



**COME JOIN US CELEBRATE  
10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
RELAUNCH DAY**

**Postponed until 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
due to Covid restrictions!**

**TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY FROM 2PM**



## Word from the Chair

Welcome to new and old members. New members being people who have just joined us and old members are those who have been with us a while. Age makes no difference.

Fingers crossed we may be able to start our groups by September. It is unfortunate that we cannot have our re-

launch afternoon on July 13<sup>th</sup> as the goal posts for Covid have been moved. But I can tell you that we hope to arrange it for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Memorial Hall, Kirk Ella. I would like to ask you again to bake a cake with decoration in blue and yellow, for the afternoon tea. There will be a prize for the most originally decorated cake. No sex discrimination.

It would be nice if you could tell your friends about the u3a and invite them to come along to the re-launch afternoon to see what we have to offer.

The committee have decided to have the AGM on Zoom again this year on the 18<sup>th</sup> August because we are uncertain as to whether we will be able to have large meetings indoors. Details of this meeting are inside this newsletter on Pages 9 to 19.

Hoping to see you soon,  
Sue

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

### ***National u3a Day 2<sup>nd</sup> June***

***Many of our members went beyond the call of duty to promote u3a in our area and our thanks go out to each & every one of them***



The Banner on the Waitrose car park wall  
The Flower displays outside of the Willerby library





The walled garden at the corner of Well Lane & Main St.



Pauline Park's House

## Denise Roberts Yarnbombing escapades





Christine Gibbs Garden Display  
*The Banner & Frame made by Lesley Rieder & Peter Taylor*





Mary Randell's Fence



Hattie Johnson's pom poms



The Benches of Anlaby were all fitted with u3a notices for the day

## AWAKE u3a Situations Vacant

- 1. Keeper of the Things** Sadly Greg Lamb has recently passed away and our condolences go out to his family.

We are still looking for any member who would like to take on the role which entails storing the various items of equipment (Computer, projector, screen etc.) and lending them out to Groups/members on request.

- 2. General Monthly Meeting Head of Refreshments**

This involves coordinating the tea/coffee/biscuits distribution for our regular Monthly meetings when they recommence probably in September.

Any members interested or would like further information please contact Sue McPhee (652766)

- 3. Newsletter Distribution**

I am now organising the distribution of the newsletter. By the time you read this I should have spoken to everyone who helped to distribute the newsletters before the pandemic, and I am very grateful to them for their help. We would like to reduce the number which have to be posted, so please let me know if you could distribute a few newsletters in the area to

the north of Anlaby Park.

Thanks to everyone who is going to take the newsletter online. Please let me know if you would also be prepared to do this. Please bear with us if you do not receive a paper copy when you wanted one, or if you receive one when you have said you will take one online. I will sort out any discrepancies.

Michael Ebeling 653964

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Revised Open Day/Relaunch**

This is now planned for **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm at the Memorial Hall, Willerby Square.**

Once again we hope to showcase lots of our Groups with stalls, demonstrations & quiz's culminating with a celebration of cake cutting & eating to commemorate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Future zoom Speakers & Activities**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> - Fools Gold** – Return of the popular Duo from the North East

**Zoom meeting number – 5611602647, Passcode -1RiRhp**

**August 18<sup>th</sup> – zoom AGM (zoom numbers as above)**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – Open Day/Relaunch at the Memorial Hall 2pm**

### **Annual General Meeting - 2021**

As I am sure you will appreciate the uncertainty of Government Guidelines on Covid restrictions at the time of going to print has necessitated the need to hold another zoom AGM this year.

**This will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 2pm**

**The Zoom meeting number is 5611602647**

**And the password is 1RiRhp**

I am sure many of you are now conversant with zoom but if

you have a computer, laptop or I pad/tablet it is easy to download the Zoom App, if you would like any advice on the use of zoom please ring Denise Roberts on 659816

## **2021 AWAKE AGM Agenda**

1. Approve Minutes of AWAKE U3A AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020
2. Approve new Constitution as recommended by Third Age Matters (see note below)
3. Chair's Report – S. McPhee
4. Financial report – D. Roberts
5. Appointment of Examiner of the accounts for 2021/22
6. Election of Committee
  - a. Committee Officers
  - b. Committee Members
7. Any other business
8. Date of next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **Note for No. 2 above**

The National u3a have recommended a new constitution be adopted by all u3a's, this brings the contents up to date and allows the use of electronic AGM's.

We have given this recommendation close scrutiny and are happy to recommend adoption with just one amendment to the clause on the rules regarding election of Officers & committee members, the new constitution states no member can serve for more than nine years in total, this differs from our existing rules and whilst is a good idea in theory would mean two of our most experienced committee members having to immediately stand down. We believe the best make up of a committee should be a mixture of experience with a good knowledge of u3a procedures and new blood to give added enthusiasm & ideas.

Therefore, we are proposing to replace the election of Officers & Committee members section with our existing constitution rules.

Should any member wish to view the new Constitution in full do not hesitate to ask for a copy (as it is 20 pages in length we feel it cannot be included in full in the

Newsletter) or alternatively both the existing & proposed constitutions can be found on the AWAKE u3a website for comparison.

## **Minutes of AGM – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 2pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, via Zoom.

A copy of the minutes of the AGM held in 2019 was sent out to all members in a paper edition of the N/L in October 2020.

40 AWAKE members attended this meeting via Zoom. A list of attendees is available.

Chris Watson opened the meeting. In order to avoid people talking over one another, Members were asked to raise their hands if they wished to speak. They would then be invited to speak. CW explained only votes against and abstentions would be counted. CW then handed the meeting over to S. Mc, who welcomed everyone.

Apologies. Trevor Barnett, Liz Pickering. Gill Blacksell.

1. Minutes of AWAKE U3A AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019: Sue Dyson proposed we accept the minutes as a true record. Roger Coates seconded. The minutes were accepted as a true record of last year's meeting.

Matters arising: None.

2. Chair's report. S. Mc thanked everyone for attending this meeting. She said she needed to thank all Group Leaders for organising their meetings and events over the past year. There had been a good response to the Flex and Stretch group and Bridge was now being played at Willerby Library. S. Mc thanked the Committee for helping AWAKE run so smoothly. S. Mc thanked CC for keeping us all up to date with our membership numbers. A special thanks to DR our Treasurer for keeping the finances balanced. She also thanked LH for his input but he has now stepped down. Thanks also to SR and FD for editing and printing the N/L; LP for receiving and sending letters; JG for booking our speakers and SL for writing up the minutes. SMc also thanked the refreshment ladies for

providing us all with tea and biscuits at the end of our monthly meetings.

3. Financial Report. DR told the meeting we had a surplus over £368 as per normal. We have bought a new Computer which has now been added to the Assets list. The accounts have been audited by Lambert Clerical. FR proposed we accept the report. JG seconded. No againsts or abstentions.
4. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts for 2020/2021. Les Holmes proposed we appoint Lambert Clerical as Examiner of Accounts again for the next financial year. Bob Richardson seconded. No againsts or abstentions.
5. Acceptance of Object Clause change to our constitution as previously agreed. SC proposed we should accept the Ratification of the Constitution. Pauline Park seconded. No againsts or abstentions.
6. Election of Committee. CW said we should be proud of the work done by the committee. All members of the Committee still within tenure agreed to continue until the next AGM. DR and LP were re-elected for another two years. No againsts or abstentions. Trevor Barnett has decided to step down from the committee. CW promised we would thank him properly after COVID. As no new nominations had been received, CW asked if anyone in the meeting would like to sit on the committee. Anyone interested should phone SMc or herself for information. CW thanked SMc for her handling of AWAKE in the time of COVID.
7. AOB. DR asked if anyone preferring to receive their N/L by e-mail to let SR know. DR thanked all Group Leaders for their prompt payments over the past year. She also thanked TR for his help in her taking over the job of treasurer. SMc said she was hoping we could hold a face to face meeting next year. CW said it was great to see everyone looking so well. Pauline Park said she was smiling because we had managed to hold this meeting.
8. Date of next meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## **Chair's Report**

Well! What can I say about the last year? There was nothing going on within the groups, but the committee were still working hard trying to keep in touch with you all, either by phone, zoom or email. Steve Roberts was busy putting together a newsletter for the website and also a paper copy for those of you who cannot access the web. The group leaders were helping by sending bits of interest for Steve to print and the committee were running round like headless chickens delivering these newsletters.

Christmas came and went without our usual celebrations of lunches out with our groups and our Christmas sing along.

Hopefully this Christmas will be different, fingers crossed.

At the beginning of January 2021 we started our new administration system Beacon which saves a lot of time and paper. Janet Brown and Chris Watson are the administrators for Beacon and Joan Greenley works alongside them by being the membership secretary.

Since May some of our groups have managed to restart within the rules set by the government and also the u3a. We have had to produce assessment sheets for the buildings that we use and also instructions for the people attending unfortunately we have lost some of our groups but when we are all able to meet in person, I am sure there will be some of you who will offer to restart these groups or maybe suggest some new ones.

Sheila Lines is stepping down after 10 years of being Minutes secretary and Sue Dyson will take her place. I would like to say many thanks to Sheila for all her hard work over the last 10 years. Peter Bristow will replace Joan Greenley as our new Speaker Finder, a very important job.

Thank you all for renewing your membership this year and hopefully we can have a more "normal" year this time.

Sue

## **Treasurer's Financial Report**

The accounts this year are showing the effects of the Covid restrictions in that the room hire activity is virtually non existant. The accounts have been examined by Stephen Lambert of Lambert Clerical to the end of March 2021.

The following two sheets shows income/expenditure and the Balance for the year alongside the comparison with the year before. The balance held is still healthy despite the reduction in membership numbers. The postage is increased significantly due to sending out newsletters by post instead of by hand, the purchase of a Zoom licence £143.88 from 28/01/21 and a laptop for the Membership Secretary being the ony large purchases this year.

If any member wishes to look at the full accounts report please contact Denise Roberts (Treasurer) tel. 659816

## ANLABY WILLERBY AND KIRK ELLA USA

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year to 31 March 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>MEMBERSHIP INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions		5,429.50	6,694.50
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Sale of publications		47.20	70.80
Gift Aid	3	831.00	1,221.45
Bank interest		0.59	4.00
Room hire from interest groups		525.10	8,661.55
Stately Home trip fees		50.00	11,030.50
Stately Home trip costs reimbursed		2,100.00	-
Group support costs recovered		-	113.38
Grants - Third Age Trust		-	100.00
Other income		0.99	6.00
		<u>3,554.88</u>	<u>21,207.68</u>
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>		<u>8,984.38</u>	<u>27,902.18</u>
<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>			
Room hire - Main		233.80	613.68
Room hire - Interest groups		106.50	9,418.87
Speakers		100.00	420.00
Stately Home trip costs		-	11,030.50
Stately Home trip fees reimbursed		2,100.00	-
Postage		817.99	426.82
Printing and stationery		36.48	272.79
Computer expenses		178.06	-
Other equipment		10.99	3.99
Equipment repair and maintenance		11.73	26.00
Refreshments		-	348.03
Newsletter		420.85	1,452.10
Publications		-	140.40
Publications - Old stock written off		-	110.00
Travelling		-	19.00
TAT capitation		1,893.50	1,925.00
Third Age Matters		1,243.98	860.20
Competition prizes		50.00	80.00
Administration costs		-	60.84
Bank charges		12.00	-
Accounts honorarium		150.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>7,365.86</u>	<u>27,358.22</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>		<u>1,618.52</u>	<u>543.96</u>

The notes referred to above form part of the accounts

## ANLABY WILLERBY AND KIRK ELLA U3A

## BALANCE SHEET

as at

31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	1	3,397.67	3,148.67
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks		-	-
Accrued income	3	831.00	1,221.45
Bank current account	5	10,001.57	7,072.11
Bank current account No 2		2,004.22	2,004.22
Bank deposit account		-	1,009.49
		<u>12,836.79</u>	<u>11,307.27</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accruals		150.00	150.00
Funds held for interest groups	4	1,158.90	996.90
		<u>1,308.90</u>	<u>1,146.90</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		11,529.89	10,160.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>14,927.56</u>	<u>13,309.04</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY :</b>			
Surplus account	2	14,927.56	13,309.04
		<u>14,927.56</u>	<u>13,309.04</u>

The notes referred to above form part of the accounts

# NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF ANLABY, WILLERBY AND KIRK ELLA U3A

*Proposer*

*Seconders*

We (insert names and membership number) of (insert addresses)

being current members of Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella U3A,

hereby nominate

for position of Chair/Vice

(insert name of candidate) Chair/Treasurer/Secretary/Member\*

of (insert address)

## **\*please clearly indicate**

As a candidate for election to the committee of Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella U3A at the on-line annual meeting on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

*Proposer*

*Seconders*

Signed

I declare that I am a member of Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella U3A

Signed: *Nominee*

- Nominees must be members of Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella U3A
- Proposers and seconders must be members of Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella U3A
- No person shall be nominated unless they have signified their consent to serve, or there is in the opinion of the meeting sufficient evidence thereof.
- Note: A person is disqualified from being a charity trustee under the Charities Act if they have been convicted of an offence involving deception or dishonesty (unless any such conviction is legally regarded as being spent), if they are an undischarged bankrupt, have made compositions or arrangements with any creditors from which they have not been discharged or have been removed from serving as a charity trustee, or been stopped from acting in a managerial position within a charity.

**PLEASE ENSURE THIS NOMINATION FORM IS RECEIVED BY THE BUSINESS SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE BY WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST AT THE ADDRESS (Page 18)**

As you will have read in the Newsletter we are going to hold our postponed AGM as a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2021. In relation to electing members of the Committee this is the current situation at the AGM.

**The following members are still in tenure and are willing to continue for the year 2021/2022:**

Treasurer	Denise Roberts (to 2022)
Business Sec	Liz Pickering (to 2022)
Publicity	Francis Davies (to 2022)
Health & Safety	Steve Clark (to 2022)

**Members due for re-election at 2021 AGM**

Chair	Sue McPhee (to 2022)
Vice Chair	Chris Watson (to 2022)
Membership Secretary	Joan Greenley (to 2023)

**The following Members are standing for election**

Minutes Secretary	Sue Dyson (to 2024)
Beacon Administration	Janet Brown (to 2024)
Speaker Finder	Peter Bristow (to 2024)
Committee Member	Sheila Lines (to 2024)

**The following member is giving up Committee duties**

Steve Roberts (However will continue to Edit the Newsletter)

Our new Constitution allows for between 5 & 12 Trustees therefore this leaves 1 available place on the Committee plus 3 who can be co-opted. If you would like to nominate someone (or get someone to nominate you), fill in the Nomination form and send to the Business Secretary by the date indicated. Appointments will be confirmed at the AGM Zoom meeting on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2021.

.....  
Name

Membership Number

I am not able to vote by e-mail or take part in the Zoom AGM but would like to register my acceptance of:

- a) The minutes of the last AGM (2020)
- b) The Certified Accounts for the year (2020-2021)
- c) The adoption of the new constitution
- d) The proposed Committee member nominations

As detailed in the July (No. 60) issue of AWAKEN

Signature

**If receiving newsletter by email please download voting sheets from website and send the forms to the address below by Wednesday, August 4th**

Liz Pickering, 8 Primrose Drive, Hull HU5 5QJ

e-mail: [lizpickering1958@gmail.com](mailto:lizpickering1958@gmail.com)

## **Interest Group News**

### **Summary of Interest Groups starting dates if different from Newsletter 59 information**

**Art for Everyone** – Hoping to meet indoors from September when a new venue is found to replace the closing Christ Church with Trinity.

**Badminton** – Awaiting Covid clearance subject to membership of Hull & ER club (further information from Ann Berryman – 650676)

**Book clubs** – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August

**Bridge** Venue – Willerby Institute on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month starting 1<sup>st</sup> September from 7pm-9pm

Players and Beginners welcome. Ring Anita 657494

**Caravan** Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – Narrow Boat & Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – City Scene Bristol & Bath

**Chess** – Continues on Chess.com but hoping to become part of the Games group when they restart at Willerby Methodist.

**Cinema Visits** - July (Ann will contact members)

**Classical Music & Theatre** – Awaiting new Leader

**Coffee Club** – Awaiting Covid clearance, Liz will inform members when the group will start again.

**Coffee & a Stroll** – Already underway – see Page 21 for details

**Computing** – Awaiting Covid clearance

**Crafts** – Looking to September for first meeting indoors also looking for new leader.

**Dancing** – To commence in September

**Darts, Dominoes & Cards** – proposed to commence in September possibly at the Men in Sheds building, First Lane,

Anlaby

**Digital Photography** – Field Trips now resuming.

**Discussion Group** – Restarts on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August at the Beech Tree Pub (Boris permitting)

**Family History** – September for our indoor meetings

**Flex & Stretch**

**French Conversation** starting on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, and then on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in month

**Games** – Provisionally late July

**Gardening** – Awaiting new Leader

**Guitar** – Recommencing at St. Luke's

**Jazz** – Awaiting Covid clearance

**Local History** – Outdoor meetings commenced 17<sup>th</sup> June, Indoor meetings 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Luncheon Club 1** – Not expecting to start until September

**Luncheon Club 2** – Awaiting Covid clearance

**Naturewatch** – Provisionally 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Play reading 1** – Awaiting new leader

**Play reading 2** – Provisionally Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**Pudding Club** – Awaiting Covid clearance

**Quizzing** – August 5<sup>th</sup>

**Singing for Fun** – Awaiting Covid clearance

**Stately Homes** – Outdoor 3<sup>rd</sup> August (Prov.)  
Indoor 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Supper Club** – Provisionally September

**Table Tennis** – Restart September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, Men In Sheds Building, First Lane, Anlaby (cost £2.50/person)

**Tai Chi** – Groups looking for a new venue.

**Ten pin Bowling 1 & 2** – hope to start in September after the School holidays

**Ukulele - Barely Awake** – outdoors in June, Indoors in late July at St. Luke's hopefully!

**Ukulele – Sunshine Strummers** – Late July – Willerby Synagogue proposed.

**Walking (6-7 miles)** – starts May 27<sup>th</sup>, new leader required

**Walking (2-3.5 miles)** – Slow short walks began on 12<sup>th</sup> April, for our full program see section below in newsletter. I Jones

**Wine Appreciation 1** – 19<sup>th</sup> September at Bob & Maggie Charlton

**Wine Appreciation 2** – Provisionally September

**Writing for Fun 1** – Awaiting new Leader

**Writing for Fun 2** – Restarting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 2pm at Brenda Skern's (1 or 2 more people could be accommodated if interested) ring 564127

## **Interest Group updates**

### **Art for Everyone**

We have been meeting at one of our members homes for the last three sessions which has been really great to get together again and paint. Bad news follows, unfortunately Christ Church with Trinity, where we meet indoors, is going to close. The Elders have found that the membership has fallen so low that the Church building cannot viably run. SO! We are looking for a new home – watch this space for news.

## **CARAVAN**

**Trip to Bristol and Bath. October 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> inc. home 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bristol** Brunel's Great Britain, Clifton Bridge, Zoo, Bristol Old Vic, Banksy (11 locations) The Yellow Ferries around the heart of town, statues to push over etc.

**Bath** This city is a World Heritage site. A Regency playground for the wealthy of London. The Romans got here first. Bathe on the open roof of a volcanic hot spa. Gardens abound all around. Royal Crescent, a compact centre. Fashion Museum. etc. 10 mins by train or a 50 mins country bus ride from Bristol.

As usual I will hand you researched info and stuff from the tourist office to get you going on arrival. Your choice what to do.

Travel by train is **by your own arrangements**. It is part of the new rules that I must not take your money to book the keen prices the minute they are out. I will give travel advice that you can take or leave so some of us may travel together. Forming small groups especially for solos would be sociable. I will be a small group. Call me after mid-July about this if you need help. Current booking windows are mainly back to twelve weeks. So book tickets from July 14<sup>th</sup> ish.

Hotels. You may recall the Third Age Trust recommendation

saying to keep your money safe with the new travel plans. The plan for this trip means you keep your money until checking in which could not be safer. You will pay for your own room booked by me in your name.

When you confirm you want a place(s) I will book rooms in Bristol city centre. This will be secured but not paid for on my card. We may have to use more than one hotel.

You can cancel via me anytime up to midnight before arrival day at some and a day or so before at others. No fee, no problem.

N.B If you do not arrive on the first night, or at all and have not cancelled, a charge for one night will be made to my card. By taking a place on this visit you must accept that you will owe me that charge. This is a very unlikely event. Contact me to book or with questions.

**CANAL TRIP** is on as things stand. Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Poss. Vacancies. Roger Coates 657105 07941222499 [coatesroger@outlook.com](mailto:coatesroger@outlook.com)

## **Coffee & Stroll**

We offer a leisurely 2 mile stroll, locally or within a 10 mile radius, fortnightly on Sundays at 10.00am.

This is followed by coffee and chat in a nearby venue. Covid restrictions may apply (masks and social distancing etc), so come prepared.

The next scheduled walks are:

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Willerby, Coffee at Springhead Park, Parking in their car park.

August 1<sup>st</sup> – Little Weighton, Coffee at Croft Park, Parking in their car park. (Map available)

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Kirk Ella, Coffee at Lounge, Parking on roadside locally.

August 29<sup>th</sup> – Beverley, Coffee at Travellers Rest, Parking in Figham Road. (Map available)

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - Hessle, Coffee at Costa, Parking in Co-op car park.

For any further information or issues, please contact me.

Les McPhee 652766

## **Discussion Group**

The Discussion Group will recommence at the Beech Tree on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August (Boris permitted) members will be contacted directly by Renee Bell.

## **Flex & Stretch**

The exercise group is doing well, at the moment we have two groups on a Monday afternoon. One at 12noon, were we have a few places left and the next one at 1-15pm which is full at the moment. I am only allowed 15 people including myself so the places are limited. Hence that is why I am doing two sessions to accommodate everyone.

Please get in touch if you want more details.

Sue

## **French Conversation Group**

We have been meeting unofficially in gardens throughout the summer, and intend to start again on a formal basis on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, if we can have more than six people indoors. There are no vacancies in the group at the moment, but if there is sufficient interest I might be able to start a second group.

Michael Ebeling

## **Local History Group**

The first of our post-lockdown outdoor visits took place on 17<sup>th</sup> June to Butt Farm Anti-Aircraft Battery, near Beverley, and was fully subscribed. Although bad weather had been threatened, twenty AWAKE u3a members enjoyed a fine afternoon and an excellent guided tour by the knowledgeable Dennis Chapman. Recently restored by Historic England, the Butt Farm site provided a fascinating insight into the important role of the Royal Artillery during the Second World War. See picture on page 23.



Is that a Messerschmitt I spy on the horizon!

Future visits are planned in July and August. Both will begin promptly at 2 p.m:

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Sutton Village: Guided tour by Paul Schofield (£5pp)

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August** – Historic Headstones: A Guided Tour of Hull General Cemetery

by Bill Longbone (donation)

Numbers for the visits will be limited to around 20 persons and **booking is required**. Please book your place by contacting the Group Leader at [francisvdavies@live.co.uk](mailto:francisvdavies@live.co.uk) or call **650449**. At the time of writing there are still places available for both the above visits. Details of meeting place, etc. will be provided to participants during the week before the visit.

In September, all being well, we will restart our indoor meetings. The first two talks are:

**Thursday, 16th September** - 'Street Stories: People behind street names in Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella' by Francis Davies.

**Thursday, 21st October** – ‘Hull’s Old Town’ by Paul Schofield.

Indoor meetings are held 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 – these are open meetings. There is usually an admission charge of £2 per person to cover the costs of speakers, hall hire and refreshments, although the September meeting will be free of charge! Everyone is welcome, although there is a possibility that booking may be necessary. Please check with the group leader (contact details above) nearer the time.

For more local history stories, please check out our page on the AWAKEu3a website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/awake/page/22001>  
Francis

## **Play Reading 2**

During the past few months, those who had the Zoom app, continued to take part in play reading using materials from any source available. We were very grateful to be able to use a play written by Michael Ebeling’s grandson, Josh Whittingham. Called, No Authority, it was cleverly adapted from the infamous Handforth Parish Council Meeting. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and I feel sure we shall hear more of that talented young man. As we became more confident, Zoom worked very well but we were mindful that some of our group couldn’t join us and we missed them and their input very much.

We have made the decision not to meet in July and August but plan to resume on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, when we hope that regulations will allow us all to meet in person, as pre-Covid.

Pauline Park

## **Quizzing Group**

Hoping to start soon (Boris permitting). To this end I’m proposing to hold the first Quiz Night on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and once we get further information about numbers I’ll be in touch with you re organisation. Start swotting up and hopefully see you soon.  
Chris

## **Singing for Fun**

What a disappointment that we cannot start our singing group for a while, let’s hope Boris will let us start in due course. Our

voices will certainly need oiling after all this time.

I will let you know when we get the green light with details. No doubt there will still be some restrictions.

Hope to see you soon

Sue

## **Table Tennis**

The situation regarding the use of Anlaby Park Methodist Church is still unresolved and as a result I am proposing to restart on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm in the Men In Sheds building, First Lane, Anlaby, the cost of hire is £2.50/person, a kitchen is available and Sue McPhee has volunteered to serve refreshments!

## **Ukulele Groups**

### **Barely Awake**

We have enjoyed getting back together thanks to the offer of David Lines garden and to date some very good weather, we have welcomed five members of the Main Street Ukes into the group and they are fitting in well.

Due to the delay in Covid guideline changes our appearance at the Myers Beck Garden Centre has been postponed but weather permitting we will be playing at the St. Luke's Summer Fair on 10<sup>th</sup> July from 12.30pm. We hope to start indoor practices at St. Luke's when Covid restrictions permit.

### **Short Walks**

Slow short walks have done six so far. Please note that we are changing the START TIME to 10.30am I repeat 10.30am. On 2nd & 4th Mondays. All walkers should have on their person their details and who to contact in an emergency.

They should dress according to the weather and the terrain.

ALL walks have a title, terrain information, parking instructions and whether or not there are toilets en route. AND we are now socialising afterwards for coffee/tea etc

**July 12** Two Lakes, flat, pavements and grass, park behind Costello Sports Centre Pavillion where there are toilets if it is open.

**July 26** Swinescaife Quarry, a killer hill, dirt footpaths, park on left all pointing downhill at top of Little Wold Lane, S Cave, no toilets.

**August 9** West Hedon Footpaths, flat, muddy grass, park in old station car park reached by driving straight through town centre, no

toilets.

**August 23** East Hedon Footpaths, as for West Hedon walk.

**September 13** Beverley Beck Submarine, flat, gravel, park at very far end of Waterside Road beyond the lock gates, no toilets.

**September 27** Ravensthorpe Lost Village, flat, grass and dirt footpaths, about 4 miles, park at Cherry Burton Sports Fields off Bishop Burton road, no toilets.

Leader contact :- Ian Jones on WhatsApp "Short Walkers" and [gianj@gianj.karoo.co.uk](mailto:gianj@gianj.karoo.co.uk) and 07783 648257.

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

Alan and Enid presented a Waitrose purchase of a 2020 Merlot from the Chilean company Luis Felipe Edwards from the Valle Central in Chile. It is a 13.5% ABV and was on offer for £5.99 (1/3rd reduction). Recommended ideal with chicken, grilled meats, sausages and pasta. They thought the wine excellent value.

Joan had purchased a Balthazar Rose from Townend, usually £7.99, on offer for £5.99, made from Syrah and Shiraz grapes from just outside of Carcassonne, Languedoc area of France a 2020 wine with a 12.5% ABV, made by Pierrick Harangue (a windsurfer) it was not too sweet and had a nice nose and lovely aftertaste, best served with a Mediterranean cuisine, will buy some more!

Chris was sampling a 25ml bottle of Pecorino from the pecorino grape in Italy. It was purchased from Waitrose, where you could also buy a 75cl bottle for £7.99 (the little bottle was £3). At 13% ABV it had a similar taste to Vouvray and could be drunk with white meats, seafood and cheeses. It was very light and clear and was a vegan wine, very enjoyable.

Sheila was also drinking Rose tonight, hers was a Pinot Noir Rose purchased at Morrisons. This Vno Italian 2020 wine was 11.5%ABV and had floral and wild cherry aromas with hints of vanilla and peaches, cost between £5 and £7, though Sheila thought it lacked in flavour, it was nevertheless on her hit list.

Bob and Maggie had bought a Quintessance 2019 Rose from South of France. A Fred Sirieix promoted wine from M and S, it cost £7 instead of the usual £9 and was made from merlot and Grenache grapes, had fruity aromas of berries, citrus and peach; a super pale bronze colour

It came in an eye-catching bottle shape, great on its own or with seafood. It was 12% ABV and Maggie thought had a lovely toffee-apple aftertaste, would re-buy.

Next meeting - Bob and Maggie hosting at South Cave 19th July

Regards, Maggie

## It's the FUN & Culture Pages

How our children will be grateful for all the treasures we'll be leaving them!



**WHEN I WAS YOUNG,  
I WAS POOR.**



**BUT AFTER YEARS OF HARD, HONEST AND  
PAINSTAKING WORK, I'M NO LONGER YOUNG.**

The best thing about being over 50?



We did all our stupid stuff  
before the invention of the internet,  
so there's no proof!

## **Sue McPhee's latest topical poem**

### **Are we nearing the end?**

Hands, face and space is still the normality,  
How much longer for this formality?  
With wipes, masks and hand gel all on our person,  
There is a feeling of panic in case we forget one.  
They tell us after two jabs we are nearly immune,  
When along comes a new variant and then it goes boom!  
Unfortunately we now have to live with this disease,  
That has brought the whole world down onto our knees.  
It does not care about your age or race,  
Just spreads the spores at a very great pace.  
Keeping our distance is one thing we can do,  
With an annual injection like the one for the flu.  
We are now able to mix with family and friends,  
Give them a hug, but that's where it ends.  
The traffic light system keeps holidays on hold,  
We'll wait for the green light, and do as we are told.  
Meeting family and friends will help us get through,  
It's been a year and half later, is that really true!  
Roll on the 19<sup>th</sup> July when we may be free,  
To do as we like, but let's wait and see.

### **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, 'In my own write' is penned by Roger Coates who wrote the story after hearing the following Poem**

**The Queen of all the Gypsies**

Bob Devereux

The Queen of all the Gypsies, Mrs Rosie Lee  
Sitting in her caravan reading cups of tea  
Uncle Ebenezer, with his Ouija board  
Waiting in the corner, waiting for the word  
Gaze in to my crystal ball, tell me what you see  
There's lots of people in there, none of them is me  
Foreman in the factory, in Department three,  
Dr Rab McEnzie performs phrenology  
The mystics on the mountain, all say the world must end,  
The lonely young musician has just time to find a friend  
Gaze in to my crystal ball, tell me what you see  
There's lots of people in there, but none of them is me.  
Walking granite edge, heard the white gull scream,  
Saw the sea below him, green as a dream,  
She was beckoning him from her salty bed  
The sea is calling to me, I'll go to her he said.  
Gaze in to my crystal ball, tell me what you see'  
There's lots of people in there, none of them is me  
Stepped out in giddy space, flew down to the sea,  
The shell I'm wearing broken, I'll let the birds go free  
Gaze in to my crystal ball, tell me what you see  
I see the bold Atlantic, I see the greening sea  
I see the white birds gliding,  
I see the young man fall,  
I see, I see NOTHING, I see NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING in my  
crystal ball  
Queen of all the gypsies Mrs Rosie Lee  
Sitting in her caravan still reading cups of tea

**Time to go**

Just coming light. As cold as I have ever been. A few rough blankets on the van floor. My great idea may all be a big mistake. Last night me and two others became Mr Thurston's spare men. Dawn light shows we have a spare woman as well. I must have slept a bit, never heard her arrive. This is not quite my dream coming true. It was just a year ago I helped Mr Thurston (Boss) after school for a few bob in hand. He remembered me. I asked and he agreed to take me on as spare man this time if I want a job. I have been dreaming of this

day for two years and last night it came true. Here, with these people is my new home. So what if it is cold in a van in a field. It can only get better.

My mother died last year of too much gin, my sister left home as soon as she could and my know- all father who knows nothing rages every day about how he put me through a good school so I will get a good job in the city. He does nothing. I am housekeeper, cook, skivvy and target for his tantrums. I am not frightened of the rages which enrages him even more. At a chance I retreat upstairs to write my poetry as he screams "what a waste of time ". Last night I packed a bag and as he snored, I got ready to go. A few minutes in the kitchen first. Soap powder in the porridge, salt in the milk, jam on the floor and the plugs cut off everything in the house and chucked into next doors garden. I will sadly miss this morning's rage. Now I am a travelling spare man with Thurstons Grand Fun Fair. My dream has come true. Home is this van, for now.

We all jump at the banging on the van side. It's coming light. Somebody outside shouts, "Sunday, breakdown time". The spare woman tells us she is the new rat girl. We three lads nod knowingly as if we understand what the hell she is talking about. Mr Thurstan, BOSS in his cowboy hat and boots strides over and tells us a spare man does anything for anybody on the field with no complaints. Snap breaks are not likely today till everybody gets rolling. Rain makes no difference. We learn Boss is 4<sup>th</sup> generation at this game. He has nine pitches of his own and six others here who will stay on to our next pitch at Farm Grounds. This includes the "World Famous Bearded Woman" who seems close shaved today and doing breakdown work.

Getting warm now as we work in all our clothes. Me and Rat Girl are to break down the coconut shy. She is Eileen a pretty little thing, I think, under all the clothes. Nobody shows us how so we just get on. We unhook the big tarp from a wood frame which we fold. Then the front counter with Thurstons Grand Fun Fair in swirly gilded letters on red. It is soon packed and stacked ready for loading with the big tarp on top. Nobody comes to help, they are all busy and nobody has had food. We are pleased with our result. A few minutes sitting on our work does not last. We are soon shouted on to the next job. Not in English but we get the idea and think some of it was "well done". A novelty indeed for me. This lark is a good idea after all. "See The Amazing Rat Girl 6d." It says on our next job. A tent on a frame with In and Out marked on the doors. Inside is a tableau of stage rocks and a palm tree with a throne like seat amongst them. The whole thing surrounded by wire mesh. Stacked at the back are four cages of energetic rats which seem quite pleased to see us.

Eileen runs off to find somebody to ask about all this, it's her new job. She is soon back with a wry smile, having got the details. She will sit quite still on the throne in a skimpy swim suit being over-run with rats encouraged by spots of jam or peanuts about her person. She is quite enthusiastic about her new job. I am impressed and love her smile. We soon break this one down and stack it. Moving the rats with care. We feel like experts already. Eileen tells me the last rat girl has been promoted to chips, candy floss, brandy snap, yo yo's, and balloons on a stall by the gate. What a career path the fair can be. I wonder where I will end up.

By early afternoon huge stacked trailers are hauled away by ancient Foden trucks on their way to Farm Grounds in Sheffield. A big fair in those parts apparently. We might get a few hours off. With no shortage of material maybe a chance to write a bit. Mrs Thurstan, "Mam" arrives with a heap of bread and dripping and two big stone jars of Sarsaparella and a few chipped cups. It is clear we do not stop to eat so sandwich in pocket. We all feel better for this and for being appreciated. The spare men and woman are now put to searching the grass on the waltzer, cake walk and steam boats pitches for coins. The deal is 50/50 with Mam. In an hour we have 10 bob to share. Boss returns at the wheel of his bright red Rolls Royce Hearse with bus seats in the coffin bit and his name in more gilded letters. I do like this man's style. My father's car follows him at speed bouncing across the grass and stopping close to us. He scrambles out in a familiar red faced screaming rage of course that alarms the others but not me. Mam swiftly steps in front of me. Her grand arms folded over her grand chest, she is not for moving. Her glance to me says do you want to go with this man? My stoic stance is a surprise to the little audience and my answer is no. I am at home here. Mam now has the heavy sarsaparilla stone jar in her hand. He refuses to leave. No more words. She swings the jar to hit him hard in the belly leaving him howling and puking on the grass as he crawls away and our little audience cheers. Father is now screaming at the car as he revs it, digging deeper into the mud. We will soon be leaving in the roller with Boss. First we have to catch Nancy, a beautiful roan mare that will pull the Vardo of "The One And Only Original Gypsy Lee "Mrs Lee will clip clop her way to Farm Grounds. On Tuesday, having crossed her palm with silver, seated amongst the fancy china and lace curtains, the good people of Sheffield will see their future.

I see mine clearly right now.

Roger Coates 2021

## **Next *AWAKEN***

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### **Final Thought from the Editor**

#### **Note to self:**

**None of us are getting out of here alive,  
So please stop treating yourself like an after  
thought. Eat the delicious food. Walk in the  
sunshine. Jump in the ocean. Say the truth that  
you're carrying in your heart like hidden  
treasure. Be silly. Be kind. Be weird.**

**There is no time for anything else!**