



A Word from the Chair

Hello Everybody, by the time you read this, all the commemorative events for the end of World War I will have taken place and I'm sure you'll acknowledge that Remembrance Day is the one day of the year we can turn our thoughts to what our forefathers sacrificed for us. We may not always be impressed with what is going on in our country but whatever our personal thoughts are we do have a democratic society with a relative level of 'freedom of speech' which may not have been the case had we not won the War. In addition, Armistice Day also has a very special meaning and particular reflection for me as it is my birthday – although my Mum always said she was going to call me 'Poppy'. I'm not quite sure how different my life would have been as Poppy Watson but I would have been especially proud to have had the name. Talking of special events, the next Newsletter will not be produced until January so I will take this opportunity to thank you all for the continued support and development of AWAKE throughout 2018. Can I wish you all a very Merry Christmas followed by a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Chris

Could YOU be the NEW keeper of the 'Things' – see page 3

New Social Committee members required – are you interested, see page 3

Do you like eating! The new Supper Club could be for you see page 3

New Music & Theatre Group – see page 4

'Caravan' trips update – see page 5

Support Barely Awake during the Christmas period -page 10

Francis Davies,' Living the Dream' – see pages 13 & 16



"Who ya gonna call?" – Ghost Walkers!

The intrepid U3A walkers brave the scary streets of Beverley with Ghoulish Guide, Paul Schofield



Roger Coates dressed for the part as our Terracotta Warrior Guide during the excellent Liverpool trip. (see page 5)

Latest News/Events

Keeper of the 'Things' required

VACANCY for a U3A member to look after the equipment for meetings e.g. projector, screen, lap top etc. This needs a corner of a spare room. Group leaders will telephone to book items then pick them up. If you can pick out a lap top from a DVD player then you are qualified. This job was done by Clive Eacott for three years then Chris and Roger Coates for three years. That leaves one of 518 members to take on this modest task for a while, please. Give us a call if you will do this.

Roger and Chris Coates 657105.

New Groups!

The Awake committee are hoping to form a separate social events group to plan and organise forthcoming events, if you are interested and have lots of good ideas please contact Sue McPhee. (652766)

Supper Club

We are planning on starting a Supper Club, this will be at a venue to be decided at a meeting of those people who are interested. The numbers may have to be limited because of the size of the venue but if you wish to register your interest please contact Sue McPhee.

Bridge Group

We have an enjoyable evening of bridge every other Wednesday at 7pm at The Manor Farm, Willerby Road. New members welcome. Ring Anita Coupland on 657494

Darts, Dominoes & Cards Group

The U3A darts, dominoes and card group held its first meeting in the Alf Kersh room at the library in Main Street, Willerby on 25th September. Twenty two members attended and a very successful start to the activities followed (see page 15). Two teams of six played darts and there were two tables each of dominoes and cards. With twenty two people we are close to the maximum that the room will take but if you are interested please contact Les Holmes on 01482 659852

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 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 Renee intends to relocate the Group to the Beech Tree Public House from January 2019.

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

Music & Theatre Group

We meet monthly at Gabrielle's in Anlaby at 10.30am for an hour or so - next one, Monday 19th November. We discuss a current list of musical and theatre events at various venues and plan any future visits.

Maureen Thompson

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

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

Our September sessions were some of the most enjoyable that we have had since the group began. The theme for all three groups was to talk about their favourite books from childhood. It was interesting to see that there were a lot of similar choices across the groups. Enid Blyton proved an all-time favourite with fond memories of 'The Magic Faraway Tree', Secret Seven, Famous Five, Malory Towers and St Clare's. Not to forget Noddy. Old favourites like 'Heidi', 'Black Beauty', 'Anne of Green Gables', 'Little Women', 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Wind in the Willows' all produced nostalgic memories. Boy's classics, such as 'Treasure Island', 'Just William' and books by Ballantyne, and Arthur C Clarke were also talked about along with several less common reads that individuals remembered fondly. Discussion even spilled into the October sessions!! I will review the new reads from October along with November choices in the next Newsletter. If you are interested in joining one of the reading groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

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

September:- Liverpool, A wonderful sunny day (or 2) for 49 of us. Some Hessle and Swanland members included. The Warriors, Port Sunlight, Gormley figures on Crosby Beach, Albert Dock, Ferry Cross the Mersey and The Cavern Club, just a few of the things seen and done. (another great trip, thank you Roger – Editor)

October:- Narrowboat to the Stratford Theatre. Left Warwick base Saturday at 2. By dusk we had climbed 23 locks. Each pair of gates weighs 1 tonne. The first timers now skilled in all the winding, pushing, pulling, passing out (butties and tea that is) as we went. Arrived Stratford Basin Monday night. Avon trip in the sun all day Tuesday (11 herons) then RSC Theatre. Back at Warwick Friday at 6. Nobody fell in and nobody fell out. We were the "Best Exotic Marigold Boat Trip" and skilled at the half time button. (crew might explain this if you ask)

October:- Sheffield "City Scene" has just happened last week as you read this.

Manchester "City Scene" will be open for booking in Jan. Newsletter. and happen April 2019 'ish. Then Cambridge.

St. Ives Cornwall in festival week Sept 2019. Sleeper train both ways. Early notice if you are making holiday plans for 2019. Call me for a chat.

And....watch this space for further exciting trip news!

Roger Coates 657105 07941222499

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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 23rd November.

Liz Pickering 572563

Craft Group

Our little gnomes have been extremely busy preparing for Christmas.

We will have a small display of some of our Christmas projects to get you in the mood for the Christmas Spectacular.

In addition there will be a some small presents we have made which you may wish to purchase.

The proceeds from any purchases will be donated to our nominated charity which will be decided at our November meeting.

Instead of our general meeting on 17th December we are invading the Star Inn for a Christmas bar meal.

We look forward to welcoming any new members to our Group in the New Year.

Meetings are at 2 pm on the third Monday of the month at the Willerby Methodist Church.

Brenda Stapleton 654830

Coffee and a Stroll Club

DATES 2018/19

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

16th DEC. GABRIELLES. MEET AT SAINSBURYS CAR PARK, ANLABY

13TH JAN. 2019 MARINA/OLD TOWN. MEET AT ODEON 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.
Contact Adrienne for dates and details 654383

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 this year and early 2019 are as follows:- 3 Dec, 7th Jan, 4th Feb.

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 from 10am - 12 in the church lounge.

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. Members are also able to take part in research into aspects of local history in our area. One of our current projects is researching the history of education in our area. In connection with this, if any member has memories of Foxdale, St. Monica's or Wray Park Schools, it would be great to hear from you.

Our next few monthly talks are:

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

December 13th* 'Christmas Quiz' with Paul Schofield

January 17th 'AWAKE's three close calls from enemy attack during the World War II'
by Dennis Chapman

*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:

Friday December 7th -Waters Edge plus The Sloop Christmas meal, Barton

Regards Mark + Celia (654666)

Play Reading 1

October's play reading meeting was enlivened by the necessity for actors to adopt two roles at once for the 'play within a play' farce "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn. Farce was an apt description!

November saw a much more sombre mood when we read selected scenes from 'Julius Caesar' by William Shakespeare.

Our play readers are nothing if not versatile!
Sue Chambers

Quizzing Group????

The fortnightly Quiz Nights at Manor Farm on a Thursday night are still very popular and attract 30–40 people each time. It is amazing to realise that despite the number of quizzes we very seldom get any repeated questions. The dates up to the end of the year are: November 22nd and December 6th & 20th. We will recommence on January 3rd to awaken all your minds after a hopefully restful Christmas.

Singing for Fun

We do not like to be called a choir (but when the Ladies sing Que Sera Sera the sound comes from heaven!) we are a group of people who like to sing, some of us can sing and some of us think we can, but when we all get together we make a good sound. We are also receiving requests to entertain at various Care Homes and Church events (see page 16) We are appealing for more men to join us to swell our existing numbers, so don't be shy give us a try. Everyone is welcome, our next meeting will be Wednesday 21st November at the Anlaby Park Church 6-30pm-8pm and every other Wednesday.

Stately Homes Group

Having had a rest in September, the October meeting was a presentation on the life and work of Thomas Chippendale. 2018 saw the tercentenary of his birth and across England many exhibitions took place to celebrate the occasion, especially in Yorkshire as his place of birth was Otley. Chippendale furniture is often fairly easy to identify but on looking at his life it was obvious that his skill stretched far beyond furniture. Even in relation to this more recognised aspect of his work, it was interesting to look at the phases of 'style' he developed over his life. In many of the Stately Homes around Yorkshire there are some excellent examples of his work so keep your eyes open if you go on any visits. 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 1.45pm to 3pm 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 **£6** then contact Dave Bodecott (Monday) on 656317 or David Newman (Friday) on 659870 for more details

Ukulele Groups

The Beginners Group continue to attract new members keen to learn the instrument and The Sunshine Strummers are now being run by Garry and Hazel Hughes (ably abetted by virtuoso David Newman) and have booked three more Gigs before Christmas.

Barely Awake have entertained at the Ice House Salvation Army Centre for the Trefoil Group (ex Girl Guide leaders), The Hallgarth Care Home, Cottingham and the Blue Bell Care Home, Boothferry Rd. which saw many of both homes residents singing along and dancing in the aisles, a very rewarding experience for our group. In stark contrast, but equally rewarding, we are currently working with 50 seven year old children at Chiltern Primary School to produce a musical assembly for the parents.

A number of our group recently joined 150 Ukulele players on the Uke Express steam train from Pickering to Whitby, can you imagine the noise!

Most of our appearances are closed events but over the Christmas period we are playing at the Southella United Reform Church on Sunday 25th November (2pm), and at Derringham Bank Methodist Church on Saturday 1st December at 2pm. U3A members are very welcome to attend these events to start the Christmas celebrations.

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.

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The Group held an interesting tasting of some unusual wines at the Coates residence in September. There were three white

wines. One was a new appellation from Burgundy, typically made from chardonnay grapes, bought at Lidl. The others were a Sicilian wine from Tesco made from grillo grapes and a northern Rhone viognier bought from Marks and Spencer. The chardonnay and the viognier were considered to be very acceptable. There followed three red wines. The first was a Portuguese wine from the Duoro valley, a blend of wines made from three grapes – tinta roriz, touriga nacional and touriga franca. The second was a Romanian pinot noir sold by Spar and the third was a Morrison's "The Best" Italian wine made from a blend prepared from sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon grapes. Again the wines were judged to be of high quality, especially as their prices ranged from only £4.99 to £9.00. We are looking forward to our November 19th meeting, hosted by Joan Cross, to round off the year. Tastings will then resume in 2019 on January 21 at the Townshend residence. If you would like to join in contact Alan Townshend (Tel. 651212)

Walking – Longer Walks

8 Nov – (54) WARTER (South) – 6.36 miles. Meet at car park adjacent to village school – Explorer map 294 – Grid Ref: SE 868 502. Route entails walking up Great Dug Dale then along minor road, along farm track, through Mereball Plantation to access minor road back to village. Leader Dave (tel 07818 509381).

22 Nov – (65) ETTON – 5.93 miles. Meet on Main Street near pub – Explorer map 294 – Grid ref: SE 979 435. Route consists of mainly road walking with some farm tracks and part of the Hudson Way. Leader Neville (tel 07840 077965).

13 Dec – (BRANTINGHAM) – 4 miles approx. Meet in Triton Inn car park – Explorer map 293 – Grid ref: SE 939 293. Route will be around the local area then back to the Inn for our Christmas Meal. Leader Neville (tel 07840 077965).

Unless stated, all walks start at 09:30.

Walking – Short Walks (2-3½ miles)

Firstly, thanks to Henry for reading his Walkington Womble instructions and bringing enough carrots to feed all four Shetland ponies in the field near Walkington Church.

Commiserations to Lesley for not finding the playing field car park; someone had removed the last bit of signage for it since I wrote the instructions.

Next is the list of forthcoming walks

12 November Hessle Western Drain. Park at main car park, Hessle.

26 November Anlaby Snickets. Park on one side only in Lynwood Avenue (opposite Tranby Lane).

10 December Willerby Christmas Meal Womble. Park in Star car park, Main Street.

24 December do your own thing! Last minute shopping?

14 January 2019 Beverley Minster - St Mary's Walk by special request, Lesley. Park at back of Tesco car park.

And lastly:-

To all short walkers and other interested parties let it be known that all 21 walks for 2019 are ready for printing. Please let me know soon if you wish to get copies.

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

text to 07847 850309

Writing for Fun Group 1

Worry no more! The two writing groups have solved your Christmas present dilemmas.

We have once more published a booklet of our collective pieces and they are the ideal present for your nearest and dearest (or even those you don't like) and available at the bargain price of £2 per copy. We've worked hard on this, our third publication, and we hope it proves as popular as the last two editions.

Copies will be available at the monthly meetings or by contacting any members of the group or committee.

Look for the shiny blue cover and settle down for a cracking good read.

Any comments about the book are welcome, compliments to me and criticisms to the chair. (Not Chris Watson, that chair over there!) 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

Do you remember when you were a child wanting to be either a Train Driver or a Nurse, well Our Vice Chair, Francis Davies was no exception (no, he didn't want to be a Nurse!) he has always secretly hankered for the smoke in his nostrils and the footplate of a giant steam Train, well his family made his dream come true as a special treat for his recent 'significant' birthday (guess his age answers on a postcard please!)

Francis takes up the story: _

I always wanted to be an engine driver!



Like many who will be reading this, I was brought up in the post-war years. In these austerity years, simple pastimes were the order of the day and one of mine was trainspotting. This was still the age of steam locomotion. At weekends and during school holidays, hundreds of young boys could be seen standing at the ends of platforms in

main-line stations clutching a small notebook and pencil to note the numbers of passing steam engines. When a train stopped there was usually a clamour to ask the driver of the engine if there was any chance of having a quick look in the cab. Some were very obliging and I was occasionally among the limited number allowed on board. We would be shown the controls and able to watch the fireman stoking the boiler. Becoming the driver of one of these powerful engines when we grew up was the dream for many of us. For me, it wasn't to be. Instead, I spent much of my working life driving Ford Escorts and Sierras! However, to my surprise and delight, earlier this year on a significant birthday, my family presented me with the opportunity to drive *Flying Scotsman*, albeit in miniature. The engines on the North Bay Railway at Scarborough, *Triton* and *Neptune*, are scale models of the world-famous locomotive, both painted in the famous apple-green livery. Nevertheless, it was a great experience to be at the controls of one of these engines behind which I travelled so many times in my boyhood.

The day started early at 8.30 a.m. so the journey from Peasholm

to Scalby Mills and back could be completed before paying customers started to arrive. Once familiar with the controls, a happy hour was spent chugging along the track with the whole family in the carriage behind. The whistle needed to be sounded at regular intervals (great fun!) and the locomotive turned on the turntable at Scalby Mills (precise control necessary!). A great time was had by all and I can recommend the experience to all rail enthusiasts!

Dates for your Diary – Monthly Meetings

19th December – Christmas Games and Singalong

16th January 2019 – Anna Dunn (DS Researchers, Willerby & star of Heir Hunters)- Researching your Family History

20th February 2019 – Alan Shipp (retired Fire Officer) How to build your own Aeroplane just off Willerby Square! – Not to be missed!

Thoughts from the Editor

'Get Rid of Roberts' Campaign

Well done to all of our group leaders/members, you have managed to remove all traces of Roberts in this month's photographs, keep up the good work.

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 4th January 2019**. Written contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups.

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Just some of the many examples of the Craft Group's fine work



The opening evening of the new Darts/Dominoes/Cards group



The Wide Awake Singing for Fun Choir entertain at Derringham Bank Methodist Church



Francis Davies looking resplendent on the footplate of the Flying Scotsman