

## Number 54: March/April 2020

### A Word from the Chair



It's March already, where are the months going? Hopefully they will bring us better weather. This month we are having another social evening on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the Memorial Hall 7-15pm. Fish, chips and peas and entertainment all for £7. What a bargain! These evenings are proving very popular and I am often asked, when the next one is straight after you have been to the last one.

This year on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June it will be National U3A awareness day, a new venture for U3A nationally. Each U3A have been asked if they can make it a special day to increase awareness and let people know what happens within their U3A. We will not just be letting people know about our group but hopefully advertising groups in other areas. In the morning we are hiring the Land Train in Hull City Centre from 10am to 1pm and our Ukulele groups will be playing on it as it does its circuit. We have some other ideas still in mind for the morning. The afternoon will be given over to an AWAKE Open Day at the Memorial Hall, Willerby so if you have any ideas please let us have them.

Take care and enjoy whatever you do.

Sue McPhee

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Peter Taylor, eminent Local Art Critic, explaining the intricacies of some of the many paintings on show at the Art Exhibition



The display of Photographs from both AWAKE & Hesse members

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

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.....PLEASE!..... AND.....THANK YOU.**

I am always very grateful to those of you who send in their renewal forms promptly (that is before the end of April).

Three reminders for you:

Both sides of the form need to be filled in....without your response to the data collection first tick box then I cannot renew your membership. Make sure you sign please.

If there is no stamped addressed envelope (or for HU10 6.. members, no time for me to deliver your card) then you can collect your new card as you sign in to the monthly meeting OR it can be delivered to you along with your newsletter in May.

Do not complete the 'for office use only' box in the top right corner  
**I am the office** and I know your number thank you!

**Chris Coates    Membership Sec**

### **Exhibition of Awake members Art/Photography**

I am sure all of our members who attended the February general meeting will agree with me that the level of artistic/photographic talent displayed by the AWAKE U3A members was nothing short of sensational. A total of around 80 paintings and photographs were displayed.

A big thank you to Denise Roberts and all of the team who helped to set up the exhibition in only ONE hour prior to the meeting commencing.

### **Forthcoming Crafts Exhibition**

I cannot wait to see a similar level of talent on display at our August meeting when members are invited to submit their examples of Crafts. This can take the form of Quilting, embroidery, knitting, sculpture, pottery, macramé, sugar craft, woodwork, wood turning, metal work or any other craft you care to name. Keep your eye on future newsletters for further details.

### **Born Free Foundation**

Kathleen Barnett who gave the talk in January on Ginny the Tiger has asked me to thank everyone who donated that afternoon. She collected £134.27 which she has now sent off to the Born Free Foundation.

Joan Greenley

## **Monthly General Meeting assistance required**

The ladies who provide a wonderful service serving the refreshments after our monthly general meetings have asked if there are any willing members able to join their team, if so please contact Sue McPhee 652766

## **Extraordinary General Meeting**

Please Note: The April General Meeting will also be an EGM in order for a vote to be taken regarding the change to the Object Clause in our Constitution this is necessary to satisfy Head Office requirements and should only take a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting.

## **A3 Printer availability**

Please note, the A4/A3 colour printer previously purchased by the Computer group is now available for any Group/member to use. Please contact Steve/Denise Roberts on 659816 for details should you or your group require any printing.

## **Visits**

I have had a good response to the visits announced at the last General meeting and I will let you know dates as soon as I get them. These visits are going to the Sikh Temple, RAF Holmpton and the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. If there is anyone else that would like to join us please get in touch.

## **Interest Group News**

### **New Portrait Painting/Drawing Group proposed**

Michael Ebeling has offered to run a Portrait painting/Drawing group probably held in the Willerby Library, if you are interested please contact Michael on 653964

**The new Gardening group** with Maureen Matthews as the leader has now commenced on the third Friday of every month from 2pm-4pm at the Library in Main Street, Willerby, **however due to the Coronavirus situation the March meeting has been cancelled.**

If you wish to join please contact Maureen on 651897 for further details.

If you have any ideas for new groups please let me know.

Sue McPhee 652766

**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**

For an easy start to the year two groups reviewed books that had made an impression on them as an adult. Choices ranged from Ken Follet's '*Pillars of the Earth*' through to '*Wild Swans*' by Jung Chang and including '*Talking Heads*' by Alan Bennett. The third group read '*The Ragged Edge of Night*' by Olivia Hawker, a very good read about a German Friar and his life during the war. For February the final reading of '*Anne of Green Gables*' was undertaken by one group and, as usual, was thoroughly enjoyed. The other two reads were '*Notes from an Exhibition*' by Patrick Gale and '*Mrs Jeffries on the Ball*' by Emily Brightwell. The first book was generally enjoyed by the group. The second book was a very light read but did encourage one or two to try another of her many books. Mrs Jeffries is the housekeeper who helps a police inspector solve crimes. If you are interested in joining one of the Book Groups please contact Chris Watson on 659773.

## **Bridge Group**

Every other Wednesday evening at 7pm to 9pm at the Willerby Library, Main Street. New Members welcome.  
Ring Anita 657494.

## **CARAVAN News**

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

**The AWAKE trips and journeys programme for all members.**

**Leamington** for Birmingham, Stratford, Coventry & Warwick on April 4<sup>th</sup> is full (31) **BUT** There is still one room available due to a cancellation. Town centre hotel, train travel and lots of information to help you get around Call me if interested.

**Narrowboat** one week, journey is full.

There will now be a period with no Caravan offers. This may last into Autumn.

Roger Coates 657105

## **Coffee Club**

Coffee and a chat with friends remains very popular. We now meet at Tea & Bisque-it, Kingston Rd, Willerby from 10.30 for an hour or so generally on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The next one will be 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Liz 572563

## **Cinema Group**

The cinema group regularly visit either Reel or Vue cinemas. The current group is now up to capacity, is there anyone willing to form a second group? if so, please contact Ann Milledge (655929)

## **Classical Music & Theatre Group**

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am - The Beech Tree. Next meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>.

We met in December and enjoyed a Christmas meal together following on from our meeting - a popular venue as there were two other U3A groups also enjoying early festivities.

Maureen Thompson 01482 656756

## **Craft Group**

Our February meeting was quiet due to people having other commitments. Those who were there enjoyed picking through a generous donation of craft items.

No doubt there will be many crafty things made from the contents. We have had one or two enquiries from prospective new members who of course will be welcome.

If you are thinking of joining us come along to any meeting on the third Monday of the month at Willerby Methodist Church at 2pm.

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, **29<sup>th</sup>. March.** Beverley walk. Meet at Figham Lane, Coffee at Travelers Rest.

**12<sup>th</sup> April** – No walk – Easter Sunday

**26<sup>th</sup> April.** Barton, Meet at Tesco car park

**10<sup>th</sup> May.** Walkington. Meet in Ferguson Fawcett car park

**24<sup>th</sup> May.** Town Walk. Park in Princes Quay (coffee at Muffin bar)

Any queries and request for car share/lift, please phone David Atkin on 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 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.

Thanks go to all of the members who provided photographs for the AWAKE February Exhibition. The quality of the exhibits was very well received.

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 next period are as follows:- 6<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> June.

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

## **Flex & Stretch Group**

After Christmas we all feel we need to exercise. Our group does mainly stretching and helping to keep the body mobile. We do not do any floor work. It is either standing or using chairs. If you feel this is what you could manage please come along and give it a try. 1.30-2.15pm every Monday at St Luke's Church Hall.

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

We now have a membership of eight, should anyone else wish to join please contact Paul Kirk on 650259

## **Lawn Bowls**

No longer a specific Interest group but just to inform all of our members who attend the Wolfreton Park Bowls Club, the season starts on 11<sup>th</sup> April with the 'club joining' Coffee morning to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.

## **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. Visits to Trinity House and Hull General Cemetery are lined up later in the year. An exhibition on 'Willerby's Past' is now on permanent display at Willerby Library during normal opening hours (Tues, Thurs pm, Sat am)

Our next few monthly talks are:

**19<sup>th</sup> Mar**      '**Railways of East Yorkshire**' by David Walford

**16<sup>th</sup> Apr**      '**One Hull of a Show: The White City Story**  
1920-1938 By Michele Beadle

**21<sup>st</sup> May**      '**Tin Tabernacle to Tower** – A History of St. Mark's,  
Anlaby Common' by Chris Mead

Meetings take place on the **third Thursday** of the month at 2 p.m. in St. Luke's Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Willerby. 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.

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 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Potteric Carr, Doncaster (9.30am)

Contact Mark + Celia (654666) for further details

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**- Blacktoft Sands (RSPB) Goole

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – South Cave Falcon Centre (£6)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**-Barlow Common, Selby

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**-North Cave Wetlands (Bluebells)

Contact Mark + Celia (654666) for further details

## **Pudding Club**

We meet on the first Friday of the month and follow a topical theme. March saw us celebrating St. Patrick's day with all things Irish, including Irish stout muffins, apple cake and something called 'yellowman'. Our April meeting will see us saying goodbye to Europe so it will be interesting to see what our members come up with. If you would like to join us, get in touch.

Joan Greenley 653917

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

Our fortnightly Quiz Group continues on – even the bad weather did not reduce numbers! On average 35 - 40 people attend the quiz and we continue to receive new members every time. As usual, grateful 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 Thursdays, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> April 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>. Just turn up or for more information please give Chris Watson a ring on 659773.

## **Singing for Fun**

We are now well into our singing again and in good voice. The last meetings have been free and easy where we sing anything and everything. If you like to sing why not give us a try. Everyone welcome.

Sue McPhee 652766

## **Stately Homes Group**

Our 2020 programme started in February with a talk (to a record audience of 60 people!!) on the Royal Palaces of Scotland. Holyrood and Balmoral were covered with a planned future session

looking at Glamis and the Queen Mum. March's session involved a brilliant 'Call My Bluff' game. We were shown a 'strange' object then given 3 possible explanations of what it was. It was very enjoyable, hopefully we are going to have another session like this next year. If you are interested in attending our Stately Homes Group sessions please contact Chris Watson on 659773

## **Supper Club**

If you would like to join us please contact me,  
Joan Greenley 653917 or Sue McPhee 652766

## **Tai Chi**

**Stop Press:** Two Vacancies now for Monday morning (contact Chris Coates for details 657105)

## **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 (N.B. Ten Pin bowling will no longer take place during school holidays)**

Both the Monday and Friday sessions are now fully up and running 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 format has been revised to incorporate a specific time period for learning the rudiments of the instrument (6 months, 12 lessons) then hopefully the group will move on to form a group of their own thus allowing new members to join and learn. For details contact Steve Roberts 659816

## **Sunshine Strummers**

It's been a busy start to the new year as members of the group have started working on new strumming patterns, a fresh range of songs and an introduction to finger picking.

Practising the Island Strum as the rhythm to accompany the songs Stand by Me and Island in the Sun has certainly proved a challenge, but we are now beginning to master this calypso tempo. Concerts at Saltshouse Haven, Cassandra House and Alderson House have enabled us to try out new songs and Ghost Riders in the Sky went down a storm!!

## **Barely Awake**

**Please note: Both the Sunshine Strummers, Barely Awake and The Wide Awake singing group will all feature in the Kingston Upon Hull Day – Our Showcase (KUHDOS) to be held on April 23rd starting at 11am in the Trinity market, Trinity Square, Hull. This event is organised by Mr. Michael Wood, the Hull Town Crier as a celebration of Hull's Maritime History, please come and support us.**

We have recently entertained at the St. Mary's Care Home, The Triella Women's Institute and a St. Patrick's Day special at the Hallgarth Care Home, Cottingham.

Our new songs for 2020 are coming along well and the most recent song we sing could soon move from 1977 to 1998! However, the new jokes are not coming along quite so well!

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**

The first meeting of 2000 was a tasting of an interesting selection of six wines from Waitrose, introduced by Joan Cross. Most were considered to be good value, with a Cotes de Gascogne white and Yalumba organic shiraz given the highest praise. In February Chris Coates hosted a tasting of an eclectic range of six wines including an English wine (Chapel Down bacchus), an Ian Botham cabernet sauvignon from Australia and a Waitrose Italian red rich wine, the latter two being judged to be the best of the evening. March will see a tasting given by Chris Watson.

## **Walking – Longer Walks**

**26 March – (32) DRIFFIELD** – 6.9 miles. Meet at Riverside/Canal Head parking area – Explorer Map 295 – Grid Ref: TA 028 572. A level walk across fields and along roads, following the canal and becks. Leader Dave (tel. 07818 509381).

**9 April – (07) GOODMANHAM** – 7.2 miles. Meet at village car park – Explorer Map 294 – Grid Ref SE 887 429. A fairly level walk across fields, along roads and tracks. Leader Dave (tel. 07818 509381)

**23 April – (36) ALKBOROUGH** – 6.2 miles. Meet at The Paddocks Tearoom car park located in Back Street – Explorer Map 281 – Grid Ref SE 880 216. The walk is along the top of an escarpment, across fields and some roads. Leader Neville (tel. 07840 077965)

**14 May – (51) NUMBURNHOLME/LONDESBOROUGH** – 6.3 miles. Meet at east end of Top Street, parking on roadside of Church Street & Top Street, Londesborough– Explorer Map 294 - Grid Ref: SE 868 454. A walk mainly along country roads/bridleways but does include a couple of fields, a wood and an incline. Leader Bob (tel. 07742 134253)

**28 May – (35) WILFHOLME LANDING** – 6.7 miles. Meet at car park – Explorer Map 295 – Grid Ref TA 061 471. A level walk along the banks of the River Hull, across fields etc., Leader Dave (tel. 07818 509381)

**All walks 09:30 start**

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

List of forthcoming walks as follows:

**23 March Barton-Waters' Edge** Ramble. Meet at bottom of Humber Bridge car park for car-share to cross Bridge. Passengers bring toll money! Drivers remember to bring passengers back! Could be muddy.

**30 March** for those who want ...another visit to 114, Coltman Street. Park in West Park, off Walton Street. All pavements.

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

**Here is a tale to evoke many fond memories among the Biker fraternity of yesteryear!**

### **The Men in Black**

It was April 66 when they brought her home, they were giggling like a couple of schoolboys as they struggled in with boxes, wheels, exhausts, handlebars all landing on my carpet-less front room floor. Maybe that was why the floor had remained carpet-less, I thought.

Over the next few months the men in black would all call round, they would stand admiring, patting, mumbling under their beards, very fashionable facial hair in the sixties. These were the men that formed The Vincent Owners Club.

Let them get on with it, I was too excited thinking about the arrival of our first baby and would sit in the cosy back room with a fire roaring up the chimney whilst they shivered in the front room. No central heating in the sixties.

If I remember correctly Tuesday night became the night of worship, "only six for coffee tonight" and I would scurry off with a tray full of cups and biscuits! I thought they were all totally mad, what on earth can they find to talk about? It's only a motor bike.

Over the next few years I became known as the woman who didn't like motor bikes, how did they know? how could you ride out on a balmy summer evening when you had three children under five? But she stayed in the front room, the big black machine and I maneuvered around her with the Silver Cross.

Children older now "Let's go to the Isle of Man TT, get your Mum to look after them" I made all the usual excuses, how will they get to school? eldest one can be a handful, youngest one is too faddy. But I was over ruled and so began my love affair with the big black machine.

It was raining as we landed at the Isle of Man. Landed literally! As we went down the ramp the bike slipped from under us and I landed on The Isle of Man on my bum. He got the bike back up and I threw my leg over, I didn't even wince, I wasn't going to let anyone see my pain.

The next day the sun came out and we rode The Isle of Man at its glorious best. Everywhere we went people would gather round and admire, I don't mean me! NO, the big black Machine! I was quite pleased that I had earwigged occasionally when the men in black had been around and I had picked up some of the lingo and was even able to answer some of their questions. "Oh yes it's all original, oh yes we've put her together in our front room" And so on, I was beginning to enjoy all the attention.

Over the next few years, whenever It was possible we would ride out on summer nights and attend various events. But most important of all, I was finally one of them, I was at last accepted by the inner circle of the Vincent Owners Club.

When the day came for her to go, I have to admit shedding a silent tear and wondering if I would ever be lucky enough to ride out as pillion on a Series A Vincent again. **Lynda Lister (Lynda, a cracking tale, well written that hopefully will inspire more of our readers to put pen to paper with their experiences – Editor)**

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

**15<sup>th</sup> April - How to survive increasing maturity and other subjects. Lady Hermoine Vincenzie-Trembling. (AKA Reena Scrowston)**

**May 20<sup>th</sup> - Members meeting. Play readings by U3A groups.**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – AGM**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> - Dove House Hospice.**

## **Next AWAKEN**

Please send any items to be published to:

Steve Roberts at sadrob@outlook.com

And Chris Moody (website) at cjmcyj7@gmail.com The deadline for items to be included in the next edition of **AWAKEN** is **Friday 8th**

**May 2020.** Written contributions and photographs of group activities are always welcome and needed to keep fresh interest in our groups.

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The Family History group hard at work finding skeletons in the cupboard!



Little & Large (AKA Dave Newman & David Lines) joint winners of a recent Monday Ten Pin Bowling session





David Newman entertaining the Book Club at a recent meeting



The Bridge Club full of concentration  
(Paul 'Ken Platt' Featherstone said 'I won't take my coat off, I'm not stopping!')