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A Word from the Chair

Hello Everybody, I Hope you've all enjoyed the very hot summer and have waved a fond farewell to the Grandchildren as they've gone back to school (only about 7 or 8 weeks to Half-Term!!) Our gardens have all taken a battering with the hot weather but it's nice to see all the flowers and plants looking a lot livelier now the temperature has gone down a bit and the rain showers have returned. I was lucky enough to see the Well Dressings at Eyam recently and, not having seen any close up before, was amazed to see how all the designs had been constructed using flowers and other foliage material. There was a predominance of hydrangea petals for the colour and what I thought was cork backing material, on closer inspection turned out to be seeds stuck closely together to create the effect. Some very hard community work had obviously gone on to get everything ready in time and the results were excellent. You'll notice the new 'banner box' at the bottom of the page. This will be used to highlight particular items of interest in the Newsletter e.g. details about trip bookings or social events. Hope you find this useful. Enjoy the last of the good weather. Chris

Action & reaction from this year's Summer Spectacular can be found on pages 2 & 3

New Bridge group details – see page 3

New Darts, Dominoes & Cards group to start – see Page 3

Want to improve your French conversation – see Page 4

NEW 'Caravan' proposals – Sheffield, Manchester, Scottish Highlands by train – see Pages 5 & 6

'Get rid of Roberts' campaign – see Page 14



You'll never walk alone with U3A



175 members rocking to Sweet Caroline

Latest News/Events

Last months Summer Spectacular saw the Memorial Hall packed to the rafters with a total of 175 participants and members shoehorned in to witness a great afternoons entertainment lasting almost two hours. One of our members sent the following thank you message which I think says it all and is very much appreciated:

Thank you and congratulations to all the committee and the many helpers backstage for the Summer Spectacular which was held on the 15th August.

It was a Triumph!

A lot of hard work in front and behind the scenes went into making it the success it was, WELL DONE

Ghost Walk

There are a few places left for the forthcoming Ghost Walk hosted by Paul Schofield in Beverley on Saturday 29th September, ring Sue McPhee for details (652766)

New Groups!

Bridge Group

The new Bridge Group is now up and running, all levels are welcome.

We meet every other Wednesday evening at The Manor pub. Ring Anita Coupland for further details (657494)

Darts, Dominoes & Cards Group

The new Darts, Dominoes & Cards Group will commence in the Willerby Library, Main street, Willerby on Tuesday 25th September at 7pm. If you have already registered an interest or would like to give it a try please come along on the night, all equipment is provided.

We would like to thank John Woodward for all of his help and hard work in making the room at the Library suitable for this group.

Anyone interested in any of our groups please contact either the group leader or myself Sue McPhee.652766

French Conversation Group

We are a new group meeting at Willerby Methodist Church on the first Tuesday in the month from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. We are of mixed abilities, but a beginner would find things a bit too difficult. We need to keep numbers quite low to make conversation possible, but we could probably accept one or two new members.

For further information contact Michael Ebeling on 653964.

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 has now become established under the leadership of Renee Bell. The group is run in a fun manner and everyone enjoys the opportunity to air their views.

The group currently meets at Gabrielle's Café in Anlaby on the first Friday of every month however Gabrielle's is closing and Renee is actively looking for a new venue, all members will be contacted when an alternative is found.

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

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

Two new books were read by the groups in July, *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce and *Elinor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Both were generally enjoyed and can be recommended as relatively light reading. The books read in August resulted in two extremes of discussion. *A Mother's Choice* by Val Woods was thought to be a very easy read, as are her other books, but didn't provide any depth or issues for discussion. By comparison *The Three Daughters of Eve* by Elif Shafak resulted in over an hour of

discussion around the issues raised in the book. Themes considered included life in Turkey, faith, feminism, religion and somehow ended on looking at Brexit!! A very challenging, but good book. *Blackberry Wine* by Joanne Harris was the final read of the month but was not felt to be as good as her earlier book *Chocolat* –the interesting twist in the book is that the narrator is a bottle of wine. If you are interested in joining one of the reading groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

Bowls Group

The 2018 U3A Lawn Bowls season is now over and will recommence around Easter 2019.

The U3A members have become an important addition to the Wolfreton Park Bowls Club fully involving themselves in the work required to keep both the Green and the surrounding gardens in tip top condition.

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

Liverpool Sept 27-8 FULL Narrow Boat Oct 13-19 FULL

Book now....**SHEFFIELD CITIES SCENE.** Nov 6/7/8/ City centre hotel 2 nights. Train travel. No long walks with bags. Use the extensive tram network on free passes.

What to do?? Lyceum has a star cast comedy "The Messiah" going direct to West End from here. Crucible has "Close Quarters" Also Sarah Millican and Whitney Houston Show at City Hall. Two art cinemas, three galleries, two industrial museums, Botanical gardens, etc. Lots of good eating and drinking places. City walks. Peak District by bus pass. Views from the top deck. Castleton caves etc, Bakewell has hot tarts available all hours, Chatsworth, Eyam the plague village with a dark tale I can tell. Good walking or just views and cake you choose. AND... an optional extra just for you. Get taken for a ride around the Derbyshire hills and dales on road and track in a 1929 Model A Ford open tourer owned and enthusiastically driven by Mr Toad toot, toot (Steven White). You will cover lots of ground four at a time. An unforgettable experience I have not forgotten. Call me about this or anything else. 657105 Guide price £65 p.p. no food. Book soon to get the shows.

MANCHESTER CITIES SCENE. Spring 2019 watch Newsletter for dates and details.

Scotland's world class scenic rail routes. Last Spring Chris (my wife and AWAKE membership sec. (who sends your unsigned

cheques back) and two others covered all the most spectacular routes in a 5 night tour from and back to Edinburgh. If you fancy such a rail tour made to measure I can set that up sharing our experiences. I see rail tour specialists selling these in the Sunday papers. This is a chance to do much the same on your days to your plan for a fraction of the price and with your chosen company or none. If you are a solo and would like to do this with company I can be a contact point and put people together. I will not be escorting. You will have all the bookings and detail in your hand and everybody speaks Scottish English so who needs me? I suggest Spring before the midges get going. Call me for the next step. If a few show interest I will set up a group natter with some pics. and maps.

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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 28th September.

Liz Pickering 572563

Craft Group

Our happy band continues to thrive with many talents being unveiled.

We have quite a few quilts being finished, a Suffolk Punch tortoise, interesting tissue boxes, patchwork bags, and lots of crochet, knitting, card making and cross stitch in progress.

Come along and have a go, you will be happily welcomed into the Group and maybe surprised at what can be achieved.

Brenda Stapleton (654830)

Coffee and a Stroll Club

DATES 2018

ALL WALKS COMMENCE AT 10.00AM FROM THE DESIGNATED MEETING POINT.

30th. SEPT. COUNTRY PARK HOTEL. MEET & PARK HESSLE FORESHORE.

14th.OCT.KAVANNAGHS TEA ROOM BEVERLEY. MEET GRAYBURN/LAIRGATE CAR PARK.

28th.OCT.MARINA /OLD TOWN.MEET AT THE ODEON CAR PARK.

11th. NOV. LUCYS TEA ROOMS COTTINGHAM. MEET & PARK ON THE PARKWAY.

25th.NOV.LUCYS TEA ROOM WALKINGTON. MEET AT FERGUSON FAWSITT CAR PARK.

Any queries and requests for car share/lift, phone David Atkin 650409

Dancing Group

2pm – 4pm at Anlaby Village Hall, when present and new members will be very welcome, come and give it a go.

Happy holiday.

Contact Adrienne for dates and details 654383

Digital Photography (Joint group with Hessle U3A)

In September we reviewed pictures taken during the summer. The October meeting will be devoted to reviewing project photographs and there will be a Christmas competition in December. An evening outing is also to be arranged, probably in October for night photography.

Please see the updated website information for the events and competition details or contact Stewart Mawer on 655642 or email 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:- 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec

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

christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com

Games Group

The Games group meets at Willerby Methodist Church weekly on a Monday 10am - 12 in the church lounge. We enjoy coming together to play a number of board games and over time these have settled into Scrabble, Rummikub and Sequence and no that is not a dance!

None of us profess to be an expert and many have come for the

company knowing little or nothing about the game before them. But soon the brain cells start to gel and the once forgotten skills soon return.

We are a very friendly group and always make new members welcome. We have fun and laughter and the noise is usually from the exuberant leaders table!

Many have made friendships through the group which is lovely to see. Around the festive season we all go out for a meal together and get to know each other a little more.

If you wish to join us we will make you most welcome and if you decide to, once you enter Willerby Church we are 4th door down the corridor on the left.

We look forward to seeing you.

For more details - Group Leader Jackie Kitchen Tel 650702

Guitar Group

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

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

Local History Group

This popular group meets monthly 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:

September 20th 'Hull Fair, *Part 2*' by Steve Smith

October 18th 'A Walk Through Kirk Ella's Past'
by Francis Davies

November 15th 'The Ellerkers of Risby' by Chris Watson

December 13th* 'Christmas Quiz' with Paul Schofield

*Please note this is the second Thursday

Meetings normally 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:

Fri. Sept 21st. Allerthorpe (YWT) Near York

Fri. Oct 19th Easington (YWT) & Spurn

Fri. Nov 9th North Cave Wetlands

Regards Mark + Celia (654666)

Play Reading 1

After the Wildean witticisms of *Lady Windermere's Fan*, the group crossed the Atlantic and read *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder.

This Pulitzer prize-winning metatheatrical three act play is set in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners between the years 1901 and 1913. It follows the fortunes of the inhabitants with acts entitled: *Daily Life*, *Love and Marriage* and *Death and Eternity*.

In August the group remained in the same time frame but returned to England, beginning George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* – the basis for the film *My Fair Lady*. An early review described it as: 'a love story with brusque diffidence and a wealth of humour'. We just enjoy reading it!

Sue Chambers

Play Reading 2

Holiday commitments left us lower in numbers for the last two meetings before the summer break so we decided to read some one-act plays. Having the right number of characters, there was no need for taking double roles or sharing a part, although we're getting quite good at doing that and it does add to the fun if we attempt different voices. A Bit of Peace and Quiet, by Brenda Rattray; Bus Stop, by Rae Shirley and Camberwell Green, by Jean Tappenden, were well received and, being comedies, gave scope for a lot of fun. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 26th September.

Pauline Park

Quizzing Group????

The fortnightly Quiz Nights at Manor Farm on a Thursday night are still very popular and attract 30 – 40 people each time. The dates up to the end of the year are: September 27th, October 11th & 25th, November 8th & 22nd and December 6th & 20th.

Singing for Fun

Our group have recently sung at the Hollies Care Home and we will also be singing at Derringham Bank Church and also at St Luke's, Willerby, all our singers enjoy these afternoons. We will always welcome new people especially men so why not give us a try. Every other Wednesday night 6.30pm to 8pm at Anlaby Park Church. For further details contact Sue McPhee 652766

Stately Homes Group

37 members of the Stately Homes Group enjoyed a great four days down in Norfolk in July. Visits were made to Sandringham, Felbrigg Hall, Blickling Hall and Mannington Hall. At Mannington we were shown round by the owners, Lord and Lady Walpole, and had a very good Afternoon Tea in the Greedy Goose Cafe on site. As an extra, a couple of hours were spent in quick visits to Cromer and Norwich. No sooner were we back from that trip than we made another day visit to Scampston Hall and Gardens. Again, we were given a very informative guided tour round the Hall and enjoyed a relaxing walk round the Gardens. We are having a rest in September and there will be no meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 4th and the presentation will be on the life and work of Chippendale. 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

Ukulele Groups

The Beginners group now has 13 members and the Intermediate group (now known as the Sunshine Strummers) have 14 members, add this to the 18 Barely Awake members gives a grand total of 45, a far cry from the 6 original members who started back in May 2015.

The Sunshine Strummers recently held their first public performance at the Anlaby Care Centre (see page 16), an event enjoyed by all and they also participated in the Summer Spectacular.

We recently lost one of our most valued members when Dr. Michael Bott passed away, he will be missed by all and our thoughts go out to his family. Whisky on a Sunday will never be the same again.

Barely Awake have recently provided musical entertainment at Cottingham Methodist Church, the Summer Spectacular, All Saints Church, North Ferriby, St. Joseph's Church and the St. Mary's Care Home, Anlaby.

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 has held two recent tastings. In July, Maggie and Bob Charlton presented an interesting selection of white and red Italian wines, which reminded us of what good value Italian wines can provide. In August, Chris Watson and Ann Kay had trawled local suppliers for a variety of German wines, some of them quite

expensive. The tasting demonstrated that German wines were not as sweet as they had been in the past and that it was more difficult to find many of them on supermarket shelves. It is interesting that the three reds sampled were all made from the Spaetburgunder grape and that they were being promoted under their alternative name pinot noir, presumably to make them more recognisable to customers. They were very acceptable. If you wish to join one of our two Wine Appreciation Groups please contact Alan Townshend (Tel:651212).

Walking – Longer Walks

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 Frenal Dales.

Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381).

Walking – Short Walks (2-3½ miles)

24 Sep Folly Lake and Walkington Meadow. Grassy, roads, gentle inclines, 3 1/2 miles, no toilets.

Park in large lay-by on Dunflat Road, before the entrance to the Folly Cafe.

8 Oct Elloughton Dale. Steep hills, muddy footpaths, 3 miles, no toilets.

Park opposite, outside Half Moon pub, Elloughton.

22 Oct. Walkington Womble. 3 miles, mainly pavements, slight inclines, no toilets.

Park at Walkington Playing Fields Car Park, which is off Beech View which is off Authered Garth.

12 Nov. Hessle Western Drain. 3 miles, flat, mainly pavements, but have to cross grass/mud playing fields, toilets at car park.

Park at back of Hessle Main Car Park.

26 Nov. Anlaby Snickets. 3 miles, flat, pavements, no toilets.

Park on one side only in Lynwood Avenue, Anlaby.

Contact Ian Jones by email. gianj@gianj.karoo.co.uk.

or text to 07847 850309

Writing for Fun Group 1

Our merry band of scribes continue to meet on a monthly basis and share our efforts over coffee and biscuits.

We have tackled a variety of topics this year, including "Quite Honestly", "A Strange Land", "Saturday Afternoon" and "The Anniversary". We even channelled the spirit of Taggart and wrote pieces entitled "There's been a murder", with mixed results. (Clearly some of our members have very detailed ideas!) In addition to straight prose, we have also had a stab at Haiku, 50 word fiction, Nonsense poems and Limericks.

We are currently working with members of the other writing group to produce our long awaited (well, we do deal in fiction!) third book of our work and urge you to add it to your Christmas list. We hope to have it available in the near future.

Liz Parker.

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

Guest Rant

Every one of our members must be blissfully happy with their lot at the moment as no Guest rants have been submitted. Come on surely all is not sweetness and light in the world of AWAKE members!

As a result here are a couple of my current irritations!

1. **The Hull Daily Mail**, it's about time they managed to find a few more positive stories to offset their current view of Hull as a 'Wild West' town full of violence and drug abuse.
2. **Look North**, or should it be renamed Look South as night after night it predominantly features stories from Lincolnshire (I don't know about you but I am not too interested in Kings Lynn!)

Dates for your Diary – Monthly Meetings

17th October – Our friends from the North East, Carol & Steve Robson return with their tribute to the anniversary of the end of World War1

21st November – The inside story on Local Radio – Dave Fewster (Director of Beverley FM)

19th December – What will the Christmas 'in house' entertainment be this year? (I wish we knew!)

Thoughts from the Editor

If not using commas was a crime would it result in longer sentences!

So, what if I don't know what Armageddon means – It's not the end of the World!

What is the difference between an Indian and an African Elephant – One of them is an Elephant!

'Get Rid of Roberts' Campaign

Plea from the Editor – If you think this month's Newsletter photographs are a bit 'Steve Roberts' heavy that is because only one group leader (Ian Jones) or group members have supplied any photos of their groups in action for inclusion,

please help me to eradicate Roberts from the next newsletter (especially those groups who have not supplied photos in the past)

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 9th November 2018**. Written contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups.

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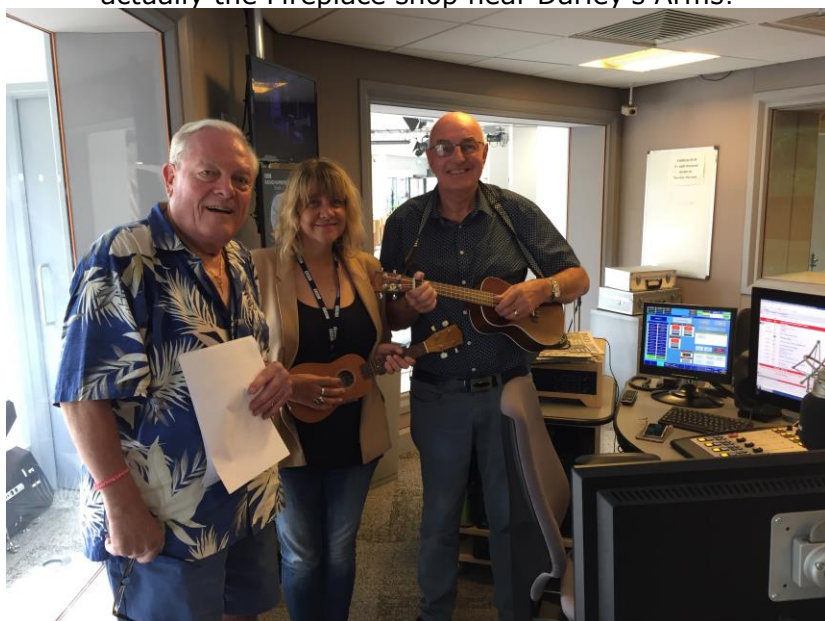
The age of chivalry is not dead as David Lines braves the torrential rain to deliver an umbrella thus saving two damsels (well, Liz Parker & Sylvia Tynan) in distress!

An enjoyable evenings
Bowls in the recent heat
wave





The Short Walks Group at what looks like a zoo but was actually the Fireplace shop near Darley's Arms!



Steve Roberts advertising one of Barely Awake's performances

on Radio Humberside with Lara King and organiser Tony Forster (he even sang and played!!, if you could call it that)



The Sunshine Strummers (alias the Ukulele intermediate group) enjoying their very first Gig at the Anlaby Care Centre!