



Word From the Chair



Can you believe this is November's Newsletter, where has the year gone? It does not seem that long since last Christmas and the next one is nearly here.

Our Open Day was a success, especially with the weather being kind to us. I would like to thank everyone who made and donated cakes for the afternoon. The cakes were delicious and enjoyed by all who attended. It was nice to be

able to sit in the sun and listen to the Ukuleles play their songs. I hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

We had our first general meeting on Wednesday 20th October and it was nice to see you all again. There were not as many members as normal, which is quite understandable, due to Covid and also the weather was shocking with heavy rain. Thank you to the people who braved the weather to attend an interesting talk given by Jethro about Dove House Hospice.

It would be nice to see if we could recruit some new faces for the committee. I am sure there must be someone or maybe more who feel they can add something new to our u3a.

One important part of our u3a is the ladies who help with the tea. At the moment we have a lot of helpers but no leader for this task. Is there anyone who would like to take on this job? Please contact me or any of the committee if you feel you would like to help to keep the kettle boiled and teapot filled for the Wednesday general meetings.

Enjoy this Newsletter and stay safe.

Finally, may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and hopefully much improved New Year.

Sue





Part of Jolly Roger's Crew on the Oxford canal



Cheer up Girls, the lads are on Pot duty

Latest News/Events

AWAKE u3a Situations Vacant

1. Keeper of the Things

I am greatly indebted to Gill Blacksell who after Denise's plea at the October General meeting kindly came forward and has now taken control of the Awake equipment as our new Resources Manager, should any Group Leader/member wish to borrow the Laptop, Projector, screen, Projector stand, or Body Microphone please contact Gill on 656792 to arrange pick up.

2. General Monthly Meeting Head of Refreshments

This involves coordinating the tea/coffee/biscuits distribution for our regular Monthly meetings when we feel it is safe to recommence.

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

3. Speaker Finder

Due to other commitments, Peter Bristow has decided to give up the Speaker Finder role therefore we are looking for someone to take over the responsibility for booking speakers for the Wednesday General Meeting. Joan Greenley will retake on the role until a permanent replacement can be found.

4. Luncheon Club Leader

This group are still looking for a leader to replace Heather Brabbiner, if anyone is interested please discuss with Sue McPhee (652766)

Dates for your Diary Future Speakers & Activities

Wednesday November 17th – Our very own, David Robinson will speak about his trip to Nepal

Wednesday 15th December – Following her excellent zoom appearance we now have top West End entertainer Catherine Terry in PERSON

Wednesday 19th January 2022 – Steve Lovell – Wildlife spectacles of Britain

The Great Christmas Strum Along

All u3a members are invited to come along and support the Great Christmas Strum Charity event in aid of the Stephen Hughes Foundation featuring Barely Awake, The Sunshine Strummers, The Assembly Line & the Hull Ukulele Band to be held at the New Walton Club, Walton Street on Sunday 5th December at 1.30pm, admission £5, a great way to start your Christmas celebrations.

Interest Group News

Group Co-ordinator News

The groups are beginning to start again. Fingers crossed that we can carry on.

Recently we have started a six week course for ballroom dancing this has been well attended and hopefully we may be able to carry it on.

I have taken over the Supper club from Joan and we have had our first get together at Gingers in Main Street, Willerby. Hopefully we will be able to fit another one in before Christmas. Is there anyone interested in doing marquetry? I have been in contact with a lady who would be willing to do a six-week course on basic marquetry.

If you are interested in any of these groups please get in touch with me for further information.

Sue McPhee

Art for Everyone

The Art for Everyone group is just that! We are open to everyone interested in painting and drawing and ability is never a barrier. We have Mary who comes and helps us with advice and guidance and we all enjoy trying new ideas. We have been given materials so we can usually supply them when needed.

We meet in the Guide Hut on Main St, Willerby (just behind the doctors surgery) on the first and third Monday of each month from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

Denise Roberts (659816)

Badminton

The Swanland u3a group are meeting again each Friday afternoon at the Hull and East Riding Sports Club, Chanterlands Avenue at 2 - 3.30pm. You will need to pay for membership of the club (£12.50 for the year).

We already have members from Awake and Cottingham u3as and would welcome others.

For further details contact Ann Berriman (01482 650676)

Bridge Group

The Bridge group re-commenced on the 1st September and now continue to meet at the Willerby Institute (Library building) every other Wednesday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm

New players and beginners welcome.

Further information from Anita Coupland (657494)

Book Club

All three groups have had their first successful meeting after lockdown. The intention was to hear recommendations based on individual reading over the time apart and we did eventually plan our next few month's reading based on this. The first half of the session for each group did however turn into a reminiscence of the 'shutdown' and despite acknowledging the down side everybody had had funny tales to tell. Next month we'll have reviews for our first three books '*The Appeal*' by Janice Hallett; '*The Hunting Party*' by Lucy Foley and '*The Family Upstairs*' by Lisa Jewell. Some interesting choices!!! If you're interested in joining one of the book groups give me a ring.

(Chris Watson – 659773)

CARAVAN

September Canal Boat Trip

Captain Jolly Roger and his five hardy (mature) crew took HMS Rowdyke from Rugby down the Oxford Canal to the (lost) village of Aynho and via a one mile tunnel on the Grand Union to Braunston and back. Perfect weather, excellent onboard self- catering and nightly local hostelry visits.

Nobody fell in, nobody fell out. We locked down, locked up, windlassed paddles, moored on giant nappy pins, winded at winding holes, met many boaters, dogs, cats, herons and a swimming snake.

An excellent break – will it be repeated? I hope so.
Geoff Morton

AWAKE “CARAVAN” TO BATH AND BRISTOL

The 21st Caravan group have just returned. Sixteen this time with obvious enthusiasm on the 08.23 to London. Helpful notes in hand for four nights/five days of exploring their way in the Autumn sunshine. Twenty minutes after check in everybody is doing Bristol things, most starting with an open top bus. Agendas included, two theatres, cinema, fashion museum, SS Great Britain, art gallery, Clifton Bridge, wine and food, city boat trip, inside the real last Concorde, observatory and caves, Roman Baths, Jane Austin Centre and the whole centre of Bath, a world heritage location to play with. All these were done by some or all the group. We soon mastered the excellent bus network on our doorstep.

A classic Caravan trip with guided independence, no time wasted (except on bus strike morning) and new friendships made.

“Caravan” events are open to all members. Roger Coates
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Cinema Group

The Cinema group will not recommence until the new year, I will contact members nearer the time with details.

Ann Milledge 655929

Coffee & Stroll

Walks start at 10.00am from the designated parking area, followed by coffee in a nearby café.

The next scheduled walks are:

Dec 5th – Beverley, Parking in Lairgate car park, Coffee in ‘Coles Kitchen’.

Dec 19th – Swanland, Parking and Coffee in ‘Swan and Cygnet’ pub.

Jan 9th – Ellerker, Parking in Garden Centre car park, Coffee in ‘The Olive Tree’.

Jan 23rd – Kirk Ella, Parking and Coffee in ‘Beech Tree’ pub.

Please note that the group has now reached a point where new members are not being accepted as coffee shops, suitably large enough to accommodate everyone, are increasingly difficult to

find.

I am willing to put names on a waiting list and can then advise when spaces become available.

For any further information or issues regarding transport etc, please contact me.

Les McPhee 652766

Computer Group

The Computer Group restarted on Wednesday 13th October, at the Beech Tree Public house and now continues from 10am to 12noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, new members welcome.

Best wishes,

Chris Moody (653027)

Chess Group - Part of the Games Group.

Meet at the Willerby Methodist Church, Mondays, 10am to 12 noon but only every two weeks (next 6th December). New players of any ability will be made very welcome. Cost £2 and 50p for refreshments.

For further information contact Pete Taylor 501808.

Craft Group

We are now back up and running again and firstly can I take this opportunity to thank Brenda Stapleton for all of her hard work in running the group for many years. I hope she can now continue to enjoy her crafting as a member of the group.

We hope to work on refreshing our various skills and to take on new projects, if you would like to join us, we meet on the third Monday of every month from 2pm to 4pm at the Willerby Methodist Church.

Barbera Gardner (654479)

Darts, Dominoes & Cards

The Darts, Domino and Cards group has now settled in at our new venue in First Lane, Anlaby. The meetings take place every other Tuesday at the Men in Sheds building next to the Clinic building. There is much more room than at the library premises and is much more comfortable. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 9th November so come and join us. We have the space!! Contact Les Holmes for further details (659852)

Digital Photography

At the last Zoom meeting I was asked to arrange for future meetings to be in person. I have therefore arranged to still meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.00 - 12.00 but in the **Willerby Guide Hut**, behind the doctors' surgery on Main Street, Willerby HU10 6BP. If possible, I hope to provide a Zoom feed from the meeting for members that cannot attend. The room is larger than our Hessle Church Hall venue, has blackout blinds and access is easier but it is more expensive to hire so the payment will be £2 for the meetings.

I hope everyone finds this to be a satisfactory arrangement.

Peter & I are proposing another Christmas competition for December 7th in our new venue. The theme is photos taken during lockdown or with a Christmas theme, please provide 3 photos for submission preferably emailed to either myself or Peter prior to the day.

Stewart Mawer (655642)



Discussion Group

The Discussion Group recommenced at the Beech Tree on Friday 6th August and now meets on the 1st Friday of every month at the new start time of 11am at the Beech Tree pub.

Renee Bell

Family History

The next monthly meeting will take place on Monday, December 6th

At the moment I'm having to split the group into two sections due to social distancing because of the COVID virus. Let's hope that we don't have to do this for too long.

The first group starts at 2pm to 3.15pm

The second one starts at 3.30pm to 4.45 pm

There will be no tea, coffee, biscuits facilities available, so I suggest you bring your own drink, beaker and biscuits if you need them. I will provide antibacterial hand gel and the desks etc will be cleaned thoroughly between sessions.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again and finding out how many more members of your family you have found.

Chris Gibbs

Flex & Stretch

The Flex and Stretch group will be having a Christmas break from Monday 20th December and we will restart Monday 10th January 2022.

I think we will need our exercise after our Christmas Jollies.

If you want more details please give me a ring on 652766

Sue

French Conversation Group

The group has now split into two, as this makes it easier for conversation. Each group meets fortnightly at 2.00 p.m. on Monday afternoons. We have recently welcomed a new member, but we still could take one more person, but not a beginner. Please contact me if you are interested.

Michael Ebeling 653964

Games Group

The Games Group meets in Willerby Methodist Church on a Monday morning 10 -12. Entrance is down the garden side of the building and through the back door into the hall.

We now meet in the hall to allow for social distancing.

All tables and chairs are sanitised before and after the session.

All members are asked to hand sanitise before entering the session with sanitiser provided. With the current rules, it is members personal choice whether to wear a mask or not, although with current numbers rising it may return as mandatory.

Members are encouraged to have a small bottle of sanitiser with them for extra reassurance.

We play in 4's and have Scrabble, Rummikub, Sequence, Rummikub words, Upwords. A small number of friends have joined us from the Chess club too.

We are now able to serve refreshments during the session, which is very welcome especially as the colder weather approaches.

Our subs are £2 for the room hire and 50p for refreshments.

You will be more than welcome to join us on a Monday morning.

For more details contact Jackie Kitchen 650702

Guitar Group

We are now established at our new venue, Men in Sheds building, First Lane, Anlaby and meet every other Wednesday

from 10am to 12 noon. If you would like to join us please ring Paul Kirk on 650259 (after 4pm) for further details

Local History Group

I'm sure that we have all been most thankful to get back to some semblance of normality over the past couple of months following lockdown and other subsequent restrictions. However, we still have a number of virus mitigation measures in place at our meetings (see later). Both our September and October meetings were well attended and those present enjoyed talks entitled, "Street Stories: People behind street names in Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella" and "Hull's Old Town".

Coming up over the next two months:

Thursday, 18th November - 'A Journey to Willerby on the Hull & Barnsley Railway... with the odd detour' by Dennis Chapman.

Thursday, 16th December - Christmas Quiz and (hopefully!) seasonal refreshments.

All AWAKE u3a members and their guests are warmly invited – these are open meetings. If local history is your thing, then please do come along! Meanwhile, our 2022 programme is beginning to take shape and should be available in December. If you are able to recommend any suitable speakers, please let me know as soon as possible.

All our meetings are held on the **third Thursday** of the month at 2 p.m. in St. Luke's Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Willerby. There is usually an admission charge of £2 per person to cover the costs of speakers, hall hire and refreshments, although **both the above meetings will be at the reduced rate of £1.**

For the next two months, we'll make sure windows and doors are open to provide adequate ventilation (so please wear something warm if it's a chilly day! Please note that the heating in the hall will be switched on!). Although face coverings are not mandatory, those attending are encouraged to wear them. Hand sanitisers will be available at the door. There will be no refreshments at the November meeting, although we hope to be able to lift this restriction in December for our Christmas Quiz.

For more information on the Local History Group, please check out our page on the AWAKE u3a website: [https://u3asites.org.uk/awake/page/22001Francis \(650449\)](https://u3asites.org.uk/awake/page/22001Francis%20(650449))

Play Reading

Held on the Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Although we were grateful for the ability to continue our play-readings via Zoom, it was with great pleasure that, finally, we were able to be together for our September meeting. The play, organised and led by Christine Trevor, was Agatha Christie's, Murder on the Nile, adapted from the book, Death on the Nile. Being so well known, it gave us the ability to relax and really enjoy our reading. Thank you to Christine for her hard work and also to Anita for her generous hospitality.

Our next meeting is on, Wednesday, 24th November.

Pauline Park

Quizzing Group

Quiz nights resumed at the end of September and it's been great to welcome the return of so many people. The group have been happy with the restrictions/changes put in place but if you are a new member or a regular quizzier who hasn't returned yet give me a ring (Chris Watson, 659773) so I can update you on the organisation. It's been reassuring to find that our quiz masters and mistresses have lost none of their ability to throw in some 'interesting' questions!!!!

Singing for Fun

Singing for Fun will be having a Christmas break from 14th December until Tuesday 4th January 2022. I hope you all have a good Christmas and I will see you in January.

If you would like any more details please give me a ring or just turn up. Tel. 652766

Sue

Supper Club

Our next Supper Club will be at Kristoff's in Cottingham, Thursday 2nd December

There are still some places left if anyone is interested. The cost is £25 for a three course Christmas meal. If you would like more

details please get in touch as soon as possible.
Sue McPhee 652766

Table Tennis

We are now well established at the new 'Men In Sheds' venue in First lane, Anlaby and thanks are due to Peter Bristow and his team for making us welcome and providing a suitable alternative to Anlaby Park Methodist Church, thanks also to Sue McPhee for continuing her role as Secretary and tea maker.

If you wish to join us we meet on the second & fourth Thursday in every month at 2pm or just give me a ring for details.

Steve Roberts (659816)

Ten Pin Bowling - Monday

After a slow start the group is now growing nicely with around six players one week and eleven the following week. Everyone is now getting back to their previous best with some good scores being achieved.

We meet at 10am at the Superbowl in Princes Quay. It cost £7 for two games we normally finish around midday depending on the number playing.

New members will be very welcome it does not matter if you have never played come and give it a try.

If you require any further information please give me a call.

Steve Clark 07811719843

Ten Pin Bowling – Friday

We are now back up and running on a Friday and numbers are steadily increasing. If you fancy two games for £7 you are welcome to join us at the Princes Quay Superbowl at 10am every Friday apart from School holidays.

David Newman (659870)

Ukulele Groups

Barely Awake

We are now back in the groove and preparing for five gigs between now and Christmas. Two of these are 'open' appearances, if you would like to support us then we are playing at the St. Luke's Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th November from 12 noon to 2.30pm and also as part of a charity concert for the Stephen Hughes Foundation (see below for details) We hope to see lots of our u3a Groupies at both of these good cause events.
Jean Tindall/Steve Roberts

Sunshine Strummers

It's been a busy start to autumn for the Sunshine Strummers with two performances during the Celebration of Older People Week held locally. We loved playing at Cottingham Civic Hall and the beautiful Guildhall in Hull. We have a further two performances in November and then on to a series of Christmas Concerts. Playing the ukulele keeps us all young at heart and brings a smile to many of our audiences.

Gary and Hazel Hughes





All U3A members are invited to attend the Christmas Charity Ukulele Concert – One Amazing Christmas Strum to raise funds for The Stephen Hughes Foundation. The event is taking place on Sunday 5th December at the New Walton Club, Walton Street, Hull. Four ukulele bands including the AWAKE U3A bands, Barely Awake and the Sunshine Strummers. All bands will be playing a selection of Christmas songs as well as some regular favourites. The timings are a 1.15pm arrival for a 1.30pm start, finishing around 4.45pm.

Tickets are priced at just £5 and are now on sale and can be obtained by contacting Gary and Hazel Hughes by e-mail at oneamazinglife23@gmail.com or mobile 07756 848225.

We are encouraging people to complete a lateral flow test prior to attending and to wear masks on entering the building.



The Stephen Hughes Foundation
Saving Young Hearts

UKULELE CHARITY CONCERT
One Amazing Christmas Strum!

Sunday 5th December 2021
1:15pm for 1:30pm start — 4.45pm
New Walton Club 243 Walton Street,
Hull, HU3 6JR

**UKE BANDS TO PERFORM: ASSEMBLY LINE, BARELY AWAKE,
HULL UKES, SUNSHINE STRUMMERS**

Raffle on the day with Ukulele as Star Prize!

Contact: Gary and Hazel Hughes at oneamazinglife23@gmail.com
Tel: 07756 848225 Admission: £5 Audience, £3 Band Members

Short Walks

10.30 start, wear appropriate clothing and footwear, carry your ICE card on your person.

8 November Fairy Ground at Leconfield. 3.5 miles, flat, wet grass and gravel, no toilets. Park at Ings Road dirt car park off Grange Way, Beverley

22 November Wester Drain Hessle 3 miles, flat, mainly pavements but some wet grass, toilets at Hessle car park . Hessle car park at far end.

13 December Great Wall of Kirk Ella 3 miles, pavements and some mud, gentle inclines, toilets at Star Inn where you will park. Christmas meal to which those in group who haven't been able to walk and partners etc are most welcome to join us at 12 noon.

2022 yes 2022!

10 January 2022 Hull & Barnsley Railway. 3 miles, flat, plenty of grass and dirt tracks, toilets at Willerby Square car park where you will park at the far end
Happy Christmas walkers.



Wine Groups

WAG-1

After some thought and discussion, with Covid seemingly accelerating again, I think it would be wise to postpone our wine tasting events until the New Year. I am grateful to the Charlton's for proposing a tasting on Nov 1, and hope that their wine selection won't mind being in the cellar for a little longer.

Best wishes
Alan Townsend

WAG-2

We are now up and running once again. We met up in September for a meal to discuss the way forward for the coming year and held our first meeting in October.

At this meeting we researched the Yellow Tail vineyard and sampled six of their wines.

Having not met for 2 years we had a lot to discuss and the evening passed very quickly.

A lot of fun and merriment ensued and a rather late finish occurred.

Our next meeting is November 1st and the Christmas meeting will be held December.

Regretfully 2 of our past members have left U3A so we do have a vacancy should anyone be interested. (Tel. Pat on 654976).

Good luck to all the groups starting up again

Pat Dale



Merry Christmas

It's the FUN & Culture Pages

I am a SEENAGER (Senior Teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own place.

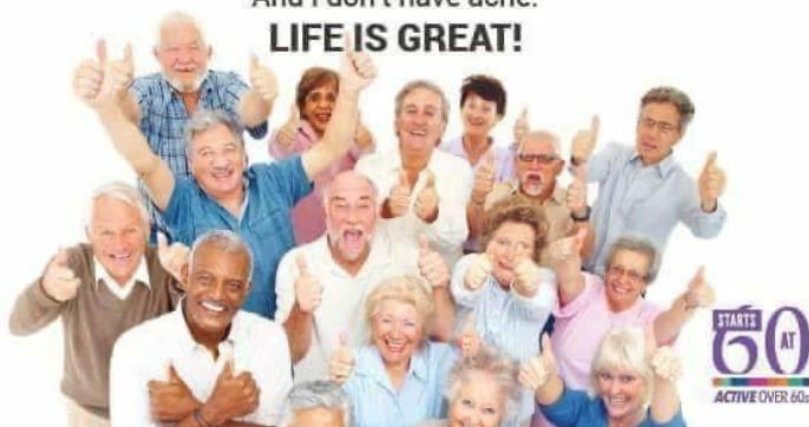
I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, and they do not use drugs.

And I don't have acne.

LIFE IS GREAT!



TIPS ON HOW TO FALL ASLEEP IN A LIVING ROOM CHAIR:

1. BE OLD
2. SIT IN A CHAIR

**It took me way longer than it should have to
figure out that was a shower not a Dalek.**







Sue McPhee's latest poem

Singing for Fun

The singing for fun group is back again,
With comments from some, O don't make it rain.
We've all joined this group because we love to sing,
Anything goes from Elvis to Bing.
Singing the songs that we all remember,
With Christmas carols in December.
Not always the right sounds come from our throats,
We laugh as we struggle to hit the high notes.
Some of the songs we love to sing,
But there are others that are just not our thing.
"We Have a Dream" of "Sailing" away,
With Buddy Holly and "That'll be the Day."
There is "Sweet Caroline" and "Singing the Blues"
And a "Hand full of Songs" so we've nothing to lose.
I don't think we will win any trophies,
We are a singing for fun group full of old fogies!
Sorry folks I don't mean it.

IN MY OWN WRITE

Write an article for *AWAKEN* and win £20. Your article will appear under the title 'IN MY OWN WRITE.' What we are looking for is a reflective, interesting, amusing or opinion piece rather than a purely informative article. The content can be lighthearted or serious but it must be suitable for the *AWAKEN* readership. Your article must be approx. 450 words long (one side of A5). Avoid religion, politics and too many exclamation marks!!!

Include your Name and Membership no.

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

Next *AWAKEN*

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Friday 7th January 2022

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Final Thoughts from the Editor

This is a test, if you understand the following joke you are officially NOT OLD, if however.....

I'm looking forward to Adele's album 51 including the tracks 'Do you ever listen, 'it's here, in the drawer where I said it was', 'Is it hot in here or is it me' and 'what's for tea?'

And on the subject of music did you know many artists of yesteryear are re-releasing their former hits, here are a few examples:

The Commodores - Once, twice, three times to the bathroom

Leo Sayer - You make me feel like napping

Procol Harum - A whiter shade of hair

Johnny Nash - I can't see clearly now

ABBA - Denture Queen



Open Day indoor Group information stalls



Current & past Chairs sharing a joke at the Open Day



Open Day speeches and entertainment



Ten Pin bowling action shot of Steve Clark