



# AWAKEN

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

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## **A Word from the Chair**



Where have the last two months gone? I know my Great Grandma used to tell me that time went quicker as you got older but I didn't realise she meant this quick! To start with can I welcome all of you new members who will be receiving this Newsletter for the first time. As a Committee we believe that this two-monthly collection of news is the most important way to keep everybody informed as to what is going on in AWAKE U3A. We are delighted that so many of you attend our Monthly

Meetings (over 100 each time) but realise that this is not possible for many of you so feel AWAKEN is an essential link we have with everybody. For example after my 'coin collecting' item last edition I have been amazed at how many times I've had the contents of purses tipped out in front of me!!! It certainly shows that you are all reading the news. Please feel free to let us know what you think about the newsletter and any recommendations you may have for additional or alternative content. Hope to see you at the AGM in June, when many of the interest groups will be providing information as to what goes on in their sessions. Speak to you in two months.

Chris



## Latest News/Events

### Open Day News

Our first Open day at Manor Farm proved just as successful as our previous ones at The Red Lion, Anlaby, with around 20 new members signed up on the day and lots of interest shown in all of the Interest Groups on display. Thanks to everyone who participated.



## **CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS.....**

Quite a number of our members have still not “remembered your new hips” the **anagram** of course for....

### **RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP??**

**Please check that all your group members have an up to date membership card.** Nearly all the new cards have been delivered by now with the exception of some of the Cottingham members who will again have the opportunity to collect these at the Wednesday meeting. **Remember that the forms can be downloaded from the website if members don't have one, or please just call me on 657105 for almost instant delivery!!!!**

**Thank You in anticipation.....**

**Chris Coates, Membership Sec.**

PS not renewing soon will **cancel** your subscription to the National magazine which I hesitate to name in case more of you make your cheques payable to this!!!!

### ***2017 Annual General Meeting***

As you may know the AGM is the occasion when, along with other formalities, we nominate and elect members of our Committee. Our present Committee members all enjoy the work they do on behalf of AWAKE and the majority of the present members are willing to continue in their roles. However, if you, or someone you know would like to submit a nomination to join the team, Nomination Forms can be found on the Website or as hard copy from Denise Roberts, our General Secretary. Any completed Nomination Forms need to be sent to Denise by the deadline of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7th.

### ***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**

Hello from the Family History group! Just to remind you again that we have moved our monthly meeting venue, we now meet in the Willerby Library building, Main Street Willerby. The dates of our next two meetings are 12th June & 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.

New members will be made extremely welcome, we have been in contact with the Treasure House at Beverley, Carnegie Hall and Hull History Centre to try and arrange some visits.

Christine Gibbs tel. 01482 654897

## **Coffee Club**

Now regularly attended by around 20 members who enjoy a friendly get-together over a coffee and maybe a homemade scone. If you would like to join us for an hour or so, new members are always welcome. We meet at Gabrielle's, Anlaby from 10.30 am on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month.

The next one will be 26th May. Liz Pickering (572563)

## **Ten Pin Bowling**

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

### **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**

I know that I have asked before, but I am still hoping to find people who can help to start French, Italian and Spanish conversation groups. Is there anyone or knows of anyone, who may be interested in helping?

We would like to start a Darts Group, but we are still looking for a suitable venue. Anyone any ideas?



If anyone has any suggestions about new groups or is willing to give their time to starting one, please get in touch with me. Also for the darts and languages.

Sue McPhee, group coordinator 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**

Our March readings produced one of the most positive responses to any book we've read in the group. 'The Secret Wife' by Gill Paul presents a fictional account as to what happened to the Romanov family in Russia relating particularly to Tatiana, one of the sisters. Whilst a 'light' read, much discussion was initiated as to how plausible the suggested scenario could be. This book can be recommended 100%. Another group read 'The Mountain in my Shoe' by Louise Beech who visited our Monthly Meeting earlier this year. This book again can be highly recommended. A collection of anecdotal stories from Maureen Lipman received faint praise from its readers as did 'Kolymski Heights' by Lionel Davidson. By contrast 'Ashes of London' by Andrew Taylor was enjoyed by all readers and tells a fictional detective tale set at the time of The Great Fire of London. If you are interested in joining one of the Book Groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

## **Bowls Group**

The new season has now started and our intrepid bowlers are back and in the swing of things again (even if it did snow at a recent session in late April)

Anyone interested in joining us please contact Denise or Steve Roberts on 659816

## **CARAVAN News**

Contact for organiser is Roger Coates 657105, 07941 222499,  
27 Hawthorne Ave, Willerby HU10 6JQ  
[coatesroger@outlook.com](mailto:coatesroger@outlook.com)

**Jaguar Factory** was amazing to us all but no free samples.  
**Best Exotic Marigold Boat Trip** on the Oxford Canal. April 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Total age 560 years as the sign on our windows. Rugby to Lower Hayford, through a mile long tunnel twice, The

birthday of the King of Netherlands, orange hats and all, a pub quiz where we lost to the Dutch, play readings, pretty villages. Days started at 6am unless you just turned over as others made drinks and breakfast around you. Every night in a pub in a different place to eat. Herons, Coots, Ducks, Geese and Sheep all with cute babies. Water buffalo! (Yes it is true), yellow fields, 76 locks, hundreds of bridges and cheery calls from other boats and passing walkers as we chugged along. Cooking, shopping, eating, reading, supplying the skipper with drinks on deck to his exact demands and his deck/locking crew whose drinks which always arrived just before a lock so always went cold in the frost, snow, rain, hail, wind and sun before they got back on deck. Ahhhh. Some crew were very keen to do everything, learning new skills and history at every waking moment (of which there were many). Some specialised and all mastered the lavs and showers. This spontaneous team work made for a more ambitious trip than I had expected to manage in our week.

### **NOBODY FELL IN, NOBODY FELL OUT.**

If you seek the extensive further details of this rather special week, find a spare two hours and grab a Marigold crew member. Sarah Bowns, Chris and Keith Bocking, Jenny Harrison, Barbara Gleadhill, Ann Dixie, Phil Williamson and Roger Coates.

**Also See Ann's in my Own Write (page 12) and photographs (page 16)**

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**Manchester Ship Canal** has happened as this Newsletter comes out.

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**Edinburgh Fringe Festival and Book Festival. ONE ROOM LEFT** August 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Hotel and train travel with first class and a meal on the return leg. We did this last year to great acclaim. Cost will be £290ish train and hotel (room share). Four night, five festival days.

You can fill every day and evening with entertainment. This is the world's biggest arts festival. You set your own pace and choice of things to see. The Tattoo is on.

The streets are full of fun and international visitors. The room will take a single, twin share or double. First come first served for this last room. Call Roger 657105/07941222499 [coatesroger@outlook.com](mailto:coatesroger@outlook.com)

**St. Ives Cornwall** Leave Hull evening Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>.Sept. on sleeper from London. Four nights' hotel, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> night on train back in Hull lunchtime Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. I launched this to the art groups a few weeks ago. It is now open to all. I have 1 single sharer lady and one double/twin only. Travel by sleeper train both ways. Galleries Inc. Tate, walks, waves, Eden Project, Secret Gardens Heligan Coast walks, good eating. Call Roger as above. Look out for.... Settle to Carlisle rail day trip, Craft Exhibition Harrogate day trip and Drax Power Station.

## **Digital Photography**

The Digital Photography group 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.

Our current projects include "Spring" and for later in the year "City of Culture". In April we will had an outing into the City Centre, although the weather was cold and grey. For the May meeting we visited Hessle Wood, a first for many of us, where there were plenty of bluebells to photograph although the weather was again grey and overcast. For the June meeting I have arranged for us to go, weather permitting, to Saltmarshe Hall to photograph the gardens.

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](mailto:stewart@mawer.me.uk)

## **Local History Group**

This is one of AWAKE U3A's most popular groups and meets on a monthly basis. We also arrange occasional outings to places of local historical interest. Our talks for the next few months are:

**18<sup>th</sup> May** 'Within Living Memory: Willerby' by members of our Group

**15<sup>th</sup> June** 'Beetonville' by Paul Mann

**20<sup>th</sup> July** 'Within Living Memory: Anlaby & Kirk Ella' by members of our Group

***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 **July** meeting will be the second entitled 'Within Living Memory', and we are seeking any reminiscences AWAKE U3A members may have of any aspect of life in Anlaby and Kirk Ella over the past 75 years or so.

For more details please contact the group leader:

Francis Davies (650449; [francisvdavies@live.co.uk](mailto:francisvdavies@live.co.uk))

## **NatureWatch**

Our future visits are as follows:

19.5.17	Tophill Low
02.6.17	Blacktoft Sands (South Bank)
16.06.17	Bempton & Flamborough
07.07.17	Kiplingcoates Station, Chalkpits & Rifle Butts Quarry

Further information can be obtained by contacting Celia or Mark Beaumont (654666)

## **Play Reading**

### **Group 1**

The 'beginning of the month' group has been reading '*Beyond Reasonable Doubt*', a courtroom drama by Jeffrey Archer which was first performed in London in 1987. The main character, Sir David Metcalfe, Chair of the Bar Council no less, has been accused of murdering his wife and the play centres around the trial and flashbacks to the night Lady Metcalfe died.

The play readers were left in suspense for four weeks before they knew the answer as to whether Sir David was guilty or not guilty but on May 3<sup>rd</sup> they finally found out.

As well as this high drama, the group has indulged in some preliminary rehearsals for the TOP SECRET Summer Spectacular.



## **Group 2**

We meet on the fourth Wednesday afternoon of the month, usually managing to read a full play during the session. In March we enjoyed Agatha Christie's, *The Patient*, after a light hearted warm up with Pam Ayres' humorous verse.

In April, we read Act 1 of Terence Rattigan's, *Bequest to the Nation*, portraying the final years of Nelson's life and his relationship with Emma Hamilton. What a complex life that lady lived!

We were pleased to welcome a new member after the recent Open Morning and now have a full complement.

Paulina Park tel. 650701

## **Quizzing Group????**

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

Next Quiz dates are: May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Topical Local Quiz** (not set by Chris Watson!)

1. Name the Hull FC player awarded the Victoria Cross in WW1
2. Name the three artists celebrated in the newly opened Ferens Skin exhibition.
3. Where can the original 7 Alleys be found in Hull.
4. Which former Apprentice winner is standing at the forthcoming election in Hull West & Hessle.
5. Which Hull Estate is 50 years old this year.

Answers on Page 14

## **Sequence Dancing**

The dancing group is in full swing. We are a very friendly and enthusiastic group. If anyone would like to join us male or female, dancer or non-dancer come along and give us a whirl, all will be welcome.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Anlaby Village Hall 2pm-4pm.

Adrienne Robinson, 654383, for any more details.

## **Stately Homes Group**

Our April meeting introduced group members to William Kent who was born in Bridlington, and went on to be an outstanding craftsman of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Despite being responsible for the interior and exterior of many famous houses (e.g. Holkham Hall in Norfolk) he does not always get the recognition he deserves. It was great to see this week that when we went on a visit to Temple Newsam several pieces of Kent's craftsmanship were spotted by group members. If you are interested in attending our Stately Homes Group sessions please contact Chris Watson at [chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk) or on 01482 659773 where you can receive more information.

## **Table Tennis**

I am pleased to report that Gwynn Williams who had a new hip fitted after a spectacular pirouette fall at table tennis is now driving again and back in circulation.

New members are always welcome to join us at the Anlaby Park 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**

The Ukulele group is now two years old and has grown from the original six members to eighteen. Also our newly formed Beginners group now has 12 members who are beginning to master chords and play songs! Thanks to the members of the main group who are giving up their time to help pass on their undoubted expertise to our new members.

The Barely Awake group are now basking in the glory of their first 'Festival' appearance at the World famous! Skipsea Ukulele festival joining around twenty other Ukulele groups providing ten hours of continuous entertainment.

We are now looking forward to entertaining at St. Luke's Church (twice), the St. Mark's Anlaby Community Trust day on June 10<sup>th</sup> AND The Hull City of Culture Ukulele Flash Mob to take place on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm on and around the Queen Victoria statue with Ukulele players from Hull and the surrounding area coming together to celebrate our 'wonderful instrument' So please come along and support us.

## **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:

All walks start at 9.30 unless otherwise indicated.

11 May – TICKTON – 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles. Park at roadside near to Crown & Anchor, Tickton. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

25 May – CAISTOR – 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles. Meet in free public car park (& toilets) behind Town Hall, Caistor – follow signs. Walk is part of Viking Way. Explorer map 282 - Grid Ref: TA 118 014. Leader is Richard Scutt (tel. 07975 963523)

8 June – NORTH GRIMSTON - 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles. Park on roadside - Explorer map 300 Grid Ref: SE 840 677. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

22 June – TATTON SYKES MONUMENT – 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles. Meet at car park adj. to monument, off B1252 road – Explorer map 300 – Grid Ref: SE 957 618. Leader Dave (tel. 07818 509381)

13 July – MILLINGTON – 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles. Meet at car park opposite village church. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

27 July – THIXENDALE – 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles. Park on roadside area near Village Hall – Explorer map 300 – Grid Ref SE 842 611. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

## **Walking – Short Walks (2-3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles)**

By the time you get this newsletter you walkers should have guided yourselves round North Cave River Walk on 8 May.

**22 May 2017** The next walk I hope to lead will be from Ellerker.

Park on or near the very long grass verge of the road leading into Ellerker facing the way you have come.

No toilets. 3 miles paths and pavements with some slight undulations.

**12 June** Priory Road Ramble. 2 3/4 miles, flat except for 34 steps up and down to cross railway; pavements and lots of grass, no toilets. Park at Bricknell Avenue Playing Fields car park off Langdale Ave, which is first left off County Road North.

**26 June** Cottingham Golf Course Walk. 3 miles, flat, lots of grass, no toilets.

Park at Lazaat end of Wood Hill Way off Harland Way.

**10 July** is the traditional Humber Bridge Walk, bring your bus pass or enough for your fare.

Pavements all the way, toilets at Humber Bridge Visitor Centre car park where you will park.

## **WINE Appreciation Group**

The newly formed second Wine Appreciation Group (WAG-2) now has eight members and held its first official meeting on April 24 with a tasting of South American wines. Some of its members had previously joined the first Wine Appreciation Group (WAG-1) in a very successful sherry tasting at Ambiente in Humber Street. A photograph of some of the participants at this event appears towards the end of this newsletter. We wish the new Group every success in their venture.

WAG-1 continues to flourish. In April we tasted (mainly) English wines (Enid and Alan Townshend) and in May each member will bring a bottle of their favourite wine to a tasting hosted by Chris Coates. Our monthly meetings will continue with tastings organised by Maggie and Bob Charlton (June) and Sheila Lines (July) followed by a barbecue hosted by Clive Eacott (August).

## **Writing for Fun**

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

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 have 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 no.

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

This month's contribution comes as a result of the recent 'Caravan' Canal trip.

### **Ode to Roger and Crew April 2017**

With Skipper Roger at the helm aided by Phil the cabin boy  
We set off on our trip of joy  
Our three course meals cooked by Chris  
With his red wine spills, managed to show his cooking skills.  
Too many poos soon blocked the loos  
And Barbara awash with porridge spills  
Our heating bills were running high  
With water we were running dry  
Our windlass team at crack of dawn  
Tackled locks but were not forlorn (knackered yes)  
With Wayside pubs and Dutchmen's clubs  
Plays and quizzes by the score  
We could not ask for any more  
We are The Best Exotic Marigold Boat Trip Team

By Ann Dixey

Safety/Entertainments Officer and dogsbody.

### **Just a Thought (from the Editor)**

Just remember growing old is Mandatory but Growing up is optional!

And.....

Age is important, but only if you are a cheese or a fine wine.  
And finally:-  
Don't worry about what people think – they don't do it very often!

## **Dates for your Diary – Monthly Meetings**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 – AWAKE AGM** plus Interest Group Displays and Information

**July 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Gerald Bardley** Hull Street Angels

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Summer Spectacular**

The Art for everyone, Crafts, Guitar, Play Reading, Singing for Fun, Ukulele and Writing Groups are all coming together to entertain you.

### **Next AWAKEN**

Please send any items to be published to:

Steve Roberts at [sadrob@outlook.com](mailto:sadrob@outlook.com)

And Stewart Mawer at [stewart@mawer.me.uk](mailto:stewart@mawer.me.uk)

The deadline for items to be included in the next edition of **AWAKEN** is **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. Written contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups.

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<http://u3asites.org.uk/>

### **Topical Local Quiz Answers**

1. Jack Harrison
2. Ron Mueck, Spencer Tunick and Lucian Freud
3. By the side of Hedon Road Cemetery
4. Michelle Dewberry
5. Bransholme





Members of the Local History Group at Trinity House very ably led by David Atkin, Elder Brethren and AWAKE U3A member



Wine tasting group outing to Ambiente Tapas in Humber Street





The intrepid canal trip heroes brave the mile long Braunston Tunnel (Oooh its dark in here!)



This is what canal boating is all about