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Word From the Chair



Hello to all our members.

Saturday 20th August was our first social evening since lockdown. It was a very successful event with everyone enjoying themselves. Let's look forward to more of these evenings.

On Friday 23rd September there will be an AWAKE celebration at the Willerby Methodist Church 2pm until 4pm. This is for 40 years since the u3a first began. Take your own picnic

(optional) and join in the celebration with music and games. For this event we would like volunteers to help with the teas and stalls and also can I ask if anyone would be kind enough to make a cake. If you are able to help please let me know.

Don't forget what the u3a is all about. It is not just the taking part but also the giving back.

We have had a lot of new members join us since our last open morning. I would like to welcome them to our AWAKE u3a and hope that they will get involved with our groups and enjoy meeting new people.

Enjoy the last of the summer because the next magazine will be in November. Dare I say just before Christmas!

Best Wishes to you all.

Sue

u3a AWAKE would like to express their sympathy on the death of Queen Elizabeth II. She gave this country seventy years of loyal service leaving a legacy for the nation never to be forgotten. She was devoted to her family and a loyal servant to her subjects.

King Charles III I am sure will maintain the same standards as his mother. We wish him well.

Long live the King



Our recent Open Day



Dancing the night away at the recent Social

Latest News/Events

Dates for your Diary

40th Anniversary of u3a in the UK

A celebration picnic with games & entertainment will be held on Friday 23rd September from 2pm to 4pm at the Willerby Methodist Church Garden (or indoors if weather dictates) We look forward to seeing as many members as possible to celebrate 40 years of u3a in this country. Please could you bring along any garden (Boules, etc.) or table games you think people would enjoy playing. Also Raffle prizes would be appreciated. No alcohol please. Could you drop them in at the September General meeting on the 21st Sept. or at Gwynneth Carmichael's house, 9 Chestnut Avenue.

Centenary Celebration of the Willerby & Kirk Ella Parish Institute

On Saturday 22nd October at 2pm a special celebration will take place to recognise 100 hundred years since the Willerby Parish Institute building was given by Sir Henry Samman of Willerby Manor to the residents of Willerby & Kirk Ella for leisure purposes. A blue plaque will be unveiled by the Chairman of the East Riding Council and David Davis MP as well as paintings of Sir Henry and the current building and the event will be started by the Hull Town Crier, Mr. Michael Wood. An illustrated talk on the history of both Sir Henry and the building will be presented by Francis Davies **(free tickets can be obtained from the Library from the beginning of October)**. The Snooker Club, u3a activities and Library activities will be demonstrated on the day. A celebration cake will be cut and refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Help with Transport to Monthly meetings

Due to the lack of buses around this area the Committee asks that if you can bring someone to the Wednesday general meeting could you please offer them a lift. Thank You.

Open Day

We had a very successful Open Day in July with lots of interest at the Anlaby Village Hall and a number of new members signing up (see photo on page 2, can you spot the famous local

Restauranteur?) Thanks to all of our Group leaders, Committee members and Ukulele groups for putting on a great display.

Future Speakers & Activities

Wednesday 21st September, Dulcie Lewis – Not just a Yorkshire Pudding!

Wednesday 19th October, Sally George – The importance of keeping a diary

Wednesday 16th November, Marilyn Walker – Christmas Traditions, Past & Present

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

The Computer group has offered to take the Family History group in with them when they have their meetings.

These meetings are twice a month. Is there anyone who would be willing to lead and help with this group? The next meeting is the 28th September. Please let me know.

New ideas wanted for groups. I am sure there must be lots of ideas out there please let us have them.

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 from September. Our first session will be the 26th Sept due to the funeral. 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

Ballroom Dancing

Ever wanted to learn how to ballroom dance? Well why not give our group a try on alternate Tuesday afternoons at the Anlaby Village hall 2pm -3.30pm. Beginners welcome also those of you who would like to brush up on your dancing. Next meeting will be Tuesday 27th September. Ring if for more details.

Sue McPhee 652766

Book Groups

As usual the groups' choice of books has been varied. Continuing our selection of books looking at forced migration one group chose '*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*' by Christy Lefteri ,telling of a family's escape from the Syrian War. This book has been acknowledged as an International best seller and rightly so. The session mentioned last time looking at Roald Dahl Books was enjoyable with members selecting their own favourites to talk about. It is easy to see why they appeal to children with 'grotesque' adults being overcome in most cases. The groups have some good choices coming up in the next few months so it will be interesting to report the responses next time. 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. Next dates Sept .28th/29th and October 26th/27th all at the Willerby Institute on Main Street.

Bridge Group

Our friendly bridge group meet every second and third Wednesday of the month at 2pm to 3pm at Willerby Library. Main Street' Willerby. Next meeting September 21st. details. Anita. 657494.

'Caravan' AWAKE Trips Group

The trips and visits programme for ALL members.

Canal trip planned for Sept/Oct is now cancelled. The numbers

are too small and many canals have no water. Sorry folks. This would have been our fourth. I will have another go next year.

NEW..... RAILWAYS, SHOPPING, EATING AND THEATRE

A pick and mix day out before Christmas. Sat November 26th. Coach travel to Meadowhall. Alight here for a day/part day shopping **or** stay on the bus to go to "Barrow Hill Railway Centre" 45 mins away See the web site for details. Bus back to Meadowhall when you are all trained out. 2hrs? Shoppers have all day in Meadowhall and/or Sheffield by free pass tram. I will hand out Sheffield handy hints on the day. Consider Lyceum Theatre for a comic take on PRIDE AND PREJUDICE. You book. Matinee will fit bus times. A brilliant industrial museum Kelham Island. A wide choice of eating in M. Hall. or wiz off on the tram into Sheffield centre for all sorts of options. Moor Market is a multicultural treat for eat. Coach back in Willerby by 8.30.

Return coach about £25 dependent on numbers. Contact Roger Coates 657105 07941222499 a.s.a.p. I need numbers soon. I invite calls for details or to sign up. This is a busy time to book coaches so get on with it. No money yet. RJC

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.

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 generally pre booked.

The next scheduled walks are:

October 2nd – Hessele, Parking in Co-op car park, Coffee in 'Costa'.

October 16th - Willerby, Parking in Willerby Sq. car park, Coffee in 'Cibo Italiano' restaurant.

October 30th - Beverley, Parking in Butcher Row car park,

Coffee in 'Crafty Coffee Shop'.

November 13th – Cottingham, Parking at the far end of 'The Parkway', Coffee in 'Lucys Tea Rooms'

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

Les McPhee 652766 or 07855235766

Craft Group

Everyone is welcome to this friendly group who have a variety of skills from beginner to more experienced in the many crafts. A lot of the group are helping to make Christmas tree decorations to be displayed in Barrow Methodist church to promote the U3A in that area. These tree decorations can be made of any craft material so if you fancy having a go then please join any of our sessions. We usually meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, with the exception of October when we have brought it forward a week as I am away on holiday. The dates are September 19, October 10, November 21 and December 10. Hopefully all the decorations can be handed to Sue on the November meeting ready to take to the tree. We meet in Willerby Methodist church from 2 – 4pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next session.

Barbara Gardner 654479 (leave a message if no answer) or email me at nevina@nevina.karoo.co.uk

Darts, Dominoes & Card Group

The group continues to thrive back at its old venue in the Willerby Institute's front room. It's been good to welcome back some of the members who feel the Institute is easier to get to. Please feel free to visit the group and try it out. If you prefer to play dominoes or cards rather than 'lively' darts these are all going on as well. The group meets every other Tuesday, 7 – 9 and the next dates are September 20th then October 4th and 18th. Any questions please contact Les Holmes (07530 103256).

Flex & Stretch

We meet every Monday 12.30-1.15pm and 1.30-2.15pm at St Luke's Church Hall. Varied exercises, no floor work. We are all of the age that if we get down we struggle to get up.

Why not give us a try.

We still have a few places for our 12.30 group. If you are interested in joining us please give me a call.

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Sue 652766

French Group

The group continues to flourish with the same stalwart members. After a break in August we are resuming in two interchangeable groups meeting fortnightly. We continue with the same format – a translation from French with occasional basic grammar points, followed by “nouvelles” then a general chat in French/English. We could perhaps take one new member, but not a complete beginner.

Michael Ebeling (01482-653964)

Guitar group

We have completed a couple of gigs and have more in the pipeline, We now have ten members and are currently meeting weekly at the Men in Sheds building, First lane, Anlaby every Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon.

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

Games Group

The Games Group meets at Willerby Methodist church every Monday morning from 10am -12, often running through bank holidays and Christmas to accommodate those members who live alone and find the days long. We have been meeting in the hall since COVID, to be aware of social distancing etc. There is about 20+ of us who enjoy playing Scrabble, Rummikub and Sequence. We do have other games too. We welcome new members to join and expand our games base. We charge £2 currently for the room hire and then 50p for a tea or coffee with a chocolate biscuit. Very good value!

We are very friendly and all amateurs, just getting together to keep our grey matter going! None of us profess to be an expert Well maybe one of us! We have lots of fun together. Do come and give us a try. Or contact Jackie on 650702.

The chess group have been joining us once a fortnight too.

Recently we held a coffee afternoon in memory of one of our

members who sadly passed away in April. It was a super effort from everyone. Thanks to everyone involved.

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 is:

15th Sep. 'Look Up, Look Down and Look Around' by Paul Schofield

20th Oct. 'The final days of Arthur Wilson of Tranby Croft' by Dennis Chapman

17th Nov. 'Sir Henry Samman' by Francis Davies

The Willerby Heritage Trail is now in place. There are two information boards - at Willerby Square and Main Street/Well Lane. A booklet (£4.50) contains a map and full details of the Trail. A free leaflet is also available with a map and brief descriptions of points of interest along the route. These can be obtained at our September meeting.

In October a special event is being planned to celebrate the centenary of the Willerby & Kirk Ella Institute on Main Street, Willerby. This will take place on Saturday 22nd October at 2 p.m. Proceedings will be commenced by the Town Crier followed by the unveiling of a commemorative blue plaque by our local MP, David Davies. There will also be displays by the various users of the building and a talk on the history of the building and the life of its generous benefactor, Sir Henry Samman. Keep a look out for further details!

All meetings of the Local History Group 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
16 th Sept	Askham Bog (York)	9.30am
30 th Sept	Kilnsea & Spurn Head	9.30am
28 th Oct	Pearson park	9.30am
11 th Nov	Tophill Low	9.30am
25 th Nov	Donna Nook & Saltfleetby	9.30am
9 th Dec	Christmas lunch & Far Ings	10.30am

* 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

Our last reading, before the Summer break, was 'Somebody', by Liz Wainwright, originally written for radio.

Roy and Eileen had split up after 26 years of marriage. Six months later, they both attended their baby grandson's first birthday party. Encouraged by their daughter, Roy told Eileen that he had won a competition in a free over 55's paper, that he entered before they separated. It was for a married couple to enjoy a week's holiday at the Carnival, in Nice. Eileen reminded him that they weren't a couple but he said they weren't divorced either.

Of course, they went on the holiday but it wasn't plain sailing as Roy hadn't explained that it was advertised as a chance to have a second honeymoon. There were bitter-sweet moments and times of humour but I won't spoil it by telling you the ending.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 28th September.

Pauline Park 650701

Quizzing group

Quizzing numbers continue to increase and attendance is almost back up to the days before lock-down. It's also great to report that we have quizmasters/mistresses already volunteered up to February 16th next year!!!!!! Future dates for the next couple of months: Thursdays – September 29th, October 13th and 23rd, November 10th and 24th. If you fancy turning up and 'having a go' give me a ring (Chris

Watson,07530 256560) and you'll be more than welcome. You don't need to be in a team to come as these are chosen each week, so anybody on their own can just arrive.

Singing for Fun

Do you like singing? Why not join our group? We meet every other Tuesday evening at the Anlaby Village Hall 6.30pm until 8pm. Even if you think that you cannot sing you may surprise yourself when you join a group.

Sue 652766

Stately Homes

A report from Pauline Park on the Stately Home visits.

After two years of disruption, it has been wonderful to enjoy the opportunity to visit so many Stately Homes with our group; seven in the last two months. The residential visit to Bury St Edmunds was mentioned in the last newsletter. National Trust annual membership was almost covered on the visits to Anglesey Abbey, Wimpole Estate, Ickworth and Melford Hall. Each had its individual style and charm, and the excellent weather allowed for the fittest to explore the beautiful gardens and grounds. Burghley, in all its splendour, rounded off a superb holiday.

In August, we visited Wassand Hall, near Hornsea, a large Regency house in possession of the Constable family since 1520. The present House was rebuilt in 1815 and many of us particularly appreciated the smaller scale of the rooms and the subtle colour schemes. It was easy to imagine a family living there.

The most recent visit was to Normanby Hall, across the Humber Bridge. Built in 1825, the Regency Hall and parkland are owned by the Sheffield family, former Dukes of Buckingham, once owners of Buckingham Palace. Since 1964, the house and grounds have been leased for 99 years to the Borough Council who have done an excellent job. Using early inventories, the rooms open to the public have been restored in the Regency style to a very high standard. The recorded information in each room was particularly helpful for those of us on our first visit.

As you can read above our Stately Homes Group has been very busy making the most of the last bit of Summer and enjoying several trips out. For October (6th) and November (3rd), our

sessions will be held back indoors at St Luke's Church Hall starting at 2 p.m. There will be a visiting Speaker one month and a video of one of our Stately Homes the other. I will send details round once things are confirmed. Anybody who would like to join us at any of the meetings we will be pleased to see you. Any queries to me, Chris Watson on 07530 256560.

Short Walks

All walks start at 10.30 prompt and you are to carry on your person ICE details and to dress according to the terrain and weather. We tend to amble at a gentle pace taking time to stop and stare at anything of interest.

In the Summer months walks are further afield usually on grassy footpaths, whereas in the winter months we keep closer to home on mainly pavements. We socialise afterwards but it is not a requirement for joining!!

26 September Elloughton-Welton Circular with Humber views.

2 3/4 miles, one steep incline up and one gentler incline down, various seats along High Road, no toilets (but we pass the Green Dragon, Welton about 11am). If you have hi-viz jackets I would be pleased if you would wear them for this walk which involves Kidd Lane, a road section with no footpaths. Park at Half Moon, Elloughton where we will socialise afterwards.

10 October Willerby-Cottingham. 3 miles, flat, roads and grassy footpaths, no toilets.

Park at Star, Willerby where we shall socialise afterwards.

24 October Anlaby Snickets. 3 miles, flat, all pavements, no toilets.

Park at Beech Tree, Southella Way, where we shall socialise afterwards.

14 November Sainsbury Way, Hessle. 3 miles, all pavements, flat, toilets at Sainsbury.

Park at bottom of main car park, Hessle, and take sufficient money with you to socialise at Urban 44 Cafe on the way back.

28 November Swanland Snickets. All pavements, slight inclines, 2 1/2 miles, no toilets.

Park at Swan & Signet.

12 December Old Pond, North Ferriby. 3 miles, half pavements

half muddy footpaths, slight inclines, no toilets.

Park at Duke of Cumberland where we will have our Christmas Dinner. So later on, I would like definite numbers of those of you who are likely to stay for a meal to help the pub in their catering.

Happy Christmas!

2023 Happy New Year!

9 January 2023 Willerby Womble. Flat, some grass, toilets at Willerby Square.

Park at the Star, Main Street, Willerby.

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

Supper Club

Our next Supper club visit will be Friday 30th September at 6.30pm at Cibo Italiano in Willerby Square.

We try to visit different eateries each time, but we do have some favourites.

There are some places left for this evening and anyone of our AWAKE members can join this group. You do not have to come every time, just when the restaurant appeals to you.

This time I need a £5 deposit and your choice of menu before Monday 26th September.

It is an enjoyable evening chatting and making new acquaintances.

Please give me a ring if you are interested in joining us

Sue McPhee 652766

Table Tennis

Meeting now at our Men in Sheds venue, First Lane, Anlaby, if you fancy joining us every 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month at 2pm. We are missing some of our ex-regulars and would love to see them return. please ring Steve Roberts (659816) for details if required.

Ten Pin Bowling – Monday & Friday

We have two groups that meet on a Monday and Friday at 1000hrs at the Superbowl in Princes Quay. Members are invited to attend either or both groups. At the present time the cost is £7 for two games.

The Monday group held our first session on 5th September after the summer break. Four of us enjoyed being back playing again.

Unfortunately this will be the last session for a while because Superbowl is closing down from Wednesday 7th September for a complete refit.

They are not sure when it will reopen again, they are hoping it will be mid-October but are not sure how long it will all take.

I will keep a check on the progress and David and I will let you know when we have any further information.

If there are any new members who would like to join either group please contact me (Mondays) and David Newman (Fridays) so we can add you to our list and ensure you receive any Emails re the reopening.

Hopefully it won't be too long.

Steve Clark 07811719843

Steve Clark & David Newman

Ukulele Groups

Barely Awake

We have enjoyed playing outdoors at both the Ridings, Anlaby and Hallgarth Care Home, Cottingham we are now looking forward to playing at the Beverley Barge Association and for the 40th Anniversary of u3a at Willerby Methodist on Friday 23rd Sept. (see page 3 for details) In October we are playing for the Willerby Wives group at the Willerby Methodist Church from 2pm, this is an open event so come along and join us.

Please come along to the Hessle Town Hall on Saturday 15th October at 7pm for the STAND (Fishing Heritage) Charity concert, we are Playing along with the Hull Male Voice Choir, please join us to support this worthy cause.

Jean Tindall/Steve Roberts

Sunshine Strummers

The Sunshine Strummers meet every Monday afternoon at the synagogue in Willerby with an enthusiastic group of 25 ukulele

players. The group love performing live, and the band has been in great demand in recent months playing weekly concerts across Hull and East Yorkshire, including performing in front of over 1000 people at the Music on the Green Festival at Anlaby Common and a wedding. The oldest member of the band is Bill Coop at 92 and what a legend he is.

We have adopted a thematic approach whereby we play songs related to a particular topic over a number of weeks and the during the summer we have worked on a Sea and River inspired theme. This has enabled us to try out new songs including sea shanties, modern classics such as Sailing by Rod Stewart and traditional numbers such as Messing About on the River and Down by the Riverside. We will be performing our Sea and River inspired set list on the Syntan Barge in Beverley Beck on 16th September as part of the Heritage Weekend celebrations.

Our next planned theme is 'Around the World in 80 days'! Here we are aiming to play new songs with countries and cities in the song title. Any suggestions will be greatly received.

Keep on strumming!

Gary and Hazel Hughes

It's the FUN & Culture Pages

Poets Corner

A limerick for the mathematicians

$$\frac{12 + 144 + 20 + 3\sqrt{4}}{7} + (5 \times 11) = 9^2 + 0$$

Doesn't look like a limerick to you? Try this:

A dozen, a gross, and a score

Plus three times the square root of four

Divided by seven

Plus five times eleven

Is nine squared and not a bit more.

The proposed 'Chatty' u3a bench is now the latest subject of Sue McPhee's poetic output

Where can we place our Chatty seat?

It should be somewhere central, where folks can meet.

A place where no damage can be done

A shady spot where there's not too much sun.

To stay a while and rest your feet,

You never know who you may meet.

Someone who maybe feeling lonely,

And needs some company, if only

A person would stop to chat.

And talk about this and that.

I am sure this is not a hard thing to do,

One day it could be me or you.

Make someone's day with a chat and a smile,

If you are not in a rush, then stop for a while.

Tell them the seat was given by our u3a,

Explain the things they can do to fill their day.

Let's hope the council will let us place this seat,

In a pleasant spot, where we can rest our feet.

Also a poem from Sue celebrating 40 years of u3a

It's getting more popular by the day.
Eric Midwinter was the man with the idea,
To bring retired people together from far and near
Not only in towns but in the villages too,
To give retired people new things to do.
Who would have thought 40 years ago,
We would be recycled teenagers, making a show
By encouraging others with things that are new,
Challenging and surprising, the things they can do.
40 years proves it can be done
From History and Science and writing for fun,
Learning new languages which don't trip off the tongue,
Helping each other is all part of the fun.
Play bowls, walking football and also cricket,
Help loosen those stiff joints, don't just sit it.
Its exercise and fun being in a team,
You forget aches and pains, or so it seems.
Share menial jobs like making the tea,
Maybe offer yourself to join the committee.
Eric's idea was for us all to work together,
We are all the same no one is better.
I won't be here in another 40 years,
To tell all the u3a details for others to hear.
Maybe there will be one wherever I go,
But until I get there I will never know.



UK age test joke:

**My grandparents
were named Pearl
and Dean but we
called them
grandma and
grandpapapapapap
apapapapapaa...**

**Overheard telephone call.
My wife: "Yes I like to hide his
things where he can't find
them. I put his coat on it's
hanger, his shoes in their shoe
box, his keys on the key hook,
his pants in his pants drawer."**

One for the Ladies



Just who is that paddling his Ukulele?



Schindler's Lift!

**Always interesting to
learn something new.
Karl Marx had a sister
called Onya.
Apparently she invented
the starting pistol.**

And Finally

The adjective for metal is metallic but not so for iron, which is ironic

Does anyone know if the Netherlands are split into nether regions?

I said to the baker, How come your cakes are all 50p but that one is £1, He said "That's Madeira cake"

I recently volunteered to clear litter in my local park, I asked if I needed any training, no was the reply, just pick it up as you go along

IN MY OWN WRITE

Why not 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

Do you remember the 'motorbike in the front room' reminiscences of Lynda Lister from a previous Newsletter, well Lynda has penned a new story recalling her first days at Senior school, I am sure it will awaken! some of your memory's of that fateful day.

Starting Grammar School September 1955

My Parents were delighted I had passed my eleven plus! But I wasn't so sure. All my friends were going to the local mixed comprehensive school but I was going on a bus to a very strict girl's school an hour away.

I stood at the bus stop that September morn, quaking in my uncomfortable new shiny shoes and my stiff collar and a beret that seemed too big.

I hated it! I hated the journey, I hated the teachers in their flowing black robes, I hated the Latin (what was the use of that?) I hated

Maths, French and German. I hated outdoor sports and running around a wet muddy field trying to avoid getting hit on the shin by some mad person wielding a lethal weapon. But worst of all was the swimming baths, it was half a mile away and we had to walk there in an orderly crocodile. Miss Bradshaw would pace up and down, shouting instructions, "Jump in girl, stop hanging on the side." I was terrified and if the truth was known I never quite got over my fear of water.

I would do anything to get out of going, numerous stomach aches, headaches and even resorted to putting talcum powder on my face, but Mum kissed me and smelled it, she was on my case and sent me off with a flea in my ear.

The weeks passed and somewhere late November I realised it wasn't quite so bad. We started practicing the Carol Concert and we were making things for a Christmas Craft Fayre, "Make anything you like" said Miss Smith. I painted Dracula, no one bought it, but I liked it and gave it to Mum and Dad for Christmas, they were thrilled, or so they said.

Christmas arrived and dad had assembled a bike for me and painted it green. "Yuk" I thought, green! And then felt instantly guilty, money must be tight and both my brother and I at Grammar schools and all the extras we needed.

January 1956, back to school after the Christmas break, snow piled high at the side of the roads, but the bus got us there and we had great fun snowballing and trying to knock each other's berets off and I was pleased to see my new friends and exchange stories about our family Christmases. "Told you it would go well" said mum when I told her about the fun I'd had, she was right, Mum's usually are, and all was well, most of the time.

By Linda Lister

Next AWAKEN

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is Friday 4th November 2022

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The Naturewatch visit to Kiplingcotes (& not a horse in sight)



The Sunshine Strummers entertaining thousands at the Anlaby Library 'Music on the Green' event



Barely Awake entertaining at Hallgarth Care Home, Cottingham



Event In memory of Margot McLindon from the Games group at the Willerby Methodist Church