

u3a Sturminster Newton Newsletter – Spring 2026



Editor's Note



Welcome to the Spring issue of the Sturminster u3a Newsletter. With displays of Spring flowers around us and trees full of blossom, we have the promise of sunny, brighter days ahead.

We extend a warm welcome to all new members. We hope you will find the meetings and activities interesting and a great way to forge new friendships.

Once again, we need to say a huge thank you to Andrew for his continued hard work on our behalf as Chair.

Thank you, too, to everyone who has contributed to this issue. As well as group reports, we have a special feature on the National Year of Reading.

If you feel inspired to send an article in for next time, please send it to: newsletter@snu3a.org.uk

Best wishes, Viv Jeffery

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Chair's Report

Membership

Our membership year ends in March – 8 have joined in just the last couple of weeks. Thus, we now have 247 members on the database – more than usual at this time of year. However, there are still some of you who have not renewed – easy to forget when we live such busy lives! At £5 for the year, renewing is a bargain! There can't be many organisations cheaper than this!

If you still haven't got round to renewing, please see the separate notice about how to pay.

Interest Groups

Currently, we have 22 groups. If you want to find out what each group has to offer please click on the following link - [Groups](#). As you know I am always asking members to offer new interest groups as we really could do with some more. If anyone has an interest that you could offer, please let me know! We do appreciate all our group leaders for their effort and the members who support them – thank you!

Bi-Monthly Meetings

Attendance at our public meetings have been steady over the year. If you haven't been to a bi-monthly meeting before then you have been missing out on some excellent speakers. Not only that, but it is a great opportunity to mingle with other members over tea and biscuits! Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th April at 2.30pm in the Exchange, when Mary Smith will be speaking on *A School Gir's War*. We will have a brief Annual General Meeting at the beginning of this meeting.

Click here - [Bi-Monthly Meetings](#) - to see what else is happening this year.

Committee

We now have 8 members in the committee. I am very grateful to Viv Jeffery who has volunteered to become the Speakers' Secretary. I shall look forward to the various speakers we will be enjoying next year. At the time of writing there is a possibility that the Group Coordinator's role will be filled soon – watch this space! The committee has approved the new constitution provided by the national u3a office. We will be voting on this, for approval, at the AGM.

For all those of you who volunteer in whatever way we are very thankful - our u3a can only exist if we have enough volunteers to run it.

Last year we produced membership cards. I'm not sure how useful they were, but we will get some printed again this year. This time they will be credit card size. Finally, many thanks to those of you who have contributed to this newsletter, and particularly to Viv Jeffery who has done a brilliant job editing it. We hope you enjoy reading this Spring Newsletter! Please do feel free to forward it to anyone who might be interested in our u3a.

Click here - [Newsletters](#) - to see all back copies.

Andrew



How to renew your membership

This year you will **not** have to complete any form in order to renew your annual membership.

All you need to do is to **pay your annual subscription** – and that's it! See below for details.

If you no longer wish to be a member then – **do nothing!**

HOWEVER! – if any of your details have changed since last April, such as:

- any changes in your contact details (name, address, phone number)
- any changes in your group(s) choices or magazine request.

Please let Hazel Belben, the Membership Secretary, know as soon as possible at membership@snu3a.org.uk

PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2026 – 2027

Membership fees from April: Single - £5, Joint - £9 (2 members living at the same address).

Payment options are as follows:

- (1) - **Bank transfer**; Sort Code: 30-90--92; Account Number: 01475964 (please give your name for 'Reference')
- (2) - **Cheque** (payable to Sturminster Newton U3A) send to: Mrs Hazel Belben, Membership Secretary, 17 Barnes Close, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1BN.

NO CASH PLEASE!

Many thanks!

Our next Meeting



**Thursday 16th April at 2.30pm
In The Exchange**

Mary Smith – A School Girl's War



This talk tells the story of school life during WW2, arising from two fascinating recent discoveries. The first was the uncovering of an extensive set of tunnels used as underground classrooms, and the second was the discovery of an exquisite set of paintings created as the war unfolded. These are the work of a wartime art teacher who set out to document the lives of school pupils and their teachers in paint and pencil as the war unfolded. Her paintings and sketches provide a unique and intriguing insight into wartime school life.

Entry Free for members

£2 for visitors

Refreshments afterwards!

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a short AGM at 2.30pm

Dates for your Diary

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Open Day at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton

On Saturday 11th April, there will be an Open Day at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton. You will be able to meet groups which use the Exchange. There will be guided tours, an Art Exhibition, music and demonstrations to watch.

Some of our u3a groups hold their regular meetings at the Exchange, including Keep Fit and Line Dancing. These groups will be putting on demonstrations – Line Dancing at 11.30am and Keep Fit at midday. Many other local groups, such as Phil Blackhall's Astronomy Group also make use of the community facilities and will be attending. Come along and see what they all have to offer.

Bi-monthly meetings

18th June

SILVERTIME LEGAL

"Cracking The Care Conundrum."

Care Fees, Care Homes and Estate Planning.

During this enlightening session, our speaker will delve into the intricate world of estate planning, shedding light on topics such as Inheritance Tax Planning, Long-Term Care considerations, and the significance of having a comprehensive plan in place.

15th October

ASHLEY JONES MBE

This talk traces the early history of the Dickin Medal, now considered to be the VC for animals. The presentation features several accounts of animals that have been worthy recipients of the fabled award and is both deeply emotional and thoroughly inspiring.

18th December

In House Event



All bi-monthly Meetings are held in the Bow Room at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton.

The talks start at 2.30pm with refreshments afterwards.

Could you be a new Group Leader?

Our u3a thrives because of the enthusiasm, skills, and generosity of its members. Would any members be willing to help keep our activities vibrant and varied by running a new group?

You don't need to be an expert— just someone with an interest, a willingness to organise, and a friendly and welcoming nature.

Your enthusiasm could inspire members with a shared interest to learn new skills and make new friends. You will have the satisfaction of seeing your group members connect, learn, and grow.

Could **you** offer Sturminster Newton u3a something completely new?

What about...

Art or drawing

Chess

Current affairs

German or Spanish

Music appreciation

Pickleball – a racquet sport, becoming increasingly popular in other u3a groups

Puzzles or Quizzes

Walking Football

Or any other ideas.....?

Remember – you can set up a **team** to run a group, so that the responsibility is shared. Advice and support are available.

If you have an interest and would like to consider starting a new group (perhaps with a team), please contact the groups co-ordinator: groups@snu3a.org.uk.



Book Group 1

Group Leader – Brenda Stable



We have read an assortment of books lately: a mystery, a modern classic, a novel written by Dawn French and an autobiography by Julie Waters, all mostly enjoyed. A recent read was *The Gardener* by Salley Vickers. One of our group wrote to the author with questions about this book and received a friendly reply. Our next read is a thriller and according to the comments on the cover, we won't be able to put it down!

One of our longstanding members of our club has sadly left, so we now have a vacancy if anyone would like to join us. If interested, please email me at tandbstables@btinternet.com.

Brenda Stable

Book Group 2

Group Leader – Roger Bradshaw



We have continued to enjoy many and varied styles and themes in literature, made even more enjoyable by visiting each other's houses monthly to discuss the most recent book, and invariably admire the gardens and changing seasons.

We are always open to new members who would like to join or possibly try the experience for a few months. Meetings are generally held on the last Wednesday of the month at 2 pm.

The joy of the book club is how everyone can view the same book from different angles and perspectives. Over the course of the year, some of the standout discussions have been around *The Mercies*, *Green Dolphin Street*, *Orbital*, *Nostromo*, *The Devotion of Suspect X* and *The Forest*, for any aficionados, of *The New Forest*, by Edward Rutherford.

No books are off the table. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Roger Bradshaw; rogbradshaw@gmail.com if you would like to discuss coming along

Roger Bradshaw

Boules Group

Group Leader – Sylvia Greenwood



Our Boules Group starts its new season on April 16th weather permitting. It is a game for everybody, very easy to learn even if you have never played before.

We play at the Hinton St Mary Cricket Club grounds on a Thursday afternoon through the summer.

Our members are good fun and friendly, so it is a good way to meet new friends.

If you would like to join us, we play from 2pm every Thursday afternoon (when it is not raining).

My email address is slgreenwood@live.co.uk

Sylvia Greenwood

Bridge Group

Group Leader – Margaret Peers



The u3a Bridge Group meets every Friday in the Exchange Café, at 10.00. We currently have 14 members, not all of whom can play every week, but we manage to have 2 tables on most Fridays. We play the ACOL convention. The group is open to all bridge players regardless of standard, and we aim to have fun as well as to improve our game. Some of our more experienced players are happy to instruct the less able, so there are opportunities for learning, which is one of the aims of the u3a organisation.

Margaret Peers

Croquet Group

Group Leader – Tony Stables



There are 23 of us and we play on the Sturminster Newton Recreation Ground every Tuesday afternoon in the summer. We don't play in the rain. The Sturminster Newton Recreation Grounds team mow two croquet squares which is about half size in the recreation ground near the swings.

We play Garden Croquet as it's quite sociable and competitive, we have six sessions of one hour with two teams of two playing against each other and the aim is to get your team's balls through six hoops and then post out whilst your opposing team is trying to do the same for themselves and also stop you. This is when it gets quite competitive but still very enjoyable. The majority of members want to play every Tuesday, but this is not compulsory.

We have a mixed level of skill and experience and have had quite a few people who had never played croquet before who start from scratch and soon enjoy playing.

We charge £2 per person per game so as to pay the Town Council for the maintenance of the lawn and to buy equipment and hire other lawns to play on.

If you are interested in joining us, please come and watch us any Tuesday afternoon, from May onwards in the recreation ground or contact me on 01258 471487 or email me on tony.stables@btinternet.com

Tony Stables

History Group

Group Leader – David Dando



Our next History session is Thursday April 9th in the Bow Room at 10.30 am. The topic is the 1950's which for many of us was our childhood and school days. There were four Prime Ministers all veterans of WW1. The radio was a means of listening to children's programmes, and we were amazed by the television. We all watched the Coronation in a Village Hall, glued to the 14-inch screen with about 30 neighbours. The decade was marred by more tragedies than any other in peacetime, but 10 National Parks were created for those in towns and cities to visit and enjoy. Many of us were pleased that we would miss out on National Service, but the new young pop singers appeared not fit enough to go. United Kingdom had 120 colonies in its history far more than anyone else. We were now trying to get rid of them and Empire suddenly became Commonwealth. The 'Six Five Special' caught us by surprise and life would not be the same again.

David Dando

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Keep Fit Group Group Leader – Barbara Burridge



Annie and I are really enjoying being the group leaders for this class. We were supposed to be a team of three, but unfortunately Jacky has not been able to join us for some time and has decided to step down completely. We wish her well for the future.

The class is growing steadily in number with an incredible 38 keep fitters on the register and everyone is enjoying it. We encourage the class to exercise at their own pace and there is no judgement if you need to slow things down or take a break.

Some of the team will be taking part in a small demonstration at the Exchange on Saturday 11th April at midday. Visitors will be invited to join in.

Of course, one of the best things about this class is popping into the café afterwards for a coffee and a toasted tea cake!

Barbara Burridge & Annie Adkins

Message from Audrey Groves

I do miss my Keep Fit. Not so much the exercises, as I do some at home. But it is the class members themselves. They have become real friends over the years, and we all got to know each other very well. However, we still keep in touch, and I do attend the class now and again, as I promised I would. I am so pleased that Barbara, Annie and Jaquie were happy to carry on. And they made a good job of it!

I made a New Year resolution that I would exercise at home. I was a bit late in starting it I'm afraid! I don't know what happened to January. It seemed to be over before it started.

Anyway, I still have the Canasta Group and that is going extremely well, and we have welcomed some new members. We are becoming addicted to Canasta I think.

Line Dancing Group Leader – Barbara Burridge



Our members braved the continued rain and flooded roads to join us every week for our line dancing class.

Since we moved into the Stour Hall at The Exchange in January our numbers have continued to grow with a new member joining us almost every week. One new member, in just her 3rd week told me she is loving it and everyone leaves the hall with a smile on their face.

Jane and I are looking very professional with our new amplifier headsets. It means that we can be heard giving the group instructions wherever they are in the hall.

On the 11th April, the Exchange have planned an Open Day and invited their users to come along and promote their groups. **We will be showing off our dances at 11.30am and inviting visitors to have a go.**

You don't have to wait until then to give this a try, just come along – Monday mornings at 11.00am. Beginners are always welcome.



Barbara & Jane

Photography Group Group leader - David White

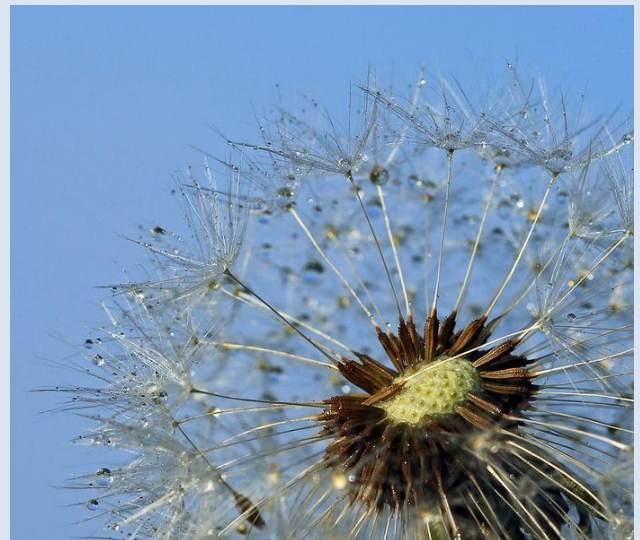


For our February meeting we had a very interesting, illustrated talk on night photography by our local expert Marilyn Peddle RPS.

The March meeting's theme was close up or macro photos. We also were pleased to welcome two new members.

David White

Here are some of the Group's wonderful macro photos:



Photography Group (continued)



Ukulele Group

Group Leader – Andrew Rowden



We continue to hold our fortnightly sessions at Marnhull Village Hall and have been enjoying the challenge of learning some new songs. These have included 'Georgy Girl' (a hit for the Seekers in 1966) and 'Love Grows Where My Rosemary Goes' (a 1970 number 1 hit released by Edison Lighthouse).

Our monthly Friday night 'Fish and Chips Gigs' at Marnhull British Legion have been well attended. Members of the u3a are welcome to come along to listen or sing along at 6pm! We recommend the fish and chips!

We spent a lovely afternoon at St Martin's House, Gillingham on Thursday 26th March, where we performed well known, popular songs to Dementia Friendly Gillingham. It was very well attended and it we enjoyed seeing members of the audience singing along and dancing.

We also have some other performances booked locally for the Summer, so we are looking forward to a busy time ahead. We hope to be playing at the Sturminster Big Weekend and for a social afternoon at Blandford Evangelical Church.

Exciting news!

We are very excited to announce that have a slot booked to play at the **Shaftesbury Fringe** in July. We will be playing popular singalong songs at The Royal British Legion in Shaftesbury at 6pm on Friday 17th July. You are welcome to come along and support us. Entrance is free!

Over the past two years we have been able to donate £1,295 to Weldmar Hospicecare, having been given donations at some of our gigs. This year, our chosen charity is Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. This is an extremely worthy local charity which does amazing work. They are currently appealing to raise one million pounds to kit out a second critical care helicopter. Each call out to an incident costs £3,500 and they receive no Government or Lottery funding, so they rely solely on voluntary donations.

Two members of the u3a Ukulele Group, John & Jay, practise outside The Poets' Corner Café, in Sturminster Newton every Sunday morning from 10am- midday.
Come along and hear their music (weather permitting).

Viv Jeffery

The National Year of Reading



Members' favourite books

2026 has been designated a National Year of Reading. This is an initiative from the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust which aims to excite and rekindle a love of reading in today's society. In order to celebrate this, members have sent in the titles of favourite books which have shaped their love of reading...

The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund De Waal
Ruth Alexander

The Watchman by Chris Ryan

A book I have read many times. The SAS, MI5 and the IRA. Lies, murder and revenge.
Barbara Burridge

Flashman by George MacDonald Fraser

Great action based on true historical facts.
Pete Burridge

To date my favourite book is **Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens**. I liked it so much that I was hoping she'd write another novel. Sadly, I can find no evidence of that. I can't put into words what is special to me about the story other than how moving it was.

Another book I have enjoyed is **Falling Angels by Tracy Chevalier**.
Margaret Chapman

Tarka The Otter by Henry Williamson

It just spoke to my heart.
Jocelyn Cownley

Members' favourite books (contd.)

I do a lot of reading. I like Mysteries, Detective Stories, lots of crime, blood and thunder. The gorier the better. Peter James is one of my favourite authors. 3 TV series have been made from his books. Another author is James Patterson. I must have read about 30 or more of his. He is American and it takes a bit of time to work out the abbreviations, whereas Peter James is English and lives in Brighton and writes about that area.

Audrey Groves

My choice of book would be **The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri.**

Over the last few years, I have found the pleasure of audio books, so I chose several of my favourite books and listened to them. I was amazed at the difference, the books are often read by the author, bringing the characters to life, with accents I cannot manage. I listen on my phone so like a teenager, I always carry it with me. These are a few recommendations:

Where the Crawdads sing by Delia Owens.

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver.

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Still life by Sarah Winman.

As I loved Florence, Sarah's reading her own book was a delight.

Happy listening.

Sylvia Jarman

I still have a very old, treasured copy of a book which I loved as a child entitled '**How Much Do You Know?**' It asked (and answered!) questions such as Why is the sky blue? Who accepted a button for a pair of trousers? What is lace made of? What is a sonnet? Why do early paintings look flat? What is a flying buttress? I still love asking questions and looking for answers!

My favourite book of all time is **Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen.** I was given a copy as a young teenager and instantly loved it. It is a satirical exploration of family, marriage and the rigid social hierarchy of the day. The author has a keen eye for human nature and behaviour and warns us against the danger of judging others too hastily. I re-read it every year and still find new things which make me laugh or feel frustrated at the bad behaviour of some of the characters.

Viv Jeffery

I have two favourite story books of all time, the first was when I was around five years of age. I was given "**The Water Babies**"..... I loved the magical story and the beautiful illustrations in the book stayed with me. I passed the book onto my daughter and she in turn to my grandsons, all of whom are avid readers. As a teenager I came across "**Gone with the Wind**"...it must have been an original copy and belonged to my science teacher who loaned it me over the summer holiday. I remember being engrossed, imagining I was indeed Scarlett O'Hara. It was a heavy, thick volume and I could not put it down, never wanting it to end. There is nothing like a physical book to inspire and fire your imagination.

Isobel Kelly

Members' favourite books (contd.)

The Common Years by Jilly Cooper

It was about life living by Putney Common, written in diary form. It was funny and I admired her honesty. I decided to write to her and tell her how much I admired the book, just putting 'The Rectory, Risley' on the envelope and was amazed to get a reply – thanking me and saying it was a favourite of hers too!

Rosalind West

Meet Me Under The Ombu Tree by Santa Montefiore

A beautiful love story set in Argentina'

Victoria Willis

The Grass Crown by Colleen McCullough (Better known for The Thorn Birds)

This one of a series of four books about Rome (200BC to the 1st century). It is an easy read, but complex.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their thoughts. What a fantastic range of book recommendations!

Perhaps some of these will inspire you to read something new!



Thoughts and Verses by a Wife and Mother

Rowland Marshall kindly sent in some beautiful verses written by his late wife, Patricia. Here is her poem about her well-loved pet ...



My dog

When he first came to live with me,
A ball of fluff was all you could see.
His black curls are so short and thick
He's my best friend, his name is Mick.
Climbs upon my knee for a cuddle
Sometimes on the floor a puddle.
He does walk all around the home
Sits in his bed to nibble a bone.
With the children he will tumble
Leaves the house in a jumble.
Now that he is fully grown,
He doesn't mind being alone.
He loves to walk in the park,
Knock on my door, hear him bark.
If he jumps upon you, you take a dive,
He's the nicest dog alive.
He likes to be tickled under the chin.
What would I do without him?
To be parted from him I couldn't bear
Just hope my dog will always be there.



Thank you for sharing this affectionate poem with us Rowland.

April



1. Which famous engineer, with links to the South West, was born on April 9th 1806?
2. What is the birthstone for April?
3. What name did the Romans give April?
4. Who released the song 'April Come She Will' in 1966?
5. In which year was Martin Luther King assassinated?

Did you know?..... Daffodils



- The botanical name for the daffodil is *Narcissus*.
- There are thousands of cultivars and many colour variations, and they are native to meadows and woods in Europe and North Africa.
- It's likely that the Romans brought them to Britain.
- Most of the daffodil bulbs bought today are hybrids.
- Because daffodils bloom in early spring, many cultures view them as a symbol of rebirth, renewal, and new beginnings.
- Daffodils are the national flower of Wales and are traditionally worn on St. David's Day, celebrated on March 1.
- The daffodil has many common names such as 'Daffodowndilly', 'Yellow Maiden' and 'Lent Lily'.
- A.A. Milne, famous for writing about Winnie the Pooh, wrote a short poem entitled 'Daffodowndilly'. If you are not familiar with it, do look it up!
- Wordsworth's famous line in his poem 'I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud', remembers 'a host of golden daffodils' he saw on while walking on the banks of Ullswater.
- All parts of the daffodil are poisonous.

1. Isambard kingdom Brunel
2. Diamond
3. Aprilis
4. Simon and Garfunkel
5. 1968

Group Details

Name	Leader	Contact Details	Venue	Frequency
Book Club (1)	Brenda Stables	tandbstables@btinternet.com	Members' homes	2nd Tuesday, 2pm
Book Club (2)	Roger Bradshaw	rogbradshaw@gmail.com	Members' homes	4th Wednesday 2pm
Boules	Sylvia Greenwood	slgreenwood@live.co.uk	Hinton St Mary, Cricket Ground	Thurs 2 - 4pm from April 2026
Bridge	Margaret Peers	margaret.peers@uwclub.net	Exchange Café	Friday mornings 10am
Canasta	Audrey Groves	grovesaudrey981@yahoo.com	Hinton St Mary's Cricket Clubhouse	2nd Wed. last Friday pm
Creative Writing	Jane Wade	scarletmermaid@yahoo.co.uk	Newstone House	3rd Friday 2pm - 4pm
French Conversation	Janet Solomon	jgs81@live.co.uk	Reddleman House	Alternate Tuesdays 10.30am
Garden Croquet	Tony Stables	tandbstables@btinternet.com	SN Recreation Ground	Tues. 1pm, May to Sept.
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Keep Fit	Barbara Burridge	barbaraburridge1957@gmail.com	The Exchange	Thursdays 10am
Life, the Universe and Everything	Drystan Shepherd	sundancers@btinternet.com	Shillingstone	Second Thursday of each month 2pm
Line Dancing	Barbara Burridge Jane Wade	barbaraburridge1957@gmail.com scarletmermaid@yahoo.co.uk	The Exchange	Mondays 11am
Lunch Club	Linda Insley	theinsleys35@yahoo.co.uk	Various	3 rd Tuesday of the month 1pm
Natural Beekeeping	Jo Lewis	aliceandtobysgrandma@gmail.com	Group leader's home	2 nd Wednesday of the month 10am - midday
Philosophy	Graham Colls	gcolls9@aol.com	White Hart in the Market Square	1st & 3rd Thursday 1.45pm
Photography	David White	dwhitenosredna@gmail.com	The Exchange	3rd Friday, 10am
Play Reading & Drama	Bridget Pyle	bridget.pyle@outlook.com	Reddleman House	1st & 3rd Mondays 2.30pm
Quilting	Liz Wray	hillyground@tiscali.co.uk	86 Newton	Wednesdays 10am
Ukulele	Andrew Rowden	arowden@outlook.com	Marnhull Village Hall	Fortnightly 10.45am
Walking	Karine Litton	bonslea@aol.com	Various routes	1st & 3rd Tuesdays am
Wine Appreciation	Charles Minoprio	f.minoprio@btinternet.com	Chaselands House, Lydlinch	Every 6 weeks 4.30pm

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And Finally... Some thoughts on the arrival of Spring!

What kind of garden does a baker have in the Spring?	A flour garden!
How do you know it's starting to get warmer outside?	People have a spring in their step!
What do you call a well-dressed lion in Spring?	A dandy-lion!
What is a rabbit's favourite springtime dance?	The bunny hop!
Why is everyone so tired on April 1 st ?	They have just had a 31-day long March!
What do you call it when it rains chickens in Spring?	Fowl weather!

