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Interest Groups at the AGM. © Barry Liddle

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Comments from the Chair



Attending an AGM is not everyone's cup of tea but our AGM last month turned out to be very enjoyable. We had an excellent turnout of fifty-seven members and once the official proceedings were completed, we all settled down to some delicious finger food. It was great to see so many Group Leaders there to show us all their wares. I hope they managed to attract your attention and you decide to join one of the many interest groups we have on offer. Overall, a thoroughly entertaining afternoon. A big thank you is owed to our Groups' Coordinator who made an excellent floor plan which worked perfectly – as can be seen in the pictorial record of the AGM on page 3. I would not like to think of the

chaos if yours truly was left to organise it! Our next social event will not be until December so that is an event to look forward to.

Our next speaker on July 3rd will be our own Peter Stoker. His talk is about 'Houses' but I suspect there is more to his talk that meets the eye. He was deliberately vague when I asked him to give me some details, but a little bird tells me we are all going to be in for a treat.

We have made a few changes to the committee, and you can check them out at our general meetings or on the back of this Newsletter. I hope you are all enjoying the new format as much as I am with a new cover page for every edition. I must admit that I thought the photo on the front page of the last edition was a picture of me until my wife pointed out it was a scarecrow. Must get my eyes tested!

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Meanwhile

Take care!

Roger

A Pictorial Record of the 2026 AGM



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5 Comic Songs

Barry Liddle

'Saturday Live' on BBC Radio 4 is a magazine programme featuring studio guests and their real-life stories. There is also a musical segment known as '*Inheritance Tracks*', where a celebrity chooses music that has meaning to them. I was listening recently when Pru Leith's first choice was Danny Kaye singing 'The Ugly Duckling' which was also a childhood favourite of mine. Which got me thinking, what were my 5 favourite comic songs from childhood? So, in reverse order:

At **No 5** we have '**Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh (A Letter from Camp)**' by Allan Sherman. This song, released in 1963, is a comic letter home from an unhappy little boy forced to attend a fictional American summer camp called Granada. The boy describes all manner of unpleasant and dangerous things and he begs to be taken home. But then the sun comes out and everything changes for the better, so he asks his parents to "kindly disregard this letter."

At **No 4, Right Said Fred** sung by Bernard Cribbins. It was recorded at Abbey Road Studios with sound effects added by legendary Beatles' producer George Martin. Released in 1962, the song is about the comic difficulties three men have in moving a large piece of furniture. As the song progresses, they keep 'getting nowhere' and so 'had a cup of tea'!

At **No3, My Old Man's A Dustman**' was co-written and sung by Lonnie Donegan. A live recording was released in March 1960 and soon reached No 1 in the UK Singles Chart. Wearing a '*Dustman's Hat*' and '*cor blimey trousers*' was part of a memorable first verse.

At **No 2, Hole in the Ground** sung by Bernard Cribbins was released in 1962. The song focuses on a dispute between a workman digging a round hole and a bowler hatted stranger who wants the hole to be dug square and elsewhere. The conflict reflected class conflicts at the time and the bowler hatted man ends up buried in the round hole.

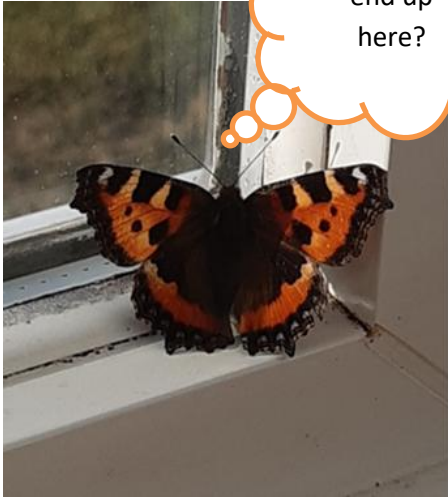
At **No 1, There's a Hole in my Bucket** is based on a children's folk song. It was first made popular by Harry Belafonte and Odetta, but the version I remember best was recorded by Perl Carr and Teddy Johnson -the British husband and wife duo. The song is based on a deadlocked conversation between two characters Henry and Liza. Henry has a hole in his bucket and Liza tells him to fix it. But to fix it Henry needs straw, that has to be cut with a knife. To use the knife, he needs to sharpen it on a stone. To wet the stone he needs water, which he must fetch in his bucket – which has a hole in it! There are times dear reader, if I am out walking and there is no one about, I summon up my best baritone voice and treat the local birds to a tone-deaf rendition of the song.

Sources: Google; Wikipedia,

FLUTTERBIES

Ray Elliston, Martin Green & Barry Liddle

How did I
end up
here?



(c) Martin Green



(c) Martin Green

I am the master
of Disguise!



(c) Ray Elliston

Wouldn't you feel
Blue if someone
called you
Common!



(c) Barry Liddle

Can't I sunbath in peace
without you lot gawking
at me!



(c) Barry Liddle

Oh dear, I've landed on
this squidge mess?

Help! - I'm
trapped
between the
double glazing!



(c) Ray Elliston

A Game of 'Hide and Seek' for little flutterbies



Could do Better

© Ray Elliston



Good Choice

(c) Ray Elliston



Watch out Jonny, I'm landing fast and the undercarriage is shot to pieces!

(c) Barry Liddle



She said I'll meet you at 8 and its already gone 9.30!

(c) Martin Green



Do you like my new colour co-ordinated wings!

© Ray Elliston

Note to Self—avoid
rocky landings!



(c) Martin Green

Timber!

— This Buddleia is
about to collapse



(c) Martin Green

New Interest Group – ‘Think and Drink’

Helen Eustace



Our new ‘Think and Drink’ group held its first meeting on the 16th of June and proved to be a very enjoyable and sociable occasion. The idea behind the group is simple: to meet in a relaxed setting, sample a selection of drinks, learn about the history of the wine, and share thoughts, impressions, and conversation along the way.

For our first session, we explored four white wines: three Pinot Grigios. The first was an Italian ‘Terre di Monteforte’ 2025, then came a South African called ‘We the people’, 2025 and the final Pinot Grigio was from Chile, and called ‘Errazuriz’. We then sampled a Pinot Gris from New Zealand, called ‘Yealands Reserve’, 2024. These were accompanied by cheese and cold meats with Colin’s home-made garlic bread, which made an excellent pairing and added to the pleasure of comparing the different flavours and styles.

The hosts Maggie and Colin Hendry were excellent and whilst Maggie gave us some facts and history of each wine, Colin poured the drinks.

After our fourth wine we were given a mystery wine which was actually one of the ones we had already sampled and we had to guess which one. We all got it wrong!

It was a promising beginning, and we are already looking forward to our next meeting.

The Vale of Ochre Pub, Hartlepool.

Jacky Armstrong

I got a text message from my cousin in Eldon Grove 'We're trying to find an old pub called the Vale of Ochre in town, do you know where it was'? My answer was 'I've never heard of it', Frances (Wilson) has never heard of it and neither has Roger (Codner), so the trail started.

The answer was needed for another cousin, Gill, who now lives in Monmouth. She trained at the Art College in Hartlepool in the 70s and early in her career she painted pub signs. She is a successful artist and has been asked to submit ideas for an exhibition of her own work for Hartlepool's Art Gallery next year. One of her ideas is to paint a pub sign for a former Hartlepool pub called the Vale of Ochre, which has family connections.

So, the trail started. Gill knew her Grandma Hewitson lived in the pub as a child, so first of all I needed to find out the first name of the grandma whose maiden name was Seago. After further research on *Find My Past* I found Kate Seago, born 16.12.1891 father Alfred, mother Elizabeth Folland, who later married Overand Watson Hewitson, so I knew I had got the right lady.

Over the years several addresses for Kate were listed, but none at the Vale of Ochre. I searched through newspapers to see if I could find it. No luck, so I decided to look for a list of pubs in West Hartlepool and Hartlepool. When I was little there was one on almost every corner on the Headland and in town. I eventually found a website called *Poolie* where there was a list of all Cameron's Tenants from 1894 to 1915, and there was a Vale of Avoca in Robinson Street. Could this be the one? Further investigations gave me Alfred Seago as the landlord of the Beerhouse (not pub). Eureka. Found it.

Now began the research into the name so Gill could paint a picture behind the lettering.

The Vale of Avoca is in County Wicklow in Ireland but what connection had this with West Hartlepool or the Seago family. Further investigations brought me to a popular song 'Sweet Vale of Avoca', so maybe this was the reason.

I have visited the Vale of Avoca on several occasions with my (Irish) husband Michael. It is in a wooded Valley where two rivers meet, with a Mill which has been developed into a shopping area in the original buildings. Michael's sister bought us a throw from there when we married. It was also the setting for *Ballykissangel* a popular TV drama broadcast from 1996 to 2001 with Dervia Kirwan and Stephen Tompkinson, attracting ten million viewers at its peak.

The beerhouse must have been quite a size as it had stabling. Robinson Street looked down into Tower Street where Ord's the printers was. The street was deeply woven into the town's maritime history as many of the crew members, such as those from HMS Indefatigable, resided. Many of the patrons worked on the docks and even held their meetings there. Alfred had the tenancy from 2 July 1894 until 1903.

Looking through newspapers of the time, it had a pigeon club, a quoits team and several sports' teams.

Reading through the articles none suggested any impropriety while Alfred was the landlord, but in the Northern Daily Mail in 1912 it says:

"Mary Burley, licensee of the Vale of Avoca Inn in Robinson Street was charged with permitting drunkenness on licensed premises and with having knowingly permitted the Vale of Avoca to be the habitual resort and place of meeting of women of reputable loose character".

I was able to convey all my findings to Gill. She submitted her idea to the Art Gallery, complete with potted family history. I have recently been told that it was successful and she is to hold the Artist in Focus Exhibition at the Art Gallery from 2 to 30th October 2027.

Summer Roses, 2026.



The British Summer has arrived, two scenes from the Rose Garden at Wynyard Hall Walled Garden taken just a few days ago. Photographs© Barry Liddle

The Power of Seven

Barry Liddle

Seven is an important number, this is why:

1. **Favourite Number.** When people are asked for their favourite number in mathematical surveys and psychological surveys, the number 7 is by far the most popular choice.
2. **Mathematical Properties.** Seven is the only number under ten that cannot be multiplied or divided to yield another whole number within the 1-10 range.
3. **Days of the Week.** We have 7 days in a week, which originates from ancient Babylonians who based it on the seven celestial bodies they could see in the sky – the Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn.
4. **The Building Blocks of Nature.** The visible spectrum of a rainbow consists of just seven colours: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo & Violet. Also, the element Nitrogen has an atomic number of seven.
5. **Global Geography.** The Earth is comprised of seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America & South America and is surrounded by the seven 'classical' seas – Arctic, North Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Pacific, South Pacific, Indian & Southern Oceans.
6. **Religious Significance.** Seven's significance appears across a number of world religions. There are 7 days of creation in Christianity and Judaism and Muslims walk around the Kaaba in Mecca 7 times during the Hajj pilgrimage.
7. **Ancient Wonders of the World.** Great Pyramid of Giza; Hanging Gardens of Babylon; Statue of Zeus at Olympia; Temple of Artemis at Ephesus; Mausoleum at Halicarnassus; Colossus of Rhodes; Lighthouse of Alexandria.
8. **Modern Wonders of the World (as of 2007)** The Great Wall of China; The Colosseum in Italy; The Taj Mahal in India; Petra in Jordan; Machu Picchu in Peru; Chichen Itza in Mexico; Christ the Redeemer in Brazil.
9. **Building Blocks of Music.** The Western major and minor scales consist of exactly 7 distinct notes (A, B, C, D, E, F & G).
10. **Sins and Virtues.** There are 7 Deadly Sins: Pride, Greed, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath, & Sloth and 7 Virtues; Chastity, Temperance, Charity, Diligence, Patience, Kindness & Humility.

Sources: Google. Wikipedia.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Car Insurance for u3a Activities and Car Sharing.

Recent advice given by the national u3a is clear that car insurance does not automatically cover you for using your vehicle for a u3a activity and that you should check with your own insurance company to make sure you are covered.

Also, if you are car sharing then you need to check that you are covered to do this under your insurance policy and that if you take any form of payment for car sharing, then this should be on an informal basis and must only cover the cost of petrol/diesel/electric.

Helen Eustace, *for* Hartlepool & District u3a

Interest Groups - Dates for Your Diary.

Helen Eustace

June 22nd, IT Computers

2pm until 4pm at Utilita York Road. Come along with your computers and any issues you have and I will try and solve them for you. For more information contact Jan Jenner.

June 23rd, Tuesday Book Club

We will be reading 'A dying fall' – Elly Griffiths. New members welcome. For further information contact Mary Waldmeyer.

July 3rd, Friday General Meeting

2pm at St. Josephs Church Hall. The speaker this month is one of our own members, Peter Stoker who will speak about 'A house or two!'

July 6th, Coffee and Chat 10.30am

The Golden Lion, Dunston Road. All welcome. Come along whilst we put the world to rights! For further information contact Jacky Armstrong.

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July 7th, Garden Group

Trip to Raby Castle and Gardens, Staindrop, near Barnard Castle. This 14th century castle sits within five acres of recently remodelled gardens, featuring the castle, gardens, deer park, restaurant and farm shop. The castle has a floral display inside at the moment

Transport cost by minibus is £15.00. Entry costs as a group booking are as follows:

Deer Park, walled gardens, and castle will be £21. Deer Park and walled gardens will only be £14. There are still a few places left on the coach, so if you are interested then please contact Helen Eustace or Liz Milbourn

July 8th. Art Appreciation

Rachel from the glass forge in Eaglescliffe will give a talk about her fused glass work. She will bring finished items to sell such as coasters, candle holders, pictures, bowls, and lanterns. You can look up her work before her talk to see what sort of thing she does.

This talk will take place at the Peoples Centre at 10.30am. The room is available from 10.00am

July 9th, Archaeology and History

An away day via train and Metro for a walk around an area of Tyneside we have not visited with our friend Keiran-Ann. A new venue to be walked around.

July 13th, Backgammon

New Venue. The Backgammon group will now be at the Newcastle Building Society

Come along to play a game of backgammon. New members welcome. For more information contact Anne Gardiner.

July 13th, IT. Phones and tablets

Between 2pm and 4pm at Utilita York Road. Bring your phones and tablets and any issues you may have and I will try and solve them for you. For more information contact Jan Jenner.

July 14th, Poetry Group

People's Centre between 2pm and 4pm. In July we shall be reading poems from the American Poet Mary Oliver who found inspiration from the natural world.

August 6th, Natural History

Spion Kop Cemetery, Headland. Park outside of the Cemetery and meet at the main entrance at 1.30pm to see what wildflowers and birds there are.

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August 12th, Joint visit between the Garden Group and Art Appreciation

A trip to Kiplin Hall and Gardens in North Yorkshire. The cost of the minibus will be £17.50.

We are hoping to get a reduced entry fee to the hall and gardens of £8. There are still a couple of places on the bus. If you would like to attend, please speak to Helen Eustace, Liz Milbourn, Irene Archer or Andrea Reid

September 13th, Sunday, Art Appreciation.

Bus Trip to Staithes Art Festival. Details to follow. For further information contact Irene Archer or Andrea Reid.

December 12th, Garden Group and open to all.

The garden group are going on the Lees Coach trip to the Alnwick Garden Winter Light Trail. A late afternoon excursion to the Alnwick Gardens. Not only can you see the lights in the Alnwick Garden but also see the lights in Lilidorei. It will cost approximately £35 and this will include both attractions. Pick up will be at Hartlepool Transport Interchange (next door to the railway station). For further information contact Helen Eustace or Liz Milbourn.

Fish of the Week



What do you mean I've got a big nose!

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Gardening Group Programme Up-Date

June Visit – Tudor Croft, Guisborough

Our June visit saw us return to Tudor Croft, Guisborough. Having enjoyed the snowdrops there in February, we were delighted to see the gardens in their full summer glory and, as expected, they were spectacular.

Tudor Croft opens for just a couple of weekends each spring and summer to raise funds for Kids Kabin, a charity supporting disadvantaged young people in the North East. Afternoon teas with prosecco, plant sales and even live music added to a wonderful day.

July Visit – Raby Castle and Gardens - Tuesday 7th July

Our July trip takes us to Raby Castle at Staindrop, near Barnard Castle. The impressive 14th-century castle is set within a deer park and boasts five acres of beautifully remodelled gardens, together with a restaurant and farm shop.

Even if you have visited before, it is well worth another trip. Raby Castle is one of the finest intact castles in the North of England and the gardens are stunning.

Coach fare: £15.

There are still a couple of seats available, so please contact Helen or Liz as soon as possible if you would like to join us.

If you have not yet paid the admission charge, this can be paid directly to the castle on arrival:

- Castle and Grounds – £22
- Gardens and Deer Park – £14

August Visit – Kiplin Hall and Gardens - Wednesday 12th August

Our August outing will be a joint trip with the Art Appreciation Group to Kiplin Hall and Gardens in North Yorkshire.

Demand has been so good that we will be hiring a coach rather than a minibus. The coach fare will be approximately £17.50.

If you would like to come, please let us know as soon as possible. We are hoping to secure a discounted entrance fee of £8 thanks to one of our members, who volunteers at the Hall.

September Visit - Wednesday 23rd September

Our original plan was to visit Kirkleatham Hall, the Owl Centre, museum and the Walled Gardens. However, at the time of writing, we have been unable to confirm whether Kirkleatham Hall will still be open. If not, we will head instead to Crook Hall near Durham.

Looking Ahead

We have a couple of indoor activities in the pipeline for October and November, when the weather may not be ideal for outdoor visits. More details will follow.

Alnwick Garden Winter Light Trail - Saturday 12th December

We are planning to join the Lees Coaches trip to the Alnwick Garden Winter Light Trail. This late afternoon and evening excursion will give us the chance to enjoy the spectacular illuminations at The Alnwick Garden and the magical lights at Lilidorei.

Cost: approximately £35, including entry to both attractions.

Pick-up point: Hartlepool.

Please let us know if you are interested. If enough members wish to go, we may arrange our own coach trip there instead.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported the Garden Group plant sale at the June u3a meeting, either by donating or buying plants. Together we raised over £30 for group funds.

Liz Milbourn and Helen Eustace

My Word of the Month

Flibbertigibbet

This is a word that is rarely used in modern discourse but we all know someone who is a flighty, gossipy person who can't stop talking about silly things – in other words, is a Flibbertigibbet.

Who Am I?

1. I was born on 4 Feb 1915.
2. I am an English actor, comedian, musician, and singer.
3. My films were particularly popular in Albania.
4. My trademark was a flat hat with the peak turned up.
5. I received a knighthood in the 2000 New Years Honours.

110th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

The battle commenced on 1st July 1916 and lasted 141 days, ending on November 18, 1916. It was one of the largest and bloodiest military campaigns in human history.

Famous No7s

Manchester United's number 7 shirt is one of the most iconic in football. These are the players who have worn the shirt since the 1960s:

- **George Best** was arguably the greatest player of his generation.
- **Bryan Robson**, Man U and England captain, a true box-to-box midfielder.
- **Eric Cantona**, the French catalyst for the dominant Man U teams of the 1990s.
- **David Beckham**, England captain, and a great crosser of the ball.
- **Christiano Ronaldo**, is a legendary player and a multiple winner of the Ballon d'Or.

7 Sports Removed from the Summer Olympic Games

- Tug of War
- Croquet
- Polo
- Lacrosse
- Basque Pelota
- Rackets
- Motor Boating

Snow White's 7 Dwarves:

- Doc
- Grumpy
- Happy
- Sleepy
- Bashful
- Sneezy
- Dopey

7 Star Hotels

There are no official 7-star hotels, as the global rating system caps at 5 stars. However, if you win the lottery, these ultra-luxurious hotels are all commonly given the 7-star label:

- Jumeirah Burj Al Arab (Dubai, UAE)
- Emirates Palace (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- Town House Galleria (Milan, Italy)
- Pangu 7 Star Hotel (Beijing, China)

Sources: Google. Wikipedia

The Down Under Quiz

Compiled by Barry Liddle

Q1 Barry Humphries had two alter egos. Which of the following is the odd one out?

- a) Dame Edna Everage
- b) Major Les Patterson
- c) Sir Les Patterson

Q2 Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall and John Newcombe are all famous:

- a) Cricketers
- b) Football Players
- c) Tennis Players

Q3 Which one of the following statements is true?

- a) Australia has a population of 60 million
- b) Australia is the only nation in the world that is also an entire continent.
- c) Australia is hot and sunny all year round.

Q4 Who played Charlene Robinson in the TV soap 'Neighbours'?

- a) Kylie Minogue
- b) Margot Robbie
- c) Holly Valance

Q5 What is the name of the passenger train that operates between the northern and southern coasts of Australia?

- a) The Avro
- b) The Ghan
- c) The Servo

Q6 In Australian slang, what is a Drongo?

- a) A good -humoured insult for an alcoholic
- b) A good- humoured insult for complaining tourists
- c) A good -humoured insult for an idiot, fool or incompetent person

Q7 What are Lamingtons?

- a) A popular brand of high-quality meat pies
- b) Traditional Ausie footwear for walking on sandy beaches
- c) Squares of sponge cake dipped in chocolate and rolled in desiccated coconut.

Q8 Shane Warne took over 700 test wickets for Australia. He was:

- a) A right arm leg-spin bowler
- b) A right arm off- spin bowler
- c) Right arm swing bowler

Q9 What is a Joey?

- a) A large flightless bird native to Australia
- b) A young Kangaroo
- c) A young Wombat

Q10 Which actor is internationally acclaimed for his role as Wolverine in the X-Men films?

- a) Russell Crowe
- b) Chris Hemsworth
- c) Hugh Jackman

Q11 What is the capital city of Western Australia?

- a) Brisbane
- b) Darwin
- c) Perth

Q12 Who was Ned Kelly?

- a) A highly decorated war hero from WWI
- b) Australia's first Prime Minister
- c) Famous outlaw and gang leader

Q13 These women tennis players have all won at Wimbledon, except one. Who is the odd one out?

- a) Ashleigh Barty
- b) Evonne Goolagong Cawley
- c) Margaret Court
- d) Jelena Dokic

Q14 Cadel Evens is famous for:

- a) Winning the Formula 1 Drivers' Championship
- b) Winning an Athletics Gold Medal at the Olympic Games
- c) Winning the Tour de France

Q15 What are Tim Tams?

- a) An iconic Australian Chocolate Biscuit
- b) An iconic Australian savoury snack
- c) An iconic brand of Australian swimwear

Q16 Which one of these animals is real?

- a) Brisbane Bear
- b) Hobart Lizard
- c) Tasmanian Devil

Q17 Which is the largest City in Australia?

- a) Brisbane
- b) Melbourne
- c) Sydney

Q18 Which of these bands spent most of their youth living in Australia?

- a) Bee Gees
- b) King Crimson
- c) Led Zeppelin

Q19 I was described as “the most famous art critic in the world”. Who am I?

- a) Peter Carey
- b) Robert Hughes
- c) Clive James

Q20 Which Australian Prime Minister was fluent in Mandarin?

- a) Julia Gillard
- b) Kevin Rudd
- c) Malcolm Turnbull

Answers on Page 19

Directory

Committee Members for 2026/27

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To be arranged

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Barry Liddle

Interest Group Leaders

Archaeology/History Group: Chris McLoughlin.

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

Backgammon Group Ann Gardiner

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Chess Group: Roger Say.

Coffee & Chat Jacky Armstrong

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Events: see notice board

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

Fun with Fabrics: Ann Say

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I.T. Group: Jan Jenner

Lawn Bowls: Ray Elliston.

Music: Vacant

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

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Poetry: Margaret Chappell

Quiz Team: John Campbell.

Reading Group: Andrea Reid

Shibashi Exercise Group: Marjorie Reynolds.

Stroll and Chat: Helen Eustace

Tuesday Book Club: Mary Waldmeyer

Walking Group: Keith Alder

Who Am I: Sir Norman Wisdom

Quiz Answers

Q1 b) Major Les Patterson; **Q2** c) Tennis Players; **Q3** b) Australia is the only nation in the world that is also an entire continent; **Q4** a) Kylie Minogue; **Q5** b) The Ghan; **Q6** c) A good humoured insult for an idiot, fool or incompetent person; **Q7** c) Squares of sponge cake dipped in chocolate and rolled in desiccated coconut; **Q8** a) A right arm leg-spin bowler; **Q9** b) A young Kangaroo; **Q10** c) Hugh Jackman; **Q11** c) Perth; **Q12** c) Famous outlaw and gang leader; **Q13** d) Jelena Dokic; **Q14** c) Winning the Tour de France; **Q15** a) An iconic Australian Chocolate Biscuit; **Q16** c) Tasmanian Devil; **Q17** c) Sydney; **Q18** a) Bee Gees; **Q19** b) Robert Hughes; **Q20** b) Kevin Rudd.

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 July 2026.

Barry Liddle, Newsletter Editor