

AWAKEN ONLINE

***The Online Newsletter of Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella
U3A PRODUCED IN A TIME OF NATIONAL CRISIS!***

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A Word from the Chair



Hello to you all,
These newsletters seem to be very popular. I am pleased that you are keeping in touch by sending your pieces of interest to Steve.

I hope that some of you are doing the bird survey. Why not have a go at writing a poem or a short story, as it would help to pass the time if you are stuck for

something to do. Send the results to Steve or myself.

How was your VE Day? Was there a party down your road? If so why not send us your photographs for your friends to see.

I am afraid that the news is not much better for the over seventies as it is going to be a long time before we can get back to normal! What's normal I hear you ask?

It's a good thing that it is summer and we can get in our gardens. Speaking of gardens, let us have your photographs of you in your garden or just your garden.

If you have any other ideas of ways to keep in touch please let us know.

Don't forget to wear your new fashion accessory when you go out. The face masks come in all different colours and help to protect you and others.

Stay safe, keep well and be alert!

Sue

Note from the Editor

THANK YOU for all of your contributions for Issue 1,2,3 & 4 Please keep them coming for Issue 5! Please note, Chris Moody has introduced a Room 101 section to the Website. Please keep your contributions coming. Also Don't forget to keep checking the rest of the U3A website! For group updates etc.

Latest News/Events

Membership/2020 AGM

I would like to thank everyone who has renewed their membership, especially under the current circumstances.

Wednesday 17th June should be the AWAKE AGM, but because of the virus still being with us, it will not take place on that date. We are allowed up to 15 months from our last AGM which takes us to Wednesday 16th September 2020. Listening to the current Government edict it is doubtful we will be able to meet together by then, therefore we will await further details and inform you accordingly.

Thank you
Sue

A reminder of the competitions launched in Issue 4

1. Poetry Competition

We have already received a number of Poems featured in Poets Corner but now you can submit a Corona Virus based poem and have the chance to win a £10 prize. Please submit your entry before the end of May and then members of the AWAKE committee will judge the entries.

2. Short Story competition

One for all of the budding Writers, a short story (Max 600 words) on a subject of your choice, once again with a £10 prize and to be submitted before the end of June (also to be judged by members of

the committee)

Please submit your entries for both competitions to either Sue McPhee or Steve Roberts

3. Garden Bird Survey

During the week Monday 18th May to Sunday 24nd May please record the birds that visit your garden, We will then pass this on to Celia & Mark Beaumont of the NatureWatch group and publish the findings in a future newsletter.

A table devised by Francis Davies is provided at the end of the Newsletter and on the Website for you to use (or create your own)

The competitions & the survey prompted our very own PL (Prolific Laureate, Sue McPhee) to pen the following poems on the subjects

Write a Story

Write a story give us a treat.
Help to pass the time till we meet.
Me! Write a story I hear you cry.
Put your pen to paper and give it a try.
Could be your memories of time in the war.
Or of people, events and a whole lot more.
Give us a story that's been in your head.
Now is the time for it to be read.
How pleased you would be if you had won.
A wish from the bucket list is now done.
Six hundred words no more, maybe less.
Why not give it try, do your best.
Think if you did win the prize.
To see it in print before your eyes.
While sat in your chair think of a way.
To write it all down without delay.
Send your stories to Steve and me.
The final choice will be with the committee.

Watching the Birds

Watching the Heron swoop down to the ground,
He elegantly walks and looks around.
He dips his head to catch his prey.
That's another meal he's had today.

Mother duck's swimming very proud,
With her ten little ducklings all around.
Protecting them from who knows what.
I hope she will protect the lot.

The large, green woodpecker is among the grass,
Eating the insects and grubs en masse
You normally hear his familiar trill,
Which sounds very much like a hammer drill.

The Moorhen's busy keeping control.
No strangers allowed when she's on patrol!
Chasing away birds, no fear of the size.
The bigger the bird, the greater the prize.

Observe the friendly Robin and Jenny Wren
Regular visitors, we see a lot of them.
Blue Tits, Great Tits and Goldfinch too.
Take a look out of your window, you may also see a few.

Interest Group News

Caravan Group

Regarding the Caravan trip to Leamington. Funds are now (13/05/20) all in for your full refund. Cheques going out.

Thanks for your patience.

Roger Coates

Digital Photography
More from Stewart Mawer's garden





Ann Burt wonders if her Lawn needs mowing?

Local History

I hope that members of the group (and others) are enjoying the on-line articles which have been appearing on the Local History page of the AWAKE U3A website over the past few weeks. These have all been written as a result of requests from members for more information on various aspects of our local history. Recent additions have been items on South Ella Hall (Part 1) and Elm Brae on Church Lane, Kirk Ella. Research on South Ella Hall and its residents is proving to be an extremely rewarding project and Parts 2 & 3 will appear in due course. These will, respectively, chart the middle and later history of the house before its demolition in 1959.

Thank you to those who have already sent in requests for information and also a big thank you to those who have helped with the research. Some have gone well beyond the call of duty! Do keep your requests coming. You can contact me directly via the Local History page on the website. We don't know how long it will be before we will be able to meet again but being able to read about the history of our area is a wonderful second best!

Keep well and stay safe!

Francis



Beginners Ukulele Group

The zoom internet meeting App is certainly working for the Beginners group who are now extending their repertoire on a weekly basis.

Sunshine Strummers Ukulele group



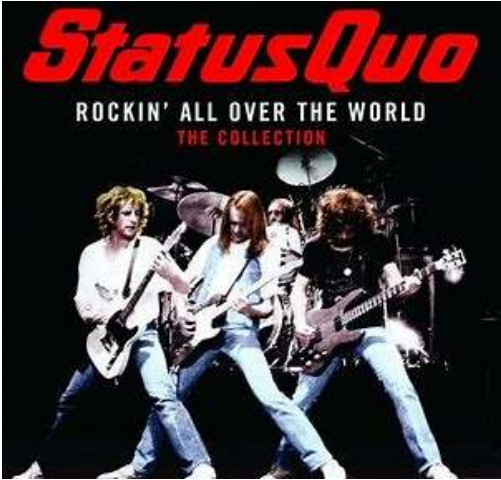
Strumming and Rockin' All Over

It was request time for the Sunshine Strummers Ukulele Band On-Line Strum along this week. Strummers were asked to choose their favourite song to include in a set list for all the band to play. As the votes came in it was a little like the Eurovision Song Contest and the following tunes were the most popular: -

Sweet Caroline, Da Doo Ron Ron, Oh Boy, Urban Spaceman, Jolene, Happy Wanderer, Delilah
Eight Days a Week, Stand by Me, All I Have to Do Is Dream
and Rockin' All Over the World

The song that received the most votes was Status Quo's 'Rockin' All Over the World' and amazingly, even when played on-line, all 17 strummers managed to finish at the same time!!





Barely Awake Ukulele group

Our Zoom meeting was a special one as we celebrated the 90th Birthday of our Founder member, Eric Brown, we had planned a special party to celebrate both the 5th Anniversary of the Ukulele group and Eric's 90th to be held at St. Luke's with all three groups and their family and friends in attendance but the lockdown put a stop to that. We are however now planning a zoom session with all three groups which should involve around 40 people, now THAT should be fun! (it's Garry's Idea)!





Eric Brown celebrating his 90th birthday

Quiz Time, Folks, First of all, the answers from Issue 4)

Answers to the ‘May’ Quiz from Les McPhee

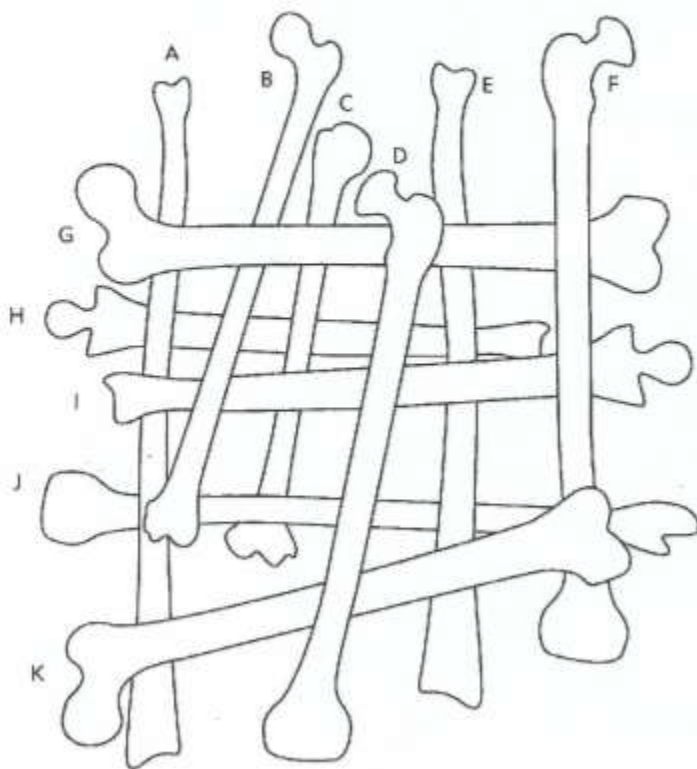
- 1) We all should know the name of the previous Prime Minister, but what is her husband called? - **Philip**
- 2) Who is an astrophysicist and the lead guitarist with Queen? - **Brian May**
- 3) Which cricketer succeeded Len Hutton as England captain & which county did he play for? - **Peter May - Surrey**

- 4) What is the International Distress Signal used mainly by airmen & mariners? – May Day, May Day
- 5) Which Chuck Berry single released in 1955 was considered a pioneering rock & roll song? - Maybellene
- 6) Which long haired motoring journalist was a co-presenter on the BBC's previous 'Top Gear' show? – James May
- 7) 'Never cast a clout 'til May is out' COULD be associated with which shrub? – Common Hawthorn
- 8) Who was the American actress born in 1893, who was also a singer, playwright, screenwriter and sex symbol? – Mae West
- 9) What was the TV comedy drama set in Kent and adapted from a 1958 novel of the same name? – Darling Buds of May
- 10) The 1971 single record 'Reason to Believe' was at No1 for 5 weeks, but what was the more popular 'B' side called? – Maggie May
- 11) In 1620, which ship transported Pilgrims from Plymouth to Cape Cod in America? - Mayflower
- 12) What is the name of the aquatic insect with a long tail and wings which do not fold flat over the abdomen? – Mayfly

Holmes & Watson Poser No. 4

A BONE TO PICK

A gruesome task to carry out! This pile of bones needs to be examined and catalogued. In which order must you remove the bones so that you are always taking the top one off the pile?



Answer: D, K, F, G, B, I, E, A, J, C & H

New quiz from David Newman

Famous Matthews

We've seen Health Secretary Matt Hancock regularly since lockdown, but how many other people called MATT, MATTHEW or MATTHEWS can you recognise?

1. aka George Dawes, who was the co-creator of 'Little Britain'?
2. Which Captain was the first person to swim the English Channel?
3. Who created 'The Simpsons'?
4. Who won four consecutive Olympic gold medals for the UK in rowing?
5. Who, with twin brother Luke, formed the 80s pop group Bros?
6. Which English actor played Paul Temple for the BBC from 1969-1971?
7. Which Lincolnshire-born navigator and cartographer named Australia?
8. Which American actor starred as Jason Bourne in films between 2002 and 2016?
9. Who was the eleventh TV Doctor Who?
10. Known as 'the man with the golden voice', who sang the theme song for the James Bond film 'From Russia with Love'?
11. Which footballer, born in Saint Peters Port, spent his whole professional career at Southampton and won 8 England caps?
12. Three celebrities called Matt all came second in Strictly Come Dancing between 2006 and 2010. Who were they?
13. What was the title of Cat Stevens' highest charting single in the UK?

14. What are these the first words of? "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham".
15. Who played Joey Tribbiani in 'Friends'?
16. Which radio broadcaster presented 'Saturday Club' and 'Sound of the 60s'?
17. Who presented both 'Game for a Laugh' and 'Stars in their Eyes' on ITV?
18. Which group had a UK number one single with Joni Mitchell's 'Woodstock' in 1970?
19. Who has reported on and presented BBC's 'Watchdog' since 1997?
20. Who sold "bootiful" Norfolk turkey products?

A walking quiz for all of you daily exercise freaks devised by Sue & Les McPhee to give a purpose to your daily stroll (I think I will stick to my daily routine of a lockdown Lie In prior to lunch and a strenuous lockdown lounge in the afternoon)

A Short Walk Starting at the Willerby Square Roundabout and Finishing towards the end of Main Street.

- 1 How far from Willerby Square to Southport on two wheels?
- 2 How many arched brick windows can you count in these two buildings?
- 3 Six black half baskets on the corner, where?
- 4 These fairies like to be at the front of which garden?
- 5 Who owned the buses here?
- 6 Don't expect to get your "grannies" from here.

- 7 Strictly no parking here and stand to look up at the camera to gain entrance.
- 8 Where does Joanne Fogg give "careful" training?
- 9 Where can you stop for an Illy and an Icecream?
- 10 Which Robbie Williams song is appropriate here? Where?
- 11 Where do we honour our fallen?
- 12 Could this be a racecourse? I don't think so.
- 13 Does the "Lady" lodge here?
- 14 You can be sure of a good welcome here.
- 15 What Amsterdam greeting is on this door?
- 16 Ring Amanda, to find out about what information?
- 17 Which house gathers a lot of this on their furrowed one?
- 18 Where do they wear their hearts on a tree, not on their sleeves?
- 19 A camel keeps watch on the front door here, but the entrance is round the back.
- 20 The name's hiding away when you look through this leafy archway?
- 21 Do not cold call up here. You may get Elba'd off.
- 22 Somewhere over the rainbow is seen on the corner of where?

Holmes & Watson Poser No. 5

Sharing the Horses

At the police stables one of the horses had gone lame, leaving only 17 horses to cover the local football matches. The instructions left for the mounted officers were as follows. Team A could use one half of the horses: Team B could use one third of the horses and Team C could use one ninth of the horses. The three team leaders scratched their heads and couldn't see how they could possible share the horses by 2, 3 or 9. Then the Officer in Charge of the mounted section arrived on his horse to see what the problem was and in no time at all he had divided the horses as the instructions had been given. How did he do it?

All Answers in Issue 6

Your funny Articles & photos

For those born before 1940

We were born before:- television, penicillin, flu shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos, frisbees and the pill. We also lived before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ballpoint pens, automatic dishwashers, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be). We thought fast food was what you ate in Lent. A big mac was an over-sized raincoat and crumpet was what we had for tea. We existed before house-husbands, computer dating, dual careers, when a meaningful relationship meant 'getting along' with your cousins, and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centers, group homes and disposable nappies. We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, liver transplants, word processors, microwave ovens or young men wearing earrings and beauty treatment,

For us time sharing meant togetherness, a chip was a piece of wood or a fried potato, hardware meant nuts and bolts and software wasn't even a word.

Before 1948 something made in Japan meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, a stud was something that fastened a collar to a shirt, and going all the way meant staying on a double deck bus until it reached the depot. Pizzas, Mac Donald's and instant coffee and tea, were unheard of. in our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mown, coke' was kept in the coal house; a joint was a piece of meat you had on Sundays; and pot was something you cooked it in. Rock music was grandma's lullaby, El Dorado was an ice cream, a gay person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, Drag meant to pull or shove something heavy across the floor, and Aids just meant treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the ways in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused!!

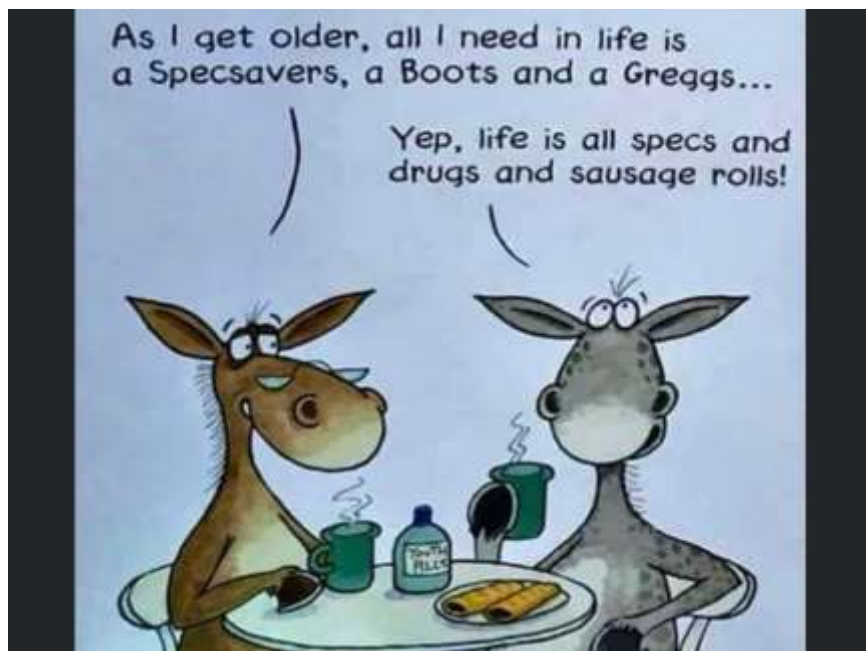
But... by the grace of God we have survived.....

Author Unknown but provided by David Robinson

With Humans in isolation wildlife returns to normal in Scotland.



**10am on a Monday Morning in Hull City Centre
From Steve Clarkson**



Bank Robbers or Interest Group Leaders
Can you name them?









Butch Cassidy or the Sundance Kid?





This is a real teaser!

The Day Grandpa Went Shopping for Monsters

by David Newman

"We're going shopping later this morning," Grandpa said to Sam as they were finishing their breakfasts. Sam's parents had dropped him off on their way to work and he was hoping for something exciting to do. Not boring shopping.

"Must we?" He asked.

"It's the late-summer fair at the village hall on Saturday and your Mum's volunteered to take scones to sell. We need to get the ingredients for her, and I've got a few things to buy. Look, here's the shopping list I've written." He passed Sam a sheet of notepaper. "If you can think of anything you'd like..."

Sam looked at the list. Boring, boring, boring. But, then he saw something strange. There, in black and white (well, in blue and white if you want to be nitpickingly accurate), below 'jam' and 'cream' was... MONSTERS! Sam couldn't believe what he was seeing. He closed his eyes then looked again and the monsters were still there on Grandpa's shopping list.

The thing is, Grandpa is really good at monsters. He does the best monsters Sam has ever known. The Giant in 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. "FEE, FIE, FO, FUM, I SMELL THE BLOOD OF AN ENGLISHMAN." Or the Big Bad Wolf. "I'LL HUFF AND I'LL PUFF AND I'LL BLOW YOUR HOUSE DOWN." Or, most scarily of all, the trolls under the bridge waiting to eat the Billy Goats Gruff. "TRIP, TRAP. TRIP, TRAP!" Grandpa has always had a special way with monsters, Sam thought, but surely he can't be buying some at Tesco?

He passed the list back with shaking hands. He suddenly wasn't feeling very well.

Each time Grandpa pushed the shopping trolley around the corner to go down the next aisle, Sam cowered back until he'd had a good look to make sure monsters weren't lurking there. Definitely no monsters, although some of the ladies at the tills were a bit scary.

Eventually Grandpa took the list out of his pocket and read through it, comparing it with the items in the trolley. "Yes, that's everything," he said. Sam looked down. Yes, everything was there: the jam and cream for his Mum's scones, as well as some

items that were not on Grandpa's list such as bread, milk and toilet rolls. (Grandpa had called these staples, but Sam thought that staples were little bits of metal which held sheets of paper together.) But, of course, there were no monsters. *Why couldn't he see what he was missing?* Sam thought. Seeing his confusion, Grandpa asked him what was wrong.

"There's something on the list that you haven't got," he said in a very timid voice.

Looking again, Grandpa went through each item carefully and shook his head. "No. I'm sure it's all there, Sam. What do you think is missing?"

Sam somehow managed to croak out the word "monsters" but not loud enough to be heard. He tried again. "Monsters," he repeated and this time Grandpa heard him.

"Monsters? There's no monsters on the list."

"There," Sam said, pointing. "Monsters. Trolls."

"Trolls? No, no." He burst out laughing. "Not trolls. T rolls. Look you can see the space between the T and the ... well maybe not. Anyway that's my shorter way of writing toilet rolls. Trolls! Well I never." He saw the relief on his grandson's face and realised just how worried he'd been. "The only monsters today will be in the story I read you later, I promise. Come on, we'll pay for these and then go to the cafe for a drink. If you don't tell your Mum there might be a monster-sized chocolate bun for us to share."

POETS CORNER

Another four poems from the Prolific Laureate (Sue Mc)

Social Distancing

Social distancing is what we do,
When we're all standing in a queue.
Keeping within the lines on the floor,
Until we get right to the door.
We're counted in and counted out,
Dare not stay long or mooch about.
Is there time to go elsewhere?
Do you think you really dare,
To queue again for half an hour
Just to see if they have some flour?

You see some friends and wave hello.
Not allowed to stand, you've got to go.
Shout and ask if they are well,
Too far away to really tell....
Walking back along the street,
Giving a wide berth to those we meet.
Distancing to keep clear of the bugs,
If only we could give the hugs...
Keeping distance may last much longer
Hopefully this will make us stronger

Thursday Nights

Remember eight o'clock on a Thursday night.
You don't need an alarm to get it right.
Just open a window or a door,
And use your ears to find out more.
The clapping of hands and banging of pans,
No need to bring out the local bands.
Use anything you can that makes a noise,
Children bringing out their toys.
To show their appreciation for the NHS,
Without them we would be in a mess.
Clap or bang for five minutes long,
Show you care, maybe write a song.,
It's every Thursday so don't forget
Open your door and stand on your step.
Bang your pan or rattle your tin,
Make a noise, make a din.
Wave to the neighbours and give a shout,
They all know what it's about.
Have a laugh and a bit of cheek,
Excitement over see you next week.

Keeping Fit

I hear the U3A is hoping to keep us fit
So they have asked Mr Motivator to do his bit
So Monday mornings we'll get off our bums
Bending and stretching to help those tums
Walk on the spot get your knees up high

Don't worry about the passers by
Punching the air and wide arm flings
To help us with those bingo wings
Stretch the feet and turn the toes
Exercise fans know how it goes
Keep on marching to the beat
It's not yet time to take a seat
Oh my goodness how much more
Can one take, we'll be on the floor
Did I hear him say jumping jacks
Does he want us on our backs
My skin is leaking and I'm out of puff
It's time to stop I've had enough

When It's Over

Let's have a party when all this is over
Up to Scotland and down to Dover
In the road, in the street, even in the park
Let your hair down and party till it's dark
For all the hard work that people have done
To get us through now the battle is won
Along the way there has been heartbreak and grief
With many of us giving sighs of relief
Our thoughts go to those who have lost someone dear
Happy stories and memories keeping them near
Let's meet our family and friends once more
For coffee and chat by not breaking the law
We'll thank all the carers and NHS staff
And hope that this virus is over at last
Make the most of your time while at home
Until you are free to go out on you own

Final Thoughts from the Editor

How times have changed, Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are screaming at them to GET IN!

My car is very economical, it is currently doing 6 weeks to the gallon.

Did you know that Towels are the biggest cause of Dry Skin

That's All for now Folks see you soon with No. 6!

Species Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Blackbird							
Blackcap							
Blue Tit							
Bullfinch							
Chaffinch							
Chiff Chaff							
Coal Tit							
Collared Dove							
Crow							
Dunnock							
Feral Pigeon							
Goldcrest							
Goldfinch							
Great Tit							
Greater Spotted Woodpecker							
Greenfinch							
Grey Wagtail							
Heron							
House Martin							
House Sparrow							
Long-tailed Tit							
Magpie							
Mallard							
Mistle Thrush							
Moorhen							
Pheasant							
Pied Wagtail							
Robin							
Siskin							

Song Thrush							
Sparrow Hawk							
Starling							
Swift							
Tawny Owl							
Tree Sparrow							
Wood Pigeon							
Wren							