

**Number 65: May/June 2022**  
**The Annual General Meeting Edition**

## **Word From the Chair**



I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break as the weather was certainly kind to us.

Everyone is thinking about getting out into their gardens and also some of you maybe thinking about holidays. Isn't it funny what a bit of sunshine can do, so folks, get as much of this vitamin D as you can.

To those of you who attended our Easter general meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April, I hope that you had a pleasant afternoon and enjoyed the entertainment.

The feedback was very positive. I know that the music groups enjoyed themselves although the French and Play reading people were a little nervous. Didn't Jean Baker do well to stand in front of you all and recite a poem which was very amusing? Gary was a great master of ceremonies and I think he could take it on in his spare time. My thanks to all of you who played a part in this event.

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your memberships, also to the new members who have just joined us. I hope that you enjoy our u3a.

If you have any ideas or suggestions to make our u3a more successful, please speak to a committee member and put your thoughts forward. We are always happy to listen.

Sue McPhee

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Short walkers in Hessle (who is that hiding behind Ian?)



The NATUREWATCH group were met by a carpet of bluebells when arriving at Northcliffe woods, before moving on to the North Cave wetlands via the Butty Bus! Many species were spotted including Hare, Chiff Chaff & Cuckoo (see page 8 for details of future visits)

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

### **Membership Renewal**

**We wish to thank the members who have renewed their membership for the coming year and would like to remind those members who have not yet renewed, you have until 1<sup>st</sup> June when renewals will be closed. After this date you may re-join and will be given a new number.**

### **AWAKE AGM Notice**

**This year's AGM will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in the Memorial Hall, Willerby Square (Opposite the Police Station)**

The AGM is the occasion when along with other formalities, we nominate and elect members of our committee, we are always looking for new blood to rejuvenate our committee and if you, or someone you know would like to submit a nomination, forms can be obtained by downloading from the AWAKE website, picking up from the May General meeting (18<sup>th</sup> May) or by requesting a copy from Sue Dyson (246303). Any completed nomination forms need to be sent to Sue Dyson by the deadline of 2pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

After the AGM business, Jubilee cakes will be judged & served.

### **Jubilee Cake making Competition**

After last year's very successful 10<sup>th</sup> AWAKE Anniversary celebration cake making (& eating!) we thought it would be a nice idea to repeat this for consumption after our AGM on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. **Would any potential cake bakers please inform Sue McPhee of your intended participation, Thanks in advance!**

# **Dates for your Diary**

## **Future Speakers & Activities**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Philip Walker – Being a Yorkshireman/woman**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Annual General Meeting & Jubilee Cake judging & eating!**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Humber rescue**

**Please note: All the above meetings take place in the St. Andrews Memorial Hall, Willerby ((corner of Redlands Drive, opposite large Willerby car park) commencing at 2pm**

## **Interest Group News**

### **Group Co-ordinator**

As we start a new year I am asking if you would think about being a group leader, either by starting a new group or an off-shoot group of an existing one.

We have a few groups for the same subject which works well. Our AWAKE u3a is growing and there maybe people who will be disappointed because their choice of group is full.

We now have quite a few venues for groups to use, for example Men in Sheds, Anlaby Village Hall and others.

If you have an idea for a new group or feel that you could lead a second group please get in touch with me. You will get help and support and also a feeling of achievement when your idea is successful.

Don't forget the u3a is all about passing on our knowledge or interests to others, giving as well as receiving.

Sue 652766

## **Art for Everyone**

We meet in the Guide Hut just off Main St, Willerby. 1.30 to 3.30pm on the first and third Monday of each month. If you are feeling in need of expressing your creative side come along and

give it a go. We have the help of Mary Randell (one of our members and an Art Teacher!) who supports and encourages our efforts. For more information Contact Denise Roberts 659816

## **Badminton**

The Swanland u3a Badminton group has several Awake members and would welcome more. We meet at the Hull and East Riding Sports Club each Friday afternoon from 2pm to 3.30 pm. Why not come along and refresh your badminton skills? For further details contact me on 650676  
Ann Berriman

## **Book Groups**

Several of the books already reviewed have been circulated around the groups. New ones we have read are '*A Long Petal of the Sea*' by Isabel Allendes. It tells the story of people escaping the Spanish Civil War and having to move to different countries - quite pertinent given the current situation in Ukraine. Another good read has been '*A Beautiful Spy*' by Rachel Horn. The story is based on actual events and it was interesting looking up the factual details after we'd read the book. If you're interested in joining one of the book groups give me a ring (Chris Watson - 07530 256560) and I can answer any queries you may have.

## **Bridge Group**

The Bridge Group meets the second and third Wednesday of the month at Willerby Library at 2pm till 4pm. Next meetings are 11th and 18th of May. Players and beginners are welcome ring Anita 657494.for details.

## **'Caravan' AWAKE Trips Group**

Roger is currently planning a Canal boat trip in the Autumn on the Yorkshire canal system. If you are interested contact Roger to discuss details.

Call or email to hold a place [coatesroger@outlook.com](mailto:coatesroger@outlook.com)  
657105 07941222499

## **Chess Group**

We meet as part of the Games group every other week at the

Willerby Methodist Church on a Monday from 10am to 12 noon. We would like more members (both beginners & experienced players are welcome) if you are interested, please ring Peter Taylor on 501808 for details.

## **Cinema Group**

Welcome back all you budding film buffs, the Cinema group is now up & running again.

Look forward to seeing you all first Tuesday of each month.  
Ann Milledge.655929.

## **Coffee & Stroll**

Our 2-mile footpath stroll (approx.) starts at 10.00am every fortnight Sunday, from the designated parking area, followed by coffee in a nearby café or pub.

If you are not walking due to weather conditions etc, please consider just having a coffee, as the venues are pre booked.

The next scheduled walks are:

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Willerby, Parking and Coffee at Costa, Willerby Hill.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** – Beverley, Parking in Lairgate car park, Coffee at 'Coles Kitchen'

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** - Little Weighton, Parking and Coffee at Croft Park Café, Rowley Road.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Intermediate walk in Skidby for the Scarecrow Festival, Parking in the car park near the Mill or nearby on the road, Coffee in the Village Hall.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Hull, Parking and Coffee at Springhead Park Golf Club, Willerby Road.

For any further information or issues regarding transport etc, please contact Les McPhee 652766 or 07855235766

## **Craft Group**

The craft group has enjoyed a couple of sessions learning to crochet but there could be more planned so watch this space or better still attend the sessions and request what you would like to relearn or brush up on. May 16 should see Jean take a taster session on making pine cones – hopefully you will be there to see what it is about. If any other member would like to attend and give a quick demonstration then do let me know as the craft members

are a keen open minded group.

Hopefully we will have some more ideas on 'how we are going to hang our pictures on the church Christmas tree'!

Remember the session cost has increased to £2.50 to make sure we cover the room hire and then 50p for those who want to purchase a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit.

Please make a note that we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next sessions are 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September and a CHANGE 10 October as I am on holiday the following week.

Looking forward to seeing you all June 20<sup>th</sup> as usual at Willerby Methodist Church 2-4pm.

Barbara Gardner (654479 or email me on [nevina@nevina.karoo.co.uk](mailto:nevina@nevina.karoo.co.uk))

## **Darts, Dominoes & Card Group**

The group are still meeting at Men In Sheds hall on First Lane Anlaby, every other week. Our numbers have been depleted for a few weeks as people have been on their travels around the world. Hopefully we should welcome everybody back again this month.

If you are interested my mobile number is 07530 103 482  
Les Holmes

## **Flex & Stretch**

We meet at St Luke's Church Hall, Chestnut Ave, Willerby every Monday.

There are two sessions 12.30pm-1.15pm and 1.30pm -2.15pm. Mixed exercises for all abilities no floor exercises.

For more details ring Sue 652766

## **Games Group**

You are more than welcome to join us every Monday morning at 10am at the Willerby Methodist Church.

For more details contact Jackie Kitchen 650702

## **Guitar group**

We have made good progress in the last few months and are able to perform in public. We have done a couple of gigs and will be at the Men in Sheds table-top sale as part of the Anlaby Scarecrow Festival on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.00 pm.

We meet every second Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00 noon plus

extras if we have a performance due.

If interested, please ring Paul Kirk 650259 after 5.00pm please.

## Local History Group

All AWAKE u3a members and their guests are warmly invited to our monthly meetings. If local history is your thing, then please do come along! Our 2022 programme includes much of interest! The schedule for our next three meetings of 2022 is:

19<sup>th</sup> May                      'One Hull of a Show: The White City Story  
1920-1938' by Michele and Alan Beadle

16<sup>th</sup> June                     'Hull History Centre' by Paul Leaver

21<sup>st</sup> July                      'Trinity House' by David Shaw

In conjunction with our talk in July, a group tour of Trinity House has been arranged on the afternoon of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Bookings for this will commence at our June meeting.

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.

Further information can be obtained from the group leader (see below) or from our website:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/awake/page/22001>

Francis (650449)

## NATUREWATCH

Date	Venue	*Meet
27.5.22	Contact leader for details	9.30
10.06.22	Leven Canal	9.30
24.06.22	RSPB Bempton Cliffs	9.30
08.07.22	Kiplingcotes Station, Rifle Butts etc	9.30

\* Meet time at Willerby Square, please note all the meetings will start on Friday mornings at 9.30am at Willerby square car park (down by the side of Sainsbury's) unless otherwise stated.

Mark & Celia Beaumont (654666)

## Play Reading

During our March meeting, we discussed and selected a short play to be read at the u3a 'Inhouse Meeting,' in May. We



chose, No Authority, by Josh Whittingham, first read via Zoom, during lockdown.

During May, we met to rehearse and then presented the play at a lively afternoon of entertainment with other groups from AWAKE u3a. As this was not our usual meeting day, we added another session of poetry reading and a very enjoyable, early afternoon tea, provided by members. We should like to thank Anita for her warm hospitality.

Our next meeting is on, Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Pauline Park

## **Quizzing group**

Quiz nights are still very popular, and we have had some new members join us. Our quiz masters and mistresses continue to challenge us and their efforts are greatly appreciated as we wouldn't be able to have a quiz without somebody setting and asking the questions. The Quizzes are held every other Thursday at Anlaby Village Hall. Future dates: May 26<sup>th</sup> then June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you fancy turning up and 'having a go' give me a ring (Chris Watson, 07530 256560) and you'll be more than welcome.

## **Singing for Fun**

We meet every other Tuesday evening 6.30pm-8pm at the Anlaby Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome especially men as they are outnumbered by the ladies. Why not come along and give us a try.

Ring Sue 652766

## **Stately Homes**

We enjoyed watching a DVD of Waddesdon Manor in March and hearing about how the Rothschild family developed their family home. Unfortunately catastrophe in April – the computer wouldn't work and after a half-hour of general chat we had to leave early. In better circumstances 21 members of the group had a great day out at Sledmere Hall this week, enjoying a guided tour of the house and a lovely day in the gardens. Our Summer Trip is going ahead in July so we hope for good weather again!!

Chris Watson

## **Short Walks (see photo on page 19)**

All walks are on alternate Mondays and start at 10.30am. You are to have on you person your ICE information and dress suitably according to the weather and terrain.

I may be contacted at 07783 648257 and  
gian@gian.karoo.co.uk      Ian Jones

**23 May.** Barton - Waters' Edge Ramble. Park at Humber Bridge car park and car share to cross bridge to Waters' Edge car park, Barton. Flat, muddy paths, toilets at Cafe where we will socialise. Toll payment by card! Remember to bring your passengers back!

**30 May** Coltman Street visit to the home of Simon Kelsey (and Pickering).

Park in West Park near Anlaby Road.

**13 June** Cherry Burton- Ravensthorpe. Longer than usual. Parking at playing fields, off The Meadows, off Bishop Burton Road. Or if coming from Beverley-Malton Road the Meadows is left off Main Street and runs right through the village.

**27 June** Ellerker-South Cave. This again is a longer walk. Park in BACK car park of the garden centre.

**11 July** Cottingham Golf Course walk where we get lost!!  
Park near Lazaats in Woodhill Way.

**25 July** West Hedon Footpaths.

Meet at Station car park at back of Hedon. Go through the town via St Augustine's Gate and Soutter Gate/Preston Road.

## **Supper Club**

An enjoyable evening meal at Gingers Main St, Willerby was had by all those who attended in March.

We average about 15 to 20 people each time and I try to keep the cost at a reasonable rate but with costs going up at the moment it is hard to find venues. Hopefully we will get one arranged for May.

Sometimes I have to limit numbers depending on the size of the venue. If you fancy joining us, give me a ring for more details. Sue 652766

## **Table Tennis**

Meeting now at our Men in Sheds, First Lane, Anlaby venue if you fancy joining us every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month at

2pm please ring Steve Roberts (659816) for details

## **Ten Pin Bowling – Monday & Friday**

Hi everyone

I hope you are all well.

We are now meeting regularly on Monday & Friday morning. We are getting a good number of players attending regularly with everyone enjoying the sessions.

We meet at the Superbowl in Princes Quay at 1000hrs every Monday and Friday (except school holidays)

The cost is £7 for two games.

If you fancy giving it a try you will be more than welcome, it doesn't matter if you have played before or not come and give it a try.

If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact me at sdclark1@hotmail.co.uk or tel. 07811719843 (Monday) or David Newman 659870 (Friday).

Steve Clark & David Newman

## **Ukulele Groups**

### **Barely Awake**

We recently had a very successful appearance in the Bandstand at the Filey Folk Festival, and I would like to thank the many u3a members, family & friends who came to support us making it a real day to remember.

**We have a number of appearances planned including the Church of Ascension, Priory Road Gala on the 18<sup>th</sup> June (2pm) which also includes the East Riding of Yorkshire Brass band, we would love to see some of our loyal supporters there to support this good cause.**

Jean Tindall/Steve Roberts

## **Sunshine Strummers**

The Sunshine Strummers have been busy performing our 'Sea Inspired' songs at performances recently at the U3A Social Afternoon and a concert at St. Andrews Church, Kirk Ella. These featured Drunken Sailor, Fisherman's Blues, South Australia and Octopus's Garden

Our current theme at practice sessions is 'Girls, Girls, Girls' – with songs having a girl's name in the title or sung by a Girl Band. New songs being worked on include Cecelia, Proud Mary, Oh Carol, Annie's Song and Walk Like an Egyptian (Bangles)

We have a number of new members who have recently completed a Ukulele Introductory programme and they are strumming really well at our Monday afternoon sessions and looking forward to performing at concerts.

We have many concerts booked over the spring and summer period and it is a certainty that we will see a new selection of Hawaiian Shirts worn by us always, we hope to bring a flash of colour as well as a little sunshine to all our gigs.

Gary & Hazel Hughes

## **It's the FUN & Culture Pages**

### **Poets Corner (Our new venture, growing momentum!)**

A potentially controversial but thought-provoking submission depending on your religious beliefs, from Geoff Scales, one of our writing group members but what do YOU think?

#### **GARDENING**

They call you Almighty  
Say you're omnipotent.  
So what was your reason?  
Your deadly intent?

Man's on the brink  
Our kind will soon die.  
Answer me this God!  
Just tell me why?

My anger was raging  
My resolve hardening.  
Then God whispered  
I'm simply gardening.

I made this world  
A beautiful place  
A peaceful garden  
Til man scarred its face.

I made you like me  
To love your brother  
But with little excuse  
You kill one another.

Shortsighted, selfish  
For greed and lust  
My verdant fields  
You turned to dust.

You think you're great  
But your only distinction  
Is driving other species  
Into extinction.

Can you imagine  
The way that I felt?  
As you selfishly made  
The glaciers melt.

I sent you warnings  
Sent prophets and preachers.  
But you disregarded  
My heavenly teachers.

With little time left  
To save the rest,  
I had to remove  
This bothersome pest.

My only recourse  
However horrific,  
Was to create  
A deadly pandemic.

With mankind gone,  
And nature's flourish  
The Earth will survive  
And my garden flourish.

**And now a poem from Michael Ebeling for cat lovers everywhere!!**

**NEXT DOOR'S CAT**

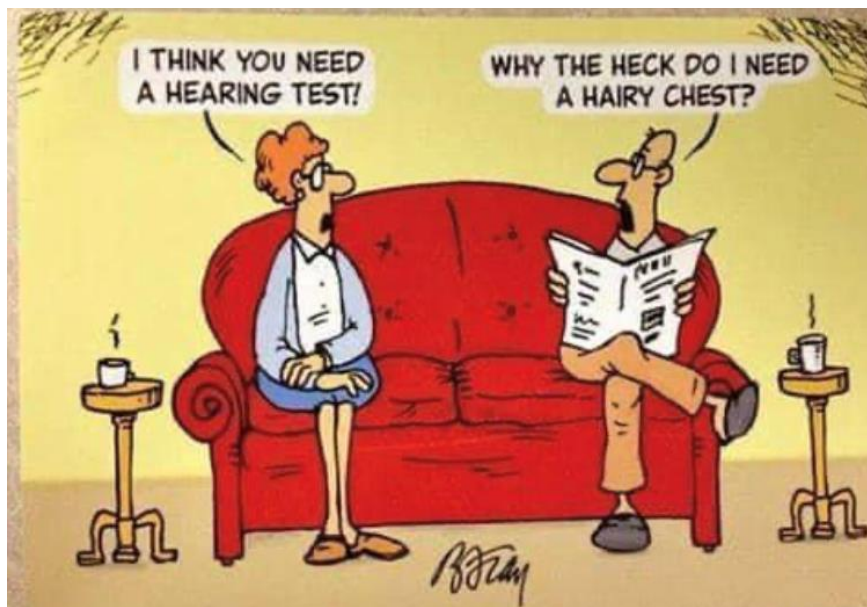
Henry's sitting in the road  
When we drive round the bend.  
He does not think he ought to move,  
And does not comprehend  
That what he really ought to do  
Is get out of our way.  
No, he just rolls on his back,  
And want us to come and play.

We really all love Henry,  
And we like to hear him purr  
When he comes round to visit us,  
And he has such pretty fur.  
So if he gets squashed,  
And I find him dead and flat,  
I think that I'll recycle him  
And make myself a hat.

When people stop to look at it,  
And come over for a chat,  
I'll say it is unique, because  
It once was next door's cat



**One for all of you Wordle addicts!**



## **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

## **Next *AWAKEN***

**The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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## **Steve's Marriage Guidance Advice**

**This time it is advice for the Ladies**

**If your husband or partner leaves his clothes on the floor it means he doesn't want them and it is fine to throw them in the bin!**

**And Finally**







Sunshine Strummers in the grand surroundings of the St. Andrews Church, Kirk Ella



Barely Awake rocking in the Bandstand at the Filey Folk Festival

## Photos from the AWAKE u3a's Got talent afternoon



She cannot be 91!



Barely Awake in animated full strum



The Singing Group in fine voice



Is it the Beatles or our Guitar Group





The very colourful Sunshine Strummers



The Play Reading 'Councillors' in action



The French Quiz in action



Some of the Easter Bonnets on show