

## **Number 57 (online): January 2021**



### **Word from the Chair**

I would like to say 'A Happy New Year' to all our members, but am I being a little optimistic under the current circumstances. Maybe I will say it again later in the year. I hope you all had a nice Christmas whatever you did, but notice I did not say 'merry' Christmas because if you were on your own it's not very merry.

This virus seems to have come back worse than before. Hopefully we will all get vaccinated soon, although I am sure that there will be many of you that have had the two injections already. Maybe then we will be able to mix, but not in quite the same way as before.

We have had some beautiful days since Christmas, apart from it being very cold it has made you feel like going for walks and getting out for our allowed daily exercise. The daylight is lasting longer now which makes you feel that it will soon be spring. My daffodil bulbs are well through which is another good sign. The colours in the sky both mornings and evenings this year have been beautiful and the photographers will be having a field day with their cameras. Hopefully we may see the results in the newsletter.

I would like to tell you about what is happening within our u3a.

We are currently working on introducing a new Administration system tool known as Beacon, this incorporates all Membership, Finance & Interest Group details and has been developed specifically for u3a's.

We are currently inputting information and are looking to activate the system when our new financial year commences on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Interest Group leaders will be provided with training prior to the introduction of Beacon.

If there is anyone feeling lonely and would like to talk to someone please pick up the phone and give me a ring and it can be arranged for someone to give you a call. (652766)

Take care and stay safe

Sue

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

### **Win a prize**

**Their are 10 deliberate mistakes hidden within this Newsletter, the first email received with all 10 correctly identified will win a prize!**

**Answers to sadrob@outlook.com**

**It is very heartening to see how many of our members have taken to using zoom to keep in touch, the Coronavirus pandemic has caused untold problems but it has made us more aware of technology.**

**We had around 40 members at the zoom AGM in November, over 50 for the Christmas Singalong and now over 70 for the Talk about Butlins. If the restrictions continue the zoom platform will remain the main means of continuing communication within AWAKE.**

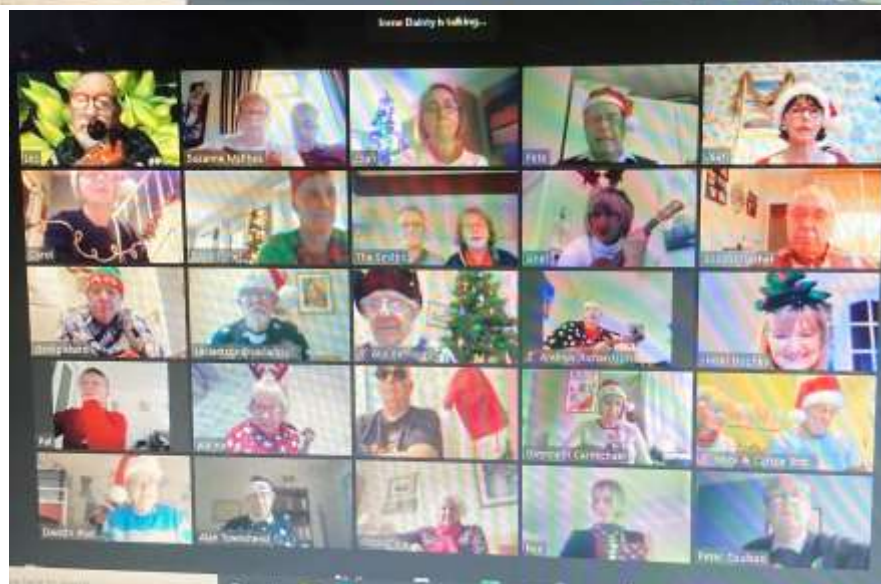
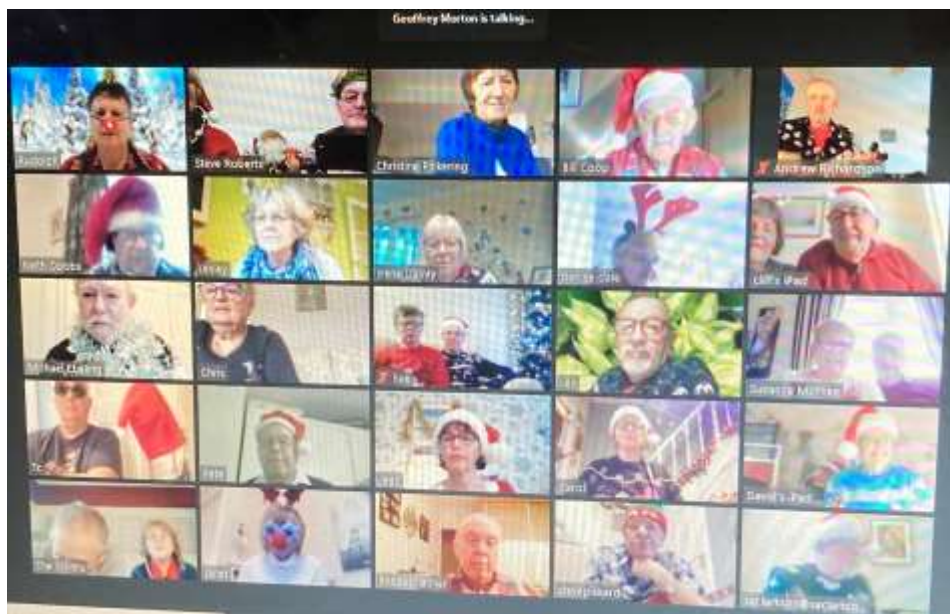
**If any members who possess a laptop or Ipad/tablet with an inbuilt camera but have not used zoom and would like to have a go do not hesitate to contact Denise or I and we can talk you through the process.**

**Steve & Denise Roberts 01482659816  
sadrob@outlook.com**

## Our recent zoom sessions

### Christmas Singalong –

Over 50 members joined the Zoom Christmas Singalong which was then a record for an AWAKE zoom session



## Speaker appearing on Zoom on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**The meeting was entitled, Butlins: The Rise and Fall of a Holiday Empire by Stephen Wells.**

**Over 70 members (a new zoom record for AWAKE) braved the elements thrown at us by Storm Christoph in order to see the excellent talk given by Stephen Wells and well worth the effort it most certainly was!**

**The talk lasted for 70 minutes and was both informative, funny and at times very eye opening and hopefully will be the first of many until we are allowed to meet together again. See Page 15 for details of another Zoom talk, this time by Paul Schofield on Hulls Parks & Gardens (17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm, meeting ID 86367763401, Password 824839)**

**Screen shots of those enjoying the talk on Butlins by Stephen Wells**









## SOME AMAZING STATISTICS

- Between 1950 and 1960 – 20% of all holidays in Britain were taken at Butlins.
- There were NINE huge holiday camps located in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.
- He had a chain of Holiday Hotels which operated all year round.
- FILEY was the biggest holiday camp in the world and catered for up to 15,000 guests a week.



**Can you imagine making 15,000 full English breakfasts, 15,000 3 course lunches & 15,000 3 course evening meals, seven days a week for the full Summer period!**

## **Interest Group News**

Letting you know the news about the groups. The Digital Photography is starting a Tuesday morning zoom meeting, contact Stewart Mawer for more details. The Tuesday morning zoom coffee and a chat has proved popular so we are having another one on a Friday morning. These both start at 10-30am, but bring your own coffee! Thursday morning is our Flex and Stretch group which starts at 10am.

Both the coffee and exercise groups are under the same zoom code 561 160 2647 Password 1RiRhp.

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!)**

## **Art for Everyone**

Well, what an empty year we have had, I hope this finds you all safe and well. We, as a group have done nothing since the first lock down, shame on us. This is to change with a new format suggested by our inhouse teacher Mary. We intend having a theme – this month - BIRD – and creating a picture either classical or fantastical – the interpretation is up to the artist. We will then meet up a month later using Zoom 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb to share our work. If there are any budding or established artist out there who wish to join us do not hesitate to call Denise Roberts 659816

## **Book Club**

Happy New Year to you all. At least we now seem to have some light at the end of the tunnel with the introduction of the vaccines. I'm sure many of you will have had your jab and are now just waiting to see how long the tunnel is going to go on for! I only received a couple of replies in relation to possible Zoom sessions. Let me know if you're interested ([chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk) or 659773) and we can sort something out. We should certainly have enough books to talk about!! Take care everybody and stay safe.

Chris

## **Previous Correspondence received from Roger Coates regarding CARAVAN**

Following the Roger Coates statement re. Caravan in the December Newsletter (No. 56) we have had only four replies, three from members supportive of the work & direction the committee is taking AWAKE and one questioning the decision to accept the Head Office recommendation to use Travel Agents in order to protect members money.

**ANY FURTHER FEEDBACK WOULD BE WELCOMED.**

**Please contact Sue McPhee with your views. (652766 or suemcphee@outlook.com)**

## **CARAVAN Update**

Hello to all 500 potential members of a Caravan journey. Any member of AWAKE can join a journey. The next caravan journey will be to Bristol and Bath. Train travel with hotel in Bristol. Bath being very close by. My usual notes will help you get the very best out of the stay. The newly imposed rules I have to follow will mean cost and convenience will not be as usual. However, I will give it a go if you will. No dates. Watch this space. Keep safe.

Roger Coates Caravan organiser. 657105.

## **Chess Club???**

Following my recent obsession with the Netflix programme The King's Gambit which led me to thinking of starting a Chess Interest group I have received only two enquiries regarding the setting up of a group when we are allowed to meet up again in person. Any more interest please let me know.

(Steve Roberts 659816)

## **Coffee Club**

Happy New Year to everyone and hope you are all well, keeping safe and having your vaccination sooner rather than later.

It will be a while before we can share a coffee and have a catch up in person, but if you fancy a chat, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Take care

Liz 572563



## **Coffee and Chat (Zoom version) – Sue McPhee**

We now meet every Tuesday & Friday at 10.30am on Zoom.

To be able to join us the code is; 561 160 2647 Password 1RiRhp

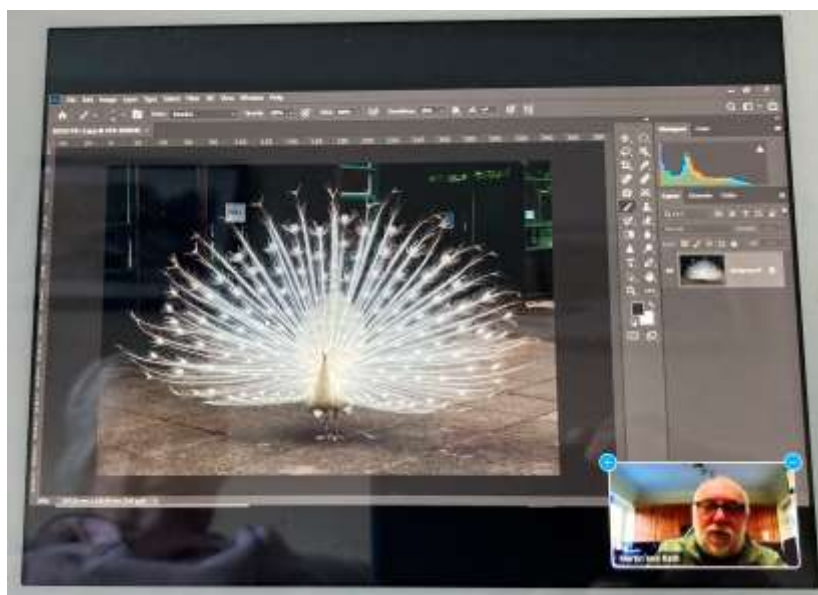


**The merry band of zoom coffee & chatters**

## Digital Photography Group



The first get together of the Digital Photography Group on zoom and an example of one of the members visits to Normanby Hall



The group had a second successful remote meeting in January attended by 13 members using Zoom, thanks to the help of Colin in setting it up.

We will meet again on Tuesday 2 February at 10.00am using the same login as today's meeting: Meeting ID 904 786 7933 and Passcode: 01482. I will send a reminder a few days before the meeting. The project for next time, governed by the lockdown restrictions, is whatever we can photograph in the house or garden. We can also look at any other pictures taken during lockdown that we didn't see today. There will also be some tuition on changing backgrounds in Zoom.

If anyone is unsure how to use Zoom, I will be happy to take you through it as best I can as I am also a beginner. You can telephone me on 655642 or 07702657376. I will then use my personal space for the demonstration: Meeting ID: 475 230 2316 Passcode: b7bFhf. Rejoo has also offered his help with this. If you are not confident using Zoom to share pictures, you can send them to me as email attachment files or better by using "WeTransfer".

Best wishes  
Stewart



## Second Zoom meeting



The Photo of this house was taken by Phil & Jean Atkin in the Village of Lavenham, Suffolk visited in the Summer between Lockdowns! The houses were built in the 15/16<sup>th</sup> Century and somehow have stood the test of time.



Taken on one of Jackie Kitchen's walks

## **Family History**

Hello all you Family History people, how are you doing? All this free time to search for your ancestors aren't we lucky, well maybe not, that blooming Corona Virus is a pain isn't it?

Thought - When I was a child Corona was a type of lemonade!

Seriously, you all know if you need any help to just, phone, e mail or text me and I'll try and help.

Thought I'd send a couple of cartoons to maybe make you smile!

## GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Great Uncle Bertrand didn't have a computer in 1880, so how will you find him on line?

## GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Hot on the trail.



## French Conversation Group

We had an enjoyable meeting on Zoom for everyone before Christmas, and have now continued weekly on Whatsapp. However, we are now planning to use Zoom for all our meetings, as we can then use some of the vast number of videos available on YouTube. The first one will be "How to speak French without feeling stupid" which gives useful phrases for when we can't think of the right French word – should be very useful!

Michael Ebeling



## Local History Group

First of all, a very Happy New Year to everyone and I hope you are keeping well! Although we're not likely to be able to meet for the foreseeable future, hopefully, later in the year we will be able to get back to some semblance of normality. In the meantime, do keep in touch by visiting the Local History page on our website, which is regularly updated. A reminder that this can be viewed by copying the following link into your browser: <https://u3asites.org.uk/awake/page/22001>

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, as soon as we get the green light to restart our regular monthly meetings, a programme will quickly materialise. All last year's speakers are lined up and ready to go! The good news is that an online meeting is arranged for Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2 p.m., when Paul Schofield will give a talk entitled "Hull's Parks and Gardens". **He will deliver this illustrated talk on Zoom and the meeting ID for this is 86367763401 and the Passcode is 824839.** This meeting is not exclusive to Local History Group members and all AWAKE u3a members are invited to join. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any queries or comments about the local history of our area. I would love to hear from you. You can reach me at [francisvdavies@live.co.uk](mailto:francisvdavies@live.co.uk) or on 01482 650449.  
Francis

## Games Group

Firstly, I must apologise for not doing this for a while, because it seemed like there was no news to report.

Like everyone else, groups were suspended until further notice and that has gone on for much longer than expected. I made progress in trying to re-establish the group last September almost as the next lockdown came, which scuppered the plans. But the progress can be used again once it is safe to do so.

I have done my best to keep in touch and check in with all the regular games groups members and if I have missed anybody by accident, I apologise. With regular emails for those available to receive that and more infrequent calls to others. I have met a few members out shopping in various places, over a socially distanced chat.

During the warmer weather, I met one or two for lunch in socially distanced gardens, bringing in required shopping items as needed. Early on in the first lockdown, after my recovery from an accident I became the "Flour Fairy "as each time I was out and found flour, I bought 3 bags, giving it away to anyone who needed it. I have searched for many missing items for those who were unable to search for themselves. The only thing I didn't find was pond weed!

I have shared my news both good and not so good, funny and sad as I have attempted to lift others spirits in this most difficult time. I am sure the cabin fever hours must seem endless for some and I feel for those who have had to shield for most of the last year.

At Christmas, Santa's little helper made a personal visit to all the members to touch a socially distanced base with everyone, to remind them that they are not forgotten and that people still exist outside of their four walls.

One day we will meet again, when normal will look very different.

In normal circumstances the Games Group meets at Willerby Methodist church on a Monday morning 10am -12. New members will always be welcome.

Jackie Kitchen

## **Puding Club**

Our first Pudding Club meeting was in October 2017, and our last one was March 2020, when the whole world came to a standstill. In those intervening months we have gained one or two members and one or two members have decided it's not for them, but mostly average about seven people per meeting. It was decided at the beginning to have a theme to our meetings. We have celebrated Saints' days, Christmas days and Easter. We have compared mince pies, Christmas puddings and hot cross buns. We have given a nod of recognition to Valentines Day; most things chocolate or heart shaped; Hull Fair, candy floss buns and toffee apple cake and bonfire night; parkin. We have celebrated April 1st with things that were not as they seemed. Who could forget Steve's coffee cups or Bob's mashed potato lemon drizzle cake. (Delicious.) Or forget Steve's knickerbocker glory at our summer holidays meeting? During this time we have

also provided cakes for the A.G.M and produced our own recipe booklet. (Plenty of copies left.) But puddings are not just about yummy sweetness. We have gone down the savoury route as well with leek pudding, steak and kidney pudding and of course Yorkshire pudding. No one knows when it will be safe to venture out again but we can all stay home, stay safe and just bake. Here's the best Sticky toffee pudding recipe to keep you warm this winter.

225g whole dates	2 eggs
175ml boiling water	85g softened butter
1teasp.vanilla extract	140g demerara sugar
175g S. R. flour	2 table sp. Black treacle
1teasp. Bicarb of soda	100 ml milk

#### Toffee sauce

175g light muscovado sugar	225 double cream
50g butter	1 tablespoon black treacle

Stone and chop the dates and pour over boiling water. Leave to cool then mash. Add vanilla extract. Butter and flour 7 mini pudding tins (each about 200ml), and stand them on a baking tray. Heat oven to 180C, Fan 160C, gas 4.

Mix flour and bicarb. Beat eggs. Beat butter and sugar together. Now add the eggs a little at a time. Beat in the black treacle. Stir in the milk and fold in the flour. Stir in the soaked dates.

Spoon evenly between the tins and bake for 20-25 mins.

Meanwhile put the sugar and butter for the sauce in a pan with half the cream. Bring to the boil over a medium heat stirring all the time. Stir in the black treacle and let bubble for 2-3 mins. Take the pan off the heat and stir in the remaining cream. Remove the puddings from the tins and pour the sauce over. These can be eaten straight away but can be left for a day or two when the sauce which will become stickier. These can then be covered in foil and reheated for 15-20 minutes. If you don't have mini pudding tins you can use a greased baking tray.

Hello there, Bob Jackson here. Seeing as we are all under yet another lock down, I thought I'd pass on these very simple bread recipes. I did start doing them during the first lock down and I make a point of doing one a week. I do understand that the

thought of making bread for some of you will be quite daunting. But just have a go at these. You'll be surprised just how easy and tasty these are!

The first recipe was devised in the 1940s and only need a quick kneed of about a minute.

This recipe makes about 3 loaves, but don't worry because they stay moist for several days, or you can freeze a couple, or failing that cut the recipe in half!

You will need:-

105kg (3lb) strong bread flour. (I used wholemeal)

1tbs salt

1tbs easy blend yeast (I used 1 sachet of the dried)

1.2ltrs (2pts) warm water

1tbs Muscovado sugar (or whatever you have available)

Grease 3 loaf tins ready and set aside.

Sprinkle the yeast onto 1/4pt of the water and leave for a couple of minutes, then add the sugar and leave for about 10 minutes till frothy.

Mix all the dry ingredients together then add the yeast mixture

Work the flour from the sides of your bowl and kneed together for about a minute, or until all the flour is incorporated.

Divide the dough between the prepared tins and cover with a damp cloth and place into a warm place for about ½ hour or until the dough has risen by about 1/3

Bake in a preheated oven, gas 6/200c/400f for around 40 minutes. They are done when they sound hollow when tapped.

Cool on a rack.

Simple!

Easy soda bread, again quite simple recipe.

You will need:-

500g wholemeal flour

2tsp salt

1tsp Bicarb.

400ml buttermilk (get this from your supermarket. Usually above the cream)

2tsp honey

Mix all the dry ingredients and then the buttermilk.

At this stage you can flavour it however you want. You are only limited by your imagination!

In the past I've put in cold chopped bacon and onion, cheese, poppy seeds dried fruits and spices, The combinations are endless.

Mix together with a knife until the whole thing comes together into a sticky dough.

Tip onto a floured surface and work it into a ball

Place the ball onto a floured baking tray. At this stage you can cut a deep cross on the top.

Bake for about 40mins.



**Sofa Bread**

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

Happy New Year to all of you and a wish for a safe and healthier 2021. Meeting up looks far away still but once the jabs have finished things should look brighter. I've been involved in a couple of Zoom quizzes recently so if anybody fancies having a go at one let me know and we'll see what can be set up. It obviously would only be an individual quiz but it would be another opportunity to see people's faces in case we've forgotten what we all look like!!!! Let me know what you think. ([chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk) or on 659773). Stay safe.

Chris Watson

## **Stately Homes Group**

Hello Everybody and a happy and healthy 2021 to you all. Many of you will have been jabbed by now, so hopefully are feeling a bit safer! I had a few replies in relation to attempting to run our Stately Homes Trip in June but am beginning to feel it would be better to now aim for September as I suspect it will take us most of the year before things are getting back to anything like the old normal. I'm going to have a word with Tim at Acklams and see if that's ok.

P.S. I have arranged with Tim to get deposits back and will return them to you as soon as I can. We will rearrange ASAP.

([chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisbaz@chrisbaz.karoo.co.uk) or on 659773). Take care and stay safe

Chris Watson

## **Tai Chi**

HELLO AGAIN FOLKS! Mike has a message for you all and for others who might be interested in joining us. No news of any possible return for us yet, When we do begin again our Group 3 which was meeting in October will have the remaining 3 sessions of the 8 week programme before we revert to "normal". It was great to hear from Mike and here is his message.....Chris

*My name is Mike. I teach 2 U3A Tai Chi classes.*

*Tai Chi is very slow, relaxing movements that help to ease and release tension from your muscles and joints. Each lesson is taught in a very calm relaxed .....atmosphere.*

*I came into Tai Chi in a real sorry state with myself. My upper body was slightly twisted, posture stooped. I was stiff, tired and very run down. I knew after my first lesson I was onto a real winner...that first lesson was a real eyeopener and it really did expose the thirty hard-working years of the building trade, bad diet, late nights and too much alcohol!*

*I always felt so relaxed and refreshed after each lesson.*

*The most important thing after each Tai Chi lesson is that gentle calmness, for that one hour you learn to let go and enjoy some quality Me time. Life can sometimes become an ongoing habit of rushing around and over-thinking and becoming too tired and unable to let go of the physical and mental tensions life has a habit of regularly throwing at us.*

*So I am looking forward to seeing you all again. You may feel you have forgotten more than you knew, but together we shall*



*get you there. It is a real pleasure working with both groups.  
The wonderful calm atmosphere is a real measure of the progress  
you have all made!  
See you all soon  
Mike*

## **Ukulele Groups**

### **The Main Street Ukes**

The group have recommenced with our Monday sessions after having enjoyed the Christmas Singalong and are looking forward to learning new chords & songs.  
Steve Clarkson & Dave Fisher

### **Sunshine Strummers**

The Sunshine Strummers got straight back into strumming in 2021 as our Monday Zoom sessions began again after the festive season on 4<sup>th</sup> January. A new approach for putting together set lists is in place and each week a member of the group nominates a theme and chooses half of the songs to play and the second set is made up of requests from members. Abba was the chosen theme to kick off the new year with hits including Dancing Queen, Mama Mia and Waterloo.

Our next theme is Happy Places – Songs to Brighten Our Day, a great choice in light of the current climate but at least band members are beginning to get jabs (not in their strumming arm of course).

New Year's resolution – Keep on Strumming!! On Zoom at least.



# 10 Happy Songs

to Brighten  
Your Day 😊



Garry & Hazel Hughes

## **Bareley Awake**

It was great to see so many Uke players (and non Uke players at the Christmas Singalong, I think the experience proved that singing, & playing in large numbers is far from perfect on the zoom platform but it was great to see over 50 AWAKE members on the screen at once, all making a joyful noise if not quite in time!

Steve Roberts

## **Wine Groups - WAG-1**

**The Group held its last virtual wine tasting of the year on December 7<sup>th</sup>.** Six of our members participated, with a good selection of wines. Enid and Alan Townshend presented a Cremant d'Alsace, produced by Cave de Turkheim, a sparkling wine made by the champagne process (12.5% abv) obtained from Waitrose at £9.99, down from £14. It had a pleasant taste but could have been a touch sweeter. Bob and Maggie Charlton showed an aperitif that they purchased at a Xmas Fayre. It was a sweet rose Floc de Gascogne wine made by a brief fermentation after which the producer immediately added Armagnac brandy. This special treat was a very enjoyable 16.5% liquor: cost c.£20. Sheila Lines had recently been gifted a bottle of McGuigan's Black Red wine, so when she found McGuigan's Black Label Australian Merlot (12.5%) on sale at Asda at two bottles for £10 she had spotted a bargain. The latter turned out to be a smooth, well-balanced and fruity wine that would be a good accompaniment for a variety of foods. Chris Watson was trying a Vouvray (one of her favourites), but this one was a sparkling version, which she had not come across before, and had been bought for her as a present. Her own contribution to the Christmas table was a Banrock Station Colombard Chardonnay (12.5%). The mini, 187 ml, version gives you about one and a half glasses and normally costs upward of £2. A 750 ml bottle normally costs c.£7. The wine was quite acceptable, and had a citrus and passion fruit taste. Lastly, the Chairman presented his Christmas choice, a bottle of Penfolds Max's Shiraz 2016, 14.4%, on sale at Waitrose for c.£15. Really good!

Now we look forward to whatever 2021 brings – hopefully some excellent wines. Would you like to join us?

Alan Townshend

**Our first virtual wine tasting of 2021 was held on January 18**, with six members present.

Chris Watson was drinking a Chenin Blanc – Coteaux du Layon 1995 from Jolivet family vines in the Montague Loire estate. It had been obtained from a trade sale and was expected to last no longer than 30 years before drinking. Chris thought it was like a sweet dessert wine.

Bob and Maggie Charlton sampled a South African Kruger family Matteo Reserve 2019, 14.5% made from a mixture of pinotage, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon grapes. It had raspberry, cherry and blue and black berry flavours as well as hints of other dark fruits and spices. It was a smooth but heavy wine and cost c. £15.

Enid and Alan Townshend chose an English dry white wine from the well-established Three Choirs vineyard in Newent, Gloucs, near the Welsh border. This was a first release 2020, 11.5% wine obtained from the Wine Society at £8.95. It was anticipated to offer the zest of youth, although Enid thought it was a bit thin.

Sheila Lines displayed a large glass of (red) gin poured from a bottle given to her as a Christmas present. This was a 42.5% Roman Fruit gin from the York Gin Co. in the Shambles. It was a dry gin with apple, blackberry and hibiscus flavours, Sheila doesn't normally drink gin but was persevering with it.

Margaret Charlton

## **Walking – Longer Walks**

"Although the Awake Longer Walks Group has not been able to meet since early March it is good to come across members out and about maintaining walk fitness.....ready for the Grand Return. Meanwhile, we have these pre-Covid memories:

The first image shows the group on a chilly summer's day in 2019 above Rillington and the second shows an autumn walk at North Dalton".

Best Wishes, Neville

Please contact Neville on 651681 or [rnchamberlain47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rnchamberlain47@hotmail.co.uk) if you want details of the established walks stored in our OS Maps library.



**Rillington**



**North Dalton**

## **Poems**

### **Sue McPhee, our Awake Prolific Laureate has been busy in Lockdown**

#### **2020**

2020 has been a very strange year,  
For most of the time we have lived in fear.  
Of catching this virus which makes us ill,  
That cannot be cured by taking a pill.  
Weeks in lockdown and different tiers,  
But alas this doesn't quell all our fears.  
The R number goes down and gives us hope,  
Then it bobs back up again as if it's a joke!  
There are vaccines available when it comes to your turn,  
Some folk stay clear, showing a bit of concern.  
Christmas at church is only to pray,  
No carols to sing because of the spray.  
Visits to the family have been cut short,  
What to do with all the extras that we've bought.  
Put left over turkey in a stew or a curry,  
There will be grateful people so do not worry.  
Let's hope 2021 will bring us more cheer,  
This cannot be hurried, more time is needed we hear.  
Let's celebrate Christmas at Easter, how do you feel?  
Two Christmas's in a year, can that be real?  
We'll all be so happy when everything is clear,  
Big hugs and kisses to those we hold dear.  
But 'til then it's masks, hands, face and space,  
Hoping to keep us safe and in the right place

#### **Winter Morning**

A beautiful winter morning the sun is breaking through,  
Few clouds about in the sky, it's such pretty blue.  
This maybe the lull before the storm,  
So don't sit about on this beautiful morn.  
Wrap up warm and take a walk,  
Meet some friends and have a talk.  
The winter solstice has been and gone,  
Days are getting longer, make the most of everyone!  
Think about the things that you would like to do,  
Holidays and gardening while having a brew.  
Now we have plenty of time on our hands,



Let's work our brains by making plans.  
Keep ourselves busy is what we should do,  
The busier the better that is the clue.  
On days when you feel lethargic and slow,  
Don't sit in the doldrums, get up and go.

### **Another funny Poem from Dave Bodecott**

#### **The Chemist's Dilemma**

A woman went into a Chemist shop  
And said to the man in charge  
'I'd like a packet of Rat Poison please.  
Not small or medium but **large.**'  
'Is it to kill vermin?' the Chemist said to her  
'No', she said, 'it's for my Husband, he's having an affair.'  
'I can't do that.' he said, 'You can't just take a life.'  
The woman produced a photograph, it was the Chemist's wife!  
'That's who he's in love with, look at the description.'  
'Ah, that's different.' said the Chemist, 'You didn't tell me you  
had a **Prescription!**'

### **IN MY OWN WRITE**

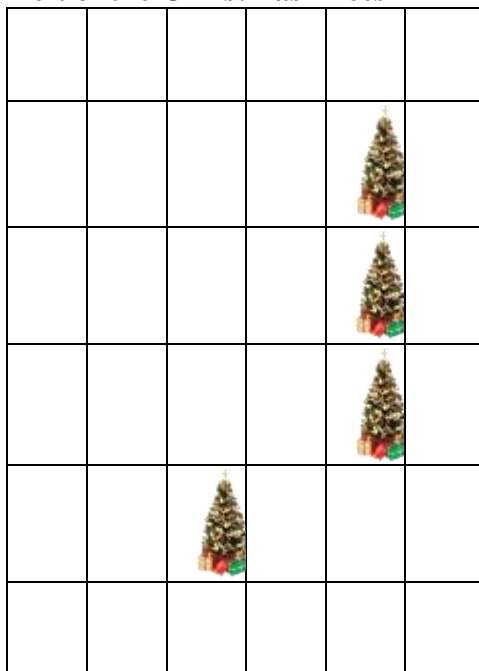
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Contributions should be sent to Steve Roberts, preferably email [sadrob@outlook.com](mailto:sadrob@outlook.com) or on paper copy to 18, Ellerker Rise, Well Lane, Willerby HU10 6EY

## Quiz Answers from ISSUE 56

### Holmes and Watson's Poser

#### The Theft of the Christmas Trees



Police Headquarters were spread over three buildings with a fourth police building a small distance from the others. All four buildings had their Christmas Trees stolen from the front of their buildings. Each of the four buildings belonged on different police patches. All four patches were identical in covering the same number of squares and were also identical in shape. Can you outline the four identical patches with a missing Christmas tree in each patch.

#### Just some extra little riddles that appeared in the crackers at the police Christmas Party

'The man who made it did not want it, the man who bought it did not use it and the man who used it never saw it. What is it?'





'You can only hold me for seconds, sometimes you lose me, and yet I am with you all your life. What am I?'

'What is broken as soon as you say it?'

'What will grow if you feed it, but dies if you give it water?'

'The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?'

## The Theft of the Christmas Trees (Solution)

A	A	A	A	A	B
C	C	A	B	 A	B
C	A	A	B	 B	B
C	C	C	D	 D	B
C	D	 C	D	B	B
C	D	D	D	D	D

**Riddle answers:** A coffin, Your breath, Silence, Fire, Footsteps

## New Quiz from David Newman

### Quiz, Quizz, Quiz

Here we are in Lockdown 3, so this is a quiz based on the number three.

1. How is the number 3 written in binary code?
2. Which 3 sports make up a triathlon?
3. In the song, what gift was given on the Third Day of Christmas?
4. In The Beatles' song 'When I'm 64', what are the names of the 3 grandchildren?

5. Which chemical element, with the atomic number 3, is named after the Greek for 'stone'?
6. Which film has the theme tune 'Eye of the Tiger' by Survivor?
7. What 3 countries does Luxembourg border?
8. What is the motto of The Three Musketeers?
9. Which 1975 film starred Robert Redford as a CIA researcher who finds all his co-workers dead?
10. In snooker, which coloured ball has a value of 3 points?
11. Who wrote the screenplay for the 1949 film 'The Third Man'?
12. Which 3 countries' names start with the letter J?
13. Which Bob Marley song begins with the lyrics 'Don't worry about a thing'?
14. Who was the host of the TV game show '3-2-1'?
15. According to the title of the 1986 film, what were Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short?
16. What are the names of Donald Duck's 3 nephews?
17. Which 3 football teams were part of the original Football League in 1888 and also part of the Premiership when it started in 1992?
18. How wide is a three quarter bed?
19. Which fantasy trilogy's third part is 'The Return of the King'?
20. Which composer's third symphony is 'The Eroica'?
21. What was the official song of the England Football Team in the Euro 96 tournament?
22. The TV sketch show 'Three of a Kind' featured Tracey Ullman, David Copperfield and ...?
23. Which two US state have 3 double letters in their names?

24. Which group's biggest UK hit was 'When Will I See You Again' in 1974?
25. Who, famously, were The Three Tenors?
26. Which author's third published novel was 'The Murder on the Links'?
27. The National Three Peaks Challenge is to climb which 3 mountains within 24 hours?

**Answers on Page 35**

**Holmes and Watson's Poser  
Phone Lines**

At the police station four female officers had private extension numbers to ensure security when receiving calls. Can you match the extension numbers to the appropriate officer?

Extension numbers: a] EXT 548    b] EXT 438    c] EXT 256  
d] EXT 594



1.

**My number began with a five. Both  
Lynda & Shirley wore glasses.**



2.

**My telephone number was divisible  
by four, as was Lynda's.**

3.



**Jenny and Shirley are both blondes.**

4.



**Denise's number was greater than mine.**

***BEFORE YOU CRITICISE  
BORIS JOHNSON,  
SPEND A DAY  
IN HIS SHOES***



**First trip booked for 2021**

**Hopefully off to Iceland in  
February.**

**If that goes well, probably  
looking at Asda in March and  
Tesco in April.**



**Information provided by Trevor Barnett on Holiday travel complaints:**

**Never complain that you cannot afford to go on holiday. Too many holidays can make you stupid.**

**THESE ARE ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY "THOMAS COOK VACATIONS" FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS:**

**YOU WOULD LIKE TO THINK THESE ARE ALL FAKE, BUT SADLY THEY ARE ALL TRUE!!!!**

1. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
2. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
3. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
7. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during their 'siesta' time."
8. "No-one told us there would be fish in the water. Our children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg- slicer in the drawers."
10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait

longer for service."

15. "When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."

16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."

17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."

19. "My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

**BE AWARE ... THEY WALK AMONG US and THEY VOTE - if they can work out how to ?????**

## **Quiz, Quiz, Quiz Answers from page 29**

1. 11
2. Swimming, cycling and running
3. Three French Hens
4. Vera, Chuck and Dave
5. Lithium
6. Rocky III
7. France, Germany and Belgium
8. All for one and one for all
9. Three Days of the Condor
10. Green
11. Graham Greene
12. Japan, Jamaica and Jordan
13. Three Little Birds
14. Ted Rogers

15. The Three Amigos
16. Huey, Dewey and Louie
17. Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers and Everton
18. Four feet wide
19. The Lord of the Rings
20. Beethoven
21. Three Lions
22. Lenny Henry
23. Mississippi and Tennessee
24. The Three Degrees
25. Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti
26. Agatha Christie
27. Ben Nevis, Snowden and Scafell Pike

## **Next *AWAKEN***

**Following our appeal in the last Newsletter and on the zoom AGM many members have agreed to receive their Newsletters by email thus saving on paper, delivery & stamps.**

**If you would be happy to receive your newsletter in this way please let Steve Roberts know.**

**The next newsletter will be issued in March and will be a paper copy with the 2021/2 membership form enclosed, we are currently discussing the cost of membership for the coming year bearing in mind the Covid impact on 2020.**

**Hopefully we will continue to produce the Online Newsletter, keep checking the AWAKE website for this and keep sending articles, stories & photos for inclusion.**

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**A great walk not too far away**



**Beverley Bek**



## **Final Thoughts from the Editor**

**I have just won a competition answering questions about Elvis Presley. The prize is either £50 or tickets to see an Elvis Tribute act.**

**I have to ring up & press 1 for the money, 2 for the show!**

**I ordered a double bed and paid up front but the bloke has done a bunk, it's just one thing on top of another!**

**Just had a wardrobe delivered from IKEA and not a single screw, bracket, dowel, nothing!  
You just couldn't make it up!**

**Lockdown has turned us all into dogs.**

**We roam the house looking for food.**

**We are told "NO" if we get too close to strangers AND we get very excited about car rides!**

**and finally, both a topical comment & a test of how 'cool' you are!**

### **'BREAKING NEWS'**

**The first Covid vaccine may run out soon**

**Pfizer Chiefs have said**

**"they predict a riot"**