

A Word from the Chair



Hello everybody. In the last newsletter I was still talking about Summer and now we're into Autumn. The short-sleeved T-shirts are back in the wardrobe and the fleece has come out again! As if that's not bad enough, by the time you read this there will be less than 100 days to Christmas!!!

Talking of Christmas and having heard how much everybody enjoyed the Summer Spectacular just wait and see what we have in store for you in December. Plans are in the early stages (well actually haven't started yet) but I can promise you yet another exciting experience with the U3A Ensemble.

One of the best experiences I had over the Summer was our Stately Homes Trip to Northumberland. A great time was had by all and I just thought I'd

include a picci of our last night in the bar. You may be surprised to see that I was talking instead of paying attention to the photographer! Speak to you in the next Newsletter. Chris





The inaugural outing of the Coffee and Stroll group at the Station Café, North Ferriby

Latest News/Events

10% Club

We hope you are all taking advantage of this offer, just show your U3A membership card at the participating shops (details published in the last Newsletter) to receive the discount.

Roger Coates recently purchased 2 new tyres from Savoy saving £16 with AWAKE 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

Our Friday morning meet-up for a coffee and chat is as popular as ever with around 20 members regularly attending. We meet at Gabrielle's, Anlaby from 10.30 am on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month. The next one will be 22nd September. Liz Pickering (572563)

Coffee and a Stroll Club

The successful inaugural meeting Of the Coffee and Stroll Group took place on Sunday the 20th August 2017.

Eight stalwart U3A'ers enjoyed a two mile stroll around the beautiful village of North Ferriby, commencing and concluding at the Foreshore car park. A break for coffee and cakes was enjoyed by all, in the lovely sunshine at (outside) the Station Cafe. (well worth a visit, see Cafe's face book page))

A big thanks to all those who attended and made what can only be described as a most enjoyable morning.

Copious amount of banter was supplied by Les Rieder (in car), Sue McPhee (en route) and Liz Pickering (everywhere) which was appreciated by all.

The above event epitomises what AWAKE U3A is all about and the joy it brings to one and all.

Future meetings: 10th.Sept. (meet at Willerby car park at 10.00 am.) further dates, (venues tba.) are as follows:- 24th.Sept . 15thOct. 29thOct. 12thNov. 26thNov, 10thDec. and then into 2018

For further info contact David Atkin 650409

Guitar Group

Steve and I enjoyed taking part in the Summer Spectacular, it was a huge success. We are rehearsing with the Ukulele Group which keeps us up to speed. We are still hoping to expand the group and are looking to use the meeting room at the Manor Farm, I will keep you informed.

Please contact me if you require further details. Paul Kirk 650259

Secret Pudding Club!

The Secret Pudding Eaters Club has had its inaugural meeting on Thursday September 7th to arrange where, when and who will be cooking. More details later.

Interest Group News

Would anyone like to learn or brush up on Bridge? The original bridge group has now finished, and we have had an offer for a beginners group to start. If you are interested contact me.

The first coffee and a stroll took place on Sunday morning August 20th and was enjoyed by all. Come along and give it a try. If you need a lift please contact David 650409.

The summer spectacular was a hit and I think everyone who attended enjoyed the afternoon. Many thanks to all involved.

Contact Sue McPhee 652766 for further details.

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!)

Art for Everyone

I just want to say a great big thank you to all who made a poster for the summertime spectacular, they looked great. Art group restarts its programme from 4th Sept. First and third Monday of each month. We look forward to seeing everyone back after the summer break and would love to welcome any new folk who fancy an afternoon of art.

Denise Roberts 659816.

Book Groups

One of our groups was presented with quite a challenge in August, the book choice being '*Little Dorrit*' by Charles Dickens. It was a very long book with many characters to remember and it has to be admitted that many of us did not finish the book!!! However some significant discussion around Charles Dickens ensued and that was certainly interesting. Victoria Hislop's most recent book, '*Cartes Postales from Greece*' was generally enjoyed, although some members preferred her usual full novels rather than the 'short story' approach of this book. The 3rd group finally read '*The Secret Wife*' by Gill Paul and the

majority of members thoroughly enjoyed the story and the setting of the novel (a fictional story around the Romanov family). It definitely has been one of the most popular books this year and can be recommended. If you are interested in joining one of the Book Groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

Bowls Group

The outdoor Bowls has now closed for the season and will restart in March of next year, details will be available nearer the time for existing or potential new members.

A total of 29 U3A members joined the Wolfreton Park Bowls club and an average of 15 regularly enjoyed attending the Monday evening sessions and a number of our members have now become active members of the Wolfreton club involved in representing the club in League matches, entering club competitions and helping to maintain the green and surrounding gardens.

N.B. The Wolfreton Bowls club AGM is to be held on Thursday 6th October at 2pm in the club house, all club members welcome to attend.

Anyone requiring further information please contact Denise or Steve Roberts on 659816

CARAVAN News

CARAVAN 1ST BIRTHDAY, so far, so good I think.

This idea of a programme of visits for members launched just a year ago seems to be working. I said at the launch meeting that trips will reflect my interests and not be the kind of thing you can get on the open market. Edinburgh x2, Bletchley Park, Jaguar, Liverpool Ship canal, Italy (wine group), week long narrowboat journey, Settle Carlisle, St Ives by sleeper train (soon). Is the list so far unless I have missed anything. I know new friendships have grown from this programme. I am humbled (yes me!) by the trust you show in being led down some garden paths at times well outside your comfort zone. I am often asked why I bother to sort all this stuff. No different to the committee and group leaders. I have experience and ideas to share/use. I get the best value out of hotels and trains. Until it becomes a drag I will keep at it. If you fancy becoming my apprentice give me a call. There are some jobs that could be shared. As every member is in this group so to speak the newsletter is essential to cover all 500 members. There is no regular meeting as with the other groups. I expect dates and times to be noted from the newsletter if

they are final and not just an early advert for an idea. If I call you to CONFIRM a place and you agree then it is time to pay and no refund is possible unless I have a waiting list or you find a replacement. I will by then have paid out for tickets.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival Aug 14th-18th. Some from last year, some new to this lark of overdosing on fun and culture in a magnificent city for five days. All handled the two bus trips in each day and often back very late on the night buses to our Premier Inn in a field (but cheap. Ibis wanted £285p.n.! for a room in town). Val and Tony 's planning probably got them to more stuff than others. Chris and me (well me) thought we could get five shows in a day, we did 4. Some went to the tattoo (that is bands and things not a picture on your bum). A fire alarm in the hotel at 00.30 one night saw us all out in the carpark in casual dress and rollers. Some idiot had taped over the smoke alarm but not well enough. I am pleased to report the small print on booking is that smoking in rooms will get a deep cleaning charge of £150. Our return train journey first class with grub at your seat turned out to be a special experience. The catering crew were stuck on a late train up. The guard showed great initiative and invited all the first-class passengers to open house at the food cupboards and the bar. We soon got the hang of this opportunity as the beautiful sea views sped by. Ann heard the "poison chicken wraps" were good if a bit Chinese. We took further wine supplies for the Doncaster to Hull train, also first class where our arrival was noticed.

Hull -Carlisle train day via Leeds and Ribbleshead is on, paid and booked for Sept 19th. The next trip for which there is a list will be in the Spring. Not Oct as considered (poor light).

Also double header Footie to London, details to follow.

"City Seen" idea next newsletter.

Craft Group

I was amazed at the buzz around the room at the last meeting.

There was so much activity and projects being worked on.

A fantastic owl quilt made by one member was displayed which was truly inspirational, especially as it was a first attempt at the technique.

There were many knitted/crocheted items being worked on, jumpers, squares, hats etc. as well as silver jewellery made from spoons.

The list of talents is growing month by month.

We had some craft donations on the table which soon made their way into people's bags.

A new member came to the Group and was made welcome.

We are all looking forward to displaying our creations when we make our debut at the **November meeting**.

The talk will be "**MY TRAVELS IN QUILTING**" which consists of lots of adventures (and mishaps) during my travels around Europe and worldwide as well as lots of quilts, bags and some unusual outfits to show.

There will be a display of many different crafts that members have made.

Also we will be displaying many Christmas related items including the Christmas Ornaments which we made last year.

Please come along if you are interested in joining the Group.

Brenda Stapleton 654830

brenda@staple.karoo.co.uk

Trip to Harrogate Knitting & Stitching Fair

A trip to the above on Saturday 25th November (10am – 5.30pm) is proposed if we can get sufficient numbers to fill either a 35 or 43-seater Coach (cost in total with admission is £21 approx.) Other members wishing to make this a day out in Harrogate (Christmas shopping etc.) the cost would be £10. Fifteen members of the Craft group are interested, anyone else interested please contact Jan Thomas (655878) for details.

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 (Joint group with Hesse U3A)

We did not meet in August but are back to normal in September with members sharing their photographs from our varied club trips out and also some of their favourites from the summer. The November meeting will look at getting the best from your camera.

For more information please contact Stewart Mawer on 655642 or email 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 at the Willerby Institute 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 2nd October, Monday 6th November, Monday 4th December.

Contact Christine Gibbs 01482 654897 or 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:

21st September 'Hull Fair' by Stephen Smith

19th October 'A Walk through Willerby's Past' by Francis Davies

16th November 'Statues of Hull' by Michael Free

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 an ongoing project on education in our locality we are seeking information on private schools that once existed in our 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). Many thanks to those who have already provided information.

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

NatureWatch

Our future visits are as follows:

Friday September 22nd Saltfleet Marsh, Louth

Friday October 20th Allerthorpe

Friday November 10th Donna Nook (Seals, Humans beware, Arctic conditions!)

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

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: September 28th, October 12th & 26th, November 9th & 23rd, December 8th and possibly the 21st for our Christmas Quiz (tbc)

Singing for Fun

This group is growing and going from strength to strength we now have over fifty members. We all enjoyed the summer spectacular and look forward to our next performance. Even though we are a big group we don't turn anyone away.

Sue McPhee 652766

Stately Homes Group

July saw our very successful 3-day trip to Northumberland and you'll hear all about it in the next issue of the Newsletter (we thought you'd like to read the CARAVAN review this edition). We have just put together our programme for the end of this year and into 2018. It will be put on the website once details have been confirmed. Our first meeting this month looked at the houses of Henry VIII – he actually owned 60 when he died and some are on the market for sale at the moment if you happen to have £8.5 million!! Initial interest in our 2018 visit to Norfolk has been incredible – we may have to hire a whole hotel!!!!!! On a smaller scale, our October session will be a visit

to Cusworth Hall near Doncaster. 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

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 started again following the Summer School Holidays on a Monday (every other week) or on a Friday (every week) Both sessions commence at 10am at the bowling alley in the ground floor of the Princes Quay shopping centre.

Barely Awake Ukulele Group

We have all enjoyed playing at Willerby Methodist, the Summer Spectacular, the Yorkshire Polio Society (Ferrybridge), Godfrey Robinson Home, The Hollies and we played off Sammy Lloyd at Filey at the start of his Wolds Way charity walk and also at his Ukulele entertainment evening at the Bear pub in South Cave. New players continue to join our Beginners group, contact Steve Roberts (659816) for details.

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.

Sept 28th-NORTH DALTON-6.0 miles. Meet at village hall car park. Explorer map 294/Grid ref SE934522.Leader Dave Mobile 07818 509381

12 October – SEWERBY/SOUTH LANDING, FLAMBOROUGH – 5³/₄ miles. Meet at Sewerby public car park (adjacent to Model Village) at **10:00 for this walk only,** Explorer Map 301 – Grid Ref: XX 198 687.

Leader Richard (tel 07975 963523)

26 October – WETWANG – $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Meet at village pond, Explorer Map 294 & 300 – Grid Ref: SE 933 591.
Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

9 November – WATTON - $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Meet at north end of 'lay-by', junction leading to Tophill Low from A164, Explorer map 295 - Grid Ref TA 018 499.
Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

23 November – RISBY/WALKINGTON – $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles along almost level tracks and lanes with option of an extra $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles along field paths which may be muddy. Meet at Folly Lake Café car park, Risby Park (post code HU17 8SS). Explorer map 293 – Grid Ref: TA 009 352.
Leader Neville (tel 07840 077965)

14 December – ELLERKER – a short walk of 5 mile followed by our 'End of Year' lunch at 12:00 in the Garden Centre café, (Choice of a seasonal lunch or a la carte menu). Meet at Garden Centre, post code HU15 2DD, rear car park at 09:20, the route will depend on the prevailing ground conditions. Explorer map 293 SE 929 295.
Leader Neville (tel 07840 077965)
Contact Dave Carlton tel. 650268 email davec123@outlook.com
For further details

Walking – Short Walks (2-3½ miles)

25 September 2017 S Cave Aerodrome. Park on one side only facing downhill in Little Wold Lane, S Cave. There is a STEEP hill on this walk.

9 October 2017 Elloughton Dale. Park at Elloughton opposite the Half Moon pub. Two hills on this walk.

23 October 2017. Melton-N Ferriby river walk. Park near the pond at the far end of Melton Old Rd, which is L at traffic lights at Melton Bottom.

13 November 2017. Beverley Molescroft. Park in dirt car park off Ings Rd which is off the north bypass Grange Way (nearly opposite Haywain Pub).

Contact for text messages 07847 850309
Email gianj@gianj.karoo.co.uk
Ian Jones.

WINE Appreciation Groups

WAG1

The Group completed its latest cycle of monthly meetings with a presentation of an interesting selection of organic wines by Sheila Lines (July) and some good value wines promoted by The Wine Society (Enid and Alan Townshend, August). The Society is owned by its 40000-odd members and has a high reputation for service and the quality and range of wines it has for sale, which was confirmed by the complimentary remarks of Group members.

In September the Group had organised a tasting of Sicilian wines, jointly with WAG-2, at Veenoo in York but unfortunately it had to be cancelled. Our October meeting is being organised by Chris Watson and Ann Kay.

Further information about our activities can be obtained from Alan Townshend (tel: 651212).

WAG2

This has been our second month now and after last month's newsletter we have gained 2 new members, Doreen and Brian Redhead, so now have a full compliment.

Up to now this month we have tasted Organic Wines and visited the wines of the Loire Valley. We are not meeting in September as most of the group are on holiday

Since starting we have had some very enjoyable meetings and a lot of fun.

Any enquires contact Pat Dale on 01482 654976

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 or on paper copy to 18, Ellerker Rise, Well Lane, Willerby HU10 6EY

Despite Chris Watson's plea (AWAKEN Issue 38) for more In My Own Write articles none have been forthcoming so I am using Editors license and writing one myself which I suppose is a sort of Anti Rant!

Born at the RIGHT time!

I, and those of my age group, should consider ourselves extremely lucky. I was born in 1947 and therefore missed the horrors of the 2nd World War, times were not easy during my childhood but I enjoyed the freedom to roam around for hours on end during the constantly sun-drenched summer holidays. Then came work and although it was a competitive job market all of those who wanted work seemed to achieve their goal or go on to FREE further education AND I missed National Service!

Just imagine as a teenager ordering the new Beatles or Stones single and excitedly arriving at Sydney Scarborough to pick it up and rushing home to play it on your Dansette Major! What have today's kids got to look forward to, downloading JZee or Lady Gaga, it's surely no contest. We were also fortunate to get onto the property ladder at an early age unlike many of the youth of today.

The only time my Dad left Yorkshire was to visit Africa, Italy and Germany the latter for a two year stint in a prisoner of war camp!

I on the other hand have been lucky enough to travel all over the world for both Business and Pleasure.

Then along came retirement and a final salary pension complete with lump sum, again our kids can only dream of such a thing and face the prospect of working till God knows what age.

So we have witnessed a World Cup win in 66, marveled at the skills of Mohammed Ali and many other sporting greats.

I was privileged to attend the Olympic Games in London and the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and best of all be at Wembley to see my beloved Hull FC win on the hallowed turf for the first & second time!

So no World Wars, constant employment, great entertainment, great sport, memorable travel, a good pension, our own home and then I discovered U3A what more could a lucky pensioner want! As I said, BORN AT THE RIGHT TIME!

Rogers Rant

I thought you should know that Willerby Parish Councillors and friends (only three all together) organise, fit, plant and maintain the beautiful flower boxes around Willerby Square, Hop Pole roundabout and the Well Lane playground every year. A word of thanks as you pass would be good. They are not council workers.

Remember the green boxes and the hand zappers in Safeway which became Waitrose 2004? I recall this new way to shop as a bit too clever for its own good with many shoppers declining the staff invitations on entry to use this wonderful system and the zappers breaking down or being stolen. I think we even had to buy the boxes and some were daft enough to do so.

Well, Zapper shopping MkII is back in Waitrose as well as self checkout. The old Waitrose call of "Jean and Sally to checkouts, please as soon as a queue is seen is less heard. Now the plan seems to be to ignore the queue and encourage use of the staff-less systems. I was encouraged to do just this recently and politely declined, staying in the queue to pay a human as the tills boss gave me a funny look.

I feel a bit of people power coming on which may keep a few people in a job. It's safe to assume all the new systems are not to keep us amused but to cut labour costs/jobs. So please join my silent army in the supermarkets by not going to the self-checkouts or using the zappers. I see evidence that most zappers seem never to come out so maybe this idea will die soon without my help.

The best fun in this plan is to decline an invitation to zap or self. In the very busy W H Smith in Kings Cross there is one till and a row of selfies. I join many others in the queue so maybe I am not the first with this plan.

I don't seek a return to taking a chair at the counter in Sainsbury's while staff walk about to get your blue bag of sugar and cut Danish butter from a block.

Power to the People

Roger Coates

Dates for your Diary – Monthly Meetings

October 18th -
Weatherill

Life as a Magistrate Janet

November 15th -

My Travels in Quilting
Brenda Stapleton

December 20th -

Christmas Celebrations

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 3rd November 2017.** Written

contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups. Registered Charity Number 1150988 ANLABY WILLERBY AND KIRK ELLA U3A the website may be found at <http://u3asites.org.uk/>



The Choir and Bands entertain the masses at the Summer Spectacular under the musical direction of Mike Britton



We all had a good laugh!



Look, we are NOT doing Itzy Bitzy! (don't look now)



Sorry I thought it was Wimbledon

Les, it's behind you)



The East Yorkshire invasion of Northumberland Stately Homes
They came, They saw, They had a few drinks! (see front page)