



# **AWAKEN**

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

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## **A Word from the Chair**



Hello again. Firstly can I thank everybody who attended our AGM and gave their support to all of us on the Committee, we look forward to another year of challenges and advancements. Well, Wimbledon's started so no doubt we might be seeing a bit of rain, as is the usual tradition, but at the moment the sun's out so make the most of it. An interesting discussion arose this week about Hull phrases and sayings. It started when I was suggesting to people they shouldn't sit on cold, damp things in case they got 'King cough'. Several people had not heard this saying but on googling it, we found the word did actually refer to Whooping cough, and many of us could remember getting the 'dire' warning from parents and grandparents. At that time we didn't know what 'king cough' was but we sensed it meant something nasty! From that discussion, a long list of local words started flowing – the sensible ones, tansad, ten foot, croggie (on somebody's bike), sannies (on your feet) and the not-so-sensible ones, 'Mamma Mia' – think about it! If you remember any more why not send in a contribution to 'In My own Write' for the newsletter. The £20 'reward' would buy you a pleasant afternoon tea with a friend or could turn into a nice donation for your favourite charity. Well I had better finish here and start getting ready for the Stately Homes trip to Northumberland next week. 33 of us let loose in foreign parts but we will uphold the standards of AWAKE honest!

See you soon.  
Chris



The Local History Group on a visit to the recently restored Butt Farm WWII Anti-Aircraft Battery in Beverley. The Nissan Hut behind is all that remains of the former guard-house!



The Mersey Ferry gang after landing in Liverpool following their 6 hour trip from Salford Quays

## **Latest News/Events**

### **2017 Annual General Meeting**

As usual the AGM was very well attended (110 members present) so thanks to everybody who came. It's certainly not the most entertaining of our Monthly Meetings (although this year we did have entertainment thanks to the Caravanners and their tales of travels on a narrow boat in addition to the displays provided by our Interest Groups) but it is the most important meeting in relation to giving members a chance to get a yearly update on our affairs and have the opportunity to ask any questions. The continued confidence in your Committee, as shown through the elections, is appreciated and we are really pleased to welcome our newest member, Liz Pickering. At the same time we are sorry to lose Stewart Mawer, who has been our Website Manager for the last few years but is now standing down. He has kindly offered to 'oversee' the Website in the short term but we would be really pleased to have offers of help from any computer whiz-kids out there. Hopefully we can have another successful year and see you at the next AGM.

### **Anlaby Community Trust Open Day**

The Anlaby Community Trust held an Open Day on July 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Marks Church and was well supported by AWAKE U3A. Sue McPhee hosted a stall advertising our group, Francis Davies, David Robinson & Brian Armstrong displayed the local history of Anlaby, and the Barely Awake Ukulele group provided some of the entertainment in the Church. The event was well supported and deemed a success by the organisers.

### **10% Club**

Please check the separate sheet in this Newsletter for details of the new 10% club organised by Sue McPhee on behalf of all members. This lists all of the shops willing to participate, just show your U3A membership card to receive the discount.

## ***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!!

### **Coffee Club**

Still proving very popular with around 26 members meeting up for a friendly and chatty hour or so. We meet at Gabrielle's, Anlaby from 10 30 am on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month. New members are always welcome. The next one will be 28th July. Liz Pickering (572563)

### **Guitar group**

The Guitar group are preparing for the summer spectacular in August. We have had practices with the Ukulele group at The Manor Farm and are rehearsing every week. Our small group of enthusiastic beginners are making great progress, aided by a supply of "high class biscuits" to go with their coffee.

We are looking to expand the group in the autumn if we can get a room at The Manor Farm Pub, so watch this space.

Paul Kirk 650259

### **Interest Group News**

After listening to Chris Watson at the AGM speaking about new groups, I have been asking around for ideas, here are a few suggestions.

Debating or discussion group, Floristry, Pudding Club, Short tennis, Rail and Transport, if anyone has any other ideas please get in touch with me. I am still hoping to find some kind person or people who can speak languages and is willing to teach conversational Spanish, Italian or French.

Hopefully we are starting a second luncheon club and a coffee and a stroll group.

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**

The books read by the three groups in May and June covered a range of genres. Two groups read '*A Life Like Other People*' by Alan Bennett, a biographical account of the author's family. Whilst the book was generally accepted as an interesting read, people felt it was a bit of a 'detached report' lacking some of Bennett's usual flair. A return to the classics – '*Agnes Grey*' by Anne Bronte - was thought to be a bit boring, but as a Victorian read it was an effort to demonstrate women's inequality and is worth a read. '*Notes From an Exhibition*' by Patrick Gale and '*The Trouble with Goats & Sheep*' by Joanna Cannon received a similar response to earlier group's reading and were seen as worthy of a read. The second reading of '*The Secret Wife*' by Gill Paul had a couple of people seeing it as a bit farfetched so, after the first's group overwhelming approval, it will be interesting to hear the third group's response in August! If you are interested in joining one of the Book Groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773

## **Bowls Group**

Our Monday evening sessions are still proving popular at the Wolfreton Bowls Club and many of our members are now joining in with the club roll ups and playing for the club teams. Anyone interested in joining us please contact Denise or Steve Roberts on 659816

## **CARAVAN News**

"CARAVAN" This is AWAKE U3A going places. Every member is eligible to join the trips. The newsletter is the only way of contacting every member with details of trips.

Edinburgh Fringe four nights six days NOW FULL.

St Ives, Cornwall, sleeper train both ways and lots of art, culture and walking. Also FULL.

SETTLE- CARLISLE (in fact Hull-Carlisle) September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a day return trip on regular trains (not a steam train) over this recently reopened cross Pennine route. I expected a small response. I have 29 names from the June meeting (only 20% of members were present!) THE PLAN - I will telephone the first 15-ish names on the list for the trip on this date. A comfortable size. We leave Hull 8-ish, change Leeds. In Carlisle for lunch and about two hours. Return to Hull early evening. I

will advertise the next cohort in the newsletter and take names from the list with another date and so on, until everybody gets a go. This is really simple to organise for yourself. Give me a call if you want a bit of help to DIY and for the cheapest tickets. If you want to add your name to the list telephone or catch me at the meeting. Roger Coates 01482 657105

CITY SEEN - another new travel idea. October to March, I will lead small groups (say 12) to Sheffield, Cambridge, Manchester. The dates will coincide with optional theatre, concert events and bus pass use to explore the area (especially Sheffield for Peak District). Also Sheffield, Google "River Don Engine" you can stand next to this monster when it runs. Details in next news letter

My thanks to 6 of the crew of The Best Exotic Marigold Boat Trip for being dropped on at very short notice and no rehearsal to be the cabaret at the June AGM meeting. It seems we went down well. We are available for stag and hen nights if you are a bit short of culture.

## **Craft Group**

The Craft Group continues to expand. We have had quite a few new members following the last Open Day. Each new member is made very welcome and soon makes friends in the Group, sharing their skills and learning new ones. We knit, crochet, paper craft, quilt, lace make, and lots of other things.

There is something "fishy" going on which should come in useful at the Summer Spectacular. Meanwhile, we must oil our vocal chords to get ready for the Summer Spectacular. We are also looking forward to contributing to the November meeting when we will be able to surprise everyone with the variety of items we have made.

So if you are thinking of joining us, please get in touch.

Brenda Stapleton [brenda@staple.karoo.co.uk](mailto:brenda@staple.karoo.co.uk)

## **Dancing Group**

The dancing group could do with a few more members. This is a friendly sequence dancing group, you don't have to be a dancer as you will be taught the dances. We meet every other Tuesday in the Anlaby village hall 2pm.-4pm come along and give us a try. Nobody has two left feet according to John our teacher. Adrienne 654383

## **Digital Photography**

One day one of our planned visits will coincide with beautiful blue sky, the odd wispy cloud and bright sunshine, however it has not happened yet!

Our proposed visit to Saltmarsh Hall was one of the worst days of the year and our visit to Brantingham was unfortunately met with a leaden sky but we soldiered on.

We do not meet in August but will be back to normal in September.

For more information please contact Stewart Mawer on 655642 or email [stewart@mawer.me.uk](mailto:stewart@mawer.me.uk)

## **Family History Group**

If you want to find out who your ancestors are and where they came from come and join us and we'll help you discover! We meet monthly on a Monday afternoon at the Willerby Library building between 2 - 4pm in the room on the right as you go in the main door. We are a friendly group and all help each other. Here are the dates for the next few months:-

Monday 3rd July, Monday 24th July, Monday 4th September, Monday 2nd October.

Contact Christine Gibbs 01482 654897 or [Christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com)

## **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. Recent visits have included Trinity House in Hull and the newly-restored Butt Farm WWII anti-aircraft battery in Beverley. In addition, we mount occasional exhibitions focusing on a particular aspect of local history.

Our next few monthly talks are:

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

**17<sup>th</sup> August** 'Beverley Minster' by John Phillips

**21<sup>st</sup> September** 'Hull Fair' by Stephen Smith

## ***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.

**Information sought!** For a project on education in our locality we are seeking information on a number of private schools that once existed in the AWAKE area. Any AWAKE U3A members who have any memories of **St. Monica's, Wray Park** (both in Willerby) or **Foxdale** (Kirk Ella) schools are invited to get in touch with Francis (contact details below) or Chris Gibbs (654697; [christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com](mailto:christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com))

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

## **NatureWatch**

Our future visits are as follows:

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> Leven Canal

Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> Potteric Carr (Note: only one visit out in August)

Friday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> East of Barton and Killingholme

Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> Saltfleet Marsh, Louth

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

## **Play Reading**

### **Group 1**

The group are currently reading Alan Ayckbourn's, A Chorus of Disapproval which is providing lots of laughs (particularly from Liz Parker!). Please note there will be no meeting in August, as we will all be concentrating on the Summer Spectacular!

Normal service will be resumed in September.

### **Group 2**

In May, we read the second half of, A Bequest to a Nation by Terrance Rattigan. It proved to be very popular but the blind devotion of Lord Nelson to his seemingly coarse and unsuitable mistress, Emma Hamilton, was an enigma to us all. In June we read, Heir Today, Gone Tomorrow, an hilarious farce by Chris Petz. We're getting better at achieving the faster pace needed for this genre, as taught by our greatly respected, past leader, Geoff, and we feel he would have seen that we took heed of his advice.



We were very sad to learn of the recent death of David Cross, a stalwart and valued member of our group since its inception. We all remember the last Summer Show when he and Geoff entertained us as two inebriated pensioners enjoying a day at the seaside. David will be greatly missed by our group and we send our condolences to his wife, Joan.

We meet again on Wednesday, 26th July.

Paulina Park tel. 650701

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

The quizzing group continues to be very popular with 30 plus people turning up each night. Give Chris Watson a ring on 01482 659773 if you would like further information.

Next Quiz dates are: July 20<sup>th</sup> , August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> , September 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> , October 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> , November 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> , December 8<sup>th</sup> and possibly the 21<sup>st</sup> for our Christmas Quiz (tbc)

### **Stately Homes Group**

For our June meeting, we had a visiting speaker, John Hawley, who provided us with information about furniture and other items in the Stately Home. It was interesting to get a different perspective from John's role as an Antique Dealer and his relationships with the Country House families. July sees our 3-day trip to Northumberland in addition to the usual monthly meeting so you'll hear all about it in the next issue of the Newsletter. 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**

We were asked once again by the Anlaby Park Methodist Youth Club to organise a games/Table tennis competition evening, it is interesting, to say the least, going from organising the pensioners Table Tennis to attempting to organise 26 loud teenagers, it took me back to my days as a Cub and Scout leader and I am sure the Teachers among you (and I know there are many!) will sympathise! But with the help of leader Jackie Kitchen and Paul & Angela Featherstone we all had a great time.

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)

### **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.

**PLEASE NOTE THE £5 DEAL DOES NOT APPLY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. THEREFORE NO BOWLING DURING THAT PERIOD, NORMAL SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED IN SEPTEMBER.**

### **Barely Awake Ukulele Group**

The group are still buzzing from the turnout for the Flash mob at Queen Victoria Square with 63 players participating from the local area and also from Lancashire, Leeds, York, Bridlington, Filey, Hornsea and Beverley!

We are now looking forward to playing at Willerby Methodist, the Summer Spectacular, the Yorkshire Polio Society, Godfrey Robinson Home and at a South Cave charity fund raising event as part of the Wolds Way walk being undertaken by Sammy Lloyd the world-famous ex-Rugby League star and Ukulele player.

### **Walking – Longer Walks**

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.

**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)

**Aug 10th - ELLERKER/BRANTINGHAM** - 5.0 miles. Meet at Ellerker Garden Centre, in rear of garden centre overflow car park (permission has been obtained). Two moderate ascents & descents, field paths, tracks & some tarmac.

Leader – Neville - email [chamberlain@antipolis.karoo.co.uk](mailto:chamberlain@antipolis.karoo.co.uk)

**Aug 24th - FRIDAYTHORPE** -7.0 miles. Meet at village pond.  
Explorer map294/Grid ref SE875591.  
Leader Dave - Mobile 07818 509381

**Sept 14th-WELTON/NORTH FERRIBY** - 6.0 miles.  
Start/meet opposite Welton Church. Two moderate ascents and descents, rest of walk is level.

Leader -Neville - email [chamberlain@antipolis.karoo.co.uk](mailto:chamberlain@antipolis.karoo.co.uk)

**Sept 28th-NORTH DALTON**-6.0 miles. Meet at village hall car park. Explorer map 294/Grid ref SE934522.

Leader Dave Mobile 07818 509381

### **Walking – Short Walks (2-3½ miles)**

**10 July Humber Bridge Walk.** Park in Humber Bridge car park. Bring bus pass or enough for fare back from Barton.

**24 July Oak Road Walk.** Park in Oak Road Playing Fields car park. Enter via Beresford Avenue and drive right to the end and through the metal gateway. Beresford Avenue is the first turn on the right off Beverley High Road just past the lights at the Haworth Arms corner.

I am away so someone will have to volunteer to lead.

**14 August Beverley-Leconfield Walk.** Park at dirt car park off Ings Road off Grange Way the Beverley north by-pass.

**28 August is a bank holiday.**

**11 September Beverley Beck and River Hull Walk.** Park at the very furthest you can go onto a dirt car park at the end of Waterside Road off Hull Road near garage. Do NOT go down Minster Wharf.

**25 September South Cave Aerodrome/Steep Hill Walk.**

Park facing downhill on LHS of Little Wold Lane, S Cave. As the name implies there IS a steep hill to climb.

Ian Jones

### **WINE Appreciation Groups**

#### **WAG1**

WAG-1 has had some excellent monthly meetings. In May each member introduced their favourite wine, which included Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Prosecco, Camel Valley Bacchus from Cornwall (one of the best English white wines), a sauvignon gris from New Zealand and "Menagerie", a delicious white blend from the same country. The red wines were Jacob's Creek sparkling shiraz, Pillastro from Puglia (primitivo)

and Brazilian Riqueza pinot noir. In June we were treated to a selection of ports by the Charlton's. We look forward to the tastings in July (Sheila Lines) and August (Clive Eacott).

## **WAG2**

We have had our 3rd. meeting since starting and now have 8 members.

We have tasted wines from Chile, Hungary and lastly Summer Wines and had some good and enjoyable meetings. We still have 2 vacancies should anyone be interested in joining us.

Our next meeting is 24th. July at 7-30. For details contact Pat Dale (654976) [gillis@gillis.karoo.co.uk](mailto:gillis@gillis.karoo.co.uk)

## **Writing for Fun**

Writing Group 1 run by Liz Parker is currently full but Writing Group 2 run by Brenda Skern (564127) has spaces if anyone is keen to practise their writing skills in a friendly atmosphere, contact Brenda for 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

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## **Rogers Rant**

You may have noticed the May Newsletter was Rant free. Our committee decided my piece was 'inappropriate' (*Committee comment - We decided to take advice from U3A Head Office as Rogers Rant was based on an issue now in the hands of the Police and the advice was NOT to print*)

I came over all Mr. Grumpy at the reasons but have not spat my dummy out.

## **We have come a long way**

This month is not so much a Rant as an acknowledgement of how society has changed over the years.

This Year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the change in the homosexual Law and sees the City of Hull hosting UK Pride which up to now has always taken place in London proving as the heading states 'We have come a long way'

In 1967 the law was changed so Homosexual acts in private between adults was no longer illegal, Remember Alan Turing?

Scotland followed suit in 1980 and Northern Ireland in 1982. I recall a college friend running around the campus shouting 'I am legal' and sharing his hugs with everyone who shared his joy. We did. Fifty years later life for those with an unconventional life style or love life is nobody's business but theirs.

I have a longtime friend and work colleague who was a bloke and is now living and working as a woman. I am trying hard with the name thing but otherwise no problem, in this day and age why should it be?

Roger Coates

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

My grandson recently paid the same for his new trainers as I paid for my first car!

## **New Wrinkly TV programmes!**

8 out of 10 naps  
Mock the Weak  
Only Stools and Hearses  
Last of the Summer Whine  
And finally  
The Wrinkly lads!

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

### **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 when we transform the Memorial Hall into the Seaside of your youth! A sale of 'Fish' produced by the Craft Group will follow the entertainment.

**September 20<sup>th</sup> -** Safe Haven for Donkeys in the Holy Land Lily Beasley

**October 18<sup>th</sup> -** Life as a Magistrate Janet Weatherill

**November 15<sup>th</sup> -** My Travels in Quilting Brenda Stapleton

**December 20<sup>th</sup> -** Christmas Celebrations

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Written contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups.

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The massed ranks of the Ukulele Flash mob (63 in total) entertain in Queen Victoria Square

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To Start a New Game  
Contact Control Desk

Steve Clarke's epic Ten Pin bowling score of 183 (note the five strikes on the trot)





Only the Digital Photography group could get excited over a few Bluebells!



Life drawing at the Art Group but fortunately they kept their clothes on!