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Message from Richard Doney

I finished my 'from the Chair' message in the Spring edition of this magazine by asking "now where is that Sun?". Well, after what we have experienced in the last month or two, nobody can say that Mother Nature doesn't have a sense of humour. "You want sun? Well try this, and this, and this. Sorry; too much; too dry? Well, try this." And as I write this looking out at a garden in Hertfordshire, she's treating us to massive, prolonged, downpours. Mother knows best, apparently. Don't be disappointed if what you wish for becomes true.

As the days grow shorter, can I suggest that you think about what new things you could do. We all find it easier to stick to the 'tried and tested' but how about a new adventure? Our u3a has a number of regular social activities and, of course, a wide range of groups. So why not flex your membership and try something new.

This year we reach a landmark: 20 years of our u3a. The committee is discussing how we should mark the occasion and remember our founders. Nothing's definite yet but a lunchtime gathering after the AGM on 14 November is being worked on.

Earlier this year, and with the support of the committee, I introduced a new venture 'INSight'. This is an email publication for distributing interesting/useful information that is not specifically u3a. For reasons of data protection, you have to 'opt-in' and I am pleased to say that some 80 members have done so. Publication is when I have enough material of interest and is roughly every 4/6 weeks. I'm happy to give publicity to events etc so just let me know. If you want to see what has come out so far, look on our website, <https://www.lymeregisu3a.org/publications.html>

Finally, towards the end of August (26th), our membership

Monthly Talks Programme

Frances Barter

secretary Jacqueline sent out an email asking you to help the committee in various ways. Please re-read it and step forward if you can.

PS: Please keep looking out for prospective new members. They could be new neighbours or people to whom you are introduced socially. Please tell them about the benefits of the u3a and how easy it is to join through our website

<https://www.lymeregisu3a.org/join-us.html>

Morris Men Talk 11 April 2025



The monthly talks take place on the second Friday of each month in the Woodmead Halls, beginning at 11am. Refreshments will be available from 10.15 and will close promptly at 10.45 to give the tea team time to clear away. So why not come along early and enjoy a bit of socialising. Please support our talks.

I can't believe that we are already into September and three quarters through the 2025 programme. The subject matter has varied considerably:

In the second part of the year, we have welcomed Hilary Bradt, a famous producer of travel guide books and a writer of her memoir, *Taking the Risk*. This was a bit different from the norm, as it took on the form of an interview, which meant that I researched the book and had the pleasure of asking the questions. Nevertheless, time was given for the audience also to ask questions, and also to buy her book.

Then followed Dave Rawlings on the subject of the *Seaton Tramway*, a subject many in the audience had experienced, but were unaware of the history.

Sally Smith spoke this September on *Women Who Went Round the World*. Her book was available for sale.

Simon Petitt will be speaking on *Nelson and How Trafalgar Was Won*. Simon has the honour of the accolade of Captain and has spent many years in the navy. This will be the October talk.

Andy Taylor has chosen to speak on the highly current subject of *Scams* in November and he has professional knowledge to pass on.

This coming December, I felt something lighter was required as a precursor to Christmas. A speaker from *Furleigh Estate Wines* will be with us and a modest sampling will be included!

I am already working on the programme for 2026 and hope that it will be as enjoyable as this year has been.

Meet 'n Eat – Lunches

Lorraine Vandersyde

Our Meet 'n Eat Sunday lunches have been running really well this year – warm company, good food and plenty of laughter. Here's a quick roundup of recent gatherings:

- 13 April – The Lamb Inn, Axminster
A record turnout of 18 diners filled four tables for a lovely carvery.
- 11 May – The Royal Oak, Charmouth
A cosy group of 12 enjoyed excellent food in a charming setting.
- 12 June – The Talbot, Lyme Regis
A relaxed lunch for 8 members.
- 13 July – The Tow Bar Restaurant, Charmouth
Another busy session with 18 of us sharing good conversation and great food.
- August – The New Inn, Kilmington
A party of 16 made for a convivial afternoon.

We now have a solid core of regulars and are pleased to welcome several new u3a members to our lunches this year. The group is ideal for anyone who may be on their own and would like friendly company over a Sunday meal – everyone is welcome.

If you'd like to join us at a future lunch or have a venue suggestion, please get in touch. We'd love to see you there!

Contact Lorraine on trips@lru3a.org if you would like to take part.

Science & Technology Group

Richard Doney, Group Leader

Here's what I wrote in January at the beginning of my SciTech piece.

'I am writing this on the day of the US presidential inauguration. What has that got to do with SciTech you will be wondering. The answer is a great deal. Looking at the incoming administration, it is clear to me that unscientific beliefs are going to push their way to the front of US policy making. Attitudes to medicinal drugs and climate change are just two of the more obvious ones. And don't get me started on astrology; that is NOT a science.

If only I could predict the winning lottery numbers with such precision. The attitude of Robert Kennedy Jr, (US Secretary of Health and Human Services) towards vaccinations defies belief.'

If you've not been to a SciTech talk, why not give it a try. It's all about making science and technology accessible and understandable. So, no equations! In July, we had an amazing talk by one of our members Tara Smith. Her talk '*Made From Recycled Parts - a transplant story*' was truly fascinating and insightful. It was not just about the history and development of transplants but about Tara's own experiences of being on the receiving end of a major organ transplant.

Then on 17 October, we have a new member, Adrian Davies, presenting *Photographing the Invisible* (a look at high speed, time lapse, ultraviolet, infrared and other imaging techniques to make the "invisible" visible). You can see Adrian's work here: <https://www.imagingtheinvisible.com/about.html>

Then finally this year, on 21 November, we have another member, Nigel Ainsworth giving his talk *Irish Rockers Go On Tour*. Now steady all you Thin Lizzy fans, this is about Nigel's work mapping all the rock layers under Ireland. Real geology.

How can you not be interested? Our talks take place on the third Friday of the month in the Woodmead Halls starting at 10am.

We run a mailing list and send reminders of imminent talks, so if you want to join this list, please send me a message: u3ascitech@gmail.com

Following on from the last u3a4u, we continue to have our regular meetings on the second Thursday of the month. We meet at 3pm in the summer months and change to 2pm in the winter.

We have had some lively and very interesting choices! These included books varying from “A Month in The Country”, by J. L. Carr, and the rather longer, “A Thousand Acres” by Jane Smiley. We likewise enjoyed “Birds without Wings” by Louis de Bernieres.

We also shared different genres, including “Black Like Me”, an autobiography by John Howard Griffin and a collection of short stories, “The Dubliners”, by James Joyce.

It’s good to have different views and we each have a healthy respect for such differences.

In October, we shall be discussing Edith Wharton’s “The Age of Innocence” and then we shall have our December “jolly”, as yet to be decided.

Our venues have varied, as some members have enjoyed hosting the talks in their own homes and we have also tried out the Charmouth library, which was a success.

I am looking forward to meeting again in September as we took a break in August. It will also be good to discuss choices for 2026.

We meet fortnightly. This is on alternate Mondays to Walking Group 2.

Members of the group take it in turns to plan and lead walks at various locations starting at 10:00am. Arrangements may be made to meet at Uplyme Village Hall car park at 09.30 to share transport. Details of the walk and location of start are emailed out to listed members a few days in advance.

The walks of 4-6 miles are very varied, and considering our local terrain, a moderate level of fitness is required. These walks are a great way to see our beautiful local countryside at all times of year and to meet a friendly group of people.

Monday morning walks really are a great way to start the week!!

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME

If you are interested in joining, please contact Sue Wilson, using the contact form on the website.

Walking Group 3

Yvonne Marsh

The members of Walking Group 3 have been enjoying a variety of walks during the Summer. Our routes have mainly been in the Lyme Regis/Uplyme area during the hot weather but we have also had some walks in Kilmington, Seaton and Sidmouth.

We are a walking for fitness group enjoying walks of approximately 2.5 to 3 miles mainly over country lanes and footpaths. Due to the locality in which we live, most walks involve steep hills, and whilst we stop and admire the views when we need to catch our breath, we are not a strollers group and try to walk at a steady pace.



Thursday 4th September 2025

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, starting our walks at 10.00am. An email is sent out to the group the weekend before the walk giving details of the route, meeting point, relevant information etc.

We have recently welcomed some new members to our group and if you would like to join, do please contact me at groups@lru3a.org

Play Reading Group

Frances Barter

At present we have 12 members and 2 on the waiting list. All is well with the well-oiled machine, meeting as always fortnightly on Monday afternoons at 2pm. We continue to meet in one another's homes, which makes it informal and cosy. Not everyone can provide this, but each member can take on the responsibility of preparing a play.

As before, two members do all the hard work: selecting plays and collecting them from the library. Nowadays, I simply remain the contact for any enquiries.

Sadly, Sylvia Lee is very poorly, and so she is no longer able to be included in the play reading.

For a change, the 'jolly' had a changed venue, at the Lyme golf club, where we enjoyed a delicious cream tea. A lovely venue and no problem parking.

During the summer, a number of our members enjoyed a feast of Su Gilroy's plays at the Marine theatre. This is a good excuse to get together in a different way and at the same time support live theatre.

Su Gilroy will be returning in December to put on *A Wonderful Life*. So, watch this space!

We have recently returned to our meetings as we had August off this year.

Hedgehog Diaries update...

Jane Healy

Hello again.

Our hogs seemed to hibernate quite late into Spring and we didn't see one we could identify until 24th April. Not sure if Big Barry has been around much before this but we thought it was him! We won't know if Sandy is awake until we see them both together. In early April, Martin delivered lady hog Delphine to a neighbour's garden. She stayed put for two nights, then disappeared, which is standard hog behaviour. It was too warm to hibernate so, not surprisingly, she went wandering. Even the ladies like to get around, if they can get out, despite excellent board and lodging.

We are still feeding our part-feral cat, Billy, since last October. He has his shelter at another house, and we keep dry food out for him which he can eat anytime, as well as giving him wet hog food and milk daily. He was a skilled hunter, despite being an old man of 15 now. He still does make the odd kill, judging by the grim evidence I find outside the kitchen door.



Early May ...

We're unsure whether Barry or Sandy is exploring the garden, but the hog we have seen appears healthy and is moving around well.

15th May....

Well, last night, a hog came and ate two thirds of the dog food, which is good news. We are still unsure which one it is, but as far as we know, they are both alive and well, judging by the amount of poop they leave behind!

18th May....

After two nights when no-one ate, half the food went last night. Martin always makes sure dry and wet food is always available for them at night. He is keen, however, for them to eat as much wet dog food as possible as this is high calorie and they gain weight quickly. There is a lot of wild food available at the moment so they may well prefer to hunt stuff down. We are still not sure if we have two hogs on the move, or just one. No obvious mating activity noted yet, and we think, no babies either.

19th May....

All the hog food disappeared overnight. They do seem hit and miss in their feeding habits but Martin was mowing the lawn, and we were both sunning ourselves, which would have disturbed them during the day.

20th May....

Martin opened up one of the hibernation boxes during the day and discovered a slumbering hog. This could well be Barry, as Sandy preferred to sleep in her own nest under the log-store



25/26 May – 3 June

Great news. Both hogs visited the feeding station last night and they are definitely different hogs! Hurrah! We think they are Barry and Sandy as they do look familiar. He is still a big bigger and they both look well. They are emptying the feeders of wet dog food so we think they are both well and healthy.

14-15th June....

Our hogs went wandering Saturday 14th June. Martin had

removed the planks on our gate so the hogs could wander at will. They trundled through a neighbour's garden and then fell down a slope into the garden behind and were trapped. Luckily our neighbour alerted Martin on Sunday and the hogs were recovered

and brought home. That afternoon I saw one hog in daylight around our flowerbeds drinking lots of water. It crossed paths with Billy, who was very unimpressed, as he was trying to have a sleep. Very amusing. The hogs are particularly entertaining when they square off to each other!



July through to early August....

Well, we are happy to report that Sandy and Barry are still with us. They are both eating well most nights and Martin has regularly seen them on his trail cam. Sadly, still no babies have been seen, but we live in hope. But interesting stuff with three hedgehogs feeding overnight 4th/5th August. Big Barry; a medium sized hog we think is Sandy, and another small, pale hog named Dinky. It could be a runt or a very early one born this Spring. They all seemed very hungry!

24 August onwards.....

It has been very hit and miss with the hogs over the last 2-3 weeks and we have hardly seen anything of them for over a week now. They often eat everything in sight and at other times don't make an appearance at all. We hope they have found other places to

live, eat and do what hogs do. We look forward to taking delivery of hogs needing help later in the year.

Help for Hedgehogs

During the warmer months, hogs need a lot of water to drink, particularly when they are eating dry food, so do leave water outside in shallow trays. Another point to remember is hogs love eating slugs, but they can catch lungworm from them, so providing food in your garden for hogs can help offset an accumulative and deadly condition.

Please remember, if you find a hog that is bleeding or has severe injuries, please contact your local vet as it may require emergency treatment. If you would like advice on hedgehogs, please contact Jackie, at The Hedgehog Hub, Axe Valley, on 07546 606413. (NB: She sells lovely eggs!) You can also find the Hedgehog Hub on Face Book. Alternatively contact the Westhatch Wildlife Centre, TA3 5RT. Phone 0300 123 0721. Open 8am-9pm daily. You can also contact Moorlands Wildlife Rescue on 07971 082384.

Jane Healy

Please note: I won't be continuing as Editor of this Newsletter after this autumn, but I hope you have enjoyed reading my updates about hedgehogs and their behaviour. We are very happy to have hogs in our garden, although unless you film them at night, you don't see much of them.

Craft & Chat

Jacqueline Petitt

Crafting has become very popular; after all, Hobbycraft (a well-known retailer) says so! And a 'Google search' comes up with this little gem –

“Crafting activities stimulate various parts of the brain, such as those responsible for memory and problem-solving. The focus, attention, and repetitive, multi-sensory nature of crafting create a meditative "flow state" and can even foster a sense of social connection within crafting communities.”

The Craft and Chat group continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoon of the month. We probably reap all the benefits expressed above and certainly we enjoy the chat ... from holidays and family, to new shops and old friends, we cover a wide range of subjects during our afternoons together.



Our projects around the table, at which we sit in our comfy chairs, are varied. We have those that knit and others who crochet.



We have embroidery in progress and a bit of sewing. We've also had a spot of art on the go and even scrapbooking ... craft is so varied its only limitation for our group is the size of our bags in which to carry our projects.

We welcome new members to the group ... Craft and Chat with us!



Day Trips

Lorraine Vandersyde

Our Day Trippers' visit to Bourton-on-the-Water on September 10th proved to be one of the most eventful – and enjoyable – outings yet.

The coach journey took a little longer than planned (about 3½ hours instead of 2½) because of unexpected road closures. A huge thank-you to Barry from Stamps Coaches for his skilful driving on those narrow country lanes – he got us there safely and comfortably.

Despite blustery skies, the weather mostly stayed kind while we wandered the village. Bourton-on-the-Water, often called the “Venice of the Cotswolds,” charmed us with its historic stone bridges over the River Windrush, riverside willows and pretty stone cottages. A few fascinating historical highlights: the area has traces of human activity dating back to 4,000 BC, and local Iron Age finds (including currency bars) are now in the British Museum.

With only around 2½ hours to explore, members split up to enjoy the places that interested them most – the Model Village, Dragonfly Maze, Motoring Museum & Toy Collection and numerous shops and tearooms. Lunch options were plentiful and everyone seemed to find something to enjoy.

All in all, it was a delightful day – lively, picturesque and full of good company. Thanks to everyone who came along. We returned home tired but happy – already looking forward to our next trip!



Groups News and Organisation

Yvonne Marsh

Existing groups

We are currently looking for someone to take on the administration of the Garden Lovers group to enable the group to continue. This can be shared by several people and doesn't have to be the responsibility of one person. If you are interested in helping with this please contact me at groups@lru3a.org for further information.

Starting a new group

Do you have an activity or interest you would like to share or develop with others? If so, do have a chat with me about potentially starting a new group. The monthly newsletter is the best way to advertise the ideas for a new group to gauge the level of interest from the members. In addition, I will send an email to all members announcing the possibility of the new group, and giving details of an initial meeting of potential group members for a discussion of where and when the new group will meet.

Once a new group is formed details will be included on our website and in the newsletters. Administration requirements are minimal and support is always available from myself and the other members of the Committee. Please contact me at groups@lru3a.org for information. Support and guidance will be provided.

Key details of each group are given below. The groups are divided into five categories namely: **Exercise**, **Knowledge**, **Languages**, **Skills**, and **Social**. The final table lists activity by day of the week, where the day is known.

There are several changes since the last list was published. Some groups that previously had waiting lists now have vacancies, so if you are interested in any of the groups, please check the website where you will find full details of each of them, together with

contact details and an online contact form. Future updates on the groups will be given in our monthly newsletters. Don't be put off by a group having a waiting list, because the more people who register their interest, the more chance there is of a new group forming.

We would like to have some more groups to increase the range of activities available for our members. Why not develop a new hobby, satisfy your curiosity or fill a gap in your knowledge, master a skill you wish you had, or get active with a new exercise activity? Beginner languages are something we get a number of enquiries about. Anyone who thinks that they may wish to run a group to share their interest, hobby, or favourite sport is invited to contact our Groups Co-ordinator, Yvonne Marsh, on groups@lru3a.org for information or a chat. Support and guidance will be provided.

EXERCISE

Exercise	Day	Time	Place	Contact
Badminton	Monday	5.00pm	The Hub, Lyme Regis	Janet and Mike Moyes via groups@lru3a.org
Circle Dancing	Monday	2.00pm	Baptist Church Hall Lyme Regis	Christina Baines via groups@lru3a.org
Scottish Dancing	Monday	10:00am	Woodbury Community Hall	David Acland, 01460 65981
Short Tennis	Thursday	2.00pm	Musbury Village Hall	Sue Wilson, via groups@lru3a.org
Table Tennis	Thursday	2.00pm	Baptist Church Hall, Lyme Regis	Brian Watson, 01297 32060
Tennis	Tuesday	10.00am	Charmouth Tennis Club	Jane Littler via groups@lru3a.org
Walking 1	Alternate Mondays	10.00am	Various locations	Sue Wilson via groups@lru3a.org
Walking 2	Alternate Mondays	10.00am	Uplyme Village Hall	Rachael Pope (temporary leader), groups@lru3a.org
Walking 3	1st and 3rd Thursdays	10:00am	Various locations	Yvonne Marsh via groups@lru3a.org

KNOWLEDGE

Subject	Day	Time	Place	Contact
Archaeology	1st Wednesday	3.00pm	Various	Christine Peat and Marilyn Kent via groups@lru3a.org
Book Group	1st Monday	p.m.	Members' homes	Jo Marsh via groups@lru3a.org
History	2nd Wednesday	3pm	Members' homes	Monica Ripley via groups@lru3a.org
Literature	2nd Thursday	2.00pm (3.00pm in summer)	Members' homes	Frances Barter, francesbarter@francesbarter.plus.com
Play reading	Alternate Mondays	2.00pm	Members' homes	Frances Barter, francesbarter@francesbarter.plus.com
Science & Technology	3rd Friday (excl. August & December)	10.00am	Woodmead Hall, Lyme Regis	Richard Doney via LRu3aSciTech@gmail.com

LANGUAGES

Language	Day	Time	Place	Contact
French Conversation	Alternate Tuesdays	10.00am	Members' homes	Maggie Allison, 01297 443983 / Keith Robson, 01297 442183
French Club	Thursday	10.00am	Members' homes	Wendy Howard, 01297 445195
French for Fun	Alternate Tuesdays	10.00am	Members' homes	Kay Luckraft, 01297 599416
German	Alternate Tuesdays	2.30pm	Members' homes	Kay Luckraft, 01297 599416
Italian Conversation	1st & 3rd Thursdays	2.00pm	Member's home Kilmington	Allan Swannell, 01297 443003
Italian Intermediate	Alternate Mondays	10.00am	Member's home Whitchurch Canonicorum	Allan Swannell, 01297 443003
Spanish Conversation	2nd & 4th Mondays	10.00am	Members' homes	Rosemarie Hearn 01297 34342

SKILLS

Skill	Day	Time	Place	Contact
Craft & Chat	2nd and 4th Mondays	1.00pm	Halletts Court Community Hall, Lyme Regis	Jacqueline Pettitt via membership@lru3a.org
Making Music	Alternate Wednesdays	10.00am	Morecombelake Village Hall	Rob Walker 01297 444811
Snooker	Fridays	3.00pm	Colyton Memorial Social Club	Keith Barfoot via groups@lru3a.org

SOCIAL

Event	Day	Time	Place	Contact
Breakfast	1st Saturday	9.30am	Bellcliff Cafe, Lyme Regis	Rachael Pope, 01297 445575
Garden Lovers	Varies	Varies	Varies	We are currently looking for a new administrator for this group to continue - if you are interested in helping please contact groups@lru3a.org
Informal Drop-in	Last Thursday	10.30am	Bellcliff Cafe, Lyme Regis	Rachael Pope, 01297 445575
Meet 'n Eat	2nd Sunday	12.30pm	Various locations	Lorraine Vandersyde trips@lru3a.org

GROUPS BY DAYS

Day	Activity
Monday	Badminton; Book Group; Circle Dancing; Craft & Chat; Italian Intermediate; Play Reading; Scottish Dancing; Spanish Conversation; Walking Groups 1 & 2
Tuesday	French Conversation; French for Fun; German; Tennis
Wednesday	Archaeology; History; Making Music
Thursday	French Club; Informal Drop-in; Italian Conversation; Literature; Short Tennis; Table Tennis; Walking Group 3
Friday	Science & Technology; Snooker
Saturday	Breakfast
Sunday	Meet 'n Eat Sunday Lunch

Baked Chocolate Cheesecake

Jacqueline Pettitt

Having tried (and enjoyed) cheesecake over the years I often come back to this recipe. The magazine paper is now brown I've had it so long!

For the Base:

- 100g SR flour
- 2 tbsp Cocoa powder
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 50g butter (I use Stork)
- 3 tbsp caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp milk

For the filling:

- 225g low-fat soft cheese
- 150g low-fat natural yoghurt
- 100g caster sugar
- 2 eggs, separated
- 25g cocoa powder
- 50g ground almonds

Preheat oven to 160 C/140 C fan. Grease a 20cm (8in) spring clip tin and line with parchment.

To make base, rub butter into dry ingredients, (except sugar) until mixture resembles crumbs. Stir in sugar, egg and milk and mix until smooth. Spoon into prepared tin and bake for 10 minutes until it begins to dry.

To make filling, beat together soft cheese, yoghurt, sugar and egg yolks. Add cocoa powder and almonds and mix. Whisk egg whites until just stiff and fold into mixture. Pour over base and bake for about an hour.

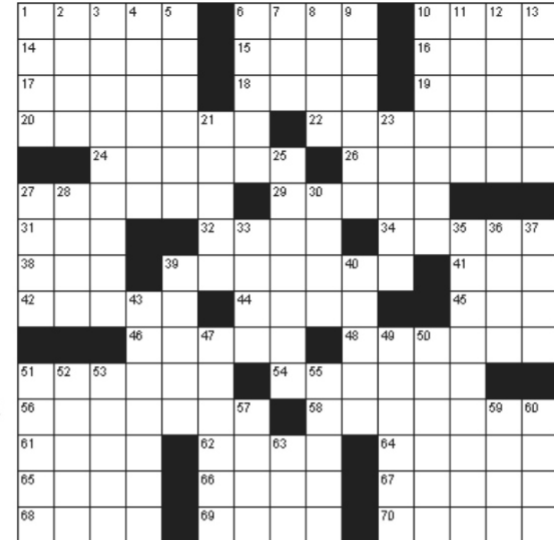
Leave to cool in oven with door open to prevent cheesecake sinking. Remove from tin, and serve dusted with icing sugar, perhaps with crème fraiche/fromage frais rather than cream.

Enjoy! I do very much! It's also lower in calories than most cheesecakes.

American Crossword

Across

- 1 Enter, as data
- 6 "Ain't She Sweet?" composer
- 10 "A Farewell To ___"
- 14 Goddess of peace
- 15 Moderate
- 16 Lick
- 17 Cotton fabric
- 18 Air service
- 19 Frenzy
- 20 Diffusion through a membrane
- 22 Swiss canton
- 24 Long-legged shorebird
- 26 Unanimously
- 27 Member of a Jewish sect
- 29 1936 Olympics hero
- 31 Deserter
- 32 Largest digit
- 34 Coral isle
- 38 Pindaric production
- 39 Combat operation
- 41 Geese formation
- 42 Attend
- 44 Skulk
- 45 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 46 Loafer
- 48 Astronaut Buzz
- 51 Big band leader Tommy
- 54 Sighted
- 56 Cel material
- 58 Self-important person
- 61 Philippine island or its seaport
- 62 Group of three
- 64 Kind of wave
- 65 Drag
- 66 Director Preminger



- 67 African pygmy antelope
- 68 Pier, in architecture
- 69 Fledgling's place
- 70 Observed
- 10 Au courant
- 11 Again take up weapons
- 12 ___ cum laude
- 13 "Skittle Players" artist
- 21 Boadicea's people
- 23 Schwarzenegger role
- 25 Monk's haircut
- 27 Winged god
- 28 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 30 "Dead Poets Society" director
- 33 Bermuda, e.g.
- 35 Was intemperate
- 36 Son of Jacob and Leah
- 37 Thin
- 39 Mythical enchantress
- 40 Giraffe's relative
- 43 Krakow's river
- 47 Biographer Strachey
- 49 1964 Clay foe
- 50 Best Actor of 1980
- 51 Russian country house
- 52 The deep
- 53 Confute
- 55 Use a camera
- 57 Art Deco artist
- 59 Term of endearment
- 60 Went down
- 63 "___ My Party"

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A Mary Anning Poem

David Ruffle

Crossword Solution

Along the wind-cut cliffs she kneels,
 chisel steady in her weather-browned hands,
 sifting stone as if through time itself.
 The tide, impatient, claws at the sand below,
 but she is patient
 the kind of patience only years of salt and rock can teach.
 Pebble by pebble, she uncovers what the sea tried to hide,
 bone by ancient bone,
 creatures older than the very thought of us.
 Her bonnet flaps in the wind
 but her gaze never leaves the fossil's curve,
 a spiral like a question mark.
 A question the Earth has been waiting for someone to answer.
 From a distance, she is only a figure in a dark dress
 against a horizon of steel-grey sky,
 but up close, she is an alchemist:
 turning rock into story,
 silence into proof.
 I do not speak,
 because to watch her work
 is to feel that you are watching
 the past itself rise,
 Living once again.

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