

Newsletter

Hartlepool & District u3a

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Comments from the Chair

Spring has most definitely arrived. The kittiwakes have reestablished themselves on their favourite nesting sites and sand martins can be seen in abundance at Salthome. Plants are blooming and garden birds are building their nests and all is well. I only hope I have not spoken too soon, so I will be keeping my fingers crossed!

It will soon be time for our next AGM which will be held on Friday June 5th. This will be followed by a social event where we bring along finger food to share with each other. The formal notice for the AGM will be sent out along with all necessary documentation by the 16th May as per our constitution. We have to renew and revise our constitution this year and so any changes that are made will be included in these documents.

Before that we have a guest speaker to look forward to. On Friday, the 2nd of May we have a welcome return visit from Denis Fox the renowned military artist and historian. On his last visit he gave us a talk and displayed his pictures on the Battle of Britain in North-East England which proved very popular. His theme this year is 'Beyond the Call of Duty: Heroes and Heroines.' In July we will have a talk from Kelly Close from Cleveland Police who will show us how to protect ourselves from cybercrime.

Last month's meeting was a great success with one of our own members, Peter Stoker, entertaining us with a journey through his life in the vehicle industry. It was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyable so many thanks to Peter. If any one of you would like to give us a talk, please have a word with me or any member of the committee. We would love to hear from you!

I am delighted that new members are joining us every month. Good news travels fast! Word of mouth is one of the best ways of attracting new members so please continue to spread the good word. I look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting.

Take care

Roger

Reflections on 'May Day'

Barry Liddle

May Day is a Bank Holiday which provides a day off for many to enjoy the arrival of spring and the beginning of summer (British weather permitting of course).

The May Day Bank Holiday is on the first Monday in May. When I was working, all Bank Holidays were greatly appreciated. We operated a flexi-time system, so having worked sufficient extra hours, I would take the preceding Friday off as a flex day, to enjoy a welcome extended weekend.

May Day for most people is now just a holiday and whilst some associate it with 'International Workers Day', historically it was very significant (second only to Christmas in popularity) and was commemorated with a wide range of festivities influenced and coloured by local traditions. These festivities included some of the following:

- **Maypole Dancing** was once very popular and is described in Thomas Hardy's 1891 novel 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles. I remember my mother saying that as a young girl they used to dance around a Maypole holding on to long ribbons, accompanied by music and singing. The custom survives but it is no longer ubiquitous.
- **Crowning a May Queen** was popular in the 19th and early 20th century in the UK and continues today to a much lesser extent. Dressed in white, her duties are to begin the May Day celebrations
- **Gathering of Wildflowers** was once a common practice as part of the May Day celebrations.
- **Morris Dancing**, a traditional English folk dance, was often seen at May Day celebrations.
- **Beating the Bounds**, traditionally, property owners would walk the boundaries of their land to reaffirm their rights, repairing fences and maintaining boundary markers

To see well known May Day celebrations in the UK involves travelling to places such as Padstow in Cornwall, Haver Castle in Kent or Oxford. If you are looking to visit an event nearer to home, I believe Beamish Museum hosts May Day celebrations.

Sources: Google

Natural History Walk at the Headland.

Irene Archer

We met on the 3rd of April in the Borough Hall car park on a beautiful sunny afternoon to see what wildlife there was along the Headland. Our first port of call was to see the kittiwakes nesting noisily on the ledges of the old bank building on Southgate.



Old Bank Building © Barry Hayton

Looking across the water to the RNLI walkway, we could see many more precariously nesting along the side,



RNLI Walkway (c) Barry Hayton

more than a hundred have been counted at some point. More were seen nesting along ledges of St Hilda's church, and one was spotted sitting comfortably in a chimney pot.



Chimney Pot Nest (c) Barry Hayton

The kittiwakes nest between March and August and spend the rest of the time at sea. The birds can be very noisy and leave guano on the buildings which cause discolouration and erosion.

A Danish energy company, Orsted, has built a kittiwake hotel along Ferry Road to encourage them to move from the Headland. The tower is 35 feet high and houses up to 800 birds and four cabin-like buildings house up to 500 birds.



Kittiwake Hotel. (c) Barry Hayton

Orsted has funded the project 4 years in advance of a planned wind farm off the coast of Hartlepool. Kittiwakes are an endangered species and approximately 73 deaths a year occur as a result of the rotating blades.

I wonder if the kittiwakes have spotted the opportunity to nest here. Have to wait and see.

The 1st Hartlepool Boys Brigade

Bill Horsley

Introduction

William Alexander Smith, the founder of the Boys Brigade movement, was originally the Secretary of a Sunday School in a Glasgow Mission. In common with other Sunday School teachers, he was struggling with the problem of how to retain the senior boys. By the age of 14 many felt too old for Sunday School and chose to leave, but in doing so William Smith thought these boys were missing out on moral guidance at a critical time in their development, whilst those who stayed-on at Sunday School were often coerced into doing so by their parents and so were often unruly and difficult to handle. To solve this problem, William Alexander Smith with the help of two friends created 'The Boys Brigade' on 4th October 1883, initially with a company of 30 boys in the Free Church Mission Hall in Glasgow. Its objective being 'The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that trends towards a true Christian manliness'. The news of this new movement quickly spread and similar companies was established, including the 1st Hartlepool Boys Brigade.

The 1st Hartlepool Boys Brigade.

The company was started by Captain George Osborn R.A. who had taken over a young man's Bible class in Lumley Street School (which later became The Salvation Army Citadel) and from this the 1st Hartlepool Boys Brigade emerged on 29 September 1886. Captain Osborn was assisted by John Earnest Muir the First Lieutenant of the 1st Hartlepool Boys Brigade and a young doctor called Albert Edward Morison. When the company was officially enrolled on 21 October 1887, Captain Osborn's duties were devoted to the military and as John Muir declined the captaincy, this role fell to 24-year-old Albert Morison-affectionately known as Doctor Bertie.

The Boys Brigade Movement in Hartlepool.

Around this time other companies were formed in the town: The No2 Company was attached to the Presbyterian Church in Brougham Street; the No.3 Company was attached to the Northgate Wesleyan Chapel; the No4 Company was based at Holy Trinity under R.F. Oakes and Captain Osborn returned to take over No.5 Company at St Andrews (with a lot of crofters in the membership)which later merged with No1 Hartlepool.

First Headquarters of the 1st Hartlepool Boys Brigade.

The Brigade moved from Lumley Street to their first permanent headquarters behind the stand at the Old Friarage. They stayed at this location until 1912, when a new extension to Henry Smith School caused them to briefly return to Lumley Street. Premises adjacent to The Old Mill were then purchased and for next 23 years until 1936, this formed the Brigades Headquarters. From this date the former Hartlepool Council issued a Compulsory Purchase

Order and so the Brigade moved again, just a stone's throw away to St. Marks (an independent chapel) which they purchased for the sum of £950.

Morrison Hall

Under the guidance of Will Coverdale and Fred Jaques the new premises became one of the finest and most modern company headquarters in the whole Boys Brigade Movement and was re-named the Morrison Hall. The building comprised a basement, Boys Club room, a fully equipped gymnasium, 1st floor club room for older boys and a hall for games and classes 44ft x 20 ft. The 2nd floor had a large assembly room 70ft x 44ft. But just as everything was settling down the onset of WWII saw the building being requisitioned by the military authorities to serve as billets. So, with typical fortitude the officers (working in reserved occupations or excused service on the grounds of age) managed to keep the movement going by renting facilities for classes at 11 Carlton Terrace. In addition, the Rector of St. Hilda's, Canon F.T. Slater made St Hilda's Hall available for weekly drill and physical training.

The First Camp

The first camp was made at Shotton Village at Whitsuntide in 1890. They were quartered in an old house near the school room where they cooked their meals. During their stay, the local blacksmith recalled the story of the Shotton Ghost, which coincidentally was often seen in the house in which the boys were staying. There wasn't much sleep that night and then there was an almighty shriek followed by a loud thud – that did not help matters. Dr. Bertie went to investigate and on return announced that the Shotton Ghost was well and truly laid to rest. One of the boys dressed in a white sheet had ventured into one of the rooms and was promptly felled by a size 8 boot!

Camps at Castle Howard.

After the first camp Dr. Bertie had heard that the Earl and Countess of Carlisle were running a welfare scheme for boys. Dr. Bertie wrote to the countess and was invited to Castle Howard. It transpired that the countess was against any uniformed organisations, and she took a lot of persuading before allowing the first company to camp at Castle Howard in 1891. A party of 45 travelled by train from Hartlepool but on arrival they were greeted by a blinding snowstorm on their march from Slingsby to Castle Howard. Such fortitude must have impressed the countess because they were asked to go back the following year and to this day, they continue that long and proud tradition of attending camp at Castle Howard. Thanks to Dr. Bertie all those years ago.

Archaeology/History Group Visit Hopetown

Chris McLoughlin



After the winter talks programme, Arch & History started their 2025 travels with a trip to North Road Station, Darlington, centre piece of the 35 million-pound Stockton-Darlington Railway attraction and renamed Hopetown, only recently completed to mark the birth 200 years ago of the Railways. The Station itself dates from 1840 but the exhibits such as Locomotion No 1 along with later Engines & Carriages are arranged to emphasize



All Photographs © Kevin Hardey

how speedily the rail developed within a few decades, reminding us also that if you take a train anywhere in the world today, it all started just off the North Road in Darlington.

For us in Hartlepool, it also saw the start of the Rail system from the 1830s and the establishment of the Dock and Harbour of West Hartlepool as the Clarence Railway Branch of the S & D R.

In keeping with the celebrations, we travelled by train via Thornaby and at times were travelling on the very route as the pioneers of 1825 took and we able to alight at North Road to be given an excellent guided tour of the Station, followed by visits to the Workshops, Carriage work and of course, Skerne Bridge just two minutes away, which featured on £5 banknotes only recently, and is now the site of car parking facilities.

As you will see from the photographs, the use of modern technology adds to the visit and is backed up with café/coffee/chat facilities, essential elements of our Group ethos.

Notice Board

QUIZ GROUP

Jacky Armstrong writes.... We met in the Community Room of the Hub on Tuesday, 15th April. Unfortunately, there were more members from Stockton u3a than Hartlepool attending. We desperately need your support. The next quiz is on Tuesday 20th May at 2 pm in the Community Room when the quiz master will be John Grange.

In order to encourage new members, a long-standing member of the Quiz Group has set a Quiz Group Challenge. Why not give it a go.

Try the Quiz Group Challenge

Are you an Egghead? Perhaps you like finding the Impossible answer? You may even enjoy a Chase? Our quiz team enjoy our monthly outings. It's an opportunity for a chat, a cup of tea and a biscuit, and of course, sharing our knowledge (or lack of it!)

As a bit of encouragement, here are some sample questions from the last few sessions. Have a go and maybe you will find that you know more than you think.....

1. Which city is the capital of the state of Tennessee?
2. On which island did Fletcher Christian and the Bounty mutineers settle?
3. In the novel Peter Pan, what are the names of Wendy's two brothers?
4. In the old song, how did darling Clementine die?
5. In which US city is the Gateway Arch?
6. Who was the only Jewish born UK prime minister?
7. What word fits the gap: quality _____ party ?
8. Which English county has the longest coastline?
9. Which organ of the body produces Insulin?
10. How many bones has a giraffe's neck? 7 17 27 37

Answers on page 9

When you have checked your answers, did you do better than you thought?
In that case, we'll see you on May 20, p.m. at the Central Hub

Natural History Programme 2025

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

- May 1st. Saltholme. Meet in the entrance. There is a charge for non-members of the RSPB.
- June 5th Seaton Carew. Meet at the sea front where the nesting Terns are. There is a free car park in the park before you reach the sea front.
- July 3rd Cowpen Bewley. Meet in the car park.
- July 22nd Tuesday We may join the gardening group on a trip to Breezy Knees Garden near York. Liz Milbourn has circulated details about this.
- August 7th Summerhill Meet in the car park to do the Butterfly count.
- September 4th Blackhall Rocks. Meet in the car park off the main road.
- October 2nd Burn Valley Gardens to look for fungi. Meet at the zebra crossing entrance on Baden Street.
- November 6th Peoples centre for an indoor meeting. Last year we enjoyed a talk on weeds by Carole, bird song identification by Irene and Margaret and Geoff gave us an interesting talk about Thorpe Thewles wood.
- December No meeting.

Further details from Irene Archer, Margaret Andrews and Beryl Turnbull.

Gardening Group

We are planning the following Garden group visits, with Lees of Durham coaches.

- Friday 2nd May Stokesley Market and Cherry Hill Garden centre £20
- Friday May 25th May Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield. £31 Joint visit with the Arts Group who are organising it.
- Sunday 1st June, Harlow Carr gardens near Harrogate, £36 including admission.
- Wednesday 25th June. Thornton Hall gardens near Darlington by minibus not a Lees trip.
- Tuesday 22nd July Breezy Knees Gardens, nursery and cafe near York. £35 including admission.
- Wednesday 10th September, Northallerton market and Arcadia Garden Centre £19.

Payment for these trips is required before booking, N.B. we do get a £2 reduction on the Lees prices above for group bookings. Please let us know if you want to go on any of these trips.

Liz Milbourn and Helen Eustace

My Word of the Month.

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis

This is the longest word included in the Oxford English Dictionary. This 45-letter word is the name for a lung disease more commonly known as silicosis. How medical students can remember this word and spell it correctly, is almost beyond comprehension.

Barry Liddle

THE LUNCHEON GROUP

What a fabulous lunch we had at Hardwicke Hall Manor Hotel in Blackhall. A carvery and a dessert for £15. All the food is fresh and freshly prepared. We had a choice of three meats and a home cooked pie together with absolutely loads of vegetables, all hot and inviting. After that, if you had space, there was a choice from the dessert trolley, which also includes fresh fruit and cream for each lovely sweet chosen. Oh, and there was an orange steamed pud with either custard or cream.

If you didn't want the dessert, a small plate carvery is £8.95 and a large plate carvery is £10.95. You can order a vegetarian meal.

If you don't fancy the carvery, there are other dishes freshly prepared for you.

Everyone there said it was fantastic and want to do it again. I will let you know when we decide on a date so you can come too.

Incidentally the carvery is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 til 2 and 4.30 til 6.30. I can promise you it is the best value meal you will get (and I am not on commission!). Unless there is a big party, you don't have to book.

Jacky Armstrong

Tuesday Book Club

We have space for new members, so if you like the idea of sharing your reading experience of the books we've chosen, please get in touch.

- May 27 Atonement, Ian McEwan
- June 24 I Capture the Castle, Dodie Smith
- July 22 Hotel du Lac, Anita Brookner

Mary Waldmeyer

CONGRATULATIONS

to John Ibbotson one of our newer members, who has just celebrated his 90th birthday.



Spring Has Arrived

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Answers to the Quiz Group Challenge

1. Nashville;
2. Pitcairn Island;
3. Michael and John;
4. She drowned;
5. St. Louis;
6. Benjamin Disraeli;
7. Street;
8. Cornwall;
9. The pancreas;
10. Seven.

One Mistake Leads to Another

Roger Say, Creative Writing Group

It was not long after I arose and tripped over the carpet that I became aware it was going to be one of those days. As I made my dramatic way down to the floor in a somewhat undignified manner, I tried to grab hold of the bedside table and only managed to knock my glass of water off the edge. This woke up my wife to whom I proffered my abject apologies and scuttled out of the bedroom.

It was a Monday morning and so I was due to take my English class at the People's Centre at 10 a.m. I had a quick breakfast and looked up at the clock. I had plenty of time before I had to leave to catch the bus so started to read the daily newspaper. I must have been engrossed in an article when I realised, I had lost count of the time. I grabbed my jacket and rushed out to the bus stop. I was just in time and boarded the bus as it was about to move off. Took out my wallet to find that my bus pass was not in it. I had left it in my other jacket. Luckily, I had some cash on me so coughed up the fare. £2.20 poorer!

The bus was surprisingly empty and we soon arrived at my destination. When I reached the People's Centre, I was stunned to find the doors were shut and there was no sign of life. Suddenly a little bell rang in the back of my mind and I remembered the date: Yes, it was Monday, but it was Bank Holiday Monday. I had clean forgot. I made my dreary way back to the bus stop where I saw the back of my bus departing around the corner. I stifled a groan as I knew it was a Sunday service and it would be a long wait. I decided to walk home. Being one of those days, I had not gone far when the skies darkened, there was a rumble of thunder and then the rain started.

Somewhat sodden, I arrived home and put my hand in my pocket. I then put my hand in another pocket and then the trouser pockets. No key! It was also in my other jacket. Needless to say, my wife was out, and I was stuck on the doorstep until she returned. It was definitely not my day. A veritable comedy of errors!

NB Any reference to anything referring to a play of Shakespeare is purely deliberate!

Walking On Water

Brenda Regan

Imagine a sunny summer's day in 1947. My cousin Eve and I were at my grandmother's house. Eve said she would take me to Ward Jackson Park. I was only 6 and she was 11, but in those days, it was considered safe for her to take me there.

I loved going to the park, as we could play on the grass and the swings, buy sweets at the shop, and feed the ducks and swans with stale bread.

We took the bus up Grange Road, and got off at the terminus, just near the park gates. We walked along the path and over the wide expanse of grass, towards the pond. We loved watching the swans and different species of ducks swimming around the island or towards us, looking for food.

After a while two boys near us came to the water's edge. One of them put his foot on the surface of the water, and said, "it's not very deep". Now Eve had warned me not to go near the edge of the pond, but hearing what the boy said, I decided to see for myself. Unfortunately, I slipped and fell into the water. My cousin panicked, then stepped into the pond to rescue me. We both were soaking wet by the time we managed to climb out, looking very bedraggled.

A young couple with a baby in a pram were watching all this. They came towards us. Then the woman took the baby out of the pram and gave it to the man to hold. She came to me and took off my outer clothing, wrapped me in a blanket, and put me in the pram. She said she would take me back to my grandmother's house, and asked Eve the address. Eve set off to walk back home, as she dared not get the bus as she was dripping wet.

I was wheeled back to my grandmother's house, and she thanked the couple for bringing me back. I was stripped of my wet clothes and washed and dried. Meanwhile my cousin had to walk about one and a half miles back home. And she was admonished for letting me fall into the pond!

By coincidence the next day I woke up covered in spots – I had the measles! So, it was time off school for me. I never after that forgot the park pond misadventure!

Life, Death, and the Universe Quiz

Compiled by Barry Liddle

Q1 The Garden of Eden was the biblical earthly paradise inhabited by the first created man and woman. What were their names?

- a) Adam and Alison
- b) Adam and Eve
- c) Wayne and Waynetta

Q2 'A Matter of Life and Death' is a classic 1946 British film set in England during World War II. Who was the male star of the film?

- a) David Niven
- b) James Mason
- c) Laurence Olivier

Q3 Most scientists believe the Universe to be:

- a) 5.8 billion years old
- b) 13.8 billion years old
- c) 1.8 trillion years old

Q4 The answer to 'the ultimate Question of life, the Universe and Everything' in Douglas Adam's comic novel 'The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy' is:

- a) Protoplasm
- b) Serendipity
- c) 42

Q5 The 1918-20 flu pandemic killed approximately 50 million people. It was commonly known as:

- a) Continental Flu
- b) German Flu
- c) Spanish Flu

Q6 What is the estimated human population on planet Earth?

- a) 80 million
- b) 800 million
- c) 8 billion

Q7 'Life on Mars' is a song by which famous English musician?

- a) Kate Bush
- b) David Bowie
- c) Sting

Q8 What is the number one cause of death in the world?

- a) Accidents
- b) Cancer
- c) Heart Disease

Q9 In astronomy, what is a black hole?

- a) It is a region of the Milky Way Galaxy without stars or planets.
- b) It is a region of spacetime dominated by dark matter
- c) It is a region of spacetime with such intense gravity that nothing, not even light, can escape its pull.

Q10 'The War of the Worlds' is a science fiction novel by which English author?

- a) Arthur C. Clarke
- b) Ray Bradbury
- c) H. G. Wells

Q11 What is the Aurora Borealis?

- a) A common type of cloud formation
- b) A natural light display in the sky
- c) High speed winds in the stratosphere

Q12 What do we call a person aged between 70 and 79?

- a) Nonagenarian
- b) Octogenarian
- c) Septuagenarian

Q13 'The Multiverse' is a hypothetical concept in theoretical physics suggesting:

- a) That our universe has a finite boundary
- b) That our universe looks the same from any vantage point within the universe
- c) That our universe might be just one of many, all of which create a larger interconnected reality.

Q14 It is generally believed that the extinction of the dinosaurs was triggered by:

- a) A large asteroid impact
- b) The process of natural selection
- c) A series of volcanic eruptions

Q15 Chimpanzees are our closest living relatives, and we share a degree of identical DNA. What percentage?

- a) 18.8%
- b) 68.8%
- c) 98.8 %

Q16 How is the World's total population geographically distributed?

- a) 90% Northern Hemisphere: 10% Southern Hemisphere.
- b) 50% Northern Hemisphere: 50% Southern Hemisphere.
- c) 10% Northern Hemisphere: 90% Southern Hemisphere.

Q17 Which famous person said, "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough".

- a) Bette Midler
- b) Roger Moore
- c) Mae West

Q18 The air we breathe is composed of:

- a) 78% Nitrogen, 21% Oxygen, 1% Other Gases
- b) 78% Oxygen, 21% Carbon Dioxide, 1% Nitrogen
- c) 78% Oxygen, 21% Nitrogen, 1% Other Gases

Q19 The phrase "three score years and ten" originates from:

- a) A Psalm in the Bible
- b) Homer's epic poem 'The Iliad and the Odyssey'
- c) Shakespeare's Hamlet

Q20 In 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button,' a short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald and subsequent 2008 film, the male lead character:

- a) Is born old and ages in reverse
- b) Is born with a knowledge of a previous life.
- c) Is born old and never dies

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Barry Liddle

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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 May 2025.

Barry Liddle, Newsletter Editor