

## **A Word from the Chair**



Hello to all our old and new members. I cannot believe it's September already, where has the year gone.

We now have some new committee members following the AGM. Les Holmes who a lot of you will know has been cajoled back and Steve Clark who will be our Health and Safety person. There has also been a move with some others. Chris Watson is

now Vice Chair, Francis Davies is now Publicity Officer and Joan Greenley is the Speaker Finder. If you attended our last Wednesday General meeting you will have seen photographs of all the committee members so you can now put a face to the person. Anyone who would like to suggest a speaker please contact Joan with details.

By the time you read this we will be back in the swing of taking and collecting the grandchildren from school or other activities which will keep us busy. Hopefully you are not too busy to be able to attend our U3A groups.

Well here's to happy grandchildren and busy grandparents.

Hope to see you around

Sue

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The Flex and Stretch Group in **ACTION**



The new Willerby History boards in the Library provided by our Local History Group

## ***Latest News/Events***

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

#### **Group Coordinator/ Social Team**

We have had a good response for the Gardening group. It will commence on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Willerby Library after a first meeting was held to discuss objectives.

The KCOM stadium visit will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. I am holding the visit to the Holmpton Bunker until next year as there seems to be a lot going on at the moment.

I have been asked if we have a Bolivia or Canasta groups. Is anyone interested in these games? Contact Sue McPhee for more details.

#### **Social Evenings**

We will be having another Social Evening at the Memorial Hall, Willerby on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm-10.30pm. Entertainer, free raffle and pie and pea supper £10. See Sue McPhee for tickets.

#### **Art Exhibition in aid of Dove House**

Please note, one of our members, Michael Ebeling is holding an Art exhibition on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, from 10am to 4pm at Willerby Library in Main Street.

This will feature pencil portraits, paintings and greetings cards produced by Michael with all proceeds from any sales or commissions going to Dove House. Please support this worthy cause.

#### **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 books for August were very varied. Having read Kate Atkinson's books before, we decided to read one of her more recent titles, *Transcriptions*. It was an espionage story with a twist at the end and although for some people the story jumped about a bit too much chronologically, it was generally felt to provide a good read. *Can't Wait To Get To Heaven* by Fanny

Flags had been read earlier by another group and, as with the earlier group, was enjoyed. A key discussion point was 'what would you like to be remembered for if you died'. The third group read *New Boy* by Tracy Chevalier, a modern twist on Shakespeare's *Othello*. This version revolves around a black teenage boy's first day in an all-white school and the story has a time-span of just this one day. Several group members had returned to the original to compare the story but it can be read as a stand-alone story. Responses were varied but, as it's only a short book it would be worth a read. If you are interested in joining one of the Book Groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

## **Bridge Group**

We have a friendly evening of bridge every other Wednesday 7pm at the Willerby Library.

Beginners and all levels are welcome to join us.  
Ring Anita 657494.

## **CARAVAN News**

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

#### **Current plans are:**

You might see some members leaving the September meeting promptly, the St Ives Group (12) will leave Hull station at 7.15 p.m. that evening. Cambridge (31) went very well. Everybody showed the independent spirit needed to get the best out of a Caravan trip. Thank you for all the positive comments received. I will try even harder to keep up the standard and ensure everybody is flopped out for the journey home. See the report from one of the group below.

Next, a walk on snow shoes to see Santa in Lapland, NO that was just a dream forget it. Late March/early April 2020 another "Cities Scene" (buy one get three free). We stay in **Royal Leamington Spa, Warwick** is next door, **Stratford on Avon** and **Birmingham (that's four!)** an easy train ride away. Train from Hull only one change. Regency streets, brilliant gardens, big castle, plays and river trip, big city life in Birmingham. Price guide from £120 three nights, train out and back. Dates confirmed and list open in November Newsletter.

### **Caravan Trip to Cambridge 19 to 21 August**

A group of 32 intrepid caravaners all managed to meet the 7.00am

train from Paragon for our journey to Cambridge via Grantham, Ely and the No7 bus to Christs College. On arrival at about 11am we dumped our luggage with the porters and split up to take the town by storm. We returned to book into our base at the college and settle into our spacious rooms.

Over the next two days the group visited colleges, museums, botanic gardens, went punting on the river without getting wet! shared several meals together and hatched multiple plans over breakfast in the upper hall. (very Harry Potter)

On our last afternoon most of the party travelled to Ely as part of our homeward journey and sampled the delights of this lovely cathedral city before returning to Hull via Grantham for 8.00pm after an action packed 3 days.

**Roy Bratley.**

## **Coffee Club Change of Venue**

Due to the closure of Gabrielle's in Anlaby, Coffee Club will now be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at Tea & Bisque-it, Kingston Rd, Willerby opposite the Hop Pole pub. Usual time 10.30 am for an hour or so. The next one will be 27th September.

Liz Pickering 572563

## **Cinema Group**

The cinema group regularly visit either Reel or Vue cinemas, if you wish to attend please contact Ann Milledge (655929) for details and to let her know you will be attending.

## **Classical Music & Theatre Group**

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am - The Beech Tree

The group has now grown into a large but just manageable number and Maureen would like someone to volunteer to lead a second group.

Maureen Thompson, 01482 656756

## **Craft Group**

Quite a lot of donations of useful items donated this month.

A beautiful appliqué quilt was admired.

A handsome rabbit made an appearance as well as some exquisite Christmas ornaments made from felt.

Progress was made on small quilts as well as card making knitting and other crafts.

We agreed to have a meal together in December.

You will be welcomed at our meetings held on the third Monday 2 pm.

Brenda Stapleton 654830

**Coffee and a Stroll Club** All walks commence at 10.00am from the designated meeting point. car sharing from Willerby Sainsbury car park available.

15<sup>th</sup>. SEPT. Manor Farm Inn for coffee, meet at car park, local walk.

29<sup>th</sup>.SEPT. Park at Ferriby foreshore, coffee at Duke of Cumberland.

13<sup>th</sup>. OCT. (HT) Coffee at Country Park Inn, park near Inn. Local walk.

27<sup>th</sup>.OCT. Barton Country Park. Meet up at Tesco car park.

10<sup>th</sup>.NOV. Swanland walk. Coffee at the Swan & Cygnet pub.

24<sup>th</sup>.NOV. Beverley walk. Park at Figham Road area, coffee at the Travelers Rest

15<sup>th</sup>.DEC. Christmas Cracker. To be decided.

ANY QUERIES AND REQUESTS FOR CAR SHARE/LIFT, PLEASE PHONE DAVID ATKIN. 01482 650409.

## **Dancing Group**

2pm – 4pm every other Tuesday 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

## **Darts, Dominoes & Cards Group**

The group continues to flourish with an average attendance of about 18 people at each session. The next meeting is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and every second Tuesday thereafter.

Les Holmes 659852

## **Digital Photography**

The Digital Photography group now meets with the Hessle DP Group and runs on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the small upstairs room at All Saints Church Hall, The Square, Hessle HU13 0AD at 10.00 to 12.00. We now pay £1 per meeting to cover the cost of room hire and refreshments.

Whatever your ability or knowledge of Digital Photography and Computer skills, you will get encouragement from other members willing to share their expertise and help develop your interests and, of course, you could share your expertise with others. This is what U3A is all about!

We each take on a project covering 2 subjects that currently include Motion – Movement, Patterns, Architecture, Trees, Spring, Reflections-Water and Texture. We have been out and about taking photographs each month during the summer including the Museum Quarter in Hull, Far Ings in Barton and Bankside for industrial landscapes. We will bring the results to a future meeting along with project and other pictures that are submitted for discussion. Stewart Mawer (655642)

## **Discussion Group**

The group continues to meet at the Beech Tree Public House on the first Friday in the month at 10.30am however the group is currently up to capacity and are looking for a volunteer to form a second group. Ring Renee Bell (653543) for further information.

## **Family History Group**

Family History takes place on a Monday afternoon once a month 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:- 9 Sept, 7 Oct, 4 Nov, 2 Dec.

Contact Chris Gibbs 01482654897,  
e mail [christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com](mailto:christine.ferngibbs@gmail.com)

## **Flex & Stretch Group**

This group has taken off well. We meet every Monday 1.30-2.15pm. at St Luke's Church Hall. Easy exercises, some people use chairs and we also have two brave men. So there is no excuse to come and give us a try.

Contact Sue McPhee 652766

## **Games Group**

The Games group meets at Willerby Methodist Church weekly on a Monday from 10am - 12 in the church lounge.

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 encouraged to carry out research into aspects of local history and to promote wider interest amongst local people in the heritage of our area.

Our next few monthly talks are:

19<sup>th</sup> Sep            'A Walk around Anlaby's Past' by Francis Davies

17<sup>th</sup> Oct            'The Inside Story of Sisson's Paints' by Chrissy Moore

21<sup>st</sup> Nov            'Thomas Ferens' by Melvin Johnson

Meetings take place on the **third Thursday** of the month at 2 p.m. in St. Luke's Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Willerby, and all AWAKE U3A members are warmly invited. There is usually an admission charge of £2 per person to cover the costs of speakers, hall hire and refreshments.

A new exhibition illustrating the history of Willerby has recently been completed by members of the group. This is now on public display at Willerby Library during normal opening hours (see photo on page 2 in this newsletter).

For more details, please contact the group leader: Francis Davies (650449; [francisvdavies@live.co.uk](mailto:francisvdavies@live.co.uk))

## NatureWatch

The forthcoming visits are as follows:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** 9.30am – Pocklington Canal

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** 10am – North Cave Wetlands

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** 10am – Far Ings Barton

Regards Mark + Celia (654666)

## Pudding Club

Our August meeting had us enjoying puddings on the theme of Summer Holidays, when we enjoyed an abundance of puddings



including knickerbocker glories and homemade ice cream along with fruity pavlova, a fruit flan and chocolate cake. Our September meeting is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and that will be the theme. Spooky puddings? Yorkshire Pudding day is in October when we are hoping for a variety of batter puddings. If you would like to join us just give me a ring.

Joan Greenley 653917

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

Our Quiz nights at Anlaby Village Hall continue successfully. 45 people attended the last quiz and we continue to receive new members every time. Thanks to everybody who attends for helping us to swiftly set-up and clear-away. The Quiz continues to be held every other Thursday with a 7.30 start. The dates for the next few weeks are September 26<sup>th</sup> then October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information please give Chris Watson a ring on 659773.

## **Singing for Fun**

I have been told it is too early for Christmas songs, but I'm afraid we will be starting them soon as we need the practice. Our singing nights will not be all Christmas songs. We sing a variety of songs from all different eras. If you enjoy singing please come along and give us a try and ideally, we would like more men. We meet every other Wednesday at the Anlaby Park Church 6-30 to 8pm. Next meeting Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sue McPhee (652766)

## **Stately Homes Group**

The July meeting looked at the houses and places of interest to be visited on the 4-day trip. We all had a great time on the trip itself, visiting Kedleston Hall, Chirk Castle, Plas Nywed and Erdigg with an extra call-in at Sudbury Hall on our way back. In addition a Quiz night and a Beetle Night provided a lot of entertainment – you would not have believed how much noise a Beetle Drive could create. We even had other guests at the hotel joining in. Next year's trip is already being planned. This month's (September) visit has been to Belton House near Grantham and despite a bit longer drive than we usually do, the 34 members who went thoroughly enjoyed the experience. If you are interested in attending our Stately Homes Group sessions please contact Chris Watson on 659773

## **Supper Club**

Our next meal out is at Wok Ever, Cottingham on September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us please contact me, Joan Greenley 653917 or Sue McPhee 652766

## **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 (**NOW every week**) and Friday (also every week) sessions are now fully up and running after the School holidays 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

## **Ukulele Groups**

### **Beginners**

The Beginners Group (now known as Ukes can Sing) all enjoyed their first public engagement at the One Amazing Strum charity event in front of an audience of around 200, quite a daunting task but they were brilliant, well done boys and girls.

### **Sunshine Strummers**

The Sunshine Strummers have played several open-air events including performing in front of 1000 people at 'Music on the Green' in Anlaby. At the Lees Rest Houses Garden Party, the band were joined by the Lord Mayor of Hull with a rendition of 'You are my sunshine' (see Page 15)

It is great to see a number of uke players moving up from Steve and Denise's beginners' group and joining the Sunshine Strummers and they have already played two concerts.

**Many thanks to all involved in the One Amazing Strum event at Blackburn's social club, Brough with around 200 people watching 5 great Ukulele bands raising the massive amount of £910 for the Stephen Hughes charity.**

Gary and Hazel Hughes

## **Barely Awake**

The group have entertained at the North Ferriby Church, Kirk House, Blue Bell Care Home 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Beech Holme garden party, The Ideal Standard Fellowship and the One Amazing Strum charity event in Brough.

Further information can be obtained from Steve Roberts (659816)

## **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. The cost of a tasting is covered by the host 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**

At our tasting on July 15<sup>th</sup>, Chris Coates presented three white and three red wines purchased from Sainsbury's, mainly costing £7.00 or less. The whites (Californian chardonnay, the most expensive at £8.50 and S. African and New Zealand sauvignon blanc) were generally considered to be better than the reds (Chilean cabernet sauvignon, malbec from S.E. Australia and cinsault from S. Africa). The meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>, organised by Chris Watson and Ann Kay, was designed to test our progress in being able to identify the grapes used in producing a selection of six wines (3 whites and 3 reds –sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, riesling, merlot, shiraz and malbec). The outcome was very varied, with the star performer being Maggie Charlton. We look forward to our visit to the Little Wold vineyard, South Cave, on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **WAG-2**

June saw us back to full strength after some illnesses and trying wines from Waitrose special offers under £6, all enjoyable and certainly reasonable showing you don't have to spend to get a nice wine.

On a beautiful night in July we were treated to a selection of light summer wines,

just right for sitting in the garden and relaxing. August saw us travelling to South Cave to the Little Wold Vineyard for a tasting session and tour, very interesting afternoon. We finished the day with a trip to That's Amore for a meal, some wine and plenty of laughs, it finished the day off really well. Waiting for September as

one of our members is hosting with wines brought home from his holiday (unless he's drunk them before our meeting) On a final note we may have recruited a new member for the future which would bring us up to ten.

Pat Dale

## **Walking – Longer Walks**

**26 September** – (74) MILLINGTON/POCKLINGTON – 6.26 miles. Meet at car park near Millington Church – Explorer Maps 294 & 300 - Grid Ref: SE 830 519. Some road walking, across fields and a golf course, through woods and along part of the Wolds Way, two ascents. Walk starts at 09:30 Leader Dave (tel. 07818 509381).

**10 October** – (66) THIXENDALE (South) 6.9 miles - Park on roadside area near Village Hall without causing any obstruction to driveways – Explorer Map 294 - Grid Ref: SE 842 300. Approx. 50/50 roadway and field paths, mostly level walking with one easy incline. Leader Dave (tel. 07818 509381).

**24 October** – (71) RILLINGTON (East of Malton on A64) 7.14 miles. – **NEW WALK** Park/meet on High Street near the Woodlands Drive T-junction – Explorer Map 300 – Grid Ref SE 854 742. A scenic and varied walk passing through the villages of Thorpe Bassett, Winteringham, West Knapton and Scampston, along field paths, farm/forestry tracks. A steepish incline in Deep Dale Plantation followed by a long descent. Starts at 10:00 with lunch and drinks necessary but there is a café at Scampston. Leader Richard (tel. 07975 963523) All walks start at 09:30 unless stated.

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

List of forthcoming walks as follows:

**23 Sept** Hull Western & General Cemeteries, 3 miles, mainly pavements. Park near police station in Pearson Park, entry via Pearson Ave off Beverley Rd.

**7 Oct** Bricknell Ave Playing Fields-Priory Rd Ramble. 2 3/4 miles, flat except for 34 steps up& down across railway, pavements then lots of grass. No toilets. Park in playing fields car park, off Langdale Ave, off County Rd North.

**21 Oct.** Elloughton Dale Walk. 3 miles, hilly, grassy, no toilets. Park near Half Moon pub, Elloughton

**11 Nov** Scholars Gate Estate Walk. 3 1/2 miles, flat, pavements, no toilets. Park in Bricknell playing fields car park,

off Langdale Ave, off County Rd North.

**25 Nov** Anlaby Common-Spring Bank West Green Lane. 3 1/2 miles, flat, pavements and lots of grass, no toilets. Park on one side only half way down Springfield Lane off Springfield Way.

**6 December** Christmas Meal Walk Country Park to Hessel Haven. 3 miles, mainly paved paths, gentle inclines, toilets at Inn and en route. Park at the Country Park Inn, Hessel foreshore.

All walks are of approximately 3 miles and start promptly at 10am. Wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Please carry on YOUR person personal contact details in case of emergency.

Ian Jones. Text 07847 850309 or [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

### **This month features a poem harking back to the 'Good Old Days' found by Trevor Barnett**

Back in the days of tanners and bobs,  
When Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs.  
When football team families wore hand me down shoes,  
And TV gave only two channels to choose.  
Back in the days of three penny bits,  
When schools employed nurses to search for your nits.  
When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted  
And all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted.  
Back in the days of hot ginger beers,  
When children remained so for more than six years.  
When children respected what older folks said,  
And pot was a thing you kept under your bed.  
Back in the days of Listen with Mother,  
When neighbours were friendly and talked to each other.  
When cars were so rare you could play in the street.  
When Doctors made house calls; Police walked the beat.

Back in the days of Milligan's Goons,  
When butter was butter and songs all had tunes.  
It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea,  
And your annual break was a day by the sea.  
Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green,  
Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.  
When children could freely wear National Health glasses,  
And teachers all stood at the FRONT of their classes  
Back in the days of rocking and reeling,  
When mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.  
When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools,  
And everyone dreamed of a win on the pools.  
Back in the days when I was a lad,  
I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.  
Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob.  
Back in the days of tanners and bobs.

## **Thought from the Editor**

### **May you always have:**

Love to **share**

Cash to **spare**

And friends who **care**

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

**16<sup>th</sup> October – Pat Collard – ‘Who wants to be a Millionaire’ winner**

**20<sup>th</sup> November – Francis Davies – The 4 Peak Challenge**

**December – Christmas Entertainment**

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. Written contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups.

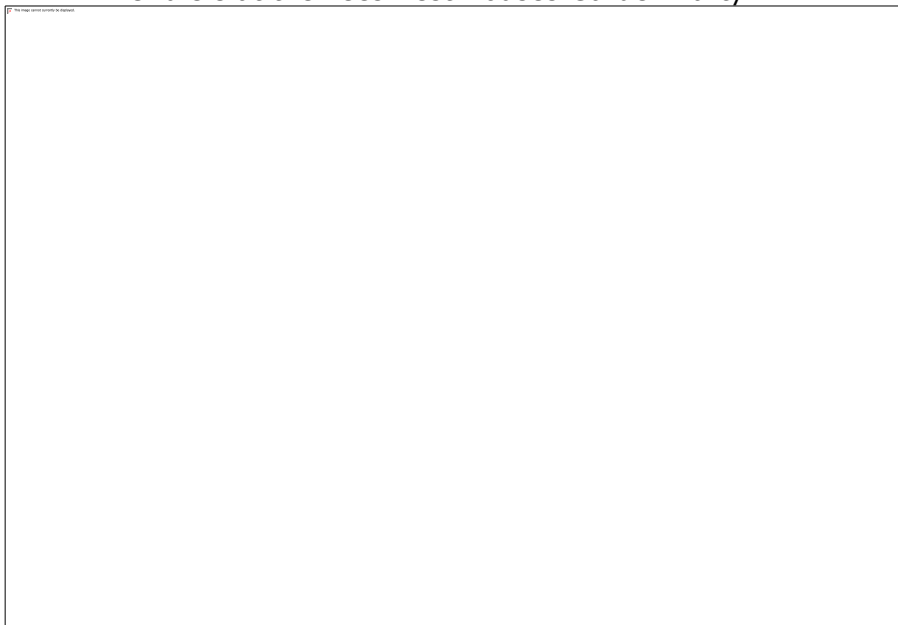
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The Short Walking Group at North Cave



The Sunshine Strummers with the Lord Mayor of Hull on guest  
Ukulele at the Lees Rest Houses Garden Party



Brenda Stapleton's Owl Quilt





The Wide Awake Singing Group entertain at the Parklands,  
Beverley