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Kirk Ella



AWAKEN

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

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A Word from the Chair



How can two months pass by so quickly. It only seems a short while since I was wishing you a Happy Easter and now we're busy planning Summer Holidays (if we ever get any Summer!) For this newsletter I'm going to be quite literal and talk about 'a word'. The word in question being 'nice'. Do you all remember how you had to do exercises in English where you had to find a better adjective than 'nice' to describe things? I have to confess when I was a teacher to putting a lot of my little cherubs through the same exercises year after year. Although it isn't the most descriptive adjective, I regularly use the word 'nice' and know exactly what I mean by it. To me it has a warmth and cosiness about it that more flowery language doesn't have. What's better than having 'a nice cup of tea' – who needs to know that it's 'a fragrant cup of tea' or 'a well-stewed cup of tea'. Again, we can talk about somebody being 'a nice person' and know precisely what is meant – we don't necessarily need to know why they're 'nice', we just know that we'd feel comfortable with them as a friend. It maybe that as we get older we realise that the simplest language is the best (but don't tell your grandchildren that when they ask you to help them with their homework on Adjectives!). On a business note, just to remind you that it is the AGM at the June monthly meeting. Hope to see you there.

Chris



Open Day at Manor Farm



Lots of activity at another well attended Open Day with 13 new members signed up



The Art corner with David Newman's poem 'The Penguin and the Camel' illustrated by members of the Art group

Latest News/Events

MEMBERSHIP !!!.....THIS YEAR ...AND NEXT.....

Renewal of membership was due on **1st April** and lots of members have re-joined however if you have not re-joined and wish to do so please contact Chris Coates.

There are changes to "Data Protection" rules **which have meant changes to the Renewal form so please make sure you tick the boxes on the back of the form and sign the form. A number of members have not ticked the appropriate boxes and Chris will be contacting them to do so!!**

Many thanks for your prompt cooperation on this.

Chris Coates Membership Sec. 657105

2018 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 Liz Pickering, our General Secretary. Any completed Nomination Forms need to be sent to Liz by the deadline of 2 p.m. on Friday, 1st June. **This year the AGM will be immediately followed by a traditional Afternoon Tea!**

NEW 10% DISCOUNT DEAL FOR U3A MEMBERS

Bell & Higgins DIY, Anlaby Road, Hull

10% off sales, excluding Fence Panels & Power Tools

New Groups!

I have been asked if we could start a French and German conversation group for people who can speak these languages but would like to brush up on their skills, anyone interested?

I am still on the hunt for people for easy listening classical music, bridge/cards, golf if any these take your fancy please get in touch.

I am also in the process of trying to arrange a ghost walk on the 29th September round Beverley, please let me know if you are interested.

Any of these groups get in touch with Sue McPhee 652766

Coffee and a Stroll Club

DATES 2018

27th.May. Zackerys/Kirkella.

10th.June. Barton Ropery/Barton.

24th.June. Gabrielles/Anlaby/Sainsburys Car P. Anlaby.

15th.July. Country Park Inn/Hessle Foreshore.

29th.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.

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!)

Art for Everyone

Just in case you missed the open day I will describe for you the latest project undertaken by the group. We took a nonsense poem written by David Newman, of the Writing group, called 'The Penguin and the Camel' and illustrated it with pen and ink drawings. We had great fun and the end product is shown on page 2 in the photograph section, 'they all did very well,' as Mr Newman said. The group is thriving and has welcomed several new members of late. For any information call Denise Roberts 659816

Book Groups

Five out of the six books read during March and April were new-to-the-group books and received mixed responses. *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan proved the most popular book, being an easy read with an interesting story. *Alone in Berlin* by Hans Fallada also generally had a good response but needed more concentration to follow the story. Less popular books were *Slow Horses* by Mick Herron and the classic *The Picture of Dorian Grey* by Oscar Wilde. In relation to the latter book, the general response was that the author should have stuck to

poetry and children's stories!! The book that generated the most discussion was *To Kill the President* by Sam Bourne. Although a fiction book, the characters seemed familiar, especially as the book was written during the period of the last USA Presidential election campaign. Discussion considered what could be done when someone's power seemed to disregard anything or anybody else. If you are interested in joining one of the reading groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

Bowls Group

The new 2018 U3A Lawn Bowls season is now up and running at the Wolfreton Park Bowls Club, Chestnut Avenue.

If you would like to join us or just give it a try come along on a Monday evening from 6.15pm to 8pm (Wolfreton Club Membership fees are maintained at £12 for social members and £70 for full membership)

Anyone requiring further information or would like to try Lawn bowls please contact Denise or Steve Roberts on 659816

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

This programme for all members has been taking AWAKE groups around UK and Europe for two years. The St Malo, (France) group are just back from exploring book locations in this lovely area (see photo on page 15)

This Newsletter is the only way to spread the word of what is available. Unlike a travel company I can't book a coach or train tickets on spec and hope to fill them. You have to respond promptly if you want a place. Often provisionally at first. The new tighter money rules in U3A make prompt payment essential when asked. Payment arrangements, when asked are cheques payable to Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella U3A or cash to me. **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Narrowboat One week cruise, self drive, (self everything!) Was to be Spring. Now to be first week Octoberish. This happened last year with all first timers. Nobody fell in and nobody fell out. The existing list stands. I can take four more. Call me for a chat.

Edinburgh Fringe. August 12th to 16th. This is the world's biggest arts festival in a beautiful city. Most of the world turns up and it could be you! Rooms close to town with 15 min tram

ride in. Four nights, train travel. The Book Festival and Tattoo are also on. Give your senses a treat. Guide price £260 shared rooms, return travel no food.

Liverpool for Terracotta Warriors, (ticketed) Gormley's Another Place on Crosby beach (free) and much more. This can be a day return coach trip or a two day with one night hotel and return by train. Price guide for day trip £27 coach and Warriors. Overnight £80 p.p. sharing in city centre hotel. Warriors and train return. Within Sept 24th to 28. The Warriors is selling out fast so I need names NOW. I have 30 already. You choose one or two days.

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CARAVAN Extra

The Factory visit around the Ideal Boilers central heating manufacturer in National Avenue went ahead in early May with over 30 U3A members attending three visits over a two-week period (see photo on Page 16)

Coffee Club

Coffee and a chat with friends is still proving very popular. The venue is Gabrielle's in Anlaby from 10.30 am for an hour or so on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The next one will be 25th May.

Liz Pickering 572563

Craft Group

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

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 managed a rare visit out in the sun in May to the Bluebell Woods on Beverley Westwood, we are hoping for similar weather for our June meeting outing.

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 :-

21 May 2018, 4 June 2018, 2 July 2018

Contact Christine Gibbs 01482 654897
or Christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com.

Guitar Group

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

May 30th

June 13th & 27th

We have recently welcomed a few new members but any potential members interested please contact Paul Kirk on 650259

Local History Group

This is one of AWAKE U3A's most popular groups and numbers attending our meetings have been on the increase in recent months. The group meets on a monthly basis for talks on topics about the local history of our area. In addition, we arrange occasional outings, usually during the summer months, to places of local historical interest. Members also take part in research into aspects of local history in Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella.

Our next few monthly talks are:

17th May 'Sam Allon: Demolished Hull' by Rob Haywood

21st June 'The Ellerkers of Risby' by Chris Watson

19th July 'Origins of Hull Telephones and its Iconic White Kiosks' by Chris Mead

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. Currently, there is an admission charge of £2 per person to cover the costs of speakers, hall hire and refreshments.

Guests are also invited 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)

NatureWatch

The forthcoming visits are as follows:

18.5.18 Skerne Wetlands Driffeld (ish)
01.06.18 Denaby & Sproatborough Flash Near Doncaster
15.06.18 Bampton RSPB and Flamborough
06.07.18 Kiplingcoates Station & Chalkpits
20.07.18 Filey Brigg

(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.

Regards Mark + Celia (654666)

Quizzing Group????

The fortnightly Quiz Nights at Manor Farm on a Thursday night seem to be growing every time with up to 45 people attending each Quiz. That is about the maximum capacity for the room so it's a good job that not all the group arrive every time! The dates for the next few months are: May 24th, June 7th and 21st,

July 5th and 19th.

Singing for Fun

We are still going strong busy practising for a few events that are coming up. Nobody is turned away especially men as we could always do with a few more, don't be shy gives us a try if you like singing. Next meeting 16th May 6.30pm at the Anlaby Park Church Anlaby Common and every other Wednesday.

Sue McPhee 652766

Stately Homes Group

37 of the group went on the first visit of the year in April to Cannon Hall near Barnsley. It was one of the easier places to find (for nearly all the drivers!) and the weather was very kind to us. There are other things on the estate including a farm that featured in a recent Easter programme and a Garden Centre with a great restaurant. The Collections on display at the Hall were very interesting and the guide taking us round was very knowledgeable. For May's meeting we looked back at the first seven years of the Stately Homes Group and were amazed at the number of places we have visited and the range of subjects we have had presentations on. We are all now looking forwards to our 4-day visit to Norfolk, at the beginning of July. If you are interested in attending our Stately Homes Group sessions please contact Chris Watson on 659773

Table Tennis

We have had another request from the Anlaby Park Methodist Youth Club to run a games and Table Tennis evening for them in July, this is always a fun evening helping to give youngsters an interest in Sport, not bad for a gang of pensioners!

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

When the two ten pin bowling groups started just over a year ago all the participants were happy if they managed to reach 100 in a game, this gradually increased as 150, 180 and eventually scores into the 190's were achieved, the talk was

then who would be the first to reach 200. Well Steve Roberts managed his 'Roger Bannister' moment recently by scoring the magic 200 which was the highlight of his sporting career!

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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

Barely Awake recently entertained at an Anlaby Park Methodist fund-raising event, we played to a packed Church and the event raised almost £500.

We have also played at the Willerby Synagogue, the Willerby Methodist Leisure day, two St. Mary's Care Homes, A Southella Church fundraising event (raising over £200) AND the World Famous Skipsea Ukulele Festival (well it's world famous in Skipsea!) along with 16 other Groups.

A big thanks to all of our U3A Groupies who regularly support us.

The Beginners and the Intermediate groups also 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.

WAG-1

We have enjoyed two tastings since the last newsletter. In March we reminded ourselves of the typical tastes of single-grape wines such as chardonnay and shiraz, sourced from around the world (Enid and Alan Townshend). At our April meeting we sampled a variety of Portuguese wines (Maggie and Bob Charlton). The whites were surprisingly acceptable but the star was the red Quinta de Fafide, from M&S. Even the modern version of Mateus Rose was presentable. We look forward to sampling some Sicilian wines and visiting the premises of the House of Townend in the next couple of months.

Further details can be obtained from Alan Townshend (Tel: 651212).

Walking – Longer Walks

10 May – (36) ALKBOROUGH – 6.2 miles. **NEW WALK** – meet at The Paddocks Tearoom car park located in Back Street – Explorer map 281 – Grid Ref: SE 880 216. Leader Neville (tel 07840 077965) Please Note: Car sharing is required due to limited parking plus 10:00 start.

24 May – (22) NORTH GRIMSTON – 7.5 miles. Park at roadside at B1248 junction with Luddith Road/Cordike Lane – Explorer map 300 – Grid Ref: SE 839 677. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

14 June – (33) ALLERTHORPE COMMON – 5 miles. **NEW WALK** – meet at Forestry Commission car park off Thornton Road – Explorer map 294 – Grid Ref: SE 752 473. Leader Dave (tel **07818 509381**)

28 June – (62) Bainton – 7 miles. Details to be confirmed

12 July – (23) THIXENDALE – 6.5 miles. Park on roadside area near Village Hall – Explorer map 300 – Grid Ref: SE 842 610. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

26 July – (37) SETTRINGTON – 7.2 miles. **NEW WALK** – meet at Village Hall car park (Town Street), a £2 charge applies – Explorer map 300 – Grid Ref: SE 833 706. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381). Please Note: Participants need to take sufficient food and drink plus 10:00 start.

9 August – (48) GOODMANHAM (East) – 7.6 miles. Meet at village car park – Explorer map 293 – Grid ref: SE887429. Leader Neville (tel 07840 077965).

23 August – (58) SANCTON – 5.8 miles. Meet at Methodist Church in village – Explorer map 293 – Grid ref: SE 899 393. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

Unless stated, all walks start at 09:30.

Walking – Short Walks (2-3½ miles)

14 May Beverley/Leconfield walk park off Ings Road off Grange Way, Beverley.

3 miles, flat mainly footpaths, no toilets.

28 May is a Bank Holiday....do your own thing.

11 June River Hull/Fishing Ponds walk park at Oak Road Playing Fields car park.

3 miles, flat, pavements and lots of grassy footpaths, possibility of toilets at car park.

25 June Amy Johnson Statue walk.....park near the recycling area of Asda car park, Hessle Road.

3 miles, flat, all pavements, toilets you know where.

9 July Humber Bridge walk.....park at Humber Bridge car park. 3 miles, all pavements, toilets at car park. BRING BUS PASS or ENOUGH MONEY FOR FARE HOME!

23 July Cherry Burton/Ravensthorpe walk.....park at Cherry Burton Sports Field car park off Bishop Burton Road, Cherry Burton.

3 1/2 miles, flattish, footpaths and pavements, no toilets.

Contact Ian Jones text 07847850309

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

The following piece was inspired by the recent NatureWatch article and the associated photograph of the Marsh Harrier which led one of our newer members to reflect on the marvelous activity on show outside her garden window, something I am sure we all observe but not necessarily always appreciate.

The Active/Inactive Gardener

From my viewpoint I can see constant activity in my garden. Blackbirds, Blue-tits, Robin, Wrens, Pigeon carrying out the everyday task of getting enough to eat. Supplies of seed, fat-balls etc. are regularly provided to sustain our feathered friends during winter. In return a source of delight is played out each day before my eyes.

The acrobatic antics of blue-tits, coal-tits and great-tits to get as much sustenance as they can from the fat ball is equalled by the contest between two of the pigeons. "My patch! It's all mine!" Pigeon No: 1 struts around declaring. Pigeon No: 2 waits his chance and scurries in whenever the coast is clear. "Hey! Get away from my patch" insists pigeon No: 1 with flapping wings and pushy body language. "Keep your feathers on." Responds pigeon No: 2 as he retreats to safe ground to await his next chance to grab some grub.

Robin red breast heads for the flower-tubs in the hopes of spotting a juicy worm. He knows what he is doing and sure enough soon pounces on a squirming treat.

Super efficient blackbird works the grassy surface from side to side and is rewarded with his favourite tit-bit.

Little Jenny wren darts here and there picking up tiny seeds discarded by the gymnastic blue-tits and their kin.

Should this hive of activity leave a moment or two to gaze at the yonder trees the dashing squirrels always provide further entertainment.....

This little story gives an account of the activity in our garden each and every day.

Joyce Allen

Rogers Rant

Smug time.... A year ago, I made encouraging overtures to members to use our doorstep milk delivery service or lose it. A recent report shows a significant national uptake in the use of doorstep delivery especially the young trendy lot. (that must be us) The AWAKE Newsletter is remarkably influential although the horrors of dumped plastic may be the reason. Re-usable glass bottles is a smart idea. I also invited you all to join my secret army against the self-service tills in supermarkets by checking out with a human. A survey has found that losses by error or theft through this system are considerable. Now there's a surprise! Maybe time for the shopping Luddites like me to feel pleased as we continue to stand in baskets only queue for a chat. **HEALTHY EATING ALERT** The sweet shop in Willerby Sq. is open again with new smiley, ambitious owners. Mr Moo is coming back (Grandparents will understand) and they do party packs and weddings! (I don't suppose it's a licensed venue). I am delighted to see no **TWO SCHOOL CHILDREN AT A TIME** snotty notice. The owner tells me they are delighted to serve the polite school rush and have no complaints. The frontage will soon be smartened up.

Just around the corner the ex-hairdresser/kitchen/electrical.... shop is now Vannucci's Deli. I had a quick look and a sniff to find all is very good. The range of cooked dishes can be delivered locally. They tell me the trade in this is growing. Sort of meals on wheels to order.

Moan time... The Hull speech habit of "was" for "were" e.g. **WE WAS JUST GOING**, seems to be spreading or my grump threshold has moved. I once spoke to nursery staff when collecting a granddaughter after a day of fun as she picked up her language skills from the adults around her. They all do it!! I got some strange looks. The boss turned up pretending to understand what I was on about. Nothing changed. I am not being a bit posh, it is a bit wrong. Now 7 years old she has the right idea.

Who is picking up the bill for the May 19th wedding? The topic of an online petition likely to be big enough to get a debate in parliament. A sign of changing times in a healthy democracy.

Dates for your Diary – Monthly Meetings

June - AWAKE AGM/Afternoon Tea!
July - Carol Harker - Hornsea Pottery
August – Join us for our Summer Spectacular
as we rediscover the 1950's & 1960's

Next AWAKEN

Please send any items to be published to:

Steve Roberts at sadrob@outlook.com

And Chris Moody (website) at cjmcj7@gmail.com

The deadline for items to be included in the next edition of **AWAKEN** is **Friday 6th July 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 Intrepid explorers arrive in St. Malo with their
Sherpa(Roger) on baggage handling duty!



The Short Walks Group visit to 114, Coltman Street, a former merchants' residence lived in by Christopher Pickering and now being renovated by Simon Kelsey and his wife.

