

Bill Tasker



Author, David Davies. As their contribution to Formby's commemorations of the end of World War One, the popular **Folk Group**

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presented a musical drama locally in November about Bill Tasker, perhaps better known as the Formby hermit. Bill, a well-educated man from Liverpool and destined for the church came to Formby after enlisting as a young man and going overseas in WW1. He is thought to have suffered shell-shock and on returning home came to Formby, built himself a hut in the sand-hills where he lived for 40 years, living on hand-outs, odd jobs like selling firewood and helping farmers gather-in crops. He kept stray dogs and budgerigars and was regarded as a pleasant, if somewhat eccentric, character.

Bill has now passed into Formby's folklore and the show which plots his life is interspersed with

WW1 and WW2 songs. The “Bill Tasker Story” has now appeared for the Rotary Club at Formby Hall Golf Club and at the Elim Church on Church Road and has proved extremely popular. By the time this newsletter goes to print the show will have been repeated at the Elim Church (by popular demand) and is planned to be performed, with the support of the National Trust, one day next summer, in the open air in the pinewoods. In the accompanying photograph, kindly taken by Norman Sanderson, Bill Tasker, played by Phil Caroll local folk-singer and actor, is shown kneeling down among his dogs. The show was written and produced by David Davies, group leader.

Newsletter: Changes to E-mail Deliveries

Author, Newsletter Editor.

Your Formby U3A Team spent several days before resolving problems sending the December Newsletter to members via e-mail. The problem revolved around the blocking of all outgoing messages which contained the Newsletter. This problem appears to have been caused by a small number of members accidentally, or deliberately marking the sender’s e-mail address as “spam/phishing.” At the same time, Google changed the limit on the number of messages that could be sent per day from private e-mail accounts. The increased size of the Newsletter because of the inclusion of photos and the high contrast version also created difficulties. Even if Formby U3A had been able to distribute Newsletters from the original account, Google’s changed policies meant that it would have taken several days to send each month’s Newsletter and this was considered inappropriate. Your Committee therefore took the decision that in order to reduce the size of the Newsletter distribution e-mails, it should in future be sent without the attachments and would instead have a “click here” to read option.

As a result of these decisions, the December Newsletter was sent from formbyu3anews@gmail.com via MailChimp and it is planned to use this in future, although the same email address with the number2 after it may be used when someone is deputising. Messages via MailChimp from formbyu3anews@gmail.com and formbyu3anews2@gmail.com are NOT JUNK, SPAM, OR PHISHING, so please do not mark it as such, even if you do not want the Newsletter .

If you wish to unsubscribe, you will be unsubscribed from receiving the Newsletter and all other e-mails from Formby U3A. To unsubscribe so that you no longer receive e-mails from all Formby U3A please do so as described on the next page.



Whilst the new delivery method has a click here to "*update your preferences*" and a click here to "*unsubscribe from this list*," Formby U3A uses a new list each month so it is important that:

- if you change your e-mail address,
- if you no longer wish to receive e-mails from Formby U3A,
- if you wish to opt in to receive the Newsletter from formbyu3anews@gmail.com via MailChimp

you inform:

membership@formbyu3a.org.uk

or write to:

Membership Secretary, Formby U3A, PO Box 216, Liverpool, L37 1XQ

before 15th of the month.

Whilst it was previously possible to send e-mails to anyone who informed Formby U3A of late changes to their e-mail address, this is no longer possible. Should members now inform Formby U3A of a change after the 15th of the month, members' only option will be to read the reduced version of the Newsletter from the Formby U3A website until their information is processed the following month.

Recorder Group



Author, 0 Judith Flenley.

Some of you will have heard the Recorder Group play in the U3A Christmas concert at Holy Trinity Church in the past. If so, you will know that we can make a pleasing and harmonious sound with arrangements of music for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass recorders. Our "mission" is to banish all memories of school descant recorder lessons!

The highlight this year was when our leader Fiona was inspired to invite a professional tutor to teach and conduct us and 13 other players for two solid days. Pam Smith came a-travelling from Cheltenham, so 2 days is the minimum for her.

This was not a U3A event as such, but our group formed half the ensemble. Since there were 26 players and no charge for the venue the cost per person was extremely reasonable.

Most of us were enjoyably tested to our limits. Suddenly it was no longer just about the right notes, the right key or fingering, but about the subtleties of breathing, phrasing and precise variants of articulation and stresses! We played music without the usual bar lines and needed to concentrate continuously to rise to the challenges set for us. Whosoever did not learn something new must have been asleep. Yet with Pam's warm, humorous, lively and engaging personality and excellent way of explaining what we were aiming for, no snoring was to be heard and did you know that the rests in music are just as important as the music itself? Never forget that! At the end of this "home school masterclass" we were ready for taking a rest ourselves!



For the regular U3A recorder activities Fiona and Eric Tucker host around 12-14 of us in their sitting room at roughly fortnightly intervals. Meeting on Monday afternoons, we not only play original recorder ensemble compositions from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, but increasingly enjoy arrangements of popular pieces from Classical and Romantic composers, 20th Century tunes and any nice modern recorder compositions which we decide are fun to play. This way we can have a variety of styles with plenty of challenges to learn new things. Fiona is expert at sourcing new music long before we have exhausted our current range.

Twice a year, Formby Elim Church invites us to entertain their Meeting Point gathering, which gives us a target to work towards performance and to choose a balanced blend of musical items. Some pieces we use solely to tackle tricky rhythms and stretch our ensemble skills, but for a concert situation we choose safe titles we can mostly play with confidence!



Because the group consists of both folk who have played for years and others who have joined with less experience, a few will consider their part as homework to be practised, some just come and sight read, but all of us have a time of cheerful banter! Mistakes can be hilarious if for example, the odd player is on a different page or even a different piece and cannot figure out why everyone else seems to play a strange rhythm or key signature. Being the U3 age we all risk "missing the boat" occasionally. So you see, we are quite self-entertaining, especially when things go wrong during practice. A tea break for chat, exchange of baking or gardening tips and holiday experiences round off these extremely socially pleasing afternoons. We go home with music in our head and a bounce in our step.

Thank you Fiona and Eric for organising and hosting the U3A Recorder Group.

Longridge Fell



Author, Marcia Thompson.

The photo shows the **Fellwalkers** at the Trig point on Spire Hill, the top of Longridge Fell. The walk was postponed from December, when it poured down all day, so a wise decision. This time we had clear skies; frost underfoot and great views to the Lancashire coast in one direction and as far as Ingleborough in the other.

The walk started at Hurst Green and up through paths and forest tracks to the summit of the Fell. After that we descended through woodland paths to the road and through fields, past the Kemple End Cross, via Stonyhurst College, and back to Hurst Green. Everyone was pleased to have an opportunity to walk off the seasonal excesses without having to drive too far to reach a very pleasant and interesting area.

Welcome To December & January's New Members

Philip Carroll	Jean Christopher	Brenda Clark
Irene Grek	Carol Hamer	Annette Lempereur
Michel Lempereur	Simon Mandelkow	Margaret McNab
Andrew Phillips	Ronald Purcell	Dorothy Richards
Terry Swift	Stella Tucker	Susan Welch

Have You Renewed Your U3A Membership? ***(£9 per member)***

Annual subscriptions were due on 1st January. In order to ensure that the insurance cover provided by our affiliation to the Third Age Trust is not compromised, *all membership subscriptions should be paid by 28th February.* **If you have not renewed your membership by 28th February you are no longer entitled to attend U3A activities. This includes any Group that you may belong to.**

How to renew your membership

Standing Orders

If you have already set up a Standing Order to be paid during February, it would be helpful if you would alter it to January. If your current Standing Order is payable after the end of February, please arrange for it to be paid in January. If you wish to set up a new Standing Order, please complete the Form printed in this Newsletter and send it to your own bank for processing **or** use the details to set up a Standing Order using on-line banking. Membership Cards will be posted to those paying by Standing Order.

Cheques:

We ask that all other renewals should be by cheque only, as there is too much potential for error in handling cash. Please make your **cheque payable to Formby U3A** and write your membership number (as on your current membership card) on the back. (If you do not know your membership number, please write your name and address instead).

Where? When? Payment can be made at the Wednesday afternoon meetings in Holy Trinity Parish Hall (13th February); or at the Thursday coffee mornings in Holy Trinity Workshop (14th February).

By Post: Cheques may be sent direct to the Membership Secretary, Formby U3A, PO Box 216, Liverpool L37 1XQ. Please remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope to receive your Membership Card.

Collecting your 2019 U3A card

If you have a Standing Order in place, your new 2019 Membership Card will be posted out once your subscription has been received from your bank.

If you pay by cheque at the Monthly Meeting or Coffee Morning, you can collect your Card at the same time.

If you pay by post, your 2019 card will be available for collection at the Monthly Meeting or Coffee Morning following receipt of your payment, unless you included a stamped addressed envelope with your payment.

Please remember that from January onwards, you will need your 2019 Membership Card at all events, including group activities.

Standing Order Mandate

Please ask for a paper copy, sign and date it before sending it to your Bank.

2019 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Formby U3A will be held at 2pm on **Wednesday 13th March 2019** in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Rosemary Lane, Formby

All members of the Committee (the Trustees) are required to stand down at the AGM. However a number of people (see draft Agenda) have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election/election but these positions can be contested. Many others have served the maximum time permitted under the terms of the Formby U3A constitution and at present, there are no nominations for Vice Chairman, Group Secretary and six places for Committee members - new names would be most welcome.

A Nomination Form for any of the positions on Committee is printed the next page of this Newsletter. Copies can also be obtained from the Secretary at the Wednesday and Thursday meetings. At the time of writing there is no requirement for a voting procedure but in the event of this changing, proxy forms will be available from the Secretary.

Our constitution states that the deadline for committee member nominations is 28 days before the date of the AGM. However nominations for posts still vacant after this date will be accepted up to the date of the AGM.

Our current Auditor, Alan Thomas, is also standing down and Kit Robinson has offered to serve as auditor for the coming year.

It would be appreciated if any Motions, proposed and seconded, for consideration by the AGM could be returned to the Secretary by 18th February 2019 so that these can be publicised in the March newsletter.

Agenda

1 Apologies for absence.

2 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the 2018 AGM, as published in the April (2018), February & March Newsletters.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

4 To receive and approve the Annual Report.

5 To receive and approve the Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018.

6 To appoint an Auditor

7 Elections of Trustees:

The following have agreed to stand for re-election/election

Chairman:	Frances Taylor
Vice Chairman:	
Secretary:	Keith Jacques
Treasurer:	Anne Rodmell
Membership Secretary:	Christine McIlraith
Groups Secretary:	
Committee Members:	There are 6 Trustees/ Committee members to be appointed.

8 **Any other business.** It would be appreciated if any Motions, proposed and seconded, for consideration by the AGM could be returned to the Secretary by 18th February 2019 so that these can be publicised in the March newsletter.

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Nomination Form for the
2019/20 Formby U3A Committee

Nominee:

For the office of:

Proposed by:

Signature of proposer:

Seconded by:

Signature of seconder:

I agree to be nominated for the above office.

Signature of nominee:

Nomination Forms should be returned to:

Keith Jacques, Secretary Formby U3A, PO Box 216, Liverpool L37 1XQ, e-mail:
 secretary@formbyu3a.org.uk

by 13th February 2019 at the latest,
 but nominations for posts still vacant after that time will be accepted up until the start
 of the meeting.

Formby U3A Draft Minutes Of The 2018 AGM

Held In Holy Trinity Hall On 14th March At 2 PM

1 Apologies for Absence: Mr & Mrs R J Gibbons, Linda Howard, Ann Gunstone, Mr & Mrs Noel Blundell and Keith Jacques.

2 Minutes of 2017 AGM: Draft Minutes have been published in the April 2017 and the January 2018 Newsletters. With the addition of Ann Blackman's name in the list of Committee members, the Minutes were approved nem con by a show of hands and were signed by Glyn Pike as Chairman.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes: None.

4 Annual Report: 2017 saw the membership of Formby U3A increase to 1312 members attending 125 group activities.

The committee has met on a regular basis and dealt with matters placed before it. We have acted upon a request at the 2017 Annual General Meeting to provide the Monthly Newsletter in audio form and thanks to the hard work of Noel Blundell and David Goodwill the first edition was made available in July of that year. Should any member require the newsletter in this form please contact Noel Blundell or any member of the committee who will arrange it on your behalf.

We have also managed to activate the loop sound system in Holy Trinity Church Hall for our monthly meetings and I am informed that it is working satisfactorily. (We plugged it in)

The past year has required the committee to deal with routine matters but that is about to change as we are now facing legislation that will require our attention.

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) requires that any organisation which holds personal information such as addresses, both e-mail and postal and telephone numbers for their members are required to have written consent to hold and use that information. Formby U3A holds such information in order that they and group leaders may contact them for membership purposes. It will be straightforward for new members as we can add this consent to the membership application form, but we are required to obtain that information from current members. To that end we will shortly be sending each member a form of consent to sign and return to us. If we do not receive consent neither we or group leaders will be able to contact you.

We have recently received new instructions, from The Third Age Trust, regarding financial matters for all U3A organisations which will change fundamentally the way we produce our annual accounts. The Charities Commission require that all Income and Expenditure of the Charity be recorded and included in the accounts submitted to them on an annual basis. This now means that we will need to ask individual groups to record and submit to the treasurer a summary of their financial information for each year.

Your committee has contacted all group leaders to establish their groups' income and expenditure and we will shortly be calling a meeting of group leaders to listen to their views on how the new regulations will impact on their activities as they and the

treasurer will bear the brunt of these regulations.

Although these new requirements may seem daunting, with a positive attitude and an initial concentrated effort it will become the norm.

The Charity Commission, after extensive consultation with the Third Age Trust, have directed that all activities including those hitherto classed as “social”, must be charitable. They seek to impose on us and all U3A’s a revised Objects clause which will be put to an EGM in due course. This removes territorial restrictions from joining a U3A and makes no reference to a minimum age for membership.

At the conclusion of my report for last year I commended the committee on their dedication to ensuring the continued smooth running of Formby U3A and stated that in return they asked that others do the same for them when their term of office expired. It seems that those words were not fully understood as we still have vacancies on the committee and in particular, a Treasurer for 2019 onwards. May I suggest that these positions are regarded, as I do, as membership of another U3A group. It is an opportunity to meet other likeminded members and to engage in conversation for the benefit of the organisation as a whole. I have always found that the members are very supportive of new recruits. Without a full committee Formby U3A will not be able to function, a situation that does not benefit anyone. May I urge you to put your name forward for the most important group in Formby U3A.

Jack Ashworth, Ann Blackman, Rosemary Thomas, Linda Howard and Susan Birchall retire today as committee members, they have served you well, and on your behalf I thank them. Three of those positions have been filled but three still remain to be filled.

Please re read the previous paragraph.

May I on behalf of the committee wish you all a successful year in your U3A activities.

Glyn Pike

5 Treasurer’s Report: Copies of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017 were available to all who attended. The Treasurer gave an explanation of the major entries. The Capitation Fee paid to Third Age Trust which provided inter alia third party insurance cover was unchanged at £3.50. Administration had increased due to the purchase of a supply of stamps (for the issue of membership cards etc) shortly before there was a price increase. The Newsletter is more expensive because it was now in colour and there is still a difficulty in anticipating the size of the print run. Meetings costs included the presence of St John Ambulance personnel at the monthly Speaker event and Speaker fees were greater as a result of a policy to engage better quality which, by and large, had proved successful.

The deficit for the year £1,649 was readily absorbed by reserves, the amount of which was moving towards the Charity Commission advice of no more than 6 months’ anticipated expenditure and stood at £14,217 at the end of the year. The Accounts had been audited and found correct and it was proposed by Andrew Hoare and seconded by Derek Thomas that they be accepted. Approval was given by a show of hands nem con.

6 Appointment of Auditor: Alan Thomas, after many years of much valued work,

was standing down after auditing the Accounts year ended 31st December 2018. There was no response to a request for someone to come forward to succeed him.

7 Election of Trustees: Christine McIlraith had volunteered recently and her name was to be added to those of Committee members. There remained 3 vacancies and, in response to an earnest plea from the Chairman, Andrew Hoare allowed his name to go forward. This was approved by the meeting. There being no other proposals, it followed there were no contested positions and those names were confirmed en bloc by a show of hands.

Chairman	Glyn Pike
Vice Chairman	Frances Taylor
Treasurer	David Manning-Fox
Secretary	Keith Jacques
Membership Secretary	Ann Gunstone
Group Secretary	Linda McAuley
Committee Members	Valerie Tibbitts
	Derek Thomas
	Christine McIlraith
	Andrew Hoare
	Two vacancies

8 Any Other Business: Ann Blackman, from the floor, felt we should not immediately accept the Charity Commission imposing its financial rules on us. She thought a representative from the Charity Commission should be invited to meet us when the opportunity would be taken to illustrate how these rules designed for all charities, but inappropriate for local U3As, would impact adversely and make so many aspects of our work unnecessarily difficult. The Chairman agreed Committee would give this due consideration.

Derek Thomas, from the floor, graciously thanked Noel Blundell and Dave Goodwill for their skill and hard work in producing the audio Newsletter which was so much appreciated.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm and was followed by a highly amusing and well received talk by Cathy about her adventures owning a tugboat.

Music and Theatre Events

Author, Eileen Jones.

These events are open to all paid up U3A members. Can I remind you to please pay for tickets when the initial booking is made and to write the event name and your telephone number on the back of the cheque. This is extremely helpful to us. If you cannot attend an event let us know as soon as possible and we will attempt to sell your ticket to someone on the waiting list. The coach leaves The Cross House bus stop at 6:15pm and any variation on this will be specified with the event details.

Thurs 28th March, "Abigail's Party," Playhouse. Mike Leigh's classic comedy set in 1970's suburbia. Beverly and Laurence plan to host an enjoyable, respectable,

neighbourly party for newly weds, Tony and Angela. The disco is well under way, the cocktails flowing but then, Susan, banned from her own daughter, Abigail's party, decides to join them and events begin to take a definite turn for the worse. Tickets and transport £30.

Thurs 11th April, Matthew Bourne's "Swan Lake," Empire. Tchaikovsky's masterpiece is given an entirely innovative and contemporary twist resulting in over thirty international awards. The all male dancers and award winning designers create a powerful, passionate and beautiful ballet. Tickets and transport £38.

Thurs 30th May, Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," Liverpool Empire. The longest running show in theatre history, classic, full of nerve jangling suspense. A group of people in an isolated country house, cut off from the outside world by a severe snow storm, discover there is a murderer amongst them, but who dunnit? Tickets and transport £28.

Thurs 6th June, "The Comedy About a Bank Robbery," Empire. A smash hit in the West End, this is a follow up to the brilliant, The Play that Goes Wrong. A city bank should be the perfect place to house a priceless diamond. Unfortunately this is far from an ordinary bank with conventional staff and state of the art security systems. What could possibly go wrong? Tickets and transport £30.

Fri 14th June, "Great Directors and Composers: Steven Spielberg and John Williams," Philharmonic Hall. Conducted by Vasily Petrenko, the programme includes some of the best known and much loved film music from the last five decades. Together with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and the wonderful digital effects, special lighting and cinematic visuals this will be a memorable experience. Tickets and transport £40.

Dave Irving can be contacted, if necessary, on 630192.

Group News

Author, Linda McAuley, Group Secretary.

We encourage and are always on the lookout for new activity groups and we strive to tempt out members with any talent or skill, which they might be prepared to share with other members. This is the philosophy of the U3A. If you are able to lead any groups, or suggest any activities, please contact the Groups Secretary.

Bridge Group 1: meets on Tuesday afternoons and has vacancies for beginners. Please contact Nikki Harrison on 871308.

Craft Group: Interest has been shown in starting a new Craft Group. This could cover all aspects of craft from papercraft to jewellery to basketry to applique and many more. It would be up to the Group to decide the way forward. Please contact the Group's Secretary.

French Improvers Group 1: The group meets on a Tuesday morning at members' homes and knowledge of French, preferably up to O level is desirable. The group is continuing to work through French material by reading and listening to CDs. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Joanne Desforges on 871844.

Local History Group 6: recently revised its membership list and currently has a few vacancies. The group meets once a month, alternating between Mondays and Wednesdays and visits locations in the North West, travelling by public transport and car. Please contact egoodwill@hotmail.co.uk



You should show your yellow 2019 membership cards when you attend group meetings. All groups are only for current, paid up members.

Welcome to *Formby University of the Third Age*

Two U3A members were excited about their decision to get married. While out for a stroll to discuss the wedding, they passed a chemists. Bob suggested they go in. Bob asked to speak to the pharmacist.

He explained they were about to get married, and asked, "Do you sell heart medication?" "Of course we do," the pharmacist replied.

"Medicine for rheumatism?" "Definitely," she said.

"How about Viagra?" "Of course."

"Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?" "Yes, the works."

"What about vitamins, sleeping pills, antacids?" "Absolutely."

"Do you sell wheelchairs and walkers?" "All speeds and sizes."

"Good," Bob said to the pharmacist. "We'd like to register for our wedding gifts here, please."

Why did the U3A member fall in the water? Because he couldn't see that well.

A member went to the beautician the other day and asked for her eyebrows to be redrawn. She looked surprised when they were drawn too high.

When a member went to the library to ask for a book about paranoia, she was shocked to find they were right behind her.

When all U3A members look really closely, mirrors look like eyeballs.

When a member's wife told him he had to stop acting like a flamingo, he had to put his foot down.

The other day, a member's wife asked him to pass her lipstick but he accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to him.

Photocopying

Formby U3A has recently purchased a licence from the Copyright Licensing Authority. Further details will be published in next month's Newsletter providing groups with more information of what it does and does not allow them to copy.

Outings Group

There are no planned Outing Group trips until March. At the time of going to press the programme had still to be received. Anything received before the next Newsletter will be available on the Formby U3A Website, Latest News section.

To Help You

An **audio version of the Newsletter** is available for members who are visually less able and is distributed through the post. If you are aware of any Formby U3A member who would prefer to receive an audio version of the Newsletter, please let a member of the Committee have their details.

If you: have changed your address, telephone number, or e-mail address, or now have an e-mail address and wish to subscribe to electronically receiving the Newsletter, or

no longer wish to receive e-mails from Formby U3A, or

have an enquiry about your membership card, or subscriptions,

please contact membership@formbyu3a.org.uk or tel: 872879. Please remember to include your full name and address, or your membership number.

We have set up a **PO Box** to help with Formby U3A communication. It will be emptied regularly. Please send any correspondence to Formby U3A, PO Box 216, Liverpool L37 1XQ.

Formby U3A Committee, 2018/19

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* year each Committee Member first took office

Monthly Meetings

Are at 2:00 pm in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, the second Wednesday of each month.

Feb 13th **Confessions of a Registrar.** Carole Codd was only the second woman to hold the post of Liverpool's Superintendent Registrar since registration began, conducting thousands of ceremonies, a few being for household names.

Mar 13th **AGM** followed by **Percy Thrower to the rescue**, Alan Foxall. Alan is the retired Head Gardener of Southport's Botanical Gardens.

Apr 10th **Herbs for Health**, John Taylor. John looks at possible help with cold/remedies.

Please remember to bring your current YELLOW membership card to all events, including group activities.

Coffee Mornings are from 10:30 to 12:00 on Thursday, Feb 14th and each Thursday, the day after the monthly meeting, except August. These are held in the Workshop, Holy Trinity Church, with free coffee and the chance to pick up information about other groups and meet some of your Committee.

Discounts: Formby U3A has negotiated discounts for members with local firms. A list is on the website or available from the Secretary.

Contributions informing members of your group and its activities are always welcomed.

Please send contributions to the Editor, e-mail: newseditor@formbyu3a.org.uk No e-mail providers guarantee 100% delivery rate and if, 7 days after submitting an article you have not received an acknowledgement one of the e-mail systems failed, so please try again.

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Contributors' names should be given.

Photographs submitted must be members' own photos as copyright of third parties' photos remains with the owner and the Newsletter cannot publish such photos.

Please ensure that all people shown in photographs are aware that photographs are being taken for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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The deadline for articles for the next Newsletter is midday Thursday, 21st February at the latest.

The next Newsletter is due to be distributed by e-mail and be on the website early March. Paper copies can be collected at the monthly meeting & coffee morning.