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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**



After I have written my missive to you this morning, I will be setting off on a Cruise from Hull to the Norwegian Fjords this afternoon, followed by one day back at home in a week's time, before I go off on our Stately Homes Visit to Norfolk for 4 days. The sad thing is that by the time you read this I will have been on both trips and back into the usual routine! Where does time go? Thank you all for your support at the AGM. The meeting

went very smoothly and I know from the feedback that you all enjoyed the Afternoon Tea. The home-made cakes from both our Pudding Club and other members were excellent. You will have realised from the meeting that there have been a few changes to the Committee and at the next Monthly Meeting I will re-introduce all the team to you. I've heard it on the grapevine that one of my long-anticipated groups is likely to be launched in the near future – a Darts, Dominoes and Cards group. Sue will let us all have details once everything has been confirmed and set up. Other groups are coming along as you'll read inside. Well off I go now down to the ship and just hope the trip across the North Sea is a smooth one. Best wishes and enjoy the sun.



Chris



Denise Roberts presenting David Newman with a copy of the book made from his poem, *The Penguin and the Camel* illustrated by members of the Art for Everyone Group



Barely AWAKE entertaining for Hull U3A

## ***New Groups!***

We have two new groups started since the last newsletter, French conversation and Bridge, I have been trying for quite a while to get these started and have finally managed. On to the next challenge' Classical music and German conversation, any interest? If you have other suggestions for groups please let me know.

**We are currently in negotiation with the Willerby Institute (Main Street library building) to make their meeting room suitable for a Darts, Dominoes & Cards Interest group, if you would be interested in joining this group please contact me to be put on the list.**

I hope that you remember to use your U3A card for discounts.

**Sue McPhee 652766**

## **Cinema Group**

This group has now been going for 6 months and has a regular membership of 10 to 12 visiting either Reel or Vue cinemas. We are keen to start a second group (preferably with some men in it! If anyone is interested in joining a second Cinema group please contact Sue McPhee.

## **Discussion Group**

This new group is now starting to become established under the leadership of Renee Bell, who being true to her name, has a Bell to keep order!

Subjects vary each session and have ranged from the possible need for more Grammar Schools to Unisex toilets! As you can imagine the group is run in a fun manner and everyone enjoys the opportunity to air their views.

The group meets at Gabrielle's Café in Anlaby on the first Friday of every month.

If you are interested please contact Renee Bell on 653543 especially if you are male as Les Holmes would like some support!

## **Coffee and a Stroll Club**

### **DATES 2018**

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

12<sup>th</sup> August Tynan Trail around Derringham, Meet & Park, Manor Farm pub.

16th September Gabrielles, Anlaby Walk, Meet at Anlaby Sainsbury car park

30<sup>th</sup> September, Country Park Hotel Meet & Park, Hessle foreshore.

Please note that all actual walks commence at 10.00am from the designated car park, 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!)**

## **Book Groups**

*The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan was read by another group this month and members agreed with the first group that it was a good, light read. Again *Alone in Berlin* by Hans Fallada was read by a second group who felt it really made you appreciate what it must have been like living in Germany during WW2. '*The Death's Head Chess Club*' by John Donaghue set again during WW2 and 1962 had the main theme of what happened to two men who were brought together as prisoner and guard during their time in Auschwitz and met again years later as participants in a Chess Tournament. Some thought provoking discussion ensued. Other books read were '*Gangster Grannie*' by David Walliams – to try and understand what the younger generation saw in these books (we're still not sure!!) and '*The Improbability of Love*' by Hannah Rothschild. This latter book proved very popular – the story being about a painting of the title's name and what had happened to it over the years before it came to auction. 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

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

**Please note, the Wolfreton Park Bowls club are hosting a Mcmillan Coffee morning on the 29<sup>th</sup> September in their Bowls pavilion, Chestnut Avenue Please help to support this worthy cause.**

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

ST MALO France. May. All went to plan. Sun and breeze, fizzy beer, steady walks, mussels, boat trips up the estuary to lovely Dinan and Edwardian resort Dinard. Mussels, cheap local buses, lovely food of course, Mussels. The book locations found. The crossings were fine. Return was mill pond with two pods of dolphins chasing us. Winchester was at its sunny best inc. a bus rally and meeting the bloke who taught me for my PSV test as a student in 1966! The very essence of "Caravan" with guided independence, spirited full use of the time and taking and giving of friendship.

LIVERPOOL - The Warriors and much more. Sept 27, some 28<sup>th</sup>. This is full with 49. I will take standby names. Payment is now due. Everybody will get a phone call with your details. Bus DEPARTS Gorton Road 0700, Waitrose bus stop 0710 Darley's 0715. Payment is to Roger Coates cash, cheque or BACS ac. 48373702, sort code 60-60-40 plus an email confirmation. Prices ... Day trip £29.06 p.p. two day trip shared room £60.89 p.p. Two days solo in room £82.39 The new pay system via AWAKE is not ready for this so all to me as usual this time. Other details in the phone call.

CITY SCENE earlier this year was a plan I had to take groups to less obvious cities with much to offer. Needs a bit of trust this. I will have knowledge or research to support the plan. It did not sell although after closing some spoke up to regret not doing anything. Two members just got on with it and were surprised and delighted at what they found in Sheffield, a city they did not know. I will have another go for Sheffield or Manchester for this Autumn. I await the theatre programmes. This will be short notice. See next newsletter.

Narrow boat to Stratford. Date issues and my wife's hip op. messed up the last attempt. Second week in Oct. is the current plan. I have 6 names so can take up to three more. You need no tech skills. Just not too fussy and ready to laugh in the rain. Call Roger for a chat.

CONTACT Roger Coates 07941222499 01482657105  
coatesroger@outlook.com

## **CARAVAN Extra**

As a result of the three factory visits to the Ideal Boiler plant in National Avenue an article penned by Les McPhee featured in

the Ideal Boilers company magazine.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month. The next one will be 27th July.

Liz Pickering 572563

### **Craft Group**

The Group gets busier and livelier, with many exciting projects in progress from knitted squares for charity blankets, canvas work, knitting, crochet, cross stitch and embroidery.

We admired a beautiful quilt being made and lots of work in progress.

Our recycling table always gets a lot of attention with members bringing anything they have no further use for.

We welcomed two new members last month and if you feel like giving us a try just come along or phone me.

After our successful fund-raising year, we are asking for ideas for the coming year.

Brenda Stapleton 654830 if I am away just email me and I will respond on return ([brenda@staple.karoo.co.uk](mailto:brenda@staple.karoo.co.uk))

### **Dancing Group**

Our next dancing session is on 24<sup>th</sup> July, we are not dancing in August but will start again on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm – 4pm at Anlaby Village Hall, when present and new members will be very welcome, come and give it a go.

Happy holiday.

Adrienne 654383

### **Digital Photography (Joint group with Hesse U3A)**

We continue to join with the Hesse U3A DP group and in June we visited the North Cave Wetlands, we saw lots of very interesting bird life but unfortunately only at a distance! In July we managed another day out in the sun for our visit to the Humber Bridge Country Park which gave us many opportunities to take photographs for our project subjects.

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, where they came from and what they did for a living, 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, having a laugh along the way! The dates for the rest of the year are as follows:-

2 Jul, 6 Aug, 3 Sept, 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec

Contact Chris Gibbs [01482654897](tel:01482654897), e

mail [christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com](mailto:christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com)

## Guitar Group

Our meetings now take place at Manor Farm (Willerby Road) on Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon and we are currently practicing for the Summer Spectacular.

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

## Local History Group

The popular 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. Most recently, we have enjoyed guided tours of Trinity House and the "Arctic Corsair". Members are also able to take part in research into aspects of local history in our area.

Our next few monthly talks are:

**August 16<sup>th</sup>**

'A History of the Anti-aircraft  
Defences of Hull and the Humber  
area'

by Simon Davies

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

'Hull Fair, *Part 2*' by Steve Smith

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

'A walk through Kirk Ella's Past'  
by Francis Davies

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

'The Ellerkers of Risby' by Chris Watson

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](mailto:francisvdavies@live.co.uk))

## **NatureWatch**

The forthcoming visits are as follows:

20.07.18 Filey Brigg

17.08.18 Paull Strays

31.08.18 Fairburn Ings (RSPB) near Leeds

(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: July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 2nd, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm at the Anlaby



Park Church Anlaby Common and every other Wednesday.  
Sue McPhee 652766

## **Stately Homes Group**

For the Group's June meeting the curator from Sewerby Hall came to talk in more detail about last year's refurbishment of their collection. When we visited the Hall at Christmas we had a brief introduction to what had been done but the presentation that Janice had prepared showed photographs and other information that made us realise just how much work had gone into the transformation. The speaker for this month is a guide from Scampston Hall who is going to give us some background information for our planned visit to the Hall in August. We will have been on our 4-day trip to Norfolk by the time you read this Newsletter so hope fully there'll be a lot to tell you. If you are interested in attending our Stately Homes Group sessions please contact Chris Watson on 659773

## **Table Tennis**

We often hear about the generation gap between the youth of today and shall we say the older ones among us, well AWAKE managed to bridge that gap when Jackie Kitching asked the Table Tennis group to organise a games evening for the Anlaby Park Church Youth Club, Steve Roberts with Paul and Angela Featherstone spent a very enjoyable, if loud, evening culminating in the final of the Table Tennis competition won by Megan who can be seen receiving her trophy on Page 16.

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

Please note the Monday group do not meet during the 6 weeks

school holidays, we will commence again on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Barely Awake Ukulele Group**

Barely Awake have recently entertained at Southella Church for a very successful fundraising event, an outdoor event at the Myers Beck Garden Centre open day, The Redwood Glades Care Home Grand Opening, the Westfield Care Home, Carr Lane, The Beverley Folk Fringe Festival World Ukulele Championship with Barely AWAKE finishing third and the winners keeping up the U3A connection were the Mike Britton Family, The St. Luke's summer Fair and the Hull U3A (see page 2)

Members of the Intermediate group are now joining with Barely AWAKE for some of their appearances, a testament to the skills they have learnt.

Once again, a big thanks to all of our U3A Groupies who regularly support us.

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.

### **WAG-1**

The group tasted an interesting selection of Sicilian wines at its June meeting. The wines were selected by Sheila Lines. The July meeting will be organised by Maggie and Bob Charlton, and a timetable for the rest of 2018 has been drawn up. The Group has one or two vacancies at the moment. Anyone interested in joining should contact Alan Townshend (01482 651212).

## Walking – Longer Walks

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. A walk along roads, across fields, through woods and does include several inclines and a view across the Vale of Pickering. 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. A walk along roads, old railway line and across fields with slight inclines. 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. A gentle stroll along a farm tracks and across fields with gentle inclines. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381)

13 Sept – (20) CAISTER – 7 miles. Meet at Horse Market (on-street parking), Caister, LN7 6UP. – Explorer map 282 – Grid Ref: TA 118 012. Walk is part of Viking Way, impressive scenery, some road and gentle hill walking. Café at Nettleton which is on route. Leader Richard (tel 07975 963523).

27 Sept – (47) North Newbald (West) – 6.5 miles. **NEW WALK** - Meet at village green – Explorer map 293 – Grid Ref: SE 912 367. Route is fairly level, mainly along metalled roads, forest and farm tracks through Hotham and back. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381).

11 Oct – (29) TATTON SYKES MONUMENT – 7.34 miles. Meet at lay-by near monument on B1252 road, Garton-on-the-Wolds to Sledmere – Explorer map 300 – Grid Ref: SE 957 618. Route consists of some gentle/medium uphill walking along road/farm tracks, as well as Cottam Well Dale and up to the site of the medieval village of Cottam. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381).

25 Oct – (08) HUGGATE (West) – 7.2 miles. Meet at parking area, approx. ½ mile south on Huggate to Warter road – Explorer map 294 – Grid Ref: SE 876 542. Route does include some up/down hill walking along metalled roads, farm tracks and through fields and through Tun and Frendal Dales. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381).

## Walking – Short Walks (2-3½ miles)

**23 July Cherry Burton to Ravensthorpe.** Park at Cherry Burton Playing Fields Car Park, off Bishop Burton Road, Cherry Burton.

**13 August Swinescaife Quarry,** S Cave. Park one side only in Little Wold Lane off Beverley Road, S Cave.

**27 August is a Bank Holiday.**

**10 September Beverley Beck-River Hull Ramble.** Park at the dirt car park at the very end of Waterside Road, Beverley.

**24 September Folly Lake** and Walkington Meadow Walk. Park in large lay-by on Dunflat Road, Risby.

Contact Ian Jones text 07847850309

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

### **FOWL PLAY**

By Nugget June 2018 A.B. (work it out)

Hello again. You may remember the story of my life change from a cage in a big shed to a back garden with sky, grass, rain, snow, worms, straw, standing up and walking around and generally having a socially varied life. Previously the only game we played was pecking other chickens. In March our run here was a small lake for weeks. One morning our man said "good weather for ducks". WE ARE NOT DUCKS silly boy. His plan to get us all to use the same roost gave us great fun as we messed him about. We had a different arrangement each night including not going in at all as Drumstick hid under the shed in the dark so he had to poke her out with a stick and put her in. We like going under things. It runs in our genes (like dysentery in humans) from the jungles of Hendia. He gave up so we still have two roosts but less fun with him. I had a big squeeze last week to lay an

enormous egg with two yolks, no joke. Somebody, not me, well not always, is pecking Janet on the bum and head when there is nothing good on telly, in a manner of speaking. Our man watched to see who was doing it but we, I mean they, find secret places to do it. Man brought out his Stockholm Tar. This is not "thanks" in Swedish but black sticky stuff that smells like old fashioned cough mixture that cured nothing but tasted nice. Man's grandson had the brush and stuff. Man held Janet in a firm cuddle while the black gunge was spread over all her bare pecked bits. Being stupid she is first to peck it then run around squawking trying to wipe it from her beak. We (I mean they) do not peck Janet for a while till it wears off. When it wore off Sherlock decided the main pecker is Drumstick who is now in isolation in "The Cooler". She is very unhappy and makes a dash for freedom every time he opens the door. **Breggsit** is everywhere just now. Mark my words, there will soon be duty to pay on Stockholm Tar, Why weren't we asked? We lay the bloody things. Some days now we get the run of the garden as long as we don't poo on the path or pop next door. The black cat tries to herd us like a sheep cat. I just run at it wings out, it gets the message. Enough for now, I have more magnolia petals to eat. Cluck to all.  
Nugget.

## **Rogers (Last)Rant**

I have a baton to pass to continue this idea dreamed up by the editor a while ago. Mine has been opinionated twaddle and serious stuff. Area news of general interest etc. Yours may be very different. There must be somebody in our 500 members who can puff and blow a bit in print and manage not to annoy all of the people all of the time. I had one completely censored and a few got short back and sides from the editor. You don't need a CV or to negotiate a fee. The editor may well put a p.s. to this. Have a go.

Roger Coates

### **Editor's note.**

Well Roger, sadly the end of a Ranting dynasty! Thank you for all of your random ramblings, thought provoking comments, AND controversy over the past, would you believe it – Two and a half years!!

I am sure there are plenty of angry old Men & Ladies willing to take the baton and rant with it!

### **Starting with ME!**

I don't know about you but I am sick and fed up of hearing how

the elderly are the root cause of the countries ills, we are living too long, a drain on the NHS, our pensions are also a drain on the Treasury coffers.

The next time someone makes these noises to you just quote them the following facts!

We regularly contributed along with our employer a total of around 15% of our income before tax, if you averaged only £15,000 over your working life that's close to £220,500.

If you had invested this money over all of your working life at an average interest rate of 5%, then you would have amassed a total of almost £900,000

The government refer to this money as Entitlement, but it is MY money, if I had been allowed to invest it I could take £27,000/year representing only 3% of the total and at that rate it would last more than 30 years!!

And what about the poor b\*\*\*ers who paid in and died before they could draw their pension, were did all THAT money go!!

It makes my blood boil!

Steve Roberts

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

**August – Join us for our Summer Spectacular  
as we rediscover the 1950's & 1960's**

**September – Secrets of York Minster (insights  
into medieval life) – Michael Stillings  
(York Minster tour guide)**

**October – TBC**

## **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 7th September 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 Local History Group visit to the Arctic Corsair



Hessle/AWAKE Digital photography visit to the Humber Bridge Country Park





Members of the Table Tennis Group who organised a Games & Table Tennis evening at the Anlaby Park Methodist Church Youth Club



The Coffee & stroll group at the Skidby scarecrow festival  
(can you spot which one is the scarecrow?)