

# AWAKEN

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

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## A Word from the Chair



Hello again everybody. Hope you've all managed to keep safe and warm during the recent spell of bad weather. The snowdrops have all been on show soon to be followed, hopefully, by the crocuses (yes, you can spell the plural in this way, checked in the Concise Oxford Dictionary!) and then the daffodils to let us know that Spring has finally arrived. On a more formal note, many of you will hear at the Monthly Meeting or through your Group Leaders of changes that we have had to respond to within our U3As.

For those of you who can't always make it to the meetings the only change you will notice is in relation to your Membership renewal form where you will now have to give various 'consents' in order to meet the new EU Data Protection Regulations. The other change is in relation to how we manage our monies – for the majority of you, you won't even notice or be affected by the new arrangements apart from if you go on any trips. You will now be asked to make cheques out to AWAKE U3A instead of to individuals but apart from that the changes will just affect internal organisation. Any queries please feel free to contact me. Back to enjoyable things – the planning of the Summer Spectacular has begun so try and get to our August meeting and as usual we can guarantee an interesting afternoon!! Hope the weather stays fine for Easter and I'll speak to you all again in a couple of months. Chris



## **Latest News/Events**

### **News Flash**

**There will be another Social  
Evening on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm – 11pm**

**St. Andrews Memorial Hall, Kirk Ella**

**Tickets £12 (includes buffet &  
entertainment, bring your own drinks)**

**Members only as tickets are limited**

**Contact Sue McPhee (652766) from  
26<sup>th</sup> March for tickets**

### **AWAKE U3A OPEN DAY**

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

*at*

**The Manor Farm Pub, Willerby Rd.  
10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.**

**Members & Prospective Members welcome!**

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

### **MEMBERSHIP !!!.....THIS YEAR ...AND NEXT.....**

We have now 28% more members this March than 2 years ago  
and this would seem to coincide with the number of new and

attractive groups springing into life during this time. Our membership now stands at 545.

Renewal of membership is now due on **1<sup>st</sup> April** so please have your subs and forms to me asap on or soon after that date...or even before if possible. If you paid last year's fee later in 2017 (e.g. in May) your membership is still due in **April 2018**.

There are changes to "Data Protection" rules **which have meant changes to the Renewal form so please make sure you tick the boxes and sign the form.**

Many thanks for your prompt cooperation on this.

Chris Coates Membership Sec.

### ***New Groups!***

Two new groups have recently started, afternoon cinema visits, and a discussion group which is meeting on the first Friday of the month at Gabrielle's Anlaby 10-15am.

Is there anyone out there who would like to start or join a classical music group?

Or maybe a Bridge/cards group, these groups could be held at a member's home. Contact Sue McPhee for more details on any of these matters.

Sue McPhee 652766

### **Coffee and a Stroll Club**

#### **DATES 2018**

25<sup>th</sup>.March. Country Park Inn /Hessle Foreshore.

15<sup>th</sup>.April. Gabrielles/Anlaby/Morrisons front Car Park.

29<sup>th</sup>.April. McCoys/Old Town/Odeon Car P.

13<sup>th</sup>.May. Ferriby Station Cafe/Ferriby/Foreshore Car P.

27<sup>th</sup>.May. Zackerys/Kirkella.

10<sup>th</sup>.June. Barton Ropery/Barton.

24<sup>th</sup>.June. Gabrielles/Anlaby/Sainsburys Car P. Anlaby.

15<sup>th</sup>.July. Country Park Inn/Hessle Foreshore.

29<sup>th</sup>.July. McCoys/Old Town/Odeon Car Park.

Please note that all actual walks commence at 10.00am from the designated car park, i.e. Ferriby Foreshore or Barton Ropery, therefore any car sharing to get there should take this into account and obviously set off earlier in order to achieve the 10.00am start. Many thanks.Any queries and requests for car share/lift, phone David Atkin 650409.

## Secret Pudding Club!

Our January meeting's theme was comfort food. Suet puddings. We enjoyed Sussex Pond Pudding and Sussex Puddle Pudding. Who knew there was such a difference between a pond and a puddle? February's meeting was pancakes and we enjoyed both savoury and sweet. Unfortunately, due to the weather in March we didn't get to taste Welsh cakes or Welsh amber pudding. Our April meeting will be a celebration of Easter when chocolate will be playing a big part and we will be blind tasting hot cross buns. If interested contact Joan Greenley 653917

## Interest Group News

**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

To start the New Year the three groups read '*The Children's Act*' by Ian McEwan, '*Cartes Postales*' by Victoria Hislop and '*The Secret Diary of Hendrick Groen aged 83¾*' by Hendrick Groen. The Victoria Hislop book was thought to be disappointing compared with her usual books and the recommendation is not to read the Groen book unless you want to know what life is like in a Dutch home for OAPs!!! By comparison '*The Children's Act*' was well received, telling a story of a young Jehovah's Witness and a lawyer's fight in relation to the dilemma of Blood Transfusion. The February books included two by 'local' authors. '*Dark Winter*' by David Mark (a murder mystery that's on at Hull Truck Theatre in March) and '*Being Reverend*' by Matt Woodcock (in diary form telling of his life up to becoming a Reverend at Holy Trinity). The third book was '*This Must Be the Place*' by Maggie O'Farrell. All three of the books had mixed responses but were generally thought to be worth reading. If you are interested in joining one of the Book Groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

## Bowls Group

**The new 2018 U3A Lawn Bowls season** starts on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Wolfreton Park Bowls Club, Chestnut Avenue.

If you wish to register for the new season, the club is hosting a Coffee morning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 in the Club

House for members to pay the joining fee (maintained at £12 for social members and £70 for full membership)

Anyone requiring further information or would like to try out Lawn bowls for the first time please contact Denise or Steve Roberts on 659816

## **CARAVAN News (Trips & Journeys, no Caravan required!))**

**Rail Day** Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Settle - Carlisle is full. Meet in Hull Station near Larkin in good time for 08.38 to Leeds. Back in Hull 20.40.

**St Malo France** May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. "A breath of French Air" It is confirmed. 3 nights historic old town and much else. Night and day ferry crossings. 1 night and day in historic Winchester and afternoon at Portsmouth historic dockyard. Train travel. £350 inclusive. A few more could join. Contact Roger soon.

**Narrow boat week.** On Stratford Canal. £120 ish plus car share and food. Some spaces male/female. A repeat of last year's "Best Exotic Marigold Boat Trip" on another route. Moor outside Stratford Theatre. Date by agreement with crew when full. April/May. A bit like a school trip but with more wisdom and less chewing gum. Call Roger for a chat we can take YOU.

**Edinburgh Fringe Festival** August 12-16. (3<sup>rd</sup>.year) 4 nights convenient hotel next to tram and train stop for city centre in 15 mins. Rooms booked. 4 nights 5 days. Train travel (1<sup>st</sup> class back) £ 260 ish p.p. inc. 300 + venues and street theatre. Tattoo and Book festival also on.

**Coming up...** Full day in Liverpool for Terracotta Warriors, Gormley figures or W.H.Y.

Roger Contact 657105 07941222499 [coatesroger@outlook.com](mailto:coatesroger@outlook.com)

## **CARAVAN Extra**

These days we all have a central heating boiler in our homes ensuring the ice on the inside of the windows are a thing of the past!

But have you ever wondered how the most complex of our homes white goods are designed and manufactured.

Well now is your chance to find out, Les McPhee an ex employee of Ideal Boilers for almost 50 years is organising a factory visit around Ideal Boilers in National Avenue in the near future, if you would like to see the design, development and 21<sup>st</sup> century manufacturing process in action please ring Les on

652766.

Groups of up to 12 can be accommodated and once we have gauged interest a date(s) will be communicated.

## **Coffee Club**

Coffee and a chat with friends is still very popular with around 25-30 regulars attending. The venue is Gabrielle's in Anlaby from 10.30 am for an hour or so on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month. The next one will be 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Liz Pickering 572563

## **Craft Group**

The group continues to thrive with lots of ideas being exchanged and new projects started.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fund raising effort for the Breast Cancer Unit. I visited Castle Hill and donated a cheque for £150 to Ward 16 for the benefit of patients. This contribution was gratefully received.

We continue to meet at Willerby Methodist Church on the 3rd Monday afternoon 2 – 4pm except Bank Holidays and December (when we have a meal organised).

If you would like to join us just come along to a meeting when you will be made welcome.

Brenda Stapleton 654830

## **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 Hessle U3A)**

We continue to join with the Hessle U3A DP group and during the recent inclement weather we shared the photographs we have taken for the Hull City Year of Culture and also local landmarks.

For future meetings we hope to go out into the great wide world with our cameras and will be starting a 'pot luck' project!

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 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 :-

16 April 2018, 21 May 2018, 4 June 2018, 2 July 2018

Contact Christine Gibbs 01482 654897

or [Christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com).

## **French Group**

The following poem was penned by Michael Eberling after a recent meeting of Mary Moore's French Group

We'd worked hard at the tenses,

And soon we learned to say

When we should use the imperfect,

Not passé composé.

We learned about French culture.

One thing we thought quite wrong.

And that was how they stuffed, then ate,

Les pauvres ortolans.

We then moved on to other things,

And read of alpinistes.

We heard about les hautes alpages,

and not to ski off piste.

Then things began to go downhill,

When Mary said that we

Must learn about the phrase ce que,

and when to use ce qui.

She said that we could manage it,

but we must concentrate

To see which one the main clause was,

And which subordinate.

Despite how hard we tried to learn,

our thoughts became quite muddled.

It was too difficult to grasp;

Our heads became befuddled.  
So we were not surprised to hear  
Mary say she could begin  
To understand why children moan,  
"Please Miss, me head's done in!"

### **Guitar Group**

Our meetings now take place at Manor Farm (Willerby Road) on Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon on the following dates:

April 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>,  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
June 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Any new potential members interested please contact Paul Kirk on 650259

### **Local History Group**

This is one of AWAKE U3A's most popular groups and meets on a monthly basis for talks on topics about the local history of our area. We also arrange occasional outings, usually during the summer months, to places of local historical interest.

Our next few monthly talks are:

**15<sup>th</sup> March\*** 'Three Day Millionaires' by Alec Gill

**19<sup>th</sup> April** 'The Pease family of Hull – Yorkshire's First Bankers'  
by Michael Free

**17<sup>th</sup> May** 'Sam Allon: Demolished Hull' by  
Rob Haywood

**21<sup>st</sup> June** 'The Ellerkers of Risby' by Chris Watson

### ***Everyone welcome!***

\*We shall be taking bookings for a guided tour of Trinity House on 12<sup>th</sup> April at this meeting. The number of persons for this tour is strictly limited to **12**. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

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 to cover the costs of speakers, hall hire and refreshments.

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



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**

The forthcoming visits are as follows:

23.3.18                      Denaby Ings and Sprotborough Flash,  
West Doncaster

20.4.18                      Potteric Carr (YWT)      Doncaster

4.5.18                        Millington Wood              Pocklington

18.5.18                      Skerne Wetlands              Driffeld ish

(see website for the full 2018 list)

There are a couple of new sites to investigate and return to favourite sites to see what has changed. I will try and send reminder emails on the Monday of the week with meeting times for the Friday. If, on your travels, you come across sites or hear of new sites being opened then can you please drop me the details so I can A) investigate and B) add it to the library of sites for further inclusion. See photo on page 15 for one of our 'finds' during the recent visit to Blacktoft.

Regards    Mark + Celia

## **Play Reading 1**

February saw a departure from standard 'play reading' for the group but reading aloud was still very much the focus of the meeting.

We examined a few famous speeches from history where Chris Watson revelled in the opportunity to be Queen Elizabeth I, whilst Roger Coates made a stern Oliver Cromwell expelling MPs from the House of Commons.

A less serious note was struck with the reading of a variety of poems, some looking at remembered past. Another batch by the current Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, examined what it was like to be the wife of a famous character from history. We heard from Mrs Aesop, who found her husband a terrible bore; Mrs Darwin, who observed in three brief lines she thought the Chimp reminded her of her husband; Mrs Rip van Winkle, horrified when her husband woke up and Frau Freud – we'll leave that to your imagination!

The March meeting made a start on 'The Little Foxes' by Lillian Hellman. You may have heard of the 1942 Oscar nominated

film of the play, starring Bette Davis.

## **Play Reading 2**

Our first two readings for 2018 were Breezeblock Park, by Willy Russell, and Alan Bennett's, Habeas Corpus. Both comedies, though different in style, were greatly enjoyed. Unfortunately, our February meeting coincided with the arrival of the Beast from the East, but five hardy, or foolhardy souls from nearby decided to brave it. There was great amusement as we took on multi roles and a variety of suspect accents. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 28th March.

Pauline Park

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

The fortnightly Quiz Nights at Manor Farm on a Thursday night continue to be very well attended and even the bad weather didn't deter people from arriving. The dates for the next few months are: March 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

## **Stately Homes Group**

For our February and March meetings we moved away from some of the more historic aspects of Stately Homes and our presenters provided some excellent entertainment about life in the homes. Our first speaker was Derek Clarke who challenged us to identify different items and their uses. He had an unorthodox scoring method for our answers and if I tell you our team ended up with -24 it gives you an idea of the challenge! The 28 members who managed to battle their way through the bad weather at the beginning of March were rewarded with home-made scones, thick cream and berry compote all provided by 'The Tickton Tarts' who told us about the history of Afternoon Tea and brought the goodies with them. If you are interested in attending our Stately Homes Group sessions please contact Chris Watson on 659773

## **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**

Both the Monday (every other week) and Friday (every week) sessions continue at 10am at the bowling alley in the ground floor of the Princes Quay shopping centre. More members could be accommodated so if you fancy two games, a bacon or an egg sandwich and a tea or coffee all for just £5 then contact Dave Bodecott (Monday) on 656317 or David Newman (Friday) on 659870 for more details

## **Barely Awake Ukulele Group**

During January and February the main group have provided entertainment at the Hessle Ramblers lunch at the Village Hotel,

Played for a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Godfrey Robinson Home, North Ferriby and 14 of us arrived to play for the residents of the Country Court care home, East Hull when they were only expecting one man and a Ukulele! It was a tight squeeze but we made it.

The Beginners and the Intermediate groups continue to thrive. Anyone interested in joining please contact Steve Roberts (659816) for details.

## **Wine Groups**

We have two wine appreciation Groups. Each Group meets at the houses of each member in turn; membership is limited to about ten so that they can fit around a dining table. The cost of a tasting is covered by the host member so that no money changes hands. Both existing Groups have about ten members so we are keen to meet a demand to set up another Group. If you would like to join this third Group, and especially if you are prepared to be an organiser please contact Alan Townshend (Tel:651212) or Pat Dale (Tel:654976) who will be happy to talk to you. We will both be present at the Open Day at Manor Farm on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## **WAG-1**

We have held several tastings since the last report. We enjoyed a range of Australian wines selected by Clive Eacott, white and red Spanish wines (Chris Watson and Ann Kay) and Eastern European wines chosen from the shelves of Waitrose by Chris

Coates. In each instance some excellent wines emerged, often relatively inexpensive. A Slovenian sauvignon blanc was particularly, if unexpectedly, appreciated. Our March meeting will cover typical wines made from single grape varieties (Enid and Alan Townshend), and April will be a presentation of Sicilian wines (Sheila Lines).

## **Walking – Longer Walks**

**22 March** – (52) RAWCLIFFE – 6 miles. Meet at south side of church, 'The Green' – Explorer map 291 – Grid Ref: SE 685 229. Leader Dave (tel. 07818 509381)

All walks start at 09:30.

Contact Dave Carlton tel. 650268 email [davec123@outlook.com](mailto:davec123@outlook.com)  
For further details

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

All walks are about 3 miles and start prompt at 10.00.

Wear clothing and footwear suitable for the weather and terrain.

**26th Mar Willerby/Kirk Ella** Womble. Light inclines, some grass/mud, mainly pavements...park at bottom of Willerby Square car park.

**9th April Tranby.** Slight inclines, plenty of grass tracks, finishing on pavements. Park neatly in Lynwood Avenue, Anlaby.

**23rd April.** (St George's day...dress appropriately) Swanland Figure-of-eight. Park at playing field car park off West Wold, Swanland.

**30th April.** This is an extra one that will interest the local history groups Boulevard and Coltman Street to see the considerable progress on No. 114, Pickering's House. Park at West Park off Walton Street.

**14th May. Beverley/Leconfield.** Flat, lots of grassy footpaths. Park off Ings Road, off Grange Way, Beverley.

28th May. is a Bank Holiday.

Special requests for favourite walks in 2019 are now being taken.

All short walks for the whole of 2018 are available from Ian Jones. Text on 07847 850 309 or email .....[gianj@gianj.karoo.co.uk](mailto:gianj@gianj.karoo.co.uk)

## 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

**We have a coup for In My Own Write this month, the first entry penned by one of our feathered friends!**

### **What have I been missing? by Nugget**

A few weeks ago a man turned up in a big truck at my cage house called a battery to take us all away. We were to be pies or soup he said. I ended up going in a van in crates. Me and a few hundred others got out of the crates and found we could walk around. I had never done that before. Later that Saturday morning humans turned up at this secret farm in the woods near York with boxes and baskets and took us away. My man and a little girl took four of us to his car in banana boxes. I was a bit scared but living in a box was not a novelty. The little girl human talked to us and pushed a finger in the holes as we drove along. After an hour the car stopped. My box was lifted out so I fell about a bit as my legs were weak from a life of sitting down. My man picked me out gently and said how pleased he was to find an egg in the box but conversation was quite difficult. He put me down in a small shed which had much more space than the old place. Straw on the floor was nice. A feeder (I know now) had food like the old place that my man had ground in his coffee grinder to make it look familiar. I was thirsty but no water drip up high anywhere. We had a few pecks at each other just like the old times when it was the only thing to do for fun. I soon sorted out the pecking order. Me at the top of course but Drumstick clearly had other ideas. A few pecks soon sorted that little issue. We were in the house all that night and slept on the straw. Next morning my man opened the pop hole (our front door) to let light in. I was the only one to get up and take a look. I looked around and saw SPACE AND SKY! I wanted to step out but was not sure if my floppy legs could make the step. I kind of rolled out but soon got up to look dignified before the others saw me. A few steps around this new place as the others watched from the pop hole. As boss I set the pace. Soon the other three tumbled out. Our man calls this place the run but we can only stagger today. I discover grass, holly (which hurts) stones, weeds, wind, birds in what our man calls

the sky and SPACE. We all clucked to show we are happy with all this. That night it went dark about 10 hours after we got up. This is very odd as in the old place our days were 18 hours long then the lights went out. We flopped down outside in the run to sleep but soon our man turned up with a light and picked each of us up and gently pushed us in to the pop hole and closed it. Three of us had laid an egg that day. Our man was very impressed. They were taken away as usual. None of us felt like sitting on them to become mummies and anyway I know you have to play leap frog with a cockerel to get babies. My other two friends in the banana boxes are Janet and \*\*\*\* who says I can't use her name in print without a fee or my place in the pecking order. We'll see about that. After two days of not drinking our man pushed my head gently into the drinker a few times. We now know it is not just a mirror we can drink it. This rain stuff is new. We got very wet till our man put us in the house a few times and we got the idea of how to keep dry. It must be Christmas (a man thing). Our man gave us some worms. AMAZING. I shake it about a bit then with a stylish flick of the head gobble it in one. I can feel it wriggle in my crop. Ooooooh lovely. Now looking for my own. More adventures another time.

Nugget (address withheld)

**(I am sure you all want to know who writes for Nugget but anonymity has been requested, is it Banksy?)**

### **ROGER'S RANTS.**

I may be the last to notice but Willerby has a post office again it's inside the Wishes card/gift shop, Willerby Square. **Tell everybody to use it or lose it.**

Also, I discovered a TV channel called "Talking Pictures TV, channel 81 on Freeview, also on Sky etc. It is wall to wall old and very old films. Classics, B movies and documentaries. It is run by one family, see the web site.

I keep hearing men & women in the street being interviewed on the Brexit issue and getting excited at the prospect of Britain being "great" again as if "great" in this context means wonderful or brilliant. It is an inclusive term for all the countries of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. As in Greater Manchester, Great Grimsby , Greater London etc.

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

**April – Waste & Regeneration -Karen Waggs**  
**May – Being British – Phil Walker**  
**June - AWAKE AGM**

## Next **AWAKEN**

Please send any items to be published to:

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

And Chris Moody (website) at [cjmcj7@gmail.com](mailto:cjmcj7@gmail.com)

The deadline for items to be included in the next edition of **AWAKEN** is **Friday 27th April 2018**. Written contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups.

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The Coffee & Stroll group at Princes Quay (they appear to have talked the head off the poor bloke on the right!)



Marsh Harrier spotted during the NatureWatch visit to Blacktoft  
In February



The new Tai Chi group throwing some shapes (as the kids say!)





We came, we saw and we didn't get electrocuted at Drax power station. Well done Roger for another great visit.