

PHOTOGRAPY GROUP – Visit to Delavel Hall



COLIN

On Thursday 5th March the Photography Group went to Seaton Delavel Hall (last chance for free NT vouchers) and had a beautiful day to wander round the gardens and Hall. Most of our photos were taken in the grounds some using the idiosyncratic features as a backdrop. The gardens were looking well laid out and ready for a blaze of colour in early summer. *Linda*



KEITH



DIANA— selfie



JOAN

Speakers:

To-day: Martin Peagem – Hearing dogs for the deaf
April: Our own members: ‘How well do you know your North’ – Photography Group, and ‘Washington Folk’ by the Local History Group
May: Squadron Leader David Shields – Growing up in Washington
June: Margaret Bozic – A bonny, bonny town? A History of Chester-le Street.

*Congratulations and
Happy 90th Birthday to Dinah Gollan
from us all*

SUBSCRIPTIONS – The Annual Subscription for this year is to be held at the same amount as the current year at £15.00 per member. Please Arrange to pay this amount in cash at the Monthly Meeting of the 14th of April or by Bank Transfer to

'Sort Code 60-22-52 Account No. 80376355'.

If paying by Bank Transfer please insert your name on as a Reference and **pay on or after April 1st.** (not before). Regards **Colin Hughes Treasurer.**

Amazon Tour

The tour is booked for March 25th at 12:00. I have sent an email to all those who wanted to go on the visit. Please read the email carefully as Amazon have lots of guidelines we must follow. If you have not received an email please let me know. See you on the 25th March. **Sandra Cullen**

MONTHLY WALK

Seven of us parked up and began the trek (walk) up a two mile abandoned railway track to Horns Garden Centre for refreshments.

Mission accomplished. Good walk, good company and decent scan.

John



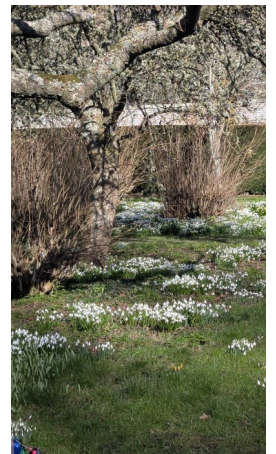
Quiz answers

1. Dover Sole 2. Sturgeon 3. Crab 4. Plaice 5. Tuna 6. Haddock 7. Pike 8. Perch 9. Mussel 10. Sea Bass

STROLLS

After last month's meeting we abandoned ideas of having a stroll and just went for refreshments at Elm Tree Garden Centre, wondering when the rain would ever stop. But the following three Tuesdays were glorious sunny days and it felt as though spring had arrived.

We made use of vouchers to gain free entry into two National Trust properties. On 17th February, sixteen members travelled to Wallington Hall, supposedly to see the crocus lawn in the walled garden. However the crocus were only just peeping through and instead we viewed swathes of snowdrops in the East Wood. It was a glorious day to stroll around the grounds and very busy because of the weather and because it was half term holiday for some schools. The café was full, so we tried the nearby Kirkharle café, but no luck there either, so it was rather down-market with refreshments at Dobbies in Ponteland. **Diana**



Tuesday February 24th. Second time lucky to venture to Saltwell Park. 14 of us enjoyed a leisurely stroll around the park on a mild spring day. For some members it was their first time in the park and they were impressed. We had a refreshment stop at The Towers which was rather busy as Gateshead schools were on half term. I think a picnic is the order of the day when strolling during school holidays. **Sandra**



On 3rd March, sixteen members took the park and ride bus to Durham and strolled over Pennyferry footbridge to visit Crook Hall, another National Trust property. Here there were lots of Spring flowers in bloom and the gardens were looking very neat and tidy. We also went into the Medieval Hall and read about the history of the place. We enjoyed sitting outside on the café terrace for refreshments. **Diana**



u3a Festival 26

Quiz: Fish

The u3a Festival 26 is taking place at the University of York between 1–3 July, for a celebration of fun, learning and the community that makes u3a so special. Explore an existing interest or take the leap and try something completely new in member-led workshops and sessions. Surrounded by other members, you will have opportunities to move your body, be creative and explore new ideas. The University of York has a beautiful campus with green spaces and a lake, fantastic sports facilities, lecture halls, and workshop rooms – the perfect backdrop for three days of inspiration and learning. There’s on-site accommodation available too so you can go straight from breakfast to your first workshop.

Tickets cost £18 a day, or £50 for a three-day ticket. The festival starts at 11am on Wednesday 1 July and ends at 3pm on Friday 3 July. Tickets cost £18 a day, or £50 for a three-day ticket. The festival starts at 11am on Wednesday 1 July and ends at 3pm on Friday 3 July. For more information go to:

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/events/festival-2026>

1. Kent only
2. Scottish Nicola
3. Apple or Poet
4. Put in position
5. He ensures piano pitch
6. Owned a harbour
7. Lance-like weapon
8. Roost
9. A strong person uses it.
10. Ocean deep singer

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Local History <i>Woodridge Gardens</i>	Wednesday 10:00 am 3rd in month – <i>Shirley Talbot</i>	Film Club <i>Woodridge Gardens</i>	Friday 2pm <i>dates and time vary</i> – <i>David Taylor</i>
Day Outings	As and when	Dominoes <i>Woodridge Gardens</i>	Monday 2 p.m. Alternate weeks – <i>Diana Clark</i>
Holiday Group <i>Peacehaven Court</i>	Thursday 10.30 a.m Last in month	Lunch - variable	Friday last in month (variable time and place) – <i>Elvira Pirozzi</i>
Monthly Meeting <i>St. Andrews Church Hall</i>	Tuesday 10 a.m. 2nd in month	Photography <i>Millennium Centre</i>	Thursday 10 a.m. 1st in month – <i>Keith Allison</i>
Quiz Group <i>Millennium Centre</i>	Thursday 2 p.m. 2nd in month – <i>Shirley Talbot</i>	Strollers <i>Meet St Andrews</i>	Tuesday 12:30 pm – can vary – <i>Diana Clark</i>
Walking <i>Meet St Andrews</i>	Wednesday 9.30 a.m. last in month – <i>Brian Wilkinson</i>	Whist <i>Woodridge Gardens</i>	Monday 2 p.m. Alternate weeks – <i>Diana Clark</i>
Walking Tennis <i>Usworth Park</i>	Wednesday 11:00 am Summer only – <i>Sandra Cullen</i>	Croquet <i>Cleadon Croquet Club</i>	Tuesday 1:00 pm Summer only some dates – <i>Ann Thomley</i>
Indoor Walking Tennis <i>Silksworth Tennis Centre</i>	Thursday 3rd in month 11:00 a.m. – <i>Sandra Cullen</i>		

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