourite with other members of the family).
- Welsh Rarebit, absolutely delicious (three cheers for the Welsh!)
- Chesswood Creamed Mushrooms (from a tin) on toast (surprisingly nice.)
- Pork or Beef Dripping on toast with plenty of seasoning (this was one combination I refused to eat) but there was a family friend who used to visit when he thought this was likely to be available (usually Mondays)
- Sauteed Kidneys on Toast (a rare treat – but difficult to source these days. Today I would add a sprinkle of Parsley).
- Cauliflower Cheese on Toast (worth trying with a mixture of cauliflower and broccoli).
- ‘Heinz Toast Topper’ on Toast (came in tins -either creamy mushroom with ham or cheese. Not that popular in our household. Now discontinued.)
- Salmon Fish Paste on Toast (which after due diligence, I now understand is fish which has been chemically broken down by a fermentation process until it reaches the consistency of a cream puree or paste -hope that description doesn’t spoil your appetite. We tried other pastes including Beef Paste).
- Macaroni Cheese -either home-made or of necessity, out of a tin on toast.
- Tinned Pilchards/Sardines in Tomato Sauce on Toast

All the above was served on toasted slices of white bread. Today, we have the benefit of a wide range of breads made in different ways with different types and combinations of flours. One of my favourites is Sourdough – which makes really crispy and tasty toast. These are some of the ‘things on toast’ I enjoy eating today:

- Avocado on Toast (which proves I’m not completely immune to modern culinary trends). I like it sliced on hot buttered toast with a drizzle of salad cream to cut through the richness. If the avocado is very ripe, then mash it with salt and pepper (you could add a little chilli, but I’m not a fan of spicy food myself). Sometimes I top my Avocado on Toast with mixed salad leaves to make a nice light lunch.
- Spam on Toast. Going from the modern to the retro, you could call Spam on Toast one of my ‘guilty pleasures’. Guilty, because highly processed meat is not really that good

for you. But thin slices on hot bittered toast with a drizzle of brown source is an occasional but very welcome 'all day' snack.

- Mock Pizza. Very occasionally I might fancy a pizza, but if don't have one, I make a Mock Pizza from things I have in the store cupboard and fridge. First toast the bread, then cover right to the edge with either tomato puree or pasta sauce (if you have a spare jar in the fridge). Crumble over some cheese (whatever is available), a few slices of fresh tomato and then garnish with a few olives if you have them and a few Basil leaves (I usually have a plant on the window ledge in Summer) if not, sprinkle a few dried herbs from the store cupboard. Grill or bake until the cheese is melted. Accompanied with a glass of wine, on a sunny day you could be transported to the Bay of Naples.
- Marmite on Toast. This divides the nation, but the secrete is to spread it sparingly on hot buttered toast. Good on its own, or as superior soldiers to a boiled egg.
- Mackerel Pate on Toast. To be more accurate, this is Mackerel Pate with Toast. Sometimes I buy the pate, but I have found home- made is better. Combine flakes of smoked mackerel with soft cheese, cream of horseradish sauce (the original horseradish I find is too strong) and lemon juice. Serve with the toast and if entertaining add a decorative wedge of lemon and a green garnish.
- 'Continental Selection' on Toast. I've made up the title. Basically, it is any combination of continental cheeses, salami and hams on toast – typically whatever is in the fridge.
- French Toast. This is not something on toast, in fact it is not really toast. Some people call it 'eggy bread' which is perhaps is a more accurate description. To make, crack an egg on a dinner plate and add a little milk and seasoning and then whisk. Coat a slice of bread on both sides with the mixture then fry until golden brown. Serve on its own or with one or two items on top from an English Breakfast (e.g. cooked tomatoes, bacon, mushrooms, black pudding etc).
- Strawberry Delight. This is the name I've invented for 'something on toast' as a dessert or as a mid- afternoon alternative to tea and cake. To make, butter a slice of toast, then spread with strawberry jam or conserve and top with thin slices of strawberry.

In summary. 'Something on toast' can be a very versatile and quick snack or light meal. If you have a favourite 'something on toast' -perhaps something a bit exotic or unusual then why not send me the details and I'll put them in the next issue of the Newsletter.

#### Quiz Answers from Notice Board

Calling all Birdwatches: Name That Bird!	Answer: Moorhen (Gallinula Chloropus)
Famous People -Who am I?	Answer: Eric Burdon
Who Wrote These Famous Songs	Answer: Neil Diamond
What are We?	Answer: Mirrors

**Walking in space**

Cool September morn  
Glimpses of sun  
Interspersed with lingering clouds  
Lean against railings  
To see what there is  
To be seen  
Observe Redshank busy fishing  
In rock pools  
Around remnants of  
Swimming pool  
Lost in 1953 storm  
Oyster catcher  
In the sea near the shore  
Splashes around  
Completing its ablutions  
Wades ashore  
Shakes itself  
Begins preening  
Readying itself  
For what life brings  
Redshank still  
Checking pools  
No competitors  
In no hurry  
Screech of bird  
Precedes appearance  
Of common tern.....

Flies overhead  
Dives directly down  
Reappears  
Swoops  
Dives again  
Presumably successfully  
As flies off  
For some reason  
Check phone  
Message appears  
From Yougov  
'Would you like to walk  
In space?'  
Hmmm...  
Strangely enough  
I thought this is what I did  
Everyday  
Then again  
What do I know?  
Delete message  
Move on

## Shopping & Retail Therapy Quiz

Compiled by Barry Liddle (Answers Page 17)

**Q1 Can you name the co-founders of Marks & Spencer?**

- a Karl Marks and Lenin Spencer
- b Michal Marks and Thomas Spencer
- c Mike and Bernie Winters

**Q2 Which is the odd one out?**

- a Dalton Park
- b Rossmere Park
- c Teesside Park

**Q3 Which of these fast-food chains first came to Britian?**

- a Burger King
- b KFC
- c MacDonald's
- d Wimpy

**Q4 At one time you could get Green Shield stamps at corner shops and petrol stations. But in 1963 they were introduced by a supermarket, which meant shoppers could use them to buy products at Green Shield Stamps catalogue stores. Which supermarket introduced them?**

- a Asda
- b Sainsburys
- c Tesco

**Q5 All the following statements are correct, except one. Which is the odd one out?**

- a Biba was a trendy London fashion store in the 1960s and 70s.
- b C&A was a popular chain of clothing stores that originated in the Netherlands
- c Clarks Shoes were founded in Northampton
- d Littlewoods was a retail and football betting company founded in Liverpool

**Q6 L Robson and Sons is a unique family business producing some of the world's finest smoked Craster kippers. In which county are they based?**

- a Cornwall
- b Norfolk
- c Northumberland

**Q7 Fenwick is a northern chain of department stores founded by John James Fenwick in 1882. In which city was the first store opened?**

- a Newcastle
- b Leeds

c York

**Q8 What does SPAM stand for?**

- a Selected Pork Auxiliary Meat
- b Specially Processed American Meat
- c Specially Produced American Meat

**Q9 Before decimalisation, shops often priced bespoke tailoring, furniture and white goods in Guineas. How much was a Guinea?**

- a One Pound and Half a Crown
- b One Pound and one Shilling
- c One Pound and 10 Shillings

**Q10 The Iceland frozen food supermarket took over a rival and much larger store in 1989. What was it called?**

- a Bejam
- b Fine Fare
- c Safeway

**Q11 What is Chanel No5?**

- a A famous handbag
- b A famous perfume
- c A famous brand of sneakers

**Q12 Where would you find Meadowhall Shopping Centre?**

- a Leeds
- b Manchester
- c Sheffield

**Q13 All the following goods changed name except one. Which is the odd one out?**

- a Coco Pops became Choco Krispies and then became Coco Pops again
- b Jif became Cif
- c Marathon became Snickers
- d Opal Fruits became Starburst
- e Pepsi Black became Pepsi Cola

**Q14 Sir Terence Conran was a British designer famous for creating a chain of shops called:**

- a Athena
- b Comet
- c Habitat

**Q15 The 1970s TV comedy series 'Are you Being Served' was set in a fictional flagship departmental store. What was the name of the store?**

- a Dalton Brothers
- b Grace Brothers
- c Grace & Simpson

**Q16 Who called Britain a Nation of Shopkeepers?**

- a Louis XIV
- b Napoleon
- c Robespierre

**Q17 If you entered a shop and asked for 'Stinking Bishop', what would you be buying?**

- a A type of spicy blood pudding from Spain
- b A smelly type of English cheese
- c A trendy brand of imported herbs and spices from the USA

**Q18 If you visit your local fishmonger to purchase some crustaceans, what would you be buying?**

- a clams, mussels, oysters, or scallops,
- b Shrimp, prawns, crab or lobster
- c octopus, squid, abalone or snails

**Q19 If you walked into a French café and ordered a Croque Monsieur, that would you expect to eat?**

- a Fried or toasted crab sandwich
- b Fried or toasted sandwich made with ham and cheese
- c Fried or toasted sandwich with Toulouse Sausages and Dijon Mustard

**Q20 All the following facts about Aldi are true except one. Which is the odd one out?**

- a Aldi was started by two brothers in Essen Germany, in 1946
- b Aldi is a brand name derived from 'Albrecht Discount'
- c Aldi stocks fewer products than other leading supermarkets
- d In 1960, the brothers split the company into two separate chains, Aldi and Lidl
- e Aldi opened its first British store in Birmingham in 1990

**Q21 You are out shopping for dried fruit and your friend says what is the difference between a Raisin and a Current. What answer would you give? Only one of the following is correct.**

- a A raisin is a dried white grape, a current is a dried red grape.
- b A raisin is a dried red grape, a current a dried white grape.
- c A raisin is a dried sultana, a current is a dried blueberry

# Directory

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Pauline Williamson

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**Committee** – Keith Alder; Irene Archer

## Interest Group Leaders

**Archaeology/History Group:** Chris McLoughlin.

**Art Appreciation:** Co-Leaders: Irene Archer, Andrea Reid.

**Board Games:** Irene Williams.

**Backgammon Group** Ann Gardiner

**Bridge:** Phil Jefferies.

**Chess Group:** Roger Say.

**Coffee & Chat** Jacky Armstrong

**Concert Group:** Pauline Williamson

**Creative Writing Group:** Roger Say.

**Family History:** Co- Leaders: Jacky Armstrong, Pat Rutter.

**Film Group:** Contact Phil Jefferies.

**Fun with Fabrics:** Ann Say

**Gardens and Gardening:** Co-Leaders: Liz Milbourn and Helen Eustace

**Lawn Bowls:** Ray Elliston.

**Music:** Vacant

**Natural History Group:** Co- Leaders: Irene Archer, Margaret Andrews and Beryl Turnbull.

**Photography for Fun Group:** Ray Elliston.

**Quiz Team:** John Campbell.

**Reading Group:** Andrea Reid

**Shibashi Exercise Group:** Marjorie Reynolds.

**Tuesday Book Club:** Mary Waldmeyer

**'View to Vue':** Roger Say.

**Walking Group:** Keith Alder

## Roles of Non- Committee Members

### Newsletter Editor-

Barry Liddle

## Shopping & Retail Therapy Quiz: The Answers

**Q1** b Michal Marks and Thomas Spencer; **Q2** b Rossmere Park; **Q3** d Wimpy;

**Q4** c Tesco; **Q5** c Clarks Shoes were founded in Northampton; **Q6** c Northumberland;

**Q7** a Newcastle; **Q8** b Specially Processed American Meat; **Q9** b One Pound and one Shilling;

**Q10** a Bejam; **Q11** b A famous perfume; **Q12** c Sheffield; **Q13** e Pepsi Black became Pepsi Cola;

**Q14** c Habitat; **Q15** b Grace Brothers; **Q16** b Napoleon; **Q17** b A smelly type of English cheese;

**Q18** b Shrimp, prawns, crab or lobster; **Q19** b Fried or toasted sandwich made with ham and cheese; **Q20** d In 1960, the brothers split the company into two separate chains, Aldi and Lidl; **Q21**

a A raisin is a dried white grape, a current is a dried red grape.

## Copy Wanted for This Newsletter

Articles, Short Stories, Interesting Photographs (with captions), Limericks & Poems.

Items for the Newsletter's 'Notice Board' are also welcomed.

All contributions to the next Newsletter are most welcome.

Copy deadline for the next issue is 20 October 2024.

**Barry Liddle, Newsletter Editor**

