



#### The Newsletter of Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella u3a

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#### **CHAIRS CHAT!**

#### Greetings everyone,

It is the first opportunity that I have had to wish everyone a happy new year!!!!

I hope that everyone enjoyed the events that took place over the festive period. It was lovely to meet a number of you.

I hope everyone has not been too affected by the very unsettled weather. It has been very blowy and chilly!

As I sit writing this, I am looking at the garden and realising that every day is getting longer, and spring is on the way and hoping that we are moving to warmer weather.

I hope everyone enjoyed the January monthly meeting. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. On a personal note, many of you will know that I retired however returned to work on a part time basis. Unfortunately, over the past months it has not been as part time as I would have wished. It has been very busy at work which has involved me working longer hours and extra days. This has impacted my ability to visit as many groups and members as I would like. I will continue to endeavour to continue to meet as many of you as I can. I recently attended the Quiz Group and realised my general knowledge needs work!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all those who help and support all the groups and events that take place.

Although I may not always be able to get out and about as much as I would like, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to support or assist.

Looking forward to a positive, successful, healthy and fun year.

Thanks,

Chris Poole



The short walks Group at their Christmas lunch at the Duke of Cumberland, Cottingham



The Pickle Ball Christmas lunch (do they look pickled?)



Lots of ladies patiently awaiting a firemans lift demonstration from Chris Blacksell (former Chief Fire Officer, Hull)



The Naturewatch Group Christmas lunch



The Lull before the Storm (other caption ideas welcome)



#### Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

We are looking for volunteers. Carol Britton is coordinating a collection point in Morrison's Anlaby from Monday February  $26^{th}$  to March  $10^{th}$ , 2024.

The Idea is that AWAKE u3a have a day to cover shifts on  $\bf Friday \ 1^{st} \ March.$ 

If you could spare an hour to do a shift would you contact Denise Roberts so that I can compile a list of names and times to pass onto Carol. We need about 16 names for the day as people would work in pairs. If we get more we could spread it to two days. Please let us know quickly to help Carol organise it. Thank you, **Denise** 

## Latest News/Events & Dates for your Diary

#### **Membership Renewal**

As you receive your newsletter by email, your 2024/25 membership renewal form will also be emailed to you to save on paper & printing, if you are able to print it, please complete both sides and send to Gwynneth Carmichael (Membership Secretary).

If you cannot print it please contact Gwynneth who will ensure you receive a copy or alternatively pick up a copy at the March General Meeting to be held at the Memorial Hall, Willerby Square on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. The membership fee has been retained at £15 for full membership and £10 for associate membership. Please note: You can send your form and money in at any time for your renewed or new membership, but it CANNOT be entered onto the Beacon central data base system until AFTER 1<sup>st</sup> April therefore your membership card will not be available until after that date.

If you are a taxpayer, you could assist us by ticking the box for GIFT AID. With your help, each year we are able to claim around £700 from the government in tax relief. This greatly helps us in running your u3a.

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

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February - Colin Bradshaw (Saints, Sinners and Smugglers)

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March – A welcome return for Fools Gold presenting Old King Coal

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April – Prof. Brad Gibson - Will we ever live on Mars (& should we?)
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May – Paul Isherwood – A Centenarian

#### Lady hires a topless Waiter!

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

# Arts & Crafts Exhibition Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at the Anlaby Village Hall 10.00am to 3.00pm

We are intending to hold an exhibition of our members works in Arts and crafts to ring the changes from an open day and show members of the public what we do in our u3a groups.

It is open to all members who like to paint, draw, take photographs and make things. Poems and writing samples are also welcome. All items must be ready to display by mounting, framing etc. All items to be brought to the hall at 9.00am on the day. Please let Denise Roberts or Sue McPhee know if you wish to submit (up to three pieces) for display. Thank you.

#### **Proposed u3a Bench**

Unfortunately, we have had to abandon our Bench project. The original idea was that a Bench would be placed in our area to celebrate and advertise our u3a. It would be placed in a prominent position where our members could chat to strangers about the great things we do. Yvonne Crabtree took the project in hand and contacted many people in the local councils only to be frustrated at every turn. Eventually a spot was found but the council would only allow a 'Memory' bench made of wood instead of the recycled one we had chosen. The cost of which had grown from our original budget by so much that the Committee made the decision on your behalf to abandon the idea. Our heartfelt thanks go to Yvonne for her sterling efforts on this project.



# Our Open Day mention in despatches in the National Third Age Matters u3a Magazine

#### **Interest Group News**

We have a very wide range of groups for you all to enjoy and a lot of hard-working group leaders, but as always, we get asked about new groups. If you have any ideas for groups, please get in touch with me or a committee member and we will try to make it happen. It is always good if you have some personal interest in what you suggest as this helps to get groups started.

Look forward to hearing from you. Sue McPhee (Group Coordinator)

#### **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

#### **Badminton**

Swanland Badminton Group meets at 2pm until 3.30 each Friday at the Badminton Centre on Chanterlands Avenue. We already have several members from Awake u3a and would welcome a few more. Come and watch if you want to think about it - we will make you welcome.

#### **Book Groups**

For our December meeting we all chose examples of Christmas stories/poems that we had enjoyed over the years, these being combined with an 'edible' accompaniment. In January, one group caught up on 'The Berlin Girl' by Mandy Robotham (reviewed in an earlier Newsletter). Another group read 'Case Histories' by popular author Kate Atkinson. These 'histories' were thoroughly enjoyed, and the book can certainly be recommended if you are trying to find something to read. We are looking forward to our February meeting where we have a visiting local author to talk about writing his book. If you're interested in joining one of the groups give contact me (Chris Watson – 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 for more details.

#### Caravan' AWAKE Trips Group

**CARAVAN** (def. A group travelling together for their own safety) Is the trips and visits programme for all AWAKE members. Not a closed group anything to do with a shed on wheels. All AWAKE members can join any trip or not.

Roger Coates (me) has organised some 25 trips at home and abroad for about ten years. I show here to all current members a selection of early day trips we did that could go again.

- 1. Full day cruise Manchester by ship canal to Liverpool on a Mersey Ferry. Kingfisher spotting and Scouse in the cafe. This is not a walk around day.
- 2. Bletchley Park WW2 code breaking base. Unknown for decades due to secrecy. Alan Turing sad saga and brilliance. A full day by coach. You will be amazed and might cry. This is a walk around day.
- 3. A one week canal journey self-drive, likely to Stratford or Oxford. No experience needed from you. Minimal walking unless you want it. There can be miles. If you can make a cup of tea, create, and serve skippers breakfast on deck because we have started, and fold a duvet you qualify. You can't all have the bridal suite. Previous crews are asking. Ten max.

Norwich and Cromer 2 nights each, train travel. Mid July or Mid-September.

The last group away was Eastenders (London) last October. Got rave reviews. It is what you make it. Organised independence. I don't lead you round, but you do get lots of info to fill every day. On the return train I was asked "what's next". There are some groupies who go everywhere but it is open to all and can be any size.

NOW. If you fancy Norwich talk to me asap and I will start a list without obligation at this stage.

For the one-day trips and canal I need your help to get some early idea of interest without obligation to put out details with costings in the April newsletter. Please contact me soon on the bird.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> March, please ring Peter Taylor on for details.

#### Circus Skills 5 week Short Course IS BACK



If you enjoyed the amazing circus skills that were on display at the AWAKE u3a Christmas Celebration and Talent event, then you can join our new 5 week 'Introduction to Circus Skills Course which will run in the spring.

Skills to be covered will include juggling, plate spinning, devil stick tossing, diablo throwing, hoola hooping, balloon modelling and even tightrope walking. Lots of laughter is guaranteed!

The five-week programme will take place at Willerby Library,

10.30am to 12 noon on Fridays commencing on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Cost £2 per session.

Places are limited. Please contact Gary Hughes to book a place.

#### Coffee & Stroll

We offer a leisurely 2-mile footpath stroll (approx), locally or within a 10-mile radius of Willerby, 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:

March 3rd – Hull, parking in Princes Quay or locally and meet at exit to Princes Dock St and coffee at

'Coffee Delight' within the Quay.

March 17th – Swanland, parking and coffee at 'Swan and Cygnet' pub, Main St

March 31st – Anlaby, parking and coffee at 'Haltemprice Leisure Centre'

April 14th – Little Weighton, parking and coffee at 'Croft Park' tea rooms, Rowley Rd.

April 28th – Hull, parking and coffee at 'Manor Farm' pub, Willerby Rd.

May 12th – Beverley, parking in Lairgate car park and coffee at 'Coles Kitchen', North Bar Within.

May 26<sup>th</sup> – North Ferriby, parking and coffee at 'Duke of Cumberland' pub, High St

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

Les McPhee

#### **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.

#### Cinema Group 2

The second Cinema group usually meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### **Craft Group**

It was lovely to welcome so many members back after the Christmas and New Year. It sounds as though a lot have been busy with new projects as well. It was lovely sharing these new projects with everyone as well as recapping on some of the past projects especially those that the members had tweaked to suit their own ideas.

The craft group meet usually on the  $3^{rd}$  Monday of the month but the eagle eyed will work out that the March and June dates are the  $4^{th}$  Monday due to myself being on holiday. The next few meeting dates are as follows **March 25** (this is a revised date), April 15, May 20 and **June 24**<sup>th</sup>. We meet at Willerby Methodist Church normally between 2 – 4pm.

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

Barbara Gardner

#### **Dancing**

I have been asked if the dancing group is starting again. The answer is I don't know at the moment. If there are enough people interested and Derek the teacher is still willing to come through from Driffield, it could go ahead. A new leader would be needed maybe. This group needs regular support and attendance from members to keep it running. If you are interested in this group, please let me know. Sue McPhee

#### **Darts, Dominoes & Cards Group**

The Darts, Dominoes and Card players continue to meet every other Tuesday, 7-9 at the Willerby Institute/Library on Main

Street. Our next dates are February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> then April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you're interested in joining the Group or you have any queries, please contact Les Holmes 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 for information.

#### Flex & Stretch

We meet every Monday at St Luke's Church Hall. There are two sessions 12.25-1.10pm and 1.25-2.10pm. I am afraid that the second session is full at the moment, but I can take new people at the first one.

You can put as much or as little as you want into the exercises. There is a mix of exercises with balance, balls, bands, and weights but no floor work.

This is a friendly group so don't be shy, give us a try and see what you think.

Sue McPhee

#### French Group

We have resumed meeting again fortnightly on Monday afternoons. As previously we start with a short translation from French, which has been circulated previously, then we share some of our news in French. After that we have a general chat in a mixture of French and English. We are a very friendly group, and we could take one or two new members with any level of French, but not complete beginners. If you would be interested, please contact using the website bird

#### **Guitar group**

First, the group thoroughly enjoyed the December Talents meeting.

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

#### **Local History**

The Local History Group is one of the most popular in AWAKE u3a with a regular attendance of between 40 and 50. The venue is St. Luke's Church Hall, so there's plenty of room for more! Our monthly meeting is on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1.30). Every meeting features an illustrated talk by an experienced speaker, and they cover a range of diverse topics related to the local history of Hull and East Yorkshire. If local history is your thing, then this is for you! If it's not, then come along and catch the bug – it's highly infectious!!

Coming up in the next few months:

15<sup>th</sup> February "Travellers' Tales: Visitors to Hull

in the 16th and 17th Centuries" by

Richard Clarke

21st March "Beverley: The Town's History" by

Paul Schofield

18<sup>th</sup> April "Hull and East Yorkshire History

Calendar" by Carol Osgerby

16<sup>th</sup> May "Behind the Scenes at East Riding

Archives by Hannah Stamp

Our meetings are open to all members of AWAKE u3a and their guests. Admission is usually £2 to cover hall hire costs, speaker fee, refreshments and a 4-page newsletter. Often the price is less and sometimes it's Free!

If you've not been before why not give us a try! It's a great afternoon out!

More information from the group leader, Francis Davies,

#### **NATUREWATCH**

Date	Venue
23.02.24	The Deep, Hull (entry fees)
08.03.24	Far Ings, Barton
22.03.24	Kilnsea & Spurn (car park fees)
12.04.24	Linwood Warren, Kingerby Beck Meadow. Mkt
Rasen	
26.04.24	Potteric Carr. Doncaster
10.05.24	Paull Holme stray & Stone Creek + Hodgeson Field
24.05.24	Bridlington Boat Trip. Costs tba closer to time

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.

See page 27 for a more detailed explanation of the Naturewatch group Mark & Celia Beaumont

#### Pickle Ball

We are a friendly group, able to entertain all abilities with a what's app group for contact with one another for extra games on other afternoons of the week. The rules of pickleball are very simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn. Whether you're a beginner or an expert at racquet sports such as badminton, tennis or table tennis, do come along for a try out at pickleball at Haltemprice Leisure Centre on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

Free for members of Haltemprice Leisure Centre, cheapest membership £13.50 a month for afternoon membership, or £3.00 a session for non-members. No equipment needed for a try out or occasional sessions as pickleball paddles are available for loan free of charge at reception.

Any monies collected will go towards the cost of pickleballs.

Contact Alison Ward on web site to book your tryout.

#### Play Reading1

There was no play reading in December, but we enjoyed meeting for a celebratory lunch.

The January play reading was Watcher in the Shadow by Norman Holland. It is set in 1908 in an old Manor House. A gypsy called Kesiah gets herself installed as the housekeeper. She does this by devious means which also include murder. She is determined to take over the house from Margaret Sumner the old lady who owns

it. Margaret is in poor health and is also a heavy drinker. Despite her unscrupulous efforts Kesiah is finally thwarted by the niece and friends of Margaret.

The next Meeting is on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, at 2p.m. Pauline Park & Christine Trever

#### **Quizzing group**

The Quiz Group is still going strong and continues to provide a very eniovable niaht's entertainment. The various challenge your but Quizmasters/mistresses knowledge. the emphasis is on fun. 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 Thursdays February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The Quiz is held at Anlaby Village Hall and start promptly at 7.30

Music Quiz
Can you name the singers and the year this photo was taken



(answers on page 20)

#### Singing for Fun

Singing for fun is what it says on the tin. We are not a choir but a group of people who like to sing 50's, 60's 70's songs and maybe some newer ones. Before Christmas we were entertaining the residents of St Mary's care home and also the Parklands at Beverley who all thoroughly enjoyed our music. Our next outing will be to St Luke's Church to entertain the Friendship group.

We meet alternate Tuesday evenings 6.30- 8pm at the Anlaby Village Hall. All welcome.

If you want more information, please get in touch. Sue

#### **Stately Homes**

The last three months have been very quiet for the group. Several members visited and enjoyed seeing the Christmas Display at Burton Constable Hall in December, but we didn't hold a meeting in the New Year. We had a gentle start in February, having a Fun Quiz about things we'd looked at in the group over the last few years. Our next meeting will, as usual be on the first Thursday of the month on March 7th at St Luke's Church Hall, 2 p.m. start and will be a presentation on Castle Howard. The rest of the year's programme will be identified then, and will include DVD presentations, visiting speakers as well as the usual visits to houses. If you would like more general information about the group, please do not hesitate to get in touch. (Chris Watson)

#### Supper Club

The supper group is on hold now until the weather gets a little better. If anyone has any suggestions as to where they would like to go, please get in touch.

Sue McPhee

#### **Short Walks**

**26 Feb** General cemetery snowdrops, The Avenue Chants to park etc

**11 Mar** Cottingham, King George playing field to park, King Billy to eat

25 Mar Brough, grass, park at Red Hawk

8 Apr 8 Skidby Mill, grass and mud, park at Half Moon and to

#### socialise

- 22 Apr Beverley Beck, park at Riverview Cafe.
- **13 May** Cherry Burton, park at playing field, socialise at Hayride pub.
- **27 May** is a Bank Holiday.
- **10 June** West Hedon, grass, park at station car park, Hungry Horse
- **24 June** East Hedon, lots of grass, station car park, Hungry Horse

#### **Table Tennis**

We continue to meet at our Men in Sheds venue, First Lane, Anlaby, if you fancy joining us every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month at 2pm you will be made welcome for a game, a hot drink and chocolate biscuit. Existing, ex-regulars and potential new members are always welcome, all equipment is supplied if required. please ring Steve Roberts 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  $\pounds 6.55$  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. 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 Newman.

#### Ukulele Groups Barely Awake

We played a selection of Christmas favourites at the Star Inn, Willerby in Arctic temperatures! for the Willerby Christmas lights switch on, it was a great success with around 200 people in attendance. The Stephen Hughes Foundation Christmas Ukulele Charity Festival at the new Walton club was also a great success with six groups in attendance and over £1500 raised for a very deserving charity,

I would like to thank our Barely Awake group members and the

u3a members who supported both events. We also played at an open event at the Derringham Bank methodist church and joined the u3a meeting of many talents at the December AWAKE general meeting with a great array of varied talent on show to over 100 members, well done to ALL.

We have continued in 2024 with appearances at the St. Mary's Care Home, Willerby Methodist Wives group and the Willerby Methodist Friends group.

Steve Roberts

#### Sunshine Strummers

It has been a great start to 2024 for the Sunshine Strummers U3A Ukulele Group with record attendances at recent Monday afternoon sessions at Men in Sheds in First Lane, Anlaby.

Our group meets weekly from 2.15pm – 4pm (Mondays). New players are always welcome and with the help of a short introductory programme beginners can quickly progress to the main group.

The Group started the year with the theme of 'Feel Good Tunes' to brighten up a cold and wet January and February period. Songs have included Happy Together, Glad All Over, Union of Different Kinds and My Favourite Things.

A tour of Lighthouses is planned for later in the Spring and Summer with songs linked to the sea and hopefully Fish and Chips to follow the performance.

Amazingly bookings are already coming in for Christmas 2024 and concerts are scheduled throughout the year with a busy Easter period already planned. Two venues with concerts in February and March have requested that we play a Rock and Roll Set list, so this will be our next theme to get us back into performance shape.

If interested in joining the Sunshine Strummers please contact using the web site bird Gary and Hazel Hughes

#### <u>It's the FUN & Culture Section</u> (not much Culture this time!)

I keep trying to forget about music from the 1960's.... But there is always something there to remind me!

Thought for the day.... Who picks up guide dog poo?

At Christmas, I asked the family if anyone wanted a Bucks Fizz. They are still making their mind up!

Rabbit Hutch Salesman, they always give you a run for your money!

I have just written a joke about Elton John, It's a little bit funny.

If Elton took his rabbit to the Gym, would it be a little Fit Bunny?

I went to a trendy nightclub recently, but the doorman would not let me in saying you have had too many, I said "what, drinks?" He said "No, Birthdays".

# And Finally IT'S WEIRD BEING THE SAME AGE AS OLD PEOPLE! 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, through the website contact system using the bird on the website

#### Next AWAKEN

### The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is Friday 3rd May 2024

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## Photos from our Awake has talent December Meeting with lots of our groups entertaining over 100 members, well done to all



Barely Awake



Mike & James, our very own Elderly Brothers



Lots of entertaining Circus skills on show



The Guitar Group



The Sunshine Strummers



Michael Ebeling demonstrating his acting skills



The Angel on the Christmas Tree was back to entertain us



Pauline Park reading Maureen Thompson's Poem





The Halloween witches at Hallgarth Care home,
Cottingham

### Walkington Ukulele Festival – Barely Awake and the Sunshine Strummers Playing

Our two amazing U3A Ukulele Bands, Barely Awake and the Sunshine Strummers will be performing at this year's Walkington Ukulele Festival, the small Festival with a Big WUF (Warm, Uplifting and Friendly) 28th/29th June 2024

An amazing array of talent will be playing over the weekend including nine local ukulele bands and professional ukulele artists including Chris McShane, Iain and Catherine Glencross and Fragile Lucy. There will also be workshops to improve your skills, Strum Along sessions, Open Mic and a ukulele set from the children of Willerby Carr Lane School.

The festival is raising funds for The Stephen Hughes Foundation, 'Saving Young Hearts' through research into the heart disease Myocarditis and The Foundation's Music and Sports Development Grants.

More details, including full schedule and ticket prices are published on The Stephen Hughes Foundation Facebook page, book early by using the web site bird on the Sunshine strummers site Gary and Hazel Hughes



#### The Sunshine Strummers in full force





Coffee and a Stroll Group (but where could they be?)

#### Awake Nature Watch Group

Basically, we are a Group of about 14 people, but we have never all turned up on the same day! There are usually 5 to 8 of us at each trip. The arrangement is that people turn up to any Outing advertised on the Programme that they want to, and there is no problem if they don't come. Some have their own transport, but a few do not and get lifts from those that do. Members often share cars to reduce the number needing to park, get to know each other better or share the navigation!! There is no set arrangement for sharing fuel costs. Some pay each other, others simply return the favour in the future.

I try to remember to send out a reminder a few days before the meeting and confirm the meeting point. I ask people to let me know if they are intending to come or not - so that I know who to contact if arrangements change at the last minute - usually because it is pouring with rain, or about to be!

The default meeting point is at the Sainsbury Car Park in Willerby. We meet on a Friday.

(see program for dates and destinations)

We do not have any membership charges, but, if we are going to a Reserve that has an entry fee, each member pays for themselves. If you belong to the R.S.P.B or the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, you of course get free entrance to their places so long as you remember to bring your card.

We are not expert naturalists. Indeed, even David Attenborough would not claim to be an expert on Wildlife, it is far too wide a subject. We simply all put in whatever knowledge we have and usually either arrive at an identification or agree who will follow it up later.

You would be very welcome to join our Group, or even just come out once with us to see what you might be letting yourself in for!

Please use the website for Nature watch and contact us through the bird.

Hope to hear from you or meet you soon, Best wishes from Celia and Mark.