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Word From the Chair

Greetings everyone



Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

Once again, a year seems to have passed by very quickly. I miss the warmth of summer. In the last few days, we have

been in the garden and allotment tidying up and preparing for the winter session. I have been enjoying the colours of autumn we are enjoying now and starting to look forward to the seasons Festivities.

As each day passes, I continue to strive to learn, listen and read about the numerous activities that take place on a day-to-day basis and I am enjoying this process.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all those who helped to organise and took part in the "Open Day". It was a wonderful event, and it was lovely to see so many people. On a personal basis it was lovely for me to be able to meet and talk to so many people and go round all the different groups represented. I learnt so much from everyone – I also learnt that I don't have any "circus skills."

It was also lovely to be serenaded by our Ukulele friends.

Thank you to all again I thought it was a real success.

As the nights draw in I am looking forward to my "Fish and Chips" at the Christmas Social on the 2nd December and other seasons festivities.

Finally, I just want to wish you all a happy festive period and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist in anyway.

Thanks

Chris Poole

*Merry
Christmas*



Seeing the sights of London (Roger Coates style)



Relaxing after a hard day at the Eastenders face!



Latest News/Events & Dates for your Diary

Future Speakers & Activities

Wednesday, 15th November – Chris Blacksell retired Chief Fire officer will recount his experiences.

Wednesday, December 20th - Christmas Celebrations

Wednesday, 17th January – Paul Schofield (Hull Fair)

Wednesday, 21st February - Colin Bradshaw (Saints, Sinners and Smugglers)

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

Open Day (Sept 2023)

A very successful Open Day was held in September to coincide with the National u3a week. Many of our interest groups demonstrated the benefits of their groups with some very impressive circus and Hoola-Hoop skills on display. Refreshments were provided by Yvonne and her team, and the Barely Awake Ukulele group provided musical entertainment. The event was co-ordinated by Sue McPhee while our new Chair, Chris Poole carried out the Master of Ceremony duties. Many existing and prospective members attended what was an excellent and productive event, thanks to all who participated.

Christmas Social

This evening will be held on Saturday 2nd December at the St Andrew's Memorial Hall. The doors open at 7pm for a fish and chip supper at 7.30pm. Tickets are £9 per person this includes food, entertainment, and a raffle. The entertainment will be country and 50s and 60s music by Diane and Dave.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses (no hot drinks served).

Ring Sue McPhee for tickets 652766



AWAKEN Newsletter change proposal

I have produced and edited the AWAKEN newsletter now for the last 8 years but because of my Epilepsy I find it increasingly difficult to carry out the detailed computer usage required. As a result, rather than give up the role I have proposed the following change to the regularity of issue to the Committee. Currently the newsletter is issued every two months as follows: JANUARY, MARCH (the membership renewal edition), MAY (the AGM edition) JULY, SEPTEMBER, & NOVEMBER (the Christmas edition), 6 in total per year.

I am proposing to change this to every 3 months, FEBRUARY (the Membership edition), MAY (the AGM edition), AUGUST, & NOVEMBER (the Christmas edition), 4 per year. The committee have accepted this change, and it is intended to start in February 2024.

This change will be less work for Group Leaders who contribute to the newsletter but may make their contributions longer, therefore I may increase the number of pages and introduce another colour page for extra photographs (& more jokes!). I hope you will accept this change and continue to enjoy the Newsletter as it is our only means of communicating with EVERY AWAKE member.

Regards, Steve Roberts



Interest Group News

As group coordinator I am always interested in starting new groups. If anyone has any suggestions on different groups, please get in touch.

We had to cancel the Dancing group for lack of interest, but as always happens there has been interest shown. After Christmas we may think about starting it again if the interest is still there. As usual it is the shortage of men (where are you men). If you feel that you would like to learn to ballroom dance, get in touch.

Sue McPhee 652766

Art for Everyone

Hi Painters or prospective painters. We meet on the first and third Monday of each month at the Guide Hut, Main St, Willerby. If you are interested, please ring Denise Roberts 659816



Badminton

The Swanland u3a Badminton group meets every Friday afternoon at the Badminton Centre on Chanterlands Avenue from 2pm to 3.30pm. We pay £2 each week, which covers the cost of courts and shuttles.

We have members from Awake and Cottingham u3a's and would welcome more members. We are a friendly mixed group playing doubles games. For further information contact Ann Berriman on 650676

Book Groups

Over the years we've not had many books that were not enjoyed but we had one in September. 'Light Perpetual' by Francis Spufford starts during the war when a bomb falls on a shopping centre in London, 'atomising' 5 young children. The rest of the book looks at what their lives may have been, had they lived. Unfortunately, all the imagined future lives are so depressing you ended up feeling grateful that they had not survived the bomb! Two other groups read 'The Space Between Us', previously reviewed in the Newsletter. Much discussion followed considering alien life forms and Science Fiction literature, this being a genre not much covered in any of our book groups. If you're interested in joining one of the groups give me a ring (Chris Watson – 07530 256560) and I can answer any queries you may have.

Bridge Group

Beginners meet on the first Wednesday of the month 2pm to 4pm. Players the second and third Wednesday of the month 2pm to 4pm. At the Willerby Library Main Street Willerby. New beginners and players welcome.

Ring Anita 657494 for more details.

'Caravan' AWAKE Trips Group

"East Enders" are all back home from that there London. In usual Caravan style members took taxi, bus or underground/DLR from Kings Cross to Canary Wharf and our 24 floor hotel. Our view included many much bigger towers, planes in and out of London City Airport, O2 Arena, river traffic Inc. The Uber fast boat services. In a short time, everybody had dropped bags and got going to various places, mainly involving

lunch. The promised rain was minimal and the sun very welcome every day. 9 to 11 p.m. in the lounge turns into a nightly swap shop of "we've been to" info. Geoff, Brenda and I managed classy theatre in West End for £22. The cross Thames cable car was a first for some. The Hockney light show impressed. The very fast UBER Boats are an impressive way to travel the Thames. Pauline, Sylvia and Maureen win the "bargain of the trip" award... Stasher is a newish online smart alternative to the now absent left luggage at stations. You pay in advance online about £5. The locations are many hotels and lots of 9-11 corner shops. So, on last day our trio turned up at Kings Cross Premier Inn, explained that Roger Coates had arranged a bag drop for the group, WRONG. They had no record of this or a Stasher booking. Chris and I now turn up from our bus ride to hand over our booked bags to see this drama unfold. The lady, mightily confused, now sighs and gives in, taking their bags for free.

Another Caravan event brim full of action dawn to dusk and beyond.

What's next? is the usual chat on the train home and as usual I have no answer but **there will be** a next. I will always consider new ideas or repeats e.g., canal week 3 times, Edinburgh Fringe twice, St Ives by sleeper train twice, France twice. Talk to me 657105 07941222499. Caravan is for all members of AWAKE.



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. As a result of our plea for more players we now have around 8 members but still have room for more if you are interested, our next session is Monday 27th November, please ring Peter Taylor on 501808 for details.

Coffee & Stroll

We offer a leisurely 2-mile footpath stroll (approx.), locally or within a 10-mile radius, fortnightly on Sundays at 10.00am from the designated parking area. This is followed by coffee and chat in a nearby venue.

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



The next scheduled walks are:

November 26th – Hull, Parking and Coffee at 'Three Crowns' pub on Victoria Dock.

December 10th – Willerby, Parking in Willerby Sq. car park, Coffee in 'Cibo Italiano' restaurant.

January 7th – Cottingham, Parking at far end of The Parkway, Coffee in Lucy's Tea Rooms within 'Southwood Garden Centre'.

January 21st – Beverley, Parking in Lairgate car park, Coffee in 'Kavanaghs Café and Tea Rooms'.

February 4th – Kirk Ella, Parking and Coffee in 'The Beech Tree' pub.

February 18th – Woodmansey, Parking & Coffee at 'Woodmansey Garden Centre'.

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

Les McPhee 652766 or 07855235766

Computer Group

The computer club is about much more than just computers. We meet at The Beech Tree public house on South Ella Way from 11.00 - 13.00 every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, and each meeting we have 2 or 3 resident 'experts' willing to help and advise on individual problems. This Group is open to all Awake members.

Chris Moody

Cinema Group 1

We are a group of 15 film buffs who meet 1st Tuesday of the month to visit the cinema in the town Vue or Reel, the bus service from Willerby stops outside either cinema.

Ann Milledge. 655929

Cinema Group 2

The second Cinema group usually meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the afternoon and go to either the Vue or Reel cinemas. If you are interested, please contact Yvonne Crabtree for details (658066)



Craft Group

Another lovely turnout in October so thanks everyone. It was lovely to welcome some new craft members, who had attended the earlier Open Afternoon, to our group on Monday October 23rd. They soon slotted in and began networking with our members which was lovely to see, and they assured me they would be back for more.

After the September meeting when fingerless mitts were demonstrated, members brought in their own take on the pattern which was lovely.

The next few months of dates for our meetings are usually on the third Monday of the month: 20 November and 18 December. I am in the process of confirming the 2024 dates with Willerby Methodist Church which is where we normally meet between 2 – 4pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all and any new members at our next session.

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

Darts, Dominoes & Cards Group

Darts, dominoes, and cards continue at the Willerby Institute (the Library on Main Street). If you hear any noise when you go past, it will be the darts' lot – they are very vocal, unlike the sedate domino and cards groups!! The group meets every other Tuesday, 7 – 9 and our next dates are November 28th then December 12th. If you're interested in joining the Group or you have any queries, please contact Les Holmes (07530 103256) for more information.

Family History Group

The Family History Group now meets at The Beech Tree public house on South Ella Way from 11.00 - 13.00 every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We are a small friendly Group, each working on our own projects, but sharing information.

New members are welcome, Chris Moody 653027 for information.

Flex & Stretch

Our group meets at St Luke's Church Hall every Monday 12.25pm and 1.25pm. No floor exercises. Why not come along and see what we do. A small fee to pay towards the hall.

Sue McPhee 652766



French Group

As before we continue to meet fortnightly and have done translations ranging from Harry Potter to botulism! We are looking forward to our regular Christmas lunch in the Alf Kersh room at the library. We could still take two more members.
Michael Ebeling (653964)



Guitar group

The Guitar group continue to meet weekly at the Men in Sheds building, First lane, Anlaby every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon.

We now have twelve members and are currently not able to fit any more into the space available, however if you are interested, give me a ring as I am compiling a waiting list.

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. There are 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 now have to charge £2.50p as the room hire has increased but the 50p for a tea/coffee/biscuit remains

We are very friendly and all amateurs, do come and give us a try. Or contact Jackie email jackiektchn@yahoo.co.uk or 07731893435

Local History

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 next meeting:

16th November "Street Stories (Part 2): People behind street names in Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella" by Francis Davies

Although a meeting was published for 14th December 2023, there will be no meeting this year in December. This is due to the low attendance at last year's December meeting. The programme for 2024 is still in preparation and will be published towards the end of this year. There are still some vacant slots in the programme so if anyone knows of a suitable speaker, please let me know.

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 a maximum admission charge of £2 per person to cover the costs of speakers, hall hire and refreshments. However, at some meetings the charge is lower and it's even free sometimes!

Further information can be obtained from the group leader (see below) or from our webpage -

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

Francis (650449; francisvdavies@live.co.uk)

NATUREWATCH

Date	Venue	*Meet
24.11.23	Tophill Low Nr Driffield	9.30am
8.12.23	Xmas Meal Outing	

Dates and venues for next year to be given early in the new year

* 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)

Pickle Ball

Come and try your hand at Pickleball.

Not too much running around and lots of fun!

We meet at Haltemprice Leisure Centre on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Free for members of Haltemprice, £3.00 for sporadic players who wish not to join the centre. Any monies collected will go towards the cost of equipment for the group.

Essential equipment is available for beginners.

Contact Alison Ward on alisonward8815@gmail.com



Play Reading1

In September we read Mansfield Park, by Jane Austen, adapted for theatre by Constance Cox, in 1953. During the mid-20th century, she adapted many of the classics and was highly criticised at first for portraying shocking realism of the times in which the classics were set. In Mansfield Park, impoverished, young Fanny Price moves from one troubled home to another, where she is treated as a second-class citizen rather than a cousin of the family. However, the play reaches a happy conclusion for Fanny, as in the original novel.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 22nd November. There is no



meeting in December.

Pauline Park

The October play reading was *And Evermore Shall Be So* by Norman Robbins. This is a murder mystery with more than a touch of humour. It is set in a vicarage near Norwich and explores the events surrounding a murder which took place four years previously. An author, cousin of the vicar's wife arrives to write a book about the murder. Old tensions and suspicions are brought to the surface as not everyone is in favour of raking up the past. An interesting play to read and none of us worked out "whodunit"

Christine Trever



Quizzing group

We continue to have some very enjoyable Quiz Nights with a range of Quizmasters/mistresses challenging our knowledge. It's especially good when new 'types' of round are introduced. If you fancy turning up and seeing if it's for you, give me a ring (Chris Watson, 07530 256560) and you'll be made more than welcome. You don't need to be in a team as these are sorted out each Quiz, so anybody on their own can just arrive and be warmly welcomed. Our next dates are November 9th and 23rd, then December 7th and 21st. The first quiz in 2024 will be on January 4th.

Singing for Fun

We meet at the Anlaby Village Hall every other Tuesday evening from 6.30pm until 8pm. If you like singing, come and join us. We sing mainly 50s, 60s and 70s songs. This year we have been entertaining residents at Cassandra House, St Mary's and the Parklands. We have both men and ladies in this relaxed group so don't be afraid to come along.

Sue McPhee 652766

Stately Homes

Our September trip to Boynton Hall near Bridlington, was very good. Sally Marriott, the current owner showed us round herself, telling plenty of tales from the family. She's in her 80's but her fitness and memory of dates and incidents was exceptional. We are hoping to revisit it April for people who missed the trip. In October, Christine Trever, one of our members gave a very informative presentation on Osborne



House, Queen Victoria's home on the Isle of Wight. Our next meeting will be on January 4th at St Luke's Church Hall, 2 p.m. start. If you would like more general information about the group, please do not hesitate to get in touch. (Chris Watson) on 07530 256560.

Supper Club

This month we are going to Kristoff's in Cottingham. Our group is open to anyone who likes to enjoy a meal out with friends or meet new people. Kristoff's is now booked but please ask if you are interested in joining us at the next one.

Sue 652766

Short Walks

27 November Anlaby Snickets no toilets. 3 miles flat pavements Park at far end of Lynwood Avenue.

Socialise in Hop Pole, Kingston Road.

4th December 2023 Short Walkers Christmas Dinner at the Duke of Cumberland, North Ferriby. Park at pub. 3 miles, gentle slopes, mainly footpaths some gravel paths, no toilets.

Happy Christmas see you in the New Year

8th January 2024 Willerby Ramble. Park at the Star, Main Street Willerby. 2.5 miles, flat except for embankment steps, lots of grass, toilets at the Square.

22 January 2024 park at the Wheatsheaf Kirk Ella. Hull golf course circular. 2.7 miles, all pavements, gentle inclines, no toilets.

12th February 2024 Hessle Road Wander. Park at Norland pub, Hull Road Hessle. 2.8 miles flat, nearly all pavements, some grass, no toilets.

26th February 2024 Park at the Avenue pub Chanterlands Avenue. 3 miles, flat, some gravel/grass, no toilets.

All walks start at 10.30am. Wear appropriate clothing and carry your ICE card on your person.

Contact Ian Jones via text to 07783648257

or email gianj@gianj.karoo.co.uk

Table Tennis

We continue to meet at our Men in Sheds venue, First Lane, Anlaby, if you fancy joining us every 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month at 2pm you will be made welcome for a game, a hot drink



and chocolate biscuit **(with a mince pie on the 14th December!)**. Existing, ex-regulars and potential new members are always welcome, all equipment is supplied if required. please ring Steve Roberts (659816) for details.

Ten Pin Bowling – Monday & Friday

The Monday group meets at 10am at The Hollywood Bowl Kingswood Retail Park, Gibraltar Road, Hull HU7 3DB, Bowling costs £6.55 for two games, car parking is free. New members are always welcome no experience required come and learn a new skill and have fun. Lifts maybe available if required please contact me if you need a lift or any further information. sdclark1@hotmail.co.uk or tel. 07811719843 . Steve Clark

The Friday group meet at Super Bowl in Princes Quay at 10am every Friday. The cost is still £7 for two games. Dave Newman will welcome anyone who wishes to join this group, for more information, please contact David on 659870.

Ukulele Groups **Barely Awake**

We recently held a gig at Willersley House, Willerby and a very successful Halloween Party at Hallgarth Care Home in Cottingham, with group members in suitably scary costumes and makeup!

We are playing a selection of Christmas favourites at the Star Inn, Willerby on Thursday 30th November at 6pm for the Willerby Christmas lights switch on, it would be great for some of our members to come and join in the festivities with mulled wine and warm mince pies on the menu! The Stephen Hughes Foundation Christmas Ukulele Charity Festival is with us again on Sunday December 3rd for an afternoon of great entertainment featuring six Uke groups commencing at 1pm at the New Walton club, Walton Street. We are also playing at an open event at the Derringham Bank methodist church on Saturday 16th December at 2pm and also joining the u3a meeting of many talents at the AWAKE general meeting on Wednesday 20th December at the Memorial Hall, Willerby. Please feel free to join us at any of these 'lead up to Christmas' appearances as we are always glad to welcome our u3a groupies!

Steve Roberts



Sunshine Strummers

Cowboy hats have been in fashion at our recent Monday sessions as our latest theme has focused on Country and Western tunes. Songs by Johnny Cash, Roy Rogers, John Denver, Dolly Parton, Don Gibson and Buck Owens and the Buckaroos have been worked on.

We now move into the busy Christmas period with bookings galore across East Yorkshire during the festive period. The Sunshine Summers Christmas lunch is also booked at the Cottingham Parks Golf Club which will also feature a Grand Ukulele Quiz!

The Sunshine Strummers will be performing alongside five other local bands including the brilliant U3A Barely Awake at the annual Christmas Charity Concert, 'One Amazing Christmas Strum' which is raising funds for The Stephen Hughes Foundation. This is taking place at the New Walton Club in Hull on Sunday 3rd December from 1pm – 5pm and tickets are now on sale £3 for ukulele band players and £5 for spectators. Everyone is welcome to join in an afternoon of festive songs and sing-along numbers. E-mail oneamazinglife23@gmail.com or ring 07572 878691 for tickets.

There will also be an amazing Christmas raffle with prizes including a Ukulele and Banjolele, Christmas Hamper, Chatsworth Christmas Breakfast Hamper, Restaurant vouchers and Wines and Spirits and many more. Tickets are now on sale at just £1. Same contact details as above.

All funds will support the Charity's aim of Saving Young Hearts by supporting research into the heart disease Myocarditis and providing Sports and Music Development Grants for children of primary school age in Hull and Haltemprice.


It's the FUN & Culture Section

Thanks to Francis Davies who has provided this very thought provoking piece, read and digest.

I counted my years and found that I have less time to live from here on than I have lived up to now.

I feel like that child who won a packet of sweets: he ate the first with pleasure, but when he realized that there were few left, he began to enjoy them intensely.

I no longer have time for endless meetings where statutes, rules, procedures and internal regulations are discussed,

knowing that nothing will be achieved.
I no longer have time to support the absurd people who,
despite their chronological age, haven't grown up.
My time is too short: I want the essence, my soul is in a hurry.
I don't have many sweets in the packet anymore.
I want to live next to human people, very human,
who know how to laugh at their mistakes,
and who are not inflated by their triumphs,
and who take on their responsibilities.
Thus, human dignity is defended, and we move towards truth
and honesty.
It is the essential that makes life worth living.
I want to surround myself with people who know how to touch
hearts,
people who have been taught by the hard blows of 
life to grow with gentle touches of the soul.
Yes, I'm in a hurry, I'm in a hurry to live with the intensity that
only maturity can give.
I don't intend to waste any of the leftover sweets.
I am sure they will be delicious, much more than what I have
eaten so far.
My goal is to reach the end satisfied and at peace with my
loved ones and my conscience.
We have two lives.
And the second begins when you realize you only have one.

Mário Raul de Moraes Andrade (1893-1945)
Brazilian poet, novelist, musicologist, art historian and critic,
photographer

And Finally

***If your lady wants something with diamonds in it for
Christmas, get her a deck of cards!
Follow me for more relationship advice!***

In my Own Write

THE HOLIDAY TO BRAZIL THAT WASN'T

We had waited all year for our summer holiday which was going to be in March with a cruise to Brazil and Argentina. It seemed a long summer waiting but thought it would be worth it. However, 3 days beforehand Brazil had a devastating earthquake. We promptly rang the cruise line on two occasions and told to travel whilst hearing

that the runway was cracked on the news, we thought this could be interesting. We did as asked and got all the way to Heathrow to park the car and then got a text telling us the holiday was cancelled.

Devastation as we had to take a holiday as it was the end of our working year. We promptly came back to the travel agent who sorted out another cruise to the Far East.

Off we went the next day to Hong Kong only to find that whilst arriving at the airport at 5 a.m. there was no one to meet us. We finally found someone who told us "We weren't on her list so she wasn't responsible". Hong Kong being an island we wondered where to go but she did put us in a taxi to the port which we paid for. However, getting onto the port with security was another matter and we finally found a bus driver for the cruise company who took us to the ship. We were greeted with "hope you had a good journey, to which we replied it wasn't a good start".



We weren't quite as excited as we were so looking forward to Brazil but made the most of seeing new countries. We enjoyed Bangkok and Vietnam where the scariest thing was crossing the road with scooters going in between you all the time but we were told "it was safe". Didn't feel that safe! During the day it became foggy and so the ship was advised it could not sail by the authorities so there on the port stood 4 armed guards watching the ship, making sure it didn't move or no one got off the ship. We were stuck for 40 hours before we finally set off missing out a port. Whilst at the airport and sitting waiting for the plane to come home I commented that I was sure with all the up-to-date equipment we could have set sail and a man next to us said absolutely we could have. It turned out he was an engineer from the cruise ship returning home for some leave.

We enjoyed our ports of call but it wasn't the best holiday we have had. We tried again to visit Brazil the following year but 3 months after booking we were cancelled due to the ship getting refurbished. Third time lucky we thought and booked again only to find they had cancelled the cruise altogether. Get the feeling we are not destined to go to Brazil but plenty of other places to see in the world. The morale of the tale is to enjoy what life throws at you and be thankful and lucky enough you can see so much of the world these days even its not where you were expecting to go.

Lynn Bell


(Think I will stick to good old Yorkshire! – Editor)

Just like buses, this month two 'In my own writes' came along!

My Claim(s) to Fame by Les McPhee

Playing all manner of sports was a big part of my early life, however, football was (and still is) my preference, albeit armchair watching these days.

I played for Priory Road Juniors 'B' team and at 11 years old, my initial claim to fame was being selected to play for the league representative team, in the annual end of season match against the league champions. (I cannot remember who we played or the score, but I am sure we won. My memory escapes me in that respect!)

What I do remember though, was being presented with my first ever 'trophy', a certificate to commemorate the occasion, by the current (at the time) Hull City stalwart centre half, Paul Feasey. Something I treasure to this day. 

15 years on in 1973 and coincidentally with getting married that same year (not included in the title!), came a second more famous claim to fame. However the circumstances, were not what I would have hoped for!

I played for Ideal Standard on Saturdays at County Road North and we were drawn at home against a Hull City XI (a reserve team, some of whom would become first team regulars, Ian McKechnie, Jimmy McGill, Phil Holme et al.) in the East Riding County FA Senior Cup Round 1. We chose however, to play the game at their home ground of Boothferry Park, on the hallowed turf and under what were considered the best floodlights in the Football League, on Wednesday 24th October 7.00pm. (a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed). I was selected to play at Left Back, an unfamiliar position as I was predominately right footed.

After conceding an early goal in 2 minutes, we weathered the storm until the 16th minute when, after intercepting a pass meant for a City forward player, my left footed back-pass under pressure, to our goalkeeper, eluded him and nestled in the back of his net. Rather embarrassing. (certainly, for me, and possibly the goalkeeper!)

We eventually lost the game 4-1 (City were helped by scoring from a penalty, together with my own goal!) but considering the opposition, we gave a good account of ourselves and scored probably the best goal on the night, much to the delight of the team and the hundreds? of people (including Steve Roberts) watching in a stadium with a capacity of approximately 20,000!

Needless to say, I enjoyed the occasion apart from the result together with you know what, when my world nearly fell apart. Unsurprisingly, I never did receive any phone calls with offers to

sign professional forms!

Since then, so called 'friends' of mine have not been slow to mention the incident, so I can never forget it! However, what they cannot take away from me, is the fact that the records (newspaper reports), show that I scored for Hull City at Boothferry Park, a feat most if not all of them I'm sure, have not achieved!

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

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

Next *AWAKEN*

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is Friday 9th February 2024

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A great time was had by all at the recent Open Day





Spotted by the short walkers in South Cave



Stately Home visit to Boynton Hall



All welcome to a great afternoon to start Christmas with a bang. The proceeds to a great cause - The Stephen Hughes Foundation.



Our Pickle Ball Group



The Sunshine Strummers at the OK Corral



Barely Awake at the Hallgarth Halloween party





Scary or what!