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Bluebells at Houghall Woods, Durham © Barry Liddle

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Comments from the Chair



Recent attendances at our general meetings have been particularly good as of late and we had over 50 members for our last speaker, Leah Johnstone. She was delighted with the positive responses she received after telling us all about the 'Trees for Cities' project in general and the tree planting ongoing project in Hartlepool. Some of us have already signed up for a workshop about this important project (see my recent email) and I hope to see some of you there in Ward Jackson Park.

I am looking forward to our next guest speaker on May 1st when we will have the pleasure of a return visit from Denis Fox

whose talk is entitled 'A short history of the cinema'. The month after that we will be holding our AGM on June 5th starting at the normal time of 2 pm when you have a chance to find out what the committee have been doing on your behalf and how your money has been spent. Please come along to support this important event and we will have a social event to follow with free refreshments. I know some of you don't like quizzes or bingo so, fear not, we won't be having either of them.

I hope you enjoyed the new-look Newsletter. I certainly did and it was a relief for me (and you too I expect) not to see my face on the front page. We are so lucky to have such a talented editor who puts so much effort in producing a great read month after month. I also want to thank everyone who contribute stories and photographs which help make each edition so entertaining.

I hope to see you all at our next general meeting on May 1st.

In the meantime

Take care

Roger

Gardening Group's Visit to a Tulip Festival

Helen Eustace and Liz Milbourn



The Garden Group's April meeting was a visit to Spilmans Farm Tulip Festival near Thirsk (YO7 3NB). This new venture complements the farm's well-known Pick Your Own soft fruit season and pumpkin festival. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all—there were plenty of tulips in bloom, the café refreshments were excellent, and we were fortunate with fine weather throughout. Lots of photos were taken—including photobombing a wedding party (with permission of course!).



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Sixty years ago, England won the FIFA World Cup. At the time I was 10 years old and football mad. I played right-back for Hart Road Junior School and in the summer of 1966, I was about to watch my first World Cup. Now aged 70, with dodgy footballer's knees, I would like to share my childhood memories of that great and wonderful occasion.

1. **Bobby Charlton** was my favourite player in the World Cup and he played alongside his brother Jack in the England team. Not only was he my favourite player -one of the original Busby Babes, but according to my mam we were related to him, Jack and the whole Charlton family in Ashington. (Probably not true but I still like to think it is). Bobby was famous for scoring goals from long range and was outstanding in the World Cup except in the final. Later we found out that he was instructed to mark Germany's star player Franz Beckenbaur, who was given similar instructions, so the result was something of a stalemate.
2. **'World Cup Willie'** was the tournament's mascot. He was a friendly Lion wearing a Union Jack jersey. Only recently did I find out that this was the first time a FIFA World Cup had an official mascot and I remember his image appeared everywhere on toys, tea-towels and clothing. I had a little metal badge of Willie which is still knocking about somewhere in my old wardrobe. However, the marketing of the tournament was very rudimentary by modern standards. With hindsight it also seems strange that for a tournament staged in England, Willie was dressed in the Union Jack and not the St George's Cross of England.
3. **The World Cup on TV.** I watched as many games as I could, all in glorious black and white. In the 1960s the only live football on TV was the FA Cup Final and occasional England matches, so a home World Cup tournament was a special treat. I seem to remember watching most of the games with the curtains drawn because sunlight across a small black and white screen was not a good combination as the picture almost disappeared. Looking back on some old footage on YouTube, it is noticeable that there are probably more Union flags waved by the home crowd than England Flags. Perhaps in those days, for the English at least, the Union and England flags were interchangeable – hence World Cup Willie's jersey. Lastly, who can forget Kenneth Wolstenholme's famous words as Geoff Hurst scored his hat-trick goal deep into the final minutes of extra time ...” *Some people are on the pitch! They think it is all over! It is now!*”
4. **Pickles.** The Jules Rimet World Cup Trophy was stolen before we had a chance to win it! It had been stolen whilst on public display in Westminster's Methodist Central Hall, prior to the tournament. Only in England would the trophy be found under a hedge

wrapped in newspaper not by the police, but by a little dog called Pickles, who became the most famous dog in the world.

5. **The Tournament Format.** Later this year, the 2026 World Cup finals take place and it will be a bloated affair - hosted across 3 nations and will involve 48 teams. Back in 1966 there were only 16 teams and the whole tournament was completed in 20 days. Looking back the '66 tournament was unfair in excluding African representation, but that apart, there is much to be said for the shorter '66 format with more meaningful games played in a concentrated period and in one country.
6. **The England Squad.** In all honesty, I can still name every member of England's team and the role they played in in the final, plus the legendary goalscorer Jimmy Greaves - who was 'injured'. But I can't remember some of the other players who made up the 22-man squad (without looking them up on Google) partly because I was only young at the time and also because playing time was limited for squad players as the '66 tournament was played without substitutes.
7. **The England Manager.** Alf Ramsey had an unusual way of speaking that suggested a battle between his boyhood education & accent and a later desire to speak properly (Bobby Moore was the same) – and he never quite got it right. But he was a really good manager and was confident England would win the tournament and said so – I remember that well. I also remember in the very physical game against Argentina when Rattin their captain was sent off (not very common in those days before red and yellow cards) and afterwards Ramsy famously called the Argentinian's *animals* -that caused a bit of a stink in the media and I remember him walking on to the pitch to stop England's players from swopping shirts with their opponents.
8. **Goal or No Goal** During extra time in the final, Geoff Hursts shot hit the underside of the crossbar, the ball bounced down and was cleared away. In our front room we all shouted goal, but the ref was unsure as to whether the ball had crossed the line and consulted the Russian linesman who after some discussion – emphatically indicated it was a goal. Popular sentiment at the time was that it was a goal, although some more sinical souls said the linesman was getting his own back for the Second World War.
9. **Brazil.** Brazil had won the previous two World Cups and we were really keen to see them play and also their star player Pele, who was just about the most famous player in the world. Unfortunately, both had a disappointing World Cup with Brazil going out in the group stage. Pele was subject to rough tackling in the first game, was injured for the second and was subjected to even more savage tackling in the third game and ended the match hobbling on the wing. At the time he said he would never play in the World Cup again – but changed his mind and Brazil won the 1970 tournament in Mexico -knocking England out on their way to the final.
10. **Player of the Tournament** – The bookmaker's choice ahead of the finals would probably have been Pele. If you exclude England players, then in my view Portugal's Eusebio was the player of the tournament by some margin and he won the golden boot

for scoring the most goals – with Portugal finishing third - their highest ever position in the World Cup Finals. But what I admired alongside his goal scoring was his sportsmanship and conduct during matches – a real gentleman.

11. **Surprise Team of the Tournament.** North Korea where the tournament underdogs, no one knew anything about them and yet they became my second team in the tournament – in part because they played all 3 group matches just down the road at Middlesbrough’s Ayresome Park. To everyone’s surprise, they progressed through the group matches, beating Italy along the way and become the first Asian team to progress to the second round of the tournament. Their quarter-final match against Portugal was a classic. Against all the odds, North Korea found themselves 3-0 up after 25 minutes in a riveting match at Goodison Park. But Portugal eventually clawed their way back winning 5-3 with Eusebio scoring 4 goals.
12. **Geoff Hurst v Jimmy Greaves.** Sadly, Geoff Hurst is now the sole survivor of the 11 England players who played in the ’66 World Cup Final. He entered the tournament behind Jimmy Greaves, who was even then regarded as one of England’s greatest ever strikers. Greaves had played in all 4 of England’s games in the previous World Cup and in the public’s estimation was England’s number one striker going into the ’66 World Cup. However, Greaves got injured during the tournament and Geoff Hurst came into the team and retained his place for the final – where he made history by becoming the first man to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final. Both were outstanding players but were very different in the way they played and contributed to the team.

Sources; Google; YouTube.

Down Memory Lane Martin Green



Redcar Steelworks from North Gare (January 2021). Another part of our Industrial Heritage that doesn't exist anymore. Photo © Martin Green,

Creepy Crawlies

One of our u3a members, who wishes to remain anonymous, is an Entomophile - a person who loves insects, particularly those commonly found inside her home or garden.



Dragonfly on my Brambles © MEM



Baby Carausius Morosus (Stick Insect) on My Chair. © MEM



My Pet Native Cellar Spider © MEM

An Easter Monday Surprise at the Coffee & Chat Group

Helen Eustace

This Bank Holiday Monday brought an unexpected treat to the Coffee and Chat group. Margaret Andrews arrived with a generous bag of organic vegetables to give away. She receives a veg delivery every Monday and hadn't expected it to arrive on the Bank Holiday, so she suddenly found herself with more produce than she needed.

Rather than let it go to waste, she brought the bag along for everyone to enjoy. The group happily picked out their favourites — from impressively large leaks to broccoli, cauliflower and parsnips.



Watching Margaret Chappell walking past the window holding her broccoli like an umbrella prompted those that were left at the end of the chat to pose for fun photos with their chosen veggies. It added a cheerful, light-hearted twist to the morning and sparked plenty of laughter

Thanks for the veg Margaret Andrews and sorry you had left before we took the photos!

A Stroke of Good Fortune

Roger Say

It took place in Abu Dhabi where I was teaching English as a Foreign Language. The English cricket team were in town, and me and my mate Willoughby decided to go and watch them play a warm-up one-day match. In the taxi there I was reminiscing with him about school days. And I reminded him about the fact that you should never begin a sentence with 'and' or 'but.' But you just have, he remonstrated, but I ignored him. He could be quite cantankerous at times.

We reached the ground to find that the English team were in the midst of a crisis. One of them had been taken ill and could not play and the twelfth man had gone on a sightseeing tour in Dubai. I was an occasional cricketer at the time so strolled across and offered them my services. To my astonishment they agreed and told me I would be batting at number 11.

The other team batted first and scored 198. We were on 194 for 9 and it was my turn to bat. I missed the first ball completely. The second ball was a bouncer, and it careered off the top of my bat, flew up, hit my helmet and bounced over the wicket keeper and landed over the ropes for six. It was indeed a stroke of luck. I acknowledged the applause of Willoughby as I strode off the pitch into the dressing room.

Then I woke up.

Nature Watch
Ray Elliston and Martin Green



The first Pigeon said to the others:
"You can always rely on the 06:49 being 20 minutes late"

© Martin Green



"It's your turn to go for a worm,
no, it's your turn!"

© Ray Elliston



Now where did I put that piece of cheese?

© Ray Elliston

Pareidolia

Recently a group of u3a friends visited Wingate Quarry, which is now a Local Nature Reserve (well worth a visit if you have not been). Looking at a limestone rock formation, we all thought we could see the head of a Gorilla. Ray Elliston took a photograph. Apparently, we all have this ability to see animal faces, human faces or other meaningful patterns in inanimate objects and the proper name for this is Pareidolia. Can you see the face of a gorilla?



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Member's Notice Board

Dates for Your Diary Helen Eustace

April 28th, Tuesday Book Club. New venue at Newcastle Building Society on York Road at 2pm. We will be reading 'Strong Poison' by Dorothy Sayers. For further information contact Mary Waldmeyer.

May 7th Natural History (and Garden Group). A trip to the Botanic Gardens in Durham. This will be a joint visit with the Gardening Group. Transport will be £12 and entry to the gardens approximately £5.00. There are still places left on the bus if you would like to go. For more details, please contact Liz Milbourn, Helen Eustace, Irene Archer, Margaret Andrews or Beryl Turnbull

May 10th Sunday Concert. Wendy Borthwick is seeking to organise an outing to the Fire Station Venue in Sunderland on Sunday May 10th at 3pm. The concert features Antonin Dvorak's Serenade for the Winds and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Serenade No. 10 'Gran Partita.' Tickets cost £27 (No information yet on concessions) and are selling quickly. Wendy is hoping to reserve up to 14 seats. Please contact Wendy as soon as possible if you would like to go so she can confirm reservations. Transport by coach and will cost in the region of £10 to £12 depending on numbers.

May 11th. I.T Group (Mobile phones and tablets). New venue at Utilita, York Road. The IT Group has now been split into two groups. This group will focus on mobile phones and tablets and will meet between 2pm and 4pm. This group is for people interested in technology. We will learn how to use modern technology to make life easier and more fun, as well as keeping safe online and protecting ourselves from scammers.

May 12th, Poetry Group. Peoples Centre between 2pm and 4pm. In May we will be reading poems by Simon Armitage.

May 13th, Art Appreciation. Richard Waldmeyer will give a talk entitled 'What I found down at the gas works' Sounds intriguing!

May 26th, Tuesday Book Club, Newcastle Building Society 2pm until 3.30pm. In May, we will be reading Case Studies – Kate Atkinson. For further information contact Mary Waldmeyer.

June 4th, Natural History. Headland. Meet in the carpark of the Borough Hall at 1.30pm to have a stroll along the front to see what plants and birds there are. Then refreshments at Mary Rowntrees.

June 10th, Art Appreciation. A trip to the biscuit factory in Newcastle. This art gallery contains contemporary art and crafts and has a shop. The restaurant is on the top floor with views over Newcastle. We will go by bus. Details and costs to follow.

Where's my music for
Grondahl's Trombone
Concerto!



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Feedback on Ladybirds

In response to “What Did One Ladybird Say to the Other Ladybird?” in last month’s Nature Watch, Phi Jeffery writes...

Q: What did the tower of Big Ben say to the Leaning Tower of Piza?

A: I’ve got the time if you’ve got the inclination.

And while you are still laughing, here’s another of Phil’s jokes:

Q: Why should you wear 2 pairs of trousers when playing golf?

A: In case you get a hole in one.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

On the subject of people being either **time contractors or time estimators**, in last month's Newsletter...

At the Power Station we had one manager with an interesting approach to those who turned up late. Doughnuts had become a bit of a cult thing (due to the TV programme The Simpsons, where Homer Simpson also works at a nuclear power station and is very fond of doughnuts). The manager provided doughnuts for those attending but only bought enough for 90% of the number expected. First come first served, get 'em while you can.

By contrast, I once saw a notice at the back of a small parish church in a small village somewhere in Suffolk, if memory serves. It said: "All services and events will start promptly 5 minutes after the published start time". While I tend to arrive early myself, I felt such an approach was appropriate to a small church in a small village in rural England.

Phil Jefferies

***Note from the Editor:** Many thanks Phil for your response to my article on time contractors and time estimators in the workplace. Your letter prompted me to recall another example. Do you remember when pub landlords would set their clocks to be 10 minutes fast so that when last orders were called, they had more time to get customers who were 'time estimators' to drink up and out the door as the law required.*

Limerick

A lady from Houghton-le-Spring
Had songs that she wanted to sing
A handsome producer
Set out to seduce her
She ended up wearing his ring

Phil Jefferies



You meet
some strange
folk at
Hardwick
Park.

Photo ©
Martin Green

Garden Group Update

Thursday 7 May

Joint visit with the Natural History Group to **Durham Botanic Garden**.

A coach has been booked and the cost is £12 per person. Please arrange payment to the u3a as soon as possible. There are still places available, so do get in touch if you—or anyone from the wider u3a—would like to join.

RHS members are entitled to free entry on Thursdays. Please let us know if this applies to you so we can adjust the group booking. We are currently charging £5 per person for admission; if a group discount is applied, any surplus will go towards a tip for the coach driver.

Departure: 10:30am from the Golden Lion

Return: Approximately 3:00pm

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Saturday 20 June

Return visit to **Tudor Croft, Guisborough**.

Following our February snowdrop visit, we will return to enjoy the gardens in their summer display.

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Tuesday 7 July

Trip to **Raby Castle and Gardens**.

Located at Staindrop, near Barnard Castle, this impressive 14th-century castle features five acres of recently remodelled gardens, along with a deer park, restaurant, and farm shop.

Please note that both the Tudor Croft and Raby Castle trips are now fully booked. However, you are welcome to add your name to a reserve list.

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Saturday 12 December

Alnwick Garden Lights Trail with Lee's of Durham Coaches.

This trip is still in the early planning stages—please let us know if you are interested.

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Future Visits Under Consideration

- The recently remodelled **Palace Gardens at Bishop Auckland**
 - **Kirkleatham, near Redcar**, with its attractive walled gardens and café
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Helen Eustace and Liz Milbourn



Pondering Life's Little Choices

Bob from the Old Central Estate

Full English or cereal & toast?

Pint of sweet tea, a paracetamol and two cigarettes.

Holiday abroad or Staycation?

Neither

Dog or Cat?

Whippet

Christmas Day or Boxing Day?

Can't remember, it's usually one long bender.

Wine or Beer?

Beer

Broadsheet or red top newspaper?

The Mirror because my mate Andy Capp used to be in it.

Meat or Lentils?

I wouldn't give lentils to a dog.

A walk in the park or a walk by the seaside?

A walk to the Pub

Cappuccino or Espresso?

Are they Italian footballers?

Night in or Night Out?

I used to like a night in the Klondike, but they knocked it down

The furthest place you have travelled?

Darlington to watch Pools.

Football or Rugby?

Up the Pools!

Cheese & Onion or Salt & Vinegar crisps?

Pickled Eggs

Just Soap or grooming products?

Soap – I'm not a horse.

The Grand National or the Derby?

I've lost good money at both.

Cash or Card

Cash when I have some.

Horse Racing or Pidgeon Racing

Can I have both.

Bath or Shower?

I have a bath every couple of months whether I need one or not.

Night Owl or Lark?

Don't know - I sleep mainly during the day.

White or Brown Bread?

White with marg.

The Flintstones or Noggin the Nog

I've never met them, must be West Dockers.

Ketchup or Brown Sauce?

Brown Sauce

Morris Minor or Ford Anglia

Shanks's Pony

Tripe & Onions or Liver & Onions

Tripe & Onion sandwiches

Darts or Snooker

I play Darts for drinks

Sherry or Cocktail.

Whisky

Social Media or No Social Media

No idea what that is.

Avocado on Toast or Beans on Toast.

Avocado! – what's that when it's at home?

The most expensive birthday present you gave to your wife

'Presents' - don't give her ideas!

Crossword Puzzles or Sudoku?

Not really a fan of brain work

Indian Takeaway or Chinese Takeaway?

Never eaten either

Strictly Come Dancing or Bangers and Cash?

Cash

Salad Cream or Mayonnaise?

I like Salad Cream sandwiches in the summer

Regular Exercise or No Exercise?

Does standing at the bar count?

Is your glass half full or half empty?

Thanks, I'll have another pint of Strongarm.

Miscellaneous

Barry Liddle

“Ne’er Cast a Clout Until May is Out.”

As this is the May edition of the Newsletter, that old proverb comes to mind- “Ne’er cast a clout until May is out”!

It warns against removing winter clothing or putting away warm clothes as experience shows cold weather can persist until the end of May. While often interpreted as meaning the end of the month of May, some believe it refers to waiting until the Hawthorn Tree (or May-tree) is in full bloom.

‘Clout’ is an old English term for a piece of clothing.

When is a Weed Not a Weed?

When it is a Golden Field of Dandelions.
(Shincliffe 1st May 2019)



Word of the Month

Boo-Boo

A ‘boo-boo’ is a mistake. As in, “I get the impression I’ve just made a boo-boo”. As I get older, I get the impression that I make more boo-boos than ever before.

Palindrome Numbers

A Palindrome Number is a number that remains the same when its digits are reversed. Reading the same forwards and backwards. Examples include:

101,151 and 272

May as a Name

May can be, and is, used both as a first name and as a surname. It is also entirely possible for someone to be called May May – but I couldn’t find any examples.

‘The BBC Radio/Wireless’ Quiz

Compiled by Barry Liddle

Q1 Broadcast since 1951, it was famously billed as ‘an everyday story of country folk’ and is now promoted as ‘a contemporary drama in a rural setting’. What is the programme?

- a) Farming Today
- b) On Your Farm
- c) The Archers

Q2 The 1950s popular radio programme *Educating Archie* was unusual because:

- a) It was broadcast from a different school each week
- b) It was popular despite only 10 episodes being broadcast
- c) It featured a ventriloquist dummy on radio

Q3 Who sent a ‘Letter from America’ for 58 years from 1946 to 2004?

- a) Alistair Cooke
- b) Leonard Parkin
- c) Peter Woods

Q4 *TTFN* was a popular catchphrase on the comedy show *It’s That Man Again (ITMA)* during the Second World War. What does *TTFM* stand for?

- a) “Ta-Ta-for Now” .
- b) Top Ten Funny Notes
- c) To The Front News

Q5 In the 1950s I was a singer with several top 10 hits in the UK charts but I became better known as a BBC Radio 2 presenter of my own show from 1973 to 2002. Who am I?

- a) Ken Bruce
- b) Derek Jameson
- c) Jimmy Young

Q6 Which actor played the part of *Major Bloodnok, Bluebottle, and Henry Crun* in *The Goon Show*?

- a) Spike Milligan
- b) Harry Secombe
- c) Peter Sellers

Q7 All the following have presented *Desert Island Discs* except one. Who is the odd one out?

- a) Lauren Laverne
- b) Sue Lawley

- c) Jenni Murray
- d) Michael Parkinson
- e) Roy Plomley

Q8 Which well-known cricket commentator also presented the radio programme *Down Your Way*?

- a) John Arlott
- b) Henry Blofeld
- c) Brian Johnstone

Q9 *Round the Horn* was a very popular comedy programme, and was well known for:

- a) Political jokes
- b) The brilliant use of sound effects
- c) The use of sexual innuendos

Q10 BBC Radio 1 was launched in 1967, replacing:

- a) The Home Service
- b) The Light Programme
- c) The Third Programme

Q11 During the late 1970s, the team of John Timpson and Brian Redhead became an established and influential partnership on which programme?

- a) PM
- b) Today
- c) World at One

Q12 North Utsire, Cromarty, Portland, Lundy, Shannon, and Humber are the names of:

- a) Areas covered by the Shipping Forecast
- b) BBC Local Radio Stations
- c) Locations of BBC Transmitters

Q13 Who has been the main presenter of *The Moral Maze* programme on BBC Radio4?

- a) Edward Stourton
- b) Michael Buerk
- c) Justin Webb

Q14 BBC Radio 6 Music plays:

- a) Alternative Music
- b) Drum & Bass Music
- c) Hip Hop and House Music

Q15 Who currently presents the mid-morning (10:00 till 14:00) slot on BBC Radio Tees?

- a) Paul Gough
- b) Scott Makin
- c) Gary Philipson

Q16 Which former BBC Radio presenter regularly included *Factoids* in his programme.

- a) Ken Bruce
- b) Terry Wogan
- c) Steve Wright

Q17 *Arthur Dent* and his friend *Ford Prefect* were the lead characters in the award-winning BBC science fiction comedy series first broadcast in 1978. What was the name of the programme?

- a) The Foundation Trilogy
- b) The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
- c) The Space Gypsy Adventures

Q18 I was the principal chairman of BBC Radio 4's *Gardeners' Question Time* programme for 25 years until 2019. Who am I?

- a) Prof Alan Gemmell
- b) Eric Robson
- c) Bill Sowerbutts

Q19 The BBC Radio 4 pips (Greenwich Time Signal) are played at the top of most hours to mark the exact time, usually preceding news bulletins. They can best be described as:

- a) 3 short beeps followed by a longer tone on the hour
- b) 5 short beeps followed by a longer tone on the hour.
- c) 7 short beeps followed by a longer tone on the hour.

Q20 The first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on December 25th:

- a) 1925
- b) 1932
- c) 1939

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Directory

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Tuesday Book Club: Mary Waldmeyer

Walking Group: Keith Alder

Quiz Answers

Q1 c) The Archers; **Q2** c) It featured a ventriloquist dummy on radio; **Q3** a) Alistair Cooke;

Q4 a) “Ta-Ta-for Now”; **Q5** c) Jimmy Young; **Q6** c) Peter Sellers; **Q7** c) Jenni Murray; **Q8** c) Brian Johnstone; **Q9** c) The use of sexual innuendos; **Q10** b) The Light Programme; **Q11** b) Today; **Q12** a) Areas covered by the Shipping Forecast; **Q13** b) Michael Buerk; **Q14** a) Alternative Music; **Q15** c) Gary Philipson; **Q16** c) Steve Wright; **Q17** b) The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy; **Q18** b) Eric Robson; **Q19** b) 5 short beeps followed by a longer tone on the hour.**Q20** b) 1932.

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 2026.

Barry Liddle, Newsletter Editor