

AWAKEN

*The Newsletter of Anlaby,
Willerby and Kirk Ella U3A*

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A Word from the Chair



As most of you know I don't usually find it difficult to come up with a few spoken words of wisdom (or not as the case may be) but for some reason when it comes to finding 'A Word from the Chair' every two months, my mind seems to get tongue-tied. When I sat down to pen my contribution for this Newsletter I was going to wax lyrical about the lovely weather and the welcome sight of all the spring flowers popping up, then I turned to look out of the window and it was pouring down with rain! I then wondered if I should mention my thoughts on the progress of the new President of the USA, but then I remembered we don't 'do'

politics. So after some due consideration I thought I'd mention my new hobby- collecting £2s, £1s and 50ps. (Please don't groan any of you who have already had to put up with my new passion for coins). It has been fascinating to discover all the different designs on the back of the aforementioned coinage. (Have a look on the Royal Mint website for illustrations of the different subjects for the designs). It has now become a challenge to collect as many pieces as I can so don't worry if my opening line of conversation when I see you is 'Can you show me your money?' – I won't be about to rob you (unless of course you happen to have the 50p piece with Kew Gardens on the back!)

Hope the weather improves soon and we can soon be looking forwards to summer.

Regards,
Chris





Mary Moore following the very successful play presented by the French group at the January meeting



The happy bowlers at the very first outing for the new Ten Pin Bowling Group.

Latest News/Events

REMEMBERED YOUR NEW HIPS ?? Woops....RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP ??

Inside this newsletter there should be a **form/forms** for you to complete (please) and forward to me along with your **£12 fee** for 2017-18.

There is a DIFFERENT form for first time members, so if you would like a form for someone joining for the first time then please ask me or another member of the committee for one. We need more details from someone joining for the first time. Thank You. Chris Coates, Membership Sec.queries to 657105

AWAKE U3A OPEN DAY

Friday, 7th April 2017

at

**The Manor Farm Pub, Willerby Rd.
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Members & Prospective Members welcome!

Come along to see what our interest groups have to offer and bring your friends!

THANK YOU!!

Sengwer Aid would like to thank sincerely all of you who contributed to the appeal for help in supporting some of the orphan children at Kaptolomwo School in Kenya. £60 was raised on the day of the meeting in January and if you helped by using the www.sengweraid.co.uk we really appreciate your generosity.

Chris Coates

New Groups!

We are always looking for opportunities to start up new groups especially where members show a keen interest. If you have an interest or activity for which we do not have a group there may be one in a neighbouring U3A.

BE ADVENTUROUS - have a chat with Sue McPhee or any of the existing Interest Group leaders, all of whom are volunteers, and you might find it's not as daunting as you think!!

Family History Group

The Family History Group has moved! We have grown too big for my house so we are now meeting at the Library in Willerby, Main Street, still meeting monthly on a Monday afternoon. Here are the next few dates for your diary! 3 April, 15 May, 12 June 2017

Christine Gibbs Tel. 01482 654897

Coffee Club

Coffee Club has met twice and is proving to be popular and enjoyable. New members are always welcome to join us at Gabrielle's, Hull Rd. Anlaby from 10.30am on the second and fourth Friday in every month.

For further information contact Liz Pickering (572563)

Ten Pin Bowling

We now have **TWO** Ten Pin Bowling groups!!

The attraction of two games plus tea/coffee AND a bacon sandwich all for £5 is proving such a big draw for many of our members that a second group has started.

Group 1 –Monday

Now regularly attended by around 18 members the Monday group meets at 10am every other week, contact Dave Bodecott for further details (656317)

Group 2 –Friday

The Friday group are attracting similar numbers and being a hardy lot meet EVERY week at 10am, contact David Newman for further details (659870)

Interest Group News

Group Coordinator

We now have some more new groups to tell you about. Along with the Monday Tenpin bowling there is now a Friday morning session. See above for details.

A beginners Ukulele group has started at the Willerby Library every second and fourth Monday from 2.30pm. Contact Steve and Denise Roberts 659816.

Hopefully Alan and Enid Townshend will have made arrangements to start a second wine tasting group. If interested in joining contact Alan 651212.

Our Coffee morning proved popular at Gabrielle's in Anlaby. The next one will be 24th March 10.30-11.30am.

Finally we hope to have a darts group starting when we can find a venue, anyone know of one?

Please let me know if you are interested in starting a new group, or have any ideas which you think may develop into one.

Sue McPhee (652766).

Please note, information on all of our Interest groups can be found on our website (just put AWAKE U3A into Google - other search engines are available!)

Book Groups

The first two months of our Book Groups have produced two very popular reads - '61 Hours' by Lee Child and 'The Trouble with Goats and Sheep' by Joanna Cannon. Many of us had not read any Lee Child's books before, despite their popularity, but Jack Reacher (the main character in Child's books) gained some new fans after reading this book. A tense thriller set in the Arctic winter of South Dakota, you are left with a cliff hanger 'Did Reacher get out alive or not?' Read the book and see what you think! The book involving 'goats and sheep' appears on initial reading as a very light enjoyable saga, albeit with a secret, hovering overhead. On discussion though it was thought to have many layers to it, all of which really made you think. Again, a recommended read. The other books read were non-memorable and so have not been reviewed.

If you are interested in joining one of the Book Groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

Bowls Group

The new season will soon be upon us and then it will be time to re-join the Wolfreton Park Bowls club.

The Ladies pre-season meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at 10am on Tuesday 21st March.

2017 membership fee payment can be made at the Club Coffee morning, Saturday April 1st 10.30–11.30am (held at the Clubhouse, Chestnut Ave.) The cost of full membership is £70, this can be paid in two instalments with no further payment required, social bowling membership is £12 but a £3 charge is made for every bowling session)

Greens re-open Saturday April 8th, this means our first U3A Bowls group evening will be Monday April 10th at 6.30pm

CARAVAN News

Contact for organiser is Roger Coates 657105, 07941 222499, 27 Hawthorne Ave, Willerby HU106JQ coatesroger@outlook.com

Tram Museum and Well Dressings is cancelled. Very low numbers at this stage make it unviable. Those on the list who clearly liked the idea can call me for help in doing it themselves.

Edinburgh Fringe and Book Festival. August 14th to 18th. (4 nights, 5 festival days) We travel by train in some style and stay in a suburban hotel with good transport links. This is the world's biggest arts festival and most of the world turns up. Our group last year who left as strangers and returned as friends, trusted me to make this happen and it did. Most of them are going again. They filled every day and evening with performances of every kind from the thousands available. You set your own pace and choices. I can help you with this. You should be good on your feet although there are plenty of taxis around. Guide price is £240 in a twin room, more in a single. This is train travel and hotel only. I have to book early to get the best prices. If you want a place contact me soon. The group will be about 15. This trip will go.

Canal Narrow Boat week is full

Jaguar Factory is full

Manchester Ship Canal Cruise. Sunday May 14th. ESSENTIAL JOINING INFORMATION- KEEP THIS, KEEP THIS, KEEP THIS.

The 75 seat super coach will LEAVE Gorton Road by the sports field railings at 7 a.m. It will LEAVE Waitrose bus stop, Willerby at 7.10. We will not wait. You choose your departure point, I don't need to know. We join our cruise ferry to depart at 10 a.m. Coach will return

from Liverpool. There is a cafe /bar on board. There is very little walking on this trip. The coach has toilets. We will have a 30 minute service area stop on the return leg. Dress for the weather, the best views are on deck. Drop offs as departure point, no others. PAYMENT cheque payable Roger Coates or cash to me after March 15th. (General Meeting day) and before April 5th. **Spare places.** After checking everybody on the list going back to last summer, I now have 7 places available. Contact me soon if you would like to join the AWAKE jolly sailors on this trip through history. £45 is the charge for coach and boat, the friendly sophisticated company is free.

Ok that's yer lot. No new trips announced this time. I have much culture to soak up and Edinburgh to sort.

Digital Photography

The Digital Photography group now meets with the Hessle DP Group and normally runs on the 1st Tuesday of the month at All Saints Church Hall, the Square, Hessle from 10.am to 12noon.

The February meeting was a prize competition on the subject of "Autumn". At the meeting Peter Richardson reviewed all the pictures submitted and selected the 6 that he considered to be the best. Just as we did last year, everyone present cast a vote for their favourite. After a second round of voting, Irene Smith and Joan Phillips were declared joint winners (see page 16) with Keith Harley as runner-up. There were small prizes of a reflector, a lens cleaner and a book of wildlife photography for the winning pictures. Future projects will include "Spring" and for later in the year "City of Culture".

Whatever your ability or knowledge of Digital Photography and Computer skills, you will get encouragement from other members and, of course, you could share your expertise with others. This is what U3A is all about.

For more information please contact Stewart Mawer on 655642 or email stewart@mawer.me.uk

Steve needs pictures to update the display board for the Open Day. Please contact him on 659816 or sadrob@outlook.com and arrange to let him have prints no smaller than 7x5" and no larger than A4, or of some recent photographs that we have reviewed, especially those from our projects.

Local History Group

This is one of AWAKE U3A's most popular groups and meets on a monthly basis. Our year got off to a good start with a record attendance for the talk at our January meeting which was entitled 'Hull's Musical Heritage' by Paul Schofield. In February, 45 members took part in an excellent guided tour of Tranby Croft and, in early March, we were able to arrange a visit to Trinity House in Hull as an 'extra' in our programme. Our talks for the next few months are:

16th March 'Sir Mark Sykes' by Chris Watson

20th April 'A Century of Hull Mayors' by David Ostler

18th May 'Within Living Memory' by members of our Group

15th June 'Beetonville' by Paul Mann

Everyone welcome!

Our meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in St. Luke's Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Willerby, and all AWAKE U3A members are warmly invited. There is an admission charge of £2 per person.

Guests are most welcome to attend up to two meetings, but ongoing attendance requires membership of AWAKE U3A.

Our **May** meeting will be entitled 'Within Living Memory' and we are seeking any reminiscences members may have of any aspect of life in Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella over the past 75 years or so.

For more details about the Local History Group, please contact the group leader: Francis Davies (650449; francisvdavies@live.co.uk)

NatureWatch

Firstly, our thanks to those of you who joined us at the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust property just outside Pearson Park last week. The reserve, which is tucked into the corner just off Princes Ave. turned out to surely be the smallest of the YWT reserves but the purpose of the meeting had been to meet YWT staff to hear more about their work and this was achieved on what was a very pleasant sunny winter morning. The site is basically a store and demonstration area, used to show the local community what can be grown and how nature operates in even a small area and what they can do in their own gardens.

Our future visits are as follows:

17.3.17 Noddle Hill Reserve
21.4.17 Clapgate Pits, and Waters' Edge Centre
5.5.17 North Cliffe (for Bluebells +) via North Cave (to
retest lunch!!)
19.5.17 Tophill Low

Play Reading

Group 1

The 'first Wednesday' play reading group has moved venues to Manor Farm since Christmas.

After finishing that perennial favourite 'Charley's Aunt', we have spent some time looking at how authors create a sense of place as well experimenting with the demands of choral speaking. In February we read a dramatized adaptation of 'Lord of the Flies', which brought the challenges of becoming a group of marooned schoolboys as envisioned in Golding's Nobel Prize winning novel.

On March 1st, we read 'Habeas Corpus' – a slightly risqué farce from 1973. It is one of Alan Bennett's earlier works and combines his trademark sharp observation, wit and sheer mischievous naughtiness.

April will see the group return to more sober drama – but no spoilers!

Sue Chambers

Group 2

With thoughts of Geoff Annis and his wonderful leadership of our groups, January's meeting was a light hearted look at The Bard through a 1994 RSC Shakespeare Revue.

At February's meeting we read a comedy, No Dinner for Sinners, by Edward Taylor. It was fast moving, very amusing and new to all members. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 22nd March.

Pauline Park (650701)

Quizzing Group????

The quizzing group continues to be very popular with 35-40 people turning up each night. Give Chris Watson a ring on 01482 659773 if you would like further information.

Next Quiz dates are: March 16th & 30th, April 13th & 27th, May 11th & 25th.

Quirky Quiz

(Chris Watson would like to assure readers the newsletter quiz is the responsibility of the Editor and nothing to do with her!)

1. A blind man can see it, a deaf man can hear it & if you eat it you die, what is it?
2. How many No. 9s would a builder have to buy for the front doors of a hundred houses?
3. If a brick weighs 7 lbs plus half a brick, what does a brick and a half weigh?

Answers on page 14

I would like to thank Roy Gibson of the Beach Lawn Care Home for the above questions. He posed them to the Barely Awake Ukulele group during a recent performance.

Stately Homes Group

Our meetings in February and March could be described as going from the sublime to the ridiculous. February's session was presented by a visiting speaker, Carolyn Smith who told us all about 'Exhibitions and Displays in the Country House' It was very interesting and very well presented. By comparison, March's session proved that if anything can go wrong, it will do. Having set all the equipment up and with a DVD of Waddesdon Manor ready to watch, the sound system refused to work. It was certainly a challenge, trying to lip-read in silence!!! Hopefully normal service will be resumed next month.

On a more positive note our trip to Northumberland is ready for the off but is now fully booked. We did increase the coach size this year but we might need an even bigger bus for next year – either that or possibly run two separate trips. If you are interested in attending our Stately Homes Group sessions please contact Chris Watson at chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk or on 01482 659773 where you can receive more information.

Table Tennis

Unfortunately we had an accident at our recent meeting when Gwyn Williams fell and suffered a broken hip. For those who know Gwyn I am pleased to say that after a number of false starts at Hull Royal he was eventually fitted with a new hip and is now on the mend and hopefully will soon be back with us.

New members are always welcome to join us at the Anlaby Methodist Church, Anlaby Common from 2pm to 3.30pm on the second and fourth Thursday in every month.

For further information contact Steve Roberts (659816)

Barely Awake Ukulele Group

We have now moved our practice sessions to the Manor Farm Pub and due to demand have started a new 'beginners' group held at the Willerby Library on a Monday afternoon. We already have eight enthusiastic strummers eager to learn the rudiments of the Ukulele.

We have recently entertained at Willersley House, the Beach Lawn Care Home, Sutton and the Anlaby Park Methodist Wives group and are looking forward to appearing at the world renowned Skipsea Ukulele Festival in April.

Walking – Longer Walks

New walkers are always welcome to join our group of about 10 regulars. Would anyone new please phone Les 659830 on the Wednesday evening before the walk to make sure the walk is on.

It would be appreciated if everyone would lead at least one walk throughout the year.

Future walks planned as follows:

Thurs 23rd March FANGFOSS 6m. Leader Carol. Meet by Church.

Thurs 13th April WATTON 7m. Meet lay-by. Leader Dave.

Thurs 27th April HUGGATE 7.5m, meet lay-by on Warter road SE877 542 Leader Dave.

All walks start at 9.30 unless otherwise indicated.

Walking – Short Walks (2-3½ miles)

The walking group meets 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 10am. SHORT WALKS are of about 3 miles at a gentle pace. They often involve a chance to discover something new about your environs but there are no tests at the end. Walkers are expected to wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the time of year and the terrain.

A message from Ian Jones:-

"For the foreseeable future Ian Jones will not be able to lead the short walks. Sorry about that. A lot of you have copies of the details of the walks up to the end of June. So if you want to walk you will have to organise them amongst yourselves."

Monday March 27th – Cottingham, Park at King George V playing fields.

Monday April 10th – South Cave, Park at top end of Little Wold Lane off Beverley Road.

Monday April 24th – Wauldby Dam, Park at Willerby Square car park for car share.

Monday May 8th – North Cave River Walk, Park at Children's playground opposite Church off Church St.

WINE Appreciation Group

We are delighted to report that a second Wine Appreciation Group has been formed. So far it has five members so we would welcome a few more participants. Please contact Alan Townshend (651212) if you are interested. The new Group's first meeting will be held jointly with the original Group for a sherry tasting at Ambiente in Humber Street on the afternoon of Monday 20th March.

The original Group started 2017 with a tasting of Australian red wines (Clive Eacott) in January. This was followed in February by a study of some South American wines (Chris Watson and Ann Kay). There will be a tasting of (mainly) English wines in April (Enid and Alan Townshend) and of each member's favourite wine in May, hosted by Chris Coates.

Writing for Fun

Following our two successful publications of our work, we have had a busy few months of writing.

We continue to meet on a monthly basis, in my home and, although the main purpose is to read our compositions, we enjoy lively chat and banter, with the essential tea, coffee and biscuits.

Each month we decide on a topic and aim to write about 1200 words on the chosen theme. Recently, we have used poetry, monologue, prose, acrostic, limerick and Haiku to showcase our talents and have covered a variety of subjects, including ; The Ticket , The Good Old Days, Historical Fiction, Little Miss/Mister Men, and had mixed results in our efforts to include Science Fiction in our repertoire. We've given ourselves a real challenge in October, when we will be writing half a story and exchanging our work for someone else in the group to complete. Will we be able to guess whose work we are using? Will we manage not to feel "precious" about our work, and will we manage to keep quiet until the grand reveal? Thrilling eh?

Anyone can write and it's great fun to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard), so come and join us.

At the moment our group is full, but we have been fortunate in finding a leader for a further writing group, who are keen to expand.
Liz Parker

The second group now has five members and is being led by Brenda Skerne (564127 for further details).

IN MY OWN WRITE

Write an article for *AWAKEN* and win £20. Your article will appear under the title 'IN MY OWN WRITE.' What we are looking for is a reflective, interesting, amusing or opinion piece rather than a purely informative article. The content can be lighthearted or serious but it must be suitable for the *AWAKEN* readership. Your article must be approx. 450 words long (one side of A5). Avoid religion, politics and too many exclamation marks!!! Include your Name and Membership Number.

Contributions should be sent to Steve Roberts, preferably email sadrob@outlook.com or on paper copy to 18, Ellerker Rise, Well Lane, Willerby HU10 6EY.

Rogers Rant

Recently "Red Shed" The Mark Thomas touring show played to a full house at Kingswood Academy. His left wing comedy and comment style takes no prisoners. However he did take one prisoner when a circle of the audience was lit up by a mobile screen. Gently but firmly, and humiliatingly explaining how this spoils the theatre experience for those around. The loud applause confirmed we shared his feelings. I suspect she will not do it again. I feel the same about eating. Have your tea at home not sitting next to me in row D. Also.... I am a City of Culture volunteer as are at least 7 other AWAKE members. It is not too late to grab this brilliant experience. Nobody is too old for this.

Dates for your Diary – Monthly Meetings

April 19th 2017 – 'Stormy Seas & Tragic Tales' Carol and Steve Robson. A mixture of music and tales of the sea

May 17th 2017 – 'Grandma Tales' Marilyn Walker
More tales but this time it's about experiences as a Grandma

June 21st 2017 – AWAKE AGM

Next AWAKEN

Please send any items to be published to:
Steve Roberts at sadrob@outlook.com
and Stewart Mawer at stewart@mawer.me.uk

The deadline for items to be included in the next edition of **AWAKEN** is **Friday 5th May 2017**. Written contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups.

Quirky Quiz answers

1. Nothing
2. 20
3. 21lbs

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Les Holmes looks as if he has done this before, Elin doesn't look too sure! (more men required in the kitchen to prove it was not a fluke)

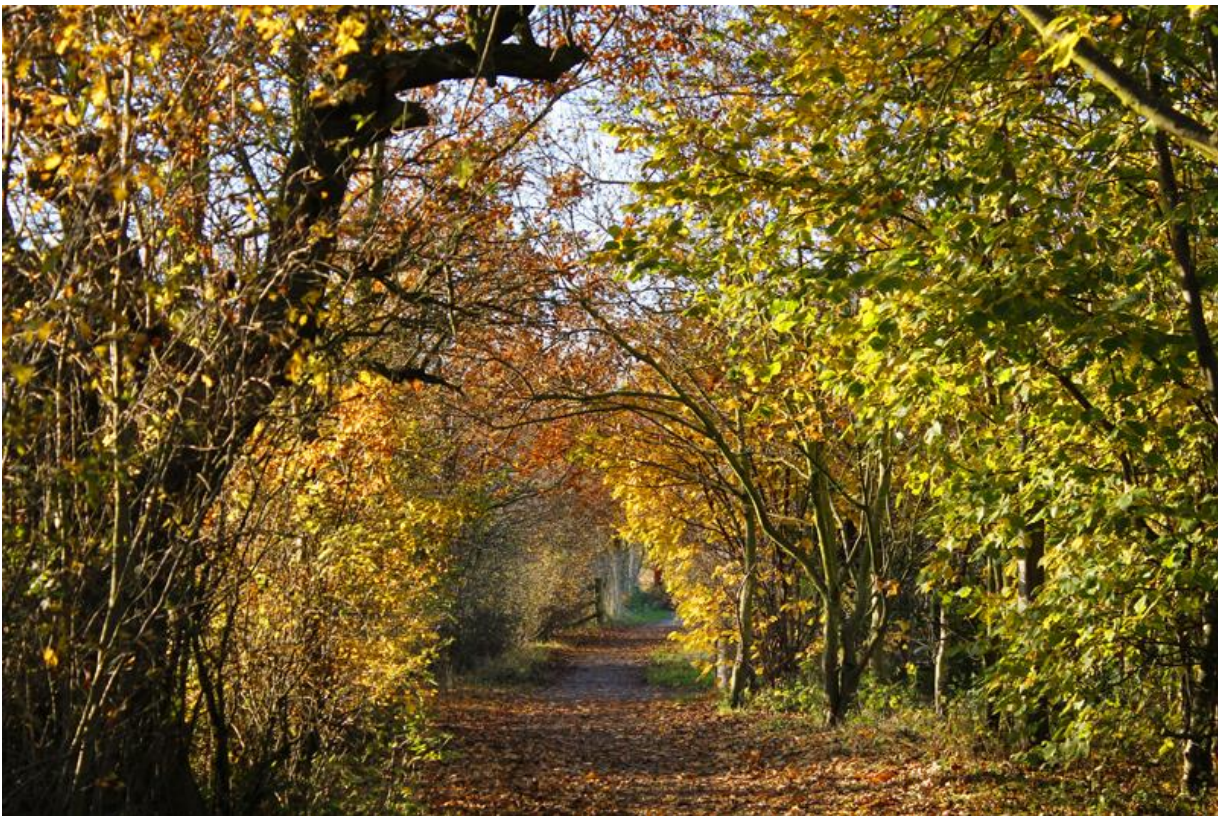


The 'Short walkers' at 114, Coltman Street, Hull

**The Two Joint winners in the 'Autumn' themed
Digital photography competition**



Irene Smith Entry



Joan Phillips Entry