

Monthly Meeting 16th June St Andrew's RC Church Upper Hall 10:30 am for 11.00 am

Dr Richard Petty is a retired Consultant Neurologist who worked in Glasgow at the then Southern General Hospital from 1990 to 2015, and from then to 2019 part-time in the department of Genetics at the Western Infirmary in Edinburgh. During this period, he developed services for muscle diseases and Motor Neurone Disease.



In his teens, with maths classmates, he used Fortran IV programming language with an IBM computer occupying an entire room to allow for 256KB of rapid access storage with a whole 8 MB of slower access storage, and he has had an interest in the use of computerisation in medicine from that time. This talk will address the benefits, risks, and dangers of using A.I. in contemporary medicine.

Help for Ukraine



The conflict in Ukraine is now in its fifth year and, although it is not in the news as often as before, the Ukrainian people are still suffering shortages of life's essentials. One of our interest groups, A Yarn and a Stitch, not only crafts items to send but also collects donations of essential items. Once they have enough to fill a van the charity, Tash 4 Ukraine, collects the donated items and adds them to one of their monthly lorries going to Ukraine.

If you would like to help by donating, please email yarnstitchu3a@gmail.com for a list of essential items.

Carry on Singing



Happy smiles at our karaoke session. What a lovely bunch of people!



By Ray Walker

The Outings Group



Photo by Jim Wilson, [u3a Shutterbugs](#)

We visited Castle Menzies near Aberfeldy in April and had a very entertaining and informative tour guide. En route, we stopped at Pitlochry for an early lunch. In June, we took a Loch Katrine cruise on the Steamship Sir Walter Scott, then visited The Kelpies at Falkirk.



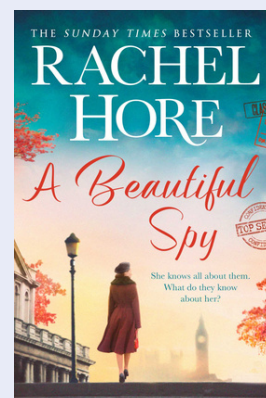
By Jane Bex

Historical Fiction

May's book, *Venetian Vespers*, provoked plenty of discussion, while members concluded they preferred John Banville's *Strafford* mysteries. Our next book will be discussed on June 23rd in the Waitrose meeting room: *A Beautiful Spy* by Rachel Hore.

We've opted for a one-month summer break, so in July the book will be *No Great Mischief* by Canadian writer Alistair MacLeod.

Please get in touch via the website if you'd like to join this group of avid readers.



By Joan Hoggan

Ukulele Group

The Ukulele Group currently has 31 members, a happy blend of men and women who enjoy singing and playing the ukulele together every Monday morning from 10.30 to 12 noon at Westerton Parish Church Hall, Bearsden. We play a wide range of popular and traditional music, with the repertoire changing every fortnight. This year, we have had the great pleasure of being invited to play for several groups in local churches, golf clubs, and care groups in Bearsden, Milngavie, and Lenzie. On these occasions, we have frequently received great hospitality in the form of tea, coffee, and cakes, and on one occasion a lovely lunch, for which we were most grateful. Some groups have offered to make a donation to charity following our visit.

If you would like to join our group, you will be made very welcome. Please contact our [convenor](#).

By Lindsay Morrison



There are still some tickets left for the Glasgow Network of u3as BBQ on 18th June. at GWR on Great Western Road.

A great opportunity to enjoy a BBQ with friends and no work required! Even better the venue is easily accessible by public transport from Bearsden and Milngavie.

Information is on our website and please [email](#) if you would like a ticket or more information.

CONVENOR PROFILE: Dr. Richard Petty

I arrived in Glasgow in 1990 as a Neurologist at the then Southern General Hospital – my working life involved developing services for Motor Neurone Disease and primary muscle disorders. During this period, advances in genetics transformed how we think about these disorders – making it an exciting time. I retired in 2019 and was very grateful to find the U3A – it has kept my brain active and meant I have met a broad range of people from all sorts of backgrounds, which has been fun! I enjoy running the science group – and to those who are wary of taking on the role of a ‘convenor’, it is really not a lot more work than keeping in touch with a bunch of old mates... promise!



I was asked to provide a photo for this Profile. Finding no recent photos that are publishable – so many seem to have either a glass of wine or a grandchild in frame, so I looked this one out for your amusement.

Committee Member Profile : Clem

Clem Clement joined the Committee in 2026. Whilst he doesn't have a specific committee role, he is our Talks Coordinator for the main meetings.

Clem is Welsh, from Llanelli. He and his wife, Janice, came to Glasgow on an elongated 12-month project 10 years ago!

They met at Warwick University, where Clem studied Economic History and played football.

Starting in Liability Claims at General Accident in London, he enjoyed it so much that he spent his 40-year working career in the insurance industry, being loyal to GA and its merged companies.



He is very passionate about running. He was Chairman of a club in South Wales, Penarth and Dinas Runners, before moving north, and he and Janice are Life Members there.

He has run 16 marathons, including 7 Londons, but now their passion is weekly parkruns, which have taken them to places across the world, where they have met and made friends with some lovely people.

As well as being a Talk Coordinator, he enjoys delivering talks to local PROBUS and U3A Groups and local libraries.

Convenor Profile: Marilyn Mowbray

I began learning French at school when I was about eight, and it quickly became a favourite subject. At 17, I was introduced to Lise, my French pen pal in Normandy, and spent a summer with her family. I was shy and obsessed with perfect grammar, so I spoke very little at first. Listening to everyday conversation gave me real confidence. Lise and I continued visiting each other for years, paused while we raised families, and later picked it up again. We are now both widows and still meet every year — this summer marks 60 years of friendship.

I joined the U3A in 2023 after spotting the French Conversation group. It's a warm, encouraging group, and Lise says my fluency has improved since joining. I took over as convenor from Janet Holland about a year ago. We meet in Garvies on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, with around 12–15 attending from a group of 25. Because of the acoustics, conversations happen in small clusters, and I try to sit with different people each time. There's no set topic — just relaxed conversation.

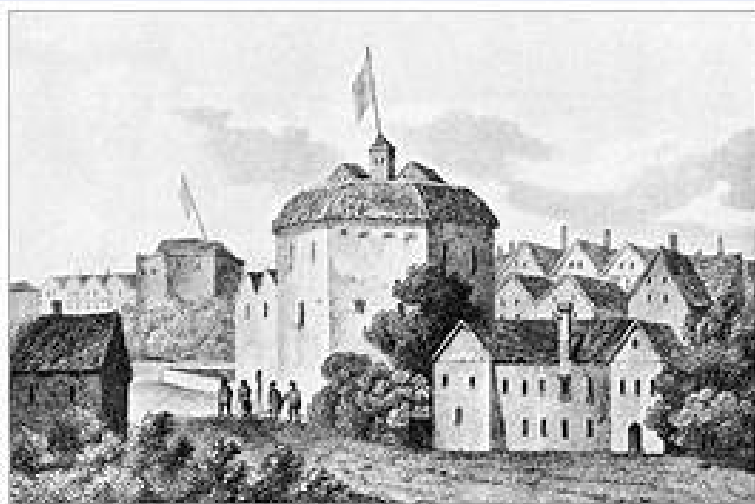
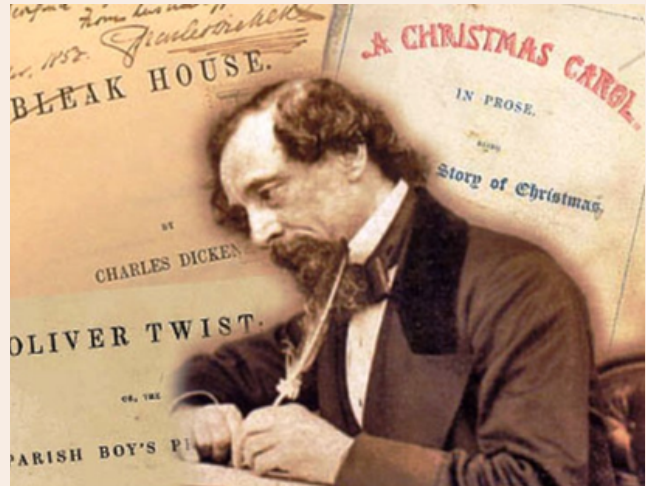
Janet did the hard work of establishing the group, and she was right that it largely runs itself. With help from committee members, I've learned to use Beacon for reminders, enquiries, and keeping in touch with members. It's all very manageable.



That's me in the green striped top

June Facts

Charles Dickens died of a stroke at his home Gad's Hill Place in Kent on 9th June 1870 aged only 58. His sudden death was attributed to his punishing work schedule, including tours of England and the US.



On 29th June 1613, the original Globe theatre in London, where most of William Shakespeare's plays debuted, was destroyed by fire after cannons were fired to announce the king's entrance in Shakespeare's play Henry VIII. A piece of flaming material from one of the cannons landed on the theatre's thatched roof and the fire spread rapidly.

On 1st June 1946, TV licences were issued in Britain for the first time. This coincided with the post-war resumption of the BBC service, and they cost £2. The price is now £180!



What's On

Some of the details have been generated by AI, so please double check

Mon 8 Jun — Milngavie Community Library — Writing workshop; evening talk (Alan Gall). Book via the Milngavie Library events page or Eventbrite; many Milngavie Week talks and workshops are free, but places are limited.

[EDLCEventbrite](#)

Tue–Thu (various) — Milngavie Library — Digital drop-ins, Knit & Natter, author talks. See the full library timetable and reserve free places on Eventbrite (search “Milngavie Library”). [EDLC East Dunbartonshire Council](#)

Sat 13 Jun — West of Scotland Rugby Club, Milngavie — Bearsden & Milngavie Highland Games (pipe bands, heavy events, stalls). The Games are free to attend; some activities and fairground rides are paid. Check the official Games page for updates. bmhighlandgames.co.uk

Sat 13 Jun — 11am to 4pm Strathclyde University, John Anderson Building, G4 ONG – Science Showcase @ Strathclyde Physics [Science Showcase Flyer](#)

Fri 18th Jun – 1830 – Glasgow University – Maths & Music, Adrian Wilson, RSNO Principal Oboe, [Eventbrite](#)

Weekends in June — Mugdock Country Park — Ranger-led guided heritage & nature walks; Wild at Mugdock sessions (whittling, cyanotype, biodiversity talks). Most ranger events have a small charge and are bookable via Mugdock's events listings (Eventbrite). [Eventbrite](#)

Selected evenings in June — Charlie's Loft, Milngavie — Live music, tribute acts and brunch events. Tickets and event details are on the venue's What's On page or Eventbrite. charliesloft.com [Eventbr](#)

The Newsletter welcomes details of events that might be of interest to members in the month ahead (2nd Tues to 2nd Tues). Please submit Date: Time: Venue: Topic to the [Newsletter](#) by the 1st Tuesday of the month.

CRYPTO-PUZZLES 90A&B (composed by David Watt)

In each puzzle, a well-known saying has been encrypted by substituting a number in the range 1–26 for each letter. To help you get started, one or two of the letter substitutions are shown in the grid. Use the grid to record the other letter substitutions as you discover them.

Crypto-Puzzle 90A

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Crypto-Puzzle 90B

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Solution to Crypto-Puzzle 89A

May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.
Emily Brontë

Solution to Crypto-Puzzle 89B

As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer.
William Shakespeare