



Chairman's message

August is always a busy time of year for our members, with holidays, visiting, hosting, grandchild minding and, of course, the annual Open Day/Enrolment Day. The last of these, your Committee and Group Leaders have been planning now, for quite some time. It is a great occasion for inviting friends to come along to the Edgar Hall on Friday 28th, between 10am–12 noon, to learn about the u3a and to see what we do here in Somerton. It is always a busy occasion so please remember, if you are renewing your membership, you can do this on-line or at any time up to the end of September.

In the last Newsletter I mentioned that we would be having a stall at the Somerton Street Party on the 22nd, but this will now not be the case. The Town Council have decided to change the criteria for this event, so we will not have the opportunity to take part. However, it will be a lovely occasion to meet up with friends (and fellow members) and enjoy the fun.

Our members get involved with all sorts of things away from u3a, one of them being Somerton Gardeners Club! Why not go along to the Somerton Flower, Veg & Craft Show on the 15th and meet them? There is still time to enter the many varied competitions – and they don't all involve flowers!

Again, away from u3a, some members of the Pickleball Group took part in a training evening at Hambridge Social Club to learn basic lifesaving skills, presented by the charity 'DocBike'. A very worthwhile evening.

Carry on enjoying the wonderful weather, take care, get involved - and have fun.

Steve Davis



Monthly meetings/talks

Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton.

We are open from 9.30am for refreshments and the chance for members to meet and chat.

The refreshments will finish at 10.20 in order to clear away before the meeting.

The meeting starts at 10.30 with notices, announcements and any other business and will be followed by our guest speaker.

The meeting closes at 12 noon.

Please join us. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings for a small charge of £2 so please come along and see who we are and what we are about. If you are visiting for the first time then please just make yourself known to one of our Committee members or 'Welcomers' who will be happy to tell you a little bit about us and help you feel at home

28th August

Open and Enrolment Day

Our Annual Open Day and Enrolment Day is always a hugely popular event. A time to welcome visitors and members, alike. A chance for the Groups to showcase their various activities and a chance for you to ask yourselves - "When would I have had the time to do all these things if I was still working full time"?

Come and make friends, meet friends and join the fun!

25th September

Fred Finn

The World's Most Travelled Man!

Fred Finn has been recognised as the official Guinness World Record Holder of the Most Travelled Man since 1983, and his talks take you on a swashbuckling journey through the very history of commercial flight.



...more details on the Somerton u3a web site...

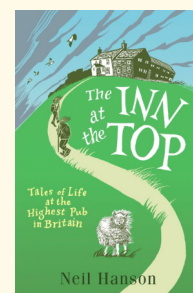
23rd October

Neil Hanson

Inn & Out at the Top.

Neil Hanson is a successful author with 70 published books to his name.

His talk "Inn & Out at the Top" is a laugh-a-minute tour of the quirks and foibles, highs and lows of his time running Britain's highest inn back in the 1970s and 1980s, grappling with tight-fisted farmers, eccentric characters, bizarre local customs, naturist weekends, "lates and lock-ins", police raids, rats in the attic, close encounters with magistrates and planners, and the shooting of a famous double-glazing commercial



Don't forget to bring your stamps and coins for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance to Friday meetings



Group News

Craft Group

6 members of the craft group met on 3rd July and some of us dressed dolly pegs which had been donated to the group.

Others did their own thing!

Ann Hunt



Roasties Group

Our July visit was to White Hart in Martock.

We had a super meal and were looked after very well by staff there.

A new Roastie joined us - Sharon from Curry Rivel, (hope we didn't scare her off too much and will come again).

In August Roasties are going to Lydford Cross Keys.

John Day, Group Leader



A NEW GROUP....

Reading Classics

Anna Fouracres explains we will read classic/modern classic novels only. As some of these novels are quite long we could meet every 6 weeks on a Tuesday afternoon between 2-4pm.

We will use local pubs or cafes in Somerton to meet.

Members will be responsible for sourcing their own copy of the novel (the library or other source) as they should be easy to come by.



A start date has not been set but you can show your interest by signing up at the **Open Day on 28th August**, or by emailing Anna on annaforacres@googlemail.com

Group News

Local History *visit to Radstock*

On Wednesday the Saxon group of the local History group visited Somerset Coalfield Life Heritage Museum in Radstock.

In the day Radstock was the hub of coal mining in the area between 1763 to 1973 when lower Writhlington and Kilmersdon mines closed. Over the two floors the displays gave us a great insight in what life was like for a miner and their family. It was like walking through time from the moment you walked in. There was a village shop, blacksmiths, printing shop, miner's cottage, a scaled model of Radstock's two railway stations and a walk through a working coal seam and not forgetting the school.

We all ended up having refreshments in the museum cafe before making our way home. Thanks go to Judi and Kay for organising yet another great outing.

Pete Taylor



Members' Portal

A LINK is available on the News Page - **Somerton U3A Members' Portal**. By following the Link, members are invited to enter their membership number (on your membership card), name, email address and post code. You will then be able to update your personal details, **VERY IMPORTANT** if you are changing your email address. The Link will also give you a list of Groups and highlight the Groups that you are a member of.

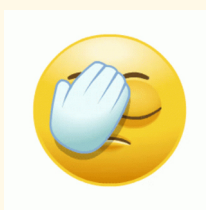
It would appear that quite a few members have not been receiving the information sent out in recent months via the Beacon system.

Please check that your details are correct and amend as necessary.

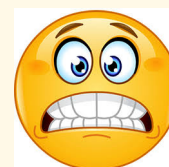
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u3a Members Portal



- Why did the calendar look so scared in August? Because its days were numbered!
- What do you call an anxious mosquito? A jitterbug!
- Why do bananas use sunscreen? Because they peel!
- What do you call a Labrador retriever on the beach in August? A hot dog!
- Why didn't the sun go to college? Because it already had a million degrees!
- How can you tell that the ocean is friendly? It waves!
- Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they are shellfish!
- What did the beach say to the tide when it came in? Long time, no sea!
- What's the best kind of sandwich to eat at the beach? Peanut butter and jellyfish!
- Why did September break up with August? The relationship just turned colder!
- Why was the book worried about the end of summer? It didn't want to be judged by its cover!
- What did the farmer say on the last day of summer? Oh my gourd!



What August Did

by Lenore Hetrick

August looked across the land.
"I must be careful," she said.
"I must touch the leaves a little bit –
But I must not turn them red."

She went to the flowers in the summer garden
"Time for you to sleep!
Go to the land of summer dreams,
And there sleep, long and deep."

Last of all she went to the orchard,
She touched the fruit that was near.
It blushed and reddened and August cried,
"I announce that harvest is here!"

"My greatest task is done," said August.
"The harvest has begun,
And now I shall go to my winter rest
Beyond the setting sun."



Somerton u3a website

If you require more information concerning entries in this newsletter or other points of interest,
take a look at the Somerton u3a Website address below.

<https://www.somerton.u3asite.uk/>

Many thanks you for your articles in this Newsletter...Editor

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Pictures welcome, but keep the script brief