



OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

LOCAL HISTORY go to ST HUBERT'S CHURCH , IDSWORTH near FINCHDEAN.

On Friday the 5th of September, 20 plus members of the Local History group visited this beautifully preserved Saxon/Norman church. Some of you may have glimpsed this tiny ancient church on a hillside looking out of your train window near Rowlands Castle station. There is so much history in this grade one listed **church which predates the Tower of London by a thirty plus years.**

When we sat down in the 18th century box pews history seeped into our bones as we listened to a fascinating talk by John Bannell. John has been churchwarden there since 2000. It attracts 10,000 visitors a year with very little publicity. Idsworth was a tiny village in the 9th century. It was part of the manor of nearby Chalton, which had its own church too. Earl Godwin head of the most powerful Anglo-Saxon family and father of King Harold [1066 etc.] is believed to have built the church around 1030 A.D. It is known that the Romans had settled the area earlier from remains and it is thought that the church may be built on the site of a Roman temple. In nearby Chalton there was an active Bronze Age settlement, which has also been excavated. Layer upon layer of English history! Sadly, all trace of the village is now under the plough. It was deserted probably in the 14th century because of the Black Death [bubonic plague]. The church on the chalk hill above the start of the winter- borne River Lavant remained and was so loved that it was adorned with medieval wall art in 1330. In Henry V's times these were covered with whitewash. No doubt they were thought to be too Roman Catholic for the Protestant king making the break from Rome!



In 1864 Reverend J Astley had the layers removed. The church which was dedicated to St. Peter & St. Paul was rededicated wrongly to St. Hubert. Originally it was thought that the paintings showed scenes from his life NOT Peter & Paul. Other features in the church include on the left-hand side a 11th century nave with a sole remaining tiny Saxon window and a blocked Norman doorway. The chancel was added in the 12 or 13th century. The right-hand nave was increased in size by rebuilding the southern church wall in the 16th century. The porch was added in the 1860's. The vestry and the organ were added in 1912/3. Thanks to extensive woodworm these have been extensively renovated recently. Other noticeable

features include a 14th century large cracked octagonal font and a central pulpit from the 17th century with an 18th century canopy. (below right) There is a list of rectors back to 1305 too.



(left: The best preserved medieval wall mural c.1330)

A large central mural was painted in 2000 by the artist Fleur Kelly. This was done directly on to wet plaster as before, and it features Christ in his majesty, angels, a Southwest train, a combine harvester, and a Chinook R.A.F. helicopter.



Hikers and a wedding party celebrated at the church were also included (Sadly, about the only thing I did not photograph). My notes do NOT do justice to this tiny church. It is open most of the year from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please visit this gem in the South Downs National Park. As John Bannell said in his talk when visitors were polled recently three words were the most repeated:- beautiful, fascinating, and peaceful.

This article is from my recollection and may be inaccurate. However, it was a lovely way to celebrate 10 years with Ems Valley U3A.

Our thanks must go to Malcolm Smith for organizing this trip.

David M Smith

Interview with Les and Andrea Brokenshire

Ed: Les and Andrea have recently joined our committee and I thought that it was about time that we got to know them better! This is the first half of a two part interview, more next month!

Ed: Hello Les and Andrea, when did you come to Emsworth and join our u3a?

Les: We moved to Emsworth almost 3 years ago to start a new adventure in our lives having lived in the



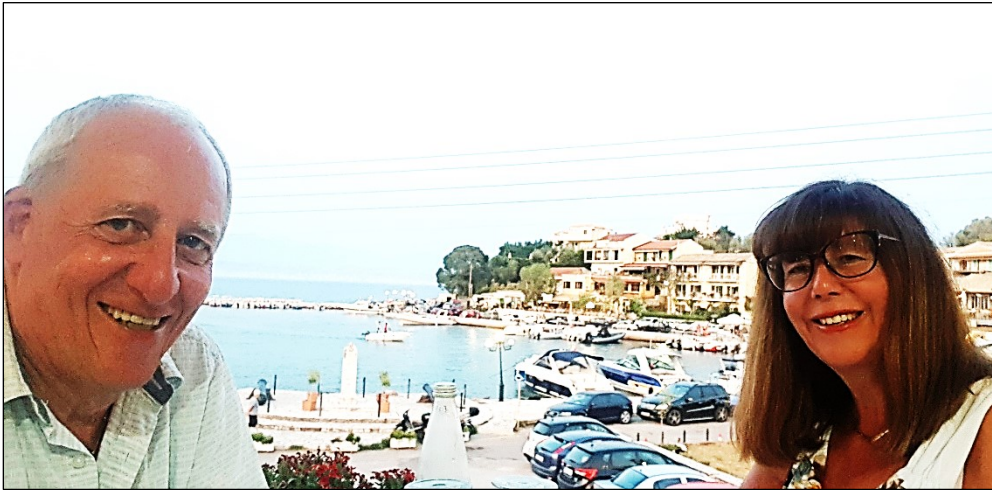
Windsor\Maidenhead area for 30+ years. Andrea had a yearning to live by the sea and we searched all along the South Coast from Weymouth to Worthing before settling on Emsworth.

We were fortunate to have friends who moved to Pagham 5 years previously and they showed us all around the Chichester Harbour area, but the close proximity to the A3 and easy travel to family, swung the decision. Andrea's father had been a member of u3a in Kingston and when we saw u3a advertised in the EMS newspaper we thought we'd investigate (and so glad we did).

Pic above shows Les and Andrea on a recent flotilla holiday in the Ionian Sea (Paxos, Lefkada, Ithika and Kefalonia)

Ed: In spite of your fairly new membership with us, “they” have got you on the committee and given you the fairly onerous job of GROUPS COORDINATOR! How come?

Les: Having discovered that u3a could offer us so much we decided we would like to give something in return and started enquiring of how we might get involved. We were invited to attend a committee meeting and were soon seconded on to the Committee to help give a new look perspective. Within a few months I gathered that Ann Sims who had been doing the Groups Coordinator role for the previous 12 years, was looking to take a step back and being an advocate of succession planning I thought “Let’s see what this role involves” followed by “I can do that”. Andrea will take on a specific role in due course but currently helps out here and there on committee.



Picture left : Les and Andrea at their favourite Greek hideaway, Kassiope

Ed: Can you tell us a little about your working careers?

Les: The majority of my career was with, what is now known as GlaxoSmithKline working initially in their R&D Dept. This was the Food & Drinks Division as opposed to the pharmaceutical side. I originally joined as a Beecham employee working on Brands such as Horlicks, Ribena, Lucozade, and Macleans. Initially I worked in the Labs before being responsible for setting up the Pilot Plant where we carried out small scale trials for canned products, alternative processes for Horlicks production and a wide range of soft drinks development. I guess my biggest ‘claim to fame’ would be my involvement in the introduction to the UK of Ready to Drink (RTD) Ribena and Lucozade in Tetrabriks. We had great fun running small trials (200-400 packs) of anything we could consider packaging in Tetrabriks (fruit pie fillings, Horlicks, Lucozade Raspberry, vinegar!, iced tea, etc). During this time computers were starting to be introduced (initially as programmable calculators with punchcard operation). I soon took an interest and would get involved with the IT Dept. setting up networks and using databases and training in the use of new Mail systems. When it was decided that the Pilot Plant would be closed down and outsourced, it was a natural progression for me to move to IT and took exams to become a Project Manager dealing with Infrastructure, Applications and HelpDesk. Having retired about 10 years ago I still show an ongoing interest in Computing.

Next month: Andrea’s working life, The groups they have joined in Ems Valley and what they do in their leisure time!

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Down another rabbit hole...

After a long, hot summer break, the Family History group reconvened this week for more stories of our ancestors and their lives - Who were they? Where did they live? What did they do? Or, how do I solve this mystery about my Great Great Grandfather William? Was he married to Eliza? Or to Susan?

I had seen from my own family tree that some of my maternal ancestors were watchmakers and was intrigued to find out more. This particular branch of the family were from Coventry, as am I, and they had been there for many generations.

Looking at the 1840 Census I found William living with his father Joseph, a watchmaker, and his mother Sarah, a ribbon weaver. As is the way with family history research, I decided to go off at a tangent and look at the whole of the road where the family lived - Spon Street - an area just outside the city walls. What I discovered was a revelation - all new to me.

There were approximately 76 households in Spon Street at this time and the majority were occupied by artisan workers in what was then, a cottage industry. In that one street alone, there were thirty two males working as watchmakers, case makers, gilders, engravers and enamellers. But, most surprisingly, there were many, many more employed in the ribbon weaving industry. One hundred and five men, women and some older children were ribbon weavers, winders, pinners, dyers, piercers or silk fillers. This discovery set me off on a quest to find out more about

this part of my heritage. I was born in Coventry but left when I was 18. I knew nothing about the history of my home town, other than tales of the Blitz and the destruction of the cathedral, and the car making industry. The dominant ribbon weaving industry in Coventry began in the 1700s and peaked in the early 19th century, although the entire industry eventually declined after



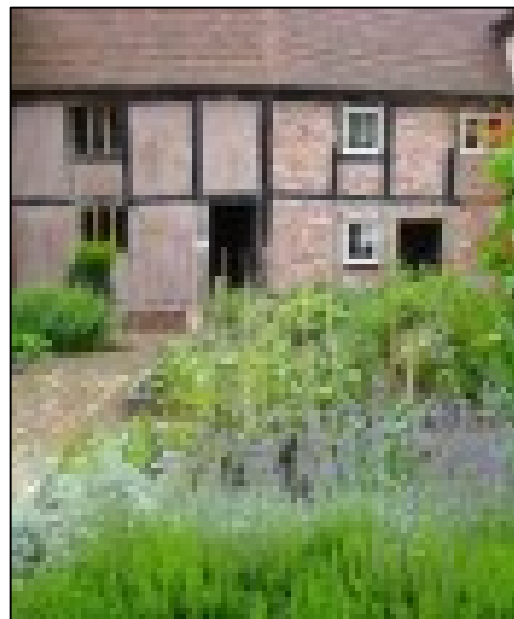
the 1860s. The area had its roots from medieval times, in textile production, mainly wool and cloth, and 19th century records show a significant shift to the silk ribbon industry by 1851. It relied heavily on domestic workers with much production carried out in weavers' cottages.

Why did a silk ribbon industry begin in Coventry? There was a relatively poor unemployed population who could easily accommodate and master a single hand loom. The city was a sufficient distance from London so would have much lower labour costs, but was near enough for transport not to be a major problem. Silk ribbon was a light, high value product that could be easily transported in the absence of water transport.

Merchants would buy raw silk in London where it was imported, and arrange for it to be thrown into threads before transporting to Coventry. They would hire undertakers (middlemen) to organise the supply chain, acting as intermediaries between merchants, raw silk suppliers and the weavers. They would distribute the silk thread to the weavers' homes and collect the finished goods for sale by the merchants. Silk weavers were typically paid by the piece, receiving a fixed price per finished length or item. Wages were often low, especially with the growth of middlemen and foreign competition.

The Industrial Revolution brought steam-powered looms and mechanisation, transitioning the industry from artisan craft to large-scale factory production. The ribbon weaving industry in Coventry was hit hard in the 1860s by the lifting of duty on imported French ribbon, and as a result, the industry collapsed and many weavers were left unemployed.

The collapse of ribbon weaving and the rise of watch making can be charted through from 1861 to 1871 onwards. By 1891, no-one living in the area was employed in silk weaving or its associated roles. Most families relied on watch making. But that is another story!



As for William - I finally solved the mystery of who his wife was by doing a great deal of to-ing and fro-ing through many different records - census returns, marriage certificates, parish records, etc. He was married to Susan - but that now means his father wasn't Joseph (see above). So, off I go down another rabbit hole Left:

The Coventry Town Ribbon - a Jacquard-woven design created for the Great Exhibition in 1851.



Above Right:

A woven silk bookmark, depicting a scene from Adam Bede by George Eliot, made by Thomas Stevens, a nineteenth-century weaver from Coventry, famous for his invention of the Stevengraph.

Karen Rodger

Croquet World Cup – Ems Valley narrowly lose to Chichester!

The Croquet Group has enjoyed another season at the Fishbourne Centre. There are 30 members in the group which is brilliantly led by Ann Newnham. The group is split between two Wednesdays a month. The two lawns have



their own idiosyncrasies which adds to the challenges and enjoyment of the morning sessions. Several U3A members have now joined the club and some have even purchased their own mallets, such is their enthusiasm. We are guided in our play by members of the club who accompany groups on the lawns patiently helping us to improve our play.

Also this year the Club has had the added benefit of a wonderful new Club House alongside the Croquet lawns.

At the end of August we had our annual match against Chichester U3A. The team picked out of a hat were Richard Galloway, Keith Davies, Susie Barker, Tim Wilyman, Barbara Davies, Rob and Pauline Nelson. (seen above) It was a very

close match this year but Chichester just pipped us by 27 points to 25. Sadly the season had to end earlier than usual this year due to a wet Wednesday at the beginning of September followed by the Club needing to close early in order to work on the lawns. We shall reap the benefits of this work next year.

Roll on next Spring when the season begins again.

Pauline Nelson

Ed: Apologies for the exaggerated title – I was watching our Ladies beat Canada at Rugby when this report came through!

Ann Newnham, the Croquet organiser, sends the additional photo of Richard Galloway and Pauline Nelson (seen left) as – in spite of the overall team's loss against Chichester u3a, – they took the pairs title!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Footnote: a sad note to finish on, we have just learnt that Richard Galloway passed away on 25th September, he was taken ill on a Round Britain cruise, and died in Cork, Southern Ireland. He will be sadly missed by his Croquet friends, his fellow Wine

Appreciation members, his Spanish Language companions and many others in Ems Valley u3a. (not forgetting either, that he was a past chairman.)



CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Dbee, our Business Secretary has recently sent details of the CHRISTMAS LUNCH which is on Thursday 4th December 2025 at 11:45 for a 12 noon serving, at the Chichester College .
(Free Seating - Places on a first come first served basis)

Partners are welcome, if not a member of Ems Valley.

Choose from the exciting menu:

STARTER

Curried Parsnip Soup & Parsnip Crisps Roasted Beetroot, Goats Cheese, & Watercress Salad with Candied Walnuts
or

Smoked Salmon Terrine with Dill & Caper Potato Salad

or

Smoked Duck Breast, Endive, Ginger & Orange Salad
with A Sweet Mustard Dressing

MAIN

Traditional Roast Turkey, Bacon Wrapped
Chipolatas,

Chestnut Stuffing, Bread Sauce, Cranberry Sauce,
Served with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes
or

Celeriac & Stilton Pithivier with Mushroom Sauce

or

Lemon & Chilli Crusted Hake with Saffron Risotto

or

Pork Belly, Creamed Savoy, Pork Croquette, Burnt
Apple Puree, with a Black Pudding & Port Reduction

DESSERT

Traditional Chichester College Christmas Pudding
Served with Rum Sauce & Brandy Butter

or

Apple Galette, Calvados Ice Cream, Rose Water

Meringue Elderberry Compote

or

Chestnut Mille Feuille, Vanilla Chantilly & Candied Chestnuts

or

Goodwood Cheese Board with Homemade Christmas Chutney

COFFEE & PETIT FOURS

£35.00 Welcome drink & VAT included

Anyone with allergies should refer to her email which contains an attachment noting them for each dish.

You need to email Dbee via the Ems Valley web site with your meal choice, inform her of any allergies, and then pay £35.00 a head to:

Ems Valley u3a

Account No - 43518001

Sort code 52-41-20 (use your name as the Reference.)



Full payment and your menu choices are required by 13th October to reserve your place.

YOUR U3A COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Ems Valley U3A has always run on the principle that it is an organisation that is run by the members for the members. In other words, we are a self-sustaining community. The role of the committee is to ensure that all members are able to access all the benefits of membership of Ems Valley U3A. However, some existing committee members, each of whom have served for a number of years, have now indicated their intention to step down in the very near future. We are therefore looking for volunteers to join the committee. The work, including attendance at a monthly committee meeting, is important but not onerous. Outgoing committee members have set up appropriate systems and are willing to help those taking over.

Quite simply, we cannot stress enough that, if the vacancies on the committee are not filled, the committee will not be able to carry out its duties and Ems Valley U3A will not be able to continue. We are sure that no-one would welcome the closure of our U3A. Please give serious thought to this matter. If you would like to find out more please contact Tim Mathews (Chairman), Rod Lipscombe (Vice-Chair) or any committee member as soon as possible.



EMSWORTH SHOW 2025

In the last newsletter, I asked for member's photos of the EMSWORTH SHOW and only received ONE (!) from Juliet Walker. It shows our neighbour u3a, Emsworth and District, singing their hearts out with SEA SHANTIES! Juliet said that she took the picture because she enjoyed the message on the back of the conductor. I quite liked the look on the dog's face – centre bottom – I know that you cannot see it from this angle, but my software enabled me to view face on..... it said "only another hour to go to 5.30pm".... Ed.

Spreadsheets and Stories with a drop of Paint!



For those who know me, I have a tiny obsession with spreadsheets. Some people collect stamps, others knit jumpers — I make colour-coded checklists for fun. Budgets, to-do lists, shopping plans... if it can go in a grid with formulas, and it makes my life easier, it's happening. I even have a holiday packing spreadsheet because I once forgot my phone charger and had to try and locate public phone boxes, and they are pretty difficult to find. Now I can pack in 30 minutes flat and forget absolutely nothing. Victory!

My latest spreadsheet project has been a bit more... ambitious. It took me two years of tinkering (and a lot of dinners) to finish. I hated the daily "what's for dinner?" debate, so I started writing a weekly meal plan. One week turned into two, two turned into fifty-two, and suddenly I had a whole year of meals mapped out — complete with shopping lists. It's like the TV and Radio Times, but for food. You just scroll through and pick your week. Bonus points: It's vaguely healthy too, thanks to a nutrition course I did ages ago.

When I casually mentioned my spreadsheet to friends, they said, "You should publish that!" And because I'd already written and self-published two children's books (yes, I know, random combo), I thought: why not? So now the meal plan is joining the books on Apple and Amazon. Honestly, publishing on Apple and Amazon was harder than balancing calories, so maybe my next project should be "How Not to Cry While Self-Publishing." The children's books came first. I started the Lilly Finds series so I could read with my grandchildren, not at them. They gave me editorial notes like: "That's boring, cut it," and "That bit's funny, keep it." Children are ruthless, but effective.

WEEK 1	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	SUPPER
MON	Baked Oats with Yogurt	Stuffed Cheesy Peppers with Couscous and Salad	BLT Ciabatta
Shopping		red peppers, courgette, couscous, feta, lemon	bacon, ciabatta
TUE	Breakfast Cereal	Chicken Bolognese and Pasta with Salad and Garlic Bread	Cock-a-leekie Soup
Shopping		chicken, garlic bread	chicken, leeks, prunes
WED	Bircher using Grape-Nuts with Nuts and Fruit	Steamed Cod with Vegetables and Potato	Reuben Salad Sandwich
Shopping		cod	corned beef, horseradish, dill pickle, shallot, sauerkraut
THU	Porridge with chopped Apple or Berries	Chicken Burritos Salad, Sour Cream	Watercress Soup with Crusty Bread
Shopping		chicken, pepper, wrap	watercress, leek
FRI	Yogurt with Fruit and Granola	Lamb Massaman Curry Potatoes and Vegetables	Avocado, Feta and Pasta Californian Salad
Shopping		lamb, massaman paste, dates, coconut cream, tamarind, kaffir lime leaf, lemongrass	avocado, feta, lemon, olives
SAT	Grapefruit Toast and Jam	Pork Chorizo Stew with Vegetables and Chickpeas	Egg Thai Rice Paper Wrap with Mushrooms
Shopping	grapefruit	pork, chorizo, chickpeas	rice paper wrap, mushrooms
SUN	Waffles with Yogurt and Fruit	Roast Beef Potatoes and Vegetables	Sandwich with chopped Cheese, Carrot, Onion and Mayonnaise Filling
Shopping	waffles	beef	
WEEKLY TIPS	To save time during the week make extra Bolognese for Burrito filling. When Bircher is made with Grape-Nuts it is best to leave them to soak and soften in milk overnight.		

NOTES

By the time the books came out, they'd already grown out of them — typical — but hey, there's always the great-grandkids one day.

Right now, I'm juggling book 3 in the Lilly Finds series, a brand-new Pebble series (yes, about actual pebbles), and I've just finished something for the U3A short story competition. As well as my art for exhibitions and on line Print-on-Demand shop. My head is basically a crowded café of spreadsheets, stories and paint all fighting for attention. The meal plan was never on the cards, but it turns out it's one of the most useful things I've ever made. Who knew a spread sheet could feed you for a whole year?

Dbee Robinson

Day Trippers at Osborne House IOW

Eleven U3a Day Trippers ventured to the IOW to visit Queen Victoria's beloved family retreat Osborne House. Victoria and Albert bought the Osborne estate in 1845, and built a new mansion here as an escape from court life in London and Windsor. The royal family took delight in their seaside home and each year spent as



much time as possible here and at Balmoral, celebrating many special occasions, including Victoria and Albert's birthdays, generally at Osborne. When Albert died, Victoria used Osborne



for more than 50 years, finding solace here after his death in 1861. She entertained visiting kings and queens and ministers at the house as well as her own extensive family.

Today, the story of a marriage, a family and an empire is revealed in the richly decorated rooms. Visitors can see even Osborne's most private rooms, including the children's nursery and the bedroom where Victoria died in 1901.

The Italianate design of the house, in which Albert was closely involved, became known as 'the Osborne style' and was imitated throughout the British Empire.

We viewed the house and the terrace with its magnificent views towards the Solent and Portsmouth, and then wandered around the charming walled garden. After a restorative lunch break the group I was with went down to the private beach where we couldn't resist an ice-cream



before walking to the delightful Swiss Cottage and gardens. A most enjoyable day. **Thank you Simon and Steve!**
Gill Skidmore

Wanted: Deputy Editor – Could It Be You?

I've had the privilege of editing the Ems Valley u3a newsletter for the past five years or more, and it's been a hugely enjoyable way to stay connected with our lively community. I publish the newsletter electronically once a month and, as sole editor, I get to share news from across our many groups.

Now, I'd love to find someone to work alongside me as Deputy Editor. You may have already learnt of this from our Chairman. This role could simply be a shared project – helping me gather news, write short pieces, and keep our readers informed – or it could lead to taking over the editorship when I eventually step back in a year or two (though that's entirely optional!). This would ideally suit someone who is:

Interested in getting to know more about the wide range of u3a groups, even without joining them.

A good listener and keen to chat with other members about what they're doing – a bit of a "roving reporter."

Perhaps active in different groups from me, so we can cover more ground together.

You don't need previous experience – just curiosity, a bit of spare time, and a willingness to help keep our newsletter fresh and engaging.

If this sounds like you, or if you'd just like to know more before deciding, please do get in touch – I'd love to hear from you! **Alan Borrow** - alanborrow1@gmail.com



Paul Clutterbuck gives us the low down on writing and publishing a book!

In the second half of the monthly meeting on Thursday September 25th Paul gave us an inspiring address on the above subject, and he obviously had our members 'in the palm of his hand' because when it came to question time, they kept coming and coming! (the questions I mean!) Obviously we have a lot of would be fiction writers or auto biographers in our midst?? Paul used his own recent books as examples: "Inside Amsterdam" about his time in this lovely Dutch city, "Making a friend smile" – a series of short stories to ease a good friend's illness, and his fictional recent books "Riders from the storm" and "Blood on the rocks".

You have to have an agent before you can find a publisher – mere authors are not allowed to talk directly to the publisher! He also told us that you have to define the genre that your novel is covered by. Infuriating, because it is hard to suggest one of the 53 genre when your book will fall into two, three or four! But having listened to Paul for half an hour, I am sure the audience began to realise that his tenacity would, has and will WIN THROUGH! Great second half talk!



Back in the days of tanners and bobs,
 When Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs.
 When football team families wore hand me down shoes,
 And T.V gave only two channels to choose.
 Back in the days of three penny bits,
 When schools employed nurses to search for your nits.
 When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted
 And all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted.
 Back in the days of hot ginger beers,
 When children remained so, for more than six years.
 When children respected what older folks said,
 And pot was a thing you kept under your bed.
 Back in the days of 'Listen with Mother',
 When neighbours were friendly and talked to each other.
 When cars were so rare you could play in the street.
 When Doctors made house calls and Police walked the beat.
 Back in the days of Milligan's Goons,
 When butter was butter and songs all had tunes.
 It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea,
 And your annual break was a day by the sea.
 Back in the days of 'Dixon's Dock Green',
 Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.
 When children could freely wear National Health glasses,
 And teachers all stood at the FRONT of their classes.
 Back in the days of rocking and reeling,
 When mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.
 When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools,
 and everyone dreamed of a win on the pools.
 Back in the days when I was a lad,
 I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.
 Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob.
 Back in the days of tanners and bobs.....



There were two evil brothers. They were rich and used their money to keep their way from the public eye. They even attended the same church and looked to be perfect Christians. Then, their pastor retired, and a new one was hired. Not only could he see right through the brothers and their deception, but he also spoke well and true, and the church started to swell in numbers. A fundraising campaign was started to build a new assembly hall. It was going well. All of a sudden, one of the brothers died. The remaining brother sought out the new pastor the day before the funeral and handed him a cheque for the amount needed to finish paying for the new building. I have only one condition, he said, at his funeral, you must say my brother was a saint. The pastor gave his word and quickly deposited the cheque. The next day at the funeral, the pastor did not hold back: He was an evil man, he said, and he cheated on his wife and abused his family and friends! After going on in this vein for no small time, he concluded with the words: But, compared to his brother, he was a saint.

"An older lady gets pulled over for speeding" ...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner. His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.....

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. Some armed. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please!

She does so and says: Is there a problem officer?

Officer 2: One of my officers has told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the boot of your car, please.

The woman opens the boot, revealing that is completely empty.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are my registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned!

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse with her license, and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

QUOTATION CORNER - this month – "BUSINESS"

Put all your eggs in one basket – AND WATCH THAT BASKET. **Mark Twain**

Nothing is illegal if one hundred well-placed business men decide to do it. **Andrew Young**

I long for the day when a new generation of Anita Roddicks can address the AGM in a bright pink dress and strappy sandals **Alexandra Shulman**

In the business world, everyone is paid in two coins: cash and experience. Take the experience first; the cash will come later. **Harold Geneen**

If you can't make it good, at least make it look good. **Bill Gates**

If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses. **Henry Ford**

Accountants are the witch-doctors of the modern world, and willing to turn their hands to any kind of magic. **Lord Justice Harman**

We even sell a pair of earrings for under a pound, which is cheaper than a prawn sandwich from Marks & Spencers. But I have to say the earrings probably won't last as long **Gerald Ratner**

We were hoping to build a small profitable company; and of course, what we've done is build a large, unprofitable company. **Jeff Bezos**



Sent in by Dbee who thought that this passage from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress was a word to the wise during this holiday time **Always get your documentation in order before travelling!**



A RARE OPPORTUNITY

Croquet Group 2 has a few spaces due to Retirement and other commitments .

We play at the Chichester and Fishbourne Croquet Club , Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne

on the 4th Wednesday of the month 9.45 – 12noon.

The cost is £7/morning which includes all equipment and professional Coaches from the Club.

Beginners welcome.

It is great fun so come and have a go.

If you are interested please contact me annie@newnham.eu or 01243389591 Ann Newnham



AND LASTLY, AUTUMN IS HERE.....



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