

# **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,  
Hope you are fighting fit, albeit bored  
and keeping clear of the Covid19.  
It is good that the weather has been  
quite kind to us, allowing people to  
get in their gardens. A lot of us  
should have been on holiday by now,  
but along with many others, Les and I  
have already got used to the idea of

not having one this year.

On a sadder note one of our members and ex chairperson Mike Noddings died suddenly on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Many of you early members might have known him. Mike was one of the people who helped to get the AWAKE up and running and also led the Whiskey group. Maureen (his wife) and his family, would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and support that they have received during this sad time. He will be sadly missed.

I would also like to say thank you to Dave Carlton who has been the group leader for the longer walking group. He is stepping down due to ill health. We wish him well. Hoping that the September newsletter will have better news and that we will be able to get about more and see each other.

Keep Safe, Sue

## **Note from the Editor**

**THANK YOU for all of your contributions for Issue 1,2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Please keep them coming for Issue 9!**

**Also Don't forget to keep checking the rest of the U3A website! For group updates etc.**

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

### **Interest Group News**

#### **Craft Group**

I hope everyone is doing well and keeping safe.

Unlike myself going flying through the air and breaking my wrist and bruised knees and black eye.

Fortunately getting better now and managing to sew with one hand on the machine two simple quilts.

It has been a good time to sort out all those unwanted threads and craft things and clean out the shed,

Cannot say when we can meet again, as due to the size of the room. If we spread out and reduce numbers the cost would not cover the room.

If you are in need of any threads, sewing/ machine needles etc. Let me know.

#### **Further message from Brenda**

After struggling with a dental problem which caused me to go on a restricted diet for 6 weeks, I was just getting out and about when I had a bad fall with lots of bruising and a fractured right wrist. This meant I could not drive.

I have had to work one handed for three weeks .

I go for x ray to find out if the fracture has healed tomorrow, 21st fingers crossed .

As regards the Group meeting again.

Unlike the Games Group we cannot use the large hall at the Willerby church, as there is a keep fit class on the same morning.

I will consult the Church when I can get out and see what days,

if any they could accommodate our class.  
Hope everyone is doing well.  
Best wishes  
Brenda Stapleton  
Group Leader

## **Digital Photography**

Both Stewart & Peter have looked into starting the group again with a local trip out involving two groups of only 6 people. The U3A Risk Assessment form has now been amended into a suitable format for emailing so WATCH THIS SPACE for our first outing!

**Can I start a new Digital Photography project for ALL of our readers, with the advent of a STAYCATION being the in thing, lets have your photographs extolling the virtues of God's Country – YORKSHIRE**

**Two photos of the same Yorkshire resort – Can you identify it?**





And what does this quiet corner of East Yorkshire have in common with Australia?

**Answers to both on page 28**

## Local History

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you and yours are all well and that you are enjoying summertime, whether at home or on holiday.

In July, for the first time since lockdown, we were able to hold our meeting as planned, albeit via Zoom on the Internet. Many thanks to Paul Schofield who, as usual, gave an excellent presentation, this time on the history of Beverley, as he took us on a virtual tour around the town. Paul told us that he was impressed by the size of his audience!

You will not be surprised to hear that, this month, we are having to postpone the talk on Trinity House until a later date. You will understand that under present circumstances it will not be possible to hold this meeting scheduled for 20th August. Although we are monitoring the situation month by month, it doesn't look likely that we will be able to meet again for a few more months yet but I will keep you updated.

In the meantime, please do check out the AWAKE U3A website as this is being updated with new information on a regular basis. The latest addition on the Local History page <https://u3asites.org.uk/awake/page/22001> is Part 3 of the ongoing series of articles about South Ella. It describes the life and times of John Beadle, who occupied the house from 1833 to 1869. The article includes a colourful description of the opening of Victoria Dock in 1850 and an account of the disastrous launching of one of John Beadle's ships. Part 4 of this series, which will take us into the 20th century, is still in preparation and should be available to read later this month.

To keep you in touch with the wider activities of AWAKE U3A, a printed copy of our newsletter, AWAKEN, will be published in September and circulated to every member. In the meantime, please do check the website for the latest information, and if you have any questions, comments or contributions, please do let me know.

Keep well and stay safe!

Kind regards,

Francis

## NatureWatch

Hope everyone is keeping well and social distancing when going out. The reserves are all doing socially distancing so for the time being we are still grounded but individually you can pop out and see what is happening.

In our back garden we have the return of the hedgehog, for the last fortnight a sparrow hawk has been playing with the pigeons in the Springhead golf course (on the 18<sup>th</sup>) newts have been found under pots, gate keeper, peacock, comma, orangetip and red admiral butterflies have been around the buddleia bushes. Bats have been flying on an evening, in 1 and 2`s, but no sign of either foxes or owls. Elephant hawk moth caterpillar found on the watermint in the middle of the pond (trying to keep cool!)

All the best

Mark + Celia



Some of the varied bird feathers picked up from Ann Burt's lawn

## Pudding Club

Hello everyone, I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It's a while since we were all together at Bob's in March celebrating St. Patrick's day and it looks like it will be a while before we are allowed to meet again as we are not allowed to meet in each other's houses or provide refreshments, so that scuppers us on both counts. As today is National ice cream pie day, (probably in USA) here's a recipe to keep you going. Chocolate Hazelnut ice cream cheesecake. 200g honey nut cornflakes. 2x400 jars chocolate hazelnut spread. 2x180 tubs full-fat cream cheese. 1 tablespoon roasted and chopped hazelnuts..... Put cornflakes and half a jar of choc spread in a bowl and mix. Press into 23cm springform tin. Beat cream cheese until smooth, then fold in rest of chocolate spread. Smooth onto the cornflake base, wrap in cling film and freeze overnight. Remove from freezer 30 mins before serving. Sprinkle with hazelnuts. If any of you have a recipe to share, please do. Keep safe everyone. We're not out of the woods yet.  
Joan

## Long Walking Group

*The Awake Longer Walks group will have a trial resumption on Thursday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. with a 5 mile ,2.5 hour circular route from North Newbald at 9.30. Existing and any new members are most welcome and can contact Neville on 07840077965 or [rnchamberlain47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rnchamberlain47@hotmail.co.uk) for further details. A map with a terrain description and weather forecast will be emailed a couple of days beforehand.*

**The Covid-19 security requirements are:  
PLEASE;**

- **Do not attend if you are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms**
- **Bring hand sanitiser and carry a face mask**
- **Do not share refreshments**
- **Do not car share with anyone outside your household**
- **Maintain a 1 metre+ distance from other walkers**

*If the trial is successful and there is sufficient demand we will draw up a programme of walks for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. Thursdays of each month.*



## **Ten Pin Bowling**

David Bodecott is intending to recommence the Monday Ten Pin Bowling sessions on 14<sup>th</sup> September, David will be in touch with all members of the group to convey the Covid-19 rules as laid down by the Government, U3A & the Bowling Alley

At this time David Newman is not considering recommencement of the Friday Sessions.



## **Big Bash II**

Garry & Hazel Hughes

### **Rock and Roll Big Bash**

Three U3A Ukulele bands came together recently for an on-line Ukulele Big Bash (our third in the series) on the Zoom platform. The Sunshine Strummers, Barely Awake and U3A Beginners played a set list of great songs linked to a Rock and Roll theme chosen for the event. Many dressed in rock and roll attire and two Elvis look-a-likes playing ukulele appeared at the session.

P J Proby also made a guest appearance in the second half alongside Denise.

Songs enthusiastically strummed included Putting on the Style, Twisting the Night Away, Oh Boy, Rock around the Clock, Shake Rattle and Roll, All Shook Up, Be-Bop-A-Lula, See You Later Alligator, Johnny B Goode and Blue Suede Shoes.

Long Live Rock and Roll and Keep Strumming!!





## **The Sunshine Strummers, Beginners and Barely Awake.**

We are all still meeting on a weekly basis through Zoom and enjoying a good old strum. It is good to see everyone and have a 'bit of crack' but nothing beats getting together and playing. Hopefully it will not be too long before 'we'll meet again' we will not be 'singing in the rain' but forgetting 'yesterday' and looking forward to another 'Sunny afternoon' playing.

**Denise and Steve Roberts**



## Quiz Time, Folks, First of all, the answers from Issue 7

Each morning during 'lockdown' I have been going out for a walk, never straying more than about 2km from home. These are some of the places I have walked past. Can you identify each one? Answers in the next Newsletter. **Francis Davies**



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## **Answers to the Francis Davies Picture Quiz**

1. The Old Springhead Inn on Wolfreton Road
2. St. Andrew's Memorial Hall, Beverley Road
3. Haltemprice Priory Farm
4. Springhead Park Golf Clubhouse
5. Willerby Hall
6. Springhead Pumping Station
7. Wolfreton House, Beverley Road
8. The Old Hall, Anlaby
9. Subway under old H&B Railway embankment between King George V Fields and Marshall Ave.
10. "Old" Willerby Methodist Church, Willerby Square

## **Roadmap Quiz (From David Newman)**

The government is currently implementing a roadmap to ease us out of the lockdown. How many of the following questions about roads and maps (but mostly roads!) can you answer?

1. Which song begins "Trailers for sale or rent, rooms to let 50 cents"?
2. What is the UK speed limit when towing a caravan on a motorway?
3. Which iconic diagram was designed by Harry Beck in 1931?
4. Between 1940 and 1962, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour made seven "Road To" films. The 4th was "Road to Utopia", but the others had actual exotic destinations. How many can you name?
5. Where did Chris Rea's road go to in his 1989 song?
6. Where did Talking Heads' road go to in their 1985 song?
7. Where did George Orwell's road go to in his 1937 book?
8. What name is given to any mediaeval European map of the World?
9. Most of Manchester is encompassed by which motorway?
10. In which English county is Street, home to a Clark's Village shopping outlet?
11. Which one of the following countries drive on the left-hand side of the road - Cuba, Israel, Japan or Saudi Arabia?
12. Which series of novels by EF Benson were broadcast on BBC1 at Christmas 2014, and starred Miranda Richardson and Anna Chancellor as the two title characters?

13. Which two adjectives describe the road taken by The Beatles in their 1970 song?
14. Which Roman Road linked Exeter with Lincoln?
15. The Gravelly Hill Interchange is better known by what nickname?
16. Between which two cities does the Historic US Route 66 run?
17. Who illustrated the routes in his popular walking guides of Lake District Fells between 1955 and 1966?
18. What name was given to the ancient network of trade routes that connected the Eastern World and the West?
19. What is the longest motorway in the UK?
20. Which road on the boundary of Willerby and Anlaby links two English Civil War adversaries?

## **Answers**

1. King of the Road
2. 60 MPH
3. The London Underground Map
4. Singapore, Zanzibar, Morocco, Rio, Bali and Hong Kong
5. Hell
6. Nowhere
7. Wigan Pier
8. Mappa Mundi
9. M60
10. Somerset
11. Japan
12. Mapp and Lucia
13. Long and winding
14. The Fosse Way
15. Spaghetti Junction
16. Chicago and Los Angeles
17. Alfred Wainwright
18. The Silk Road
19. M6 (Rugby to Gretna)
20. Ashdene Close - links King Charles Close to Cromwell Court

# A Bird Quiz from Mike Noddings

'British Birds' Puzzle : one point for each

No.	Clue	No. of letters	Answer
1	Found on a chess board	4	
2	Invoice for an item of cutlery	9	
3	When a cat gets up	9	
4	Could mean a death sentence	8	
5	Small move left or right	6,4	
6	Brightly coloured tool	6,6	
7	Eating action	7	
8	Black and white dog shows pleasure	4,7	
9	Call 15 21 26 05 12	4,5	
10	Royal angler	10	
11	Shell seizer	13	
12	Difficult to undo	4	
13	Crimson bird with surprisingly no strings	3,4	
14	Watch out, low-flying mollusc	8	
15	Greedy person	6	
16	Shave William	9	
17	Hidden gunman does this	5	
18	Extra fowl	7	
19	A bit of fun in the air	7	
20	Street decorations for bookworms	4,7	
21	Angry Clinton or Gates	9	
22	Egg-born cashew	8	
23	Timber rooster	8	
24	Act of theft	5	
25	Polish part of a car	7	

# Answers

Rook

Spoonbill

Kittiwake

Blackcap

Little Tern

Yellow Hammer

Swallow

Pied Wagtail

Ring Ouzel

Kingfisher

Oystercatcher

Knot

Red Kite

Shelduck

Gannet

Razorbill

Snipe

Moorhen

Skylark

Reed Bunting

Crossbill

Nuthatch

Woodcock

Robin

Waxwing

## **Holmes & Watson Poser No. 7**

### **Where To?**

The hunt for criminal masterminds had always been a global mission. Look at the message below. How many countries have been investigated in this particular case, and what are they?

*A person may linger many a time without arousing suspicion. Carrying out what seems like a normal task may not be normal at all. For example, a church I left yesterday has been a focus of suspicion for a long time. An institution such as a church in a strange way should be above suspicion.*

*Looking at the trade in guns, a rifle ban on the other hand would be understandable. I can't believe I ran into a rifle dealer purely by accident. One similar gent in another part of the city wouldn't look suspicious. Perhaps it's all in the mind, I anticipate an arrest soon.*

***The Countries are: Germany, Malta, Chile, China, Lebanon, Iran, Argentina & India***



## **This Months Quiz's**

### **YORKSHIRE PLACES QUIZ**

- 1 Two-way river crossing
- 2 Bovine wish
- 3 People shouldn't throw stones here
- 4 Meadow in a drought
- 5 A little sugar
- 6 Enough of American independence
- 7 Like mum from Sydney
- 8 Cook in farmland
- 9 Sell something really heavy
- 10 An attic to reside in
- 11 Public School entrance
- 12 This love is found in the orchestra
- 13 Pitt crosses the water here
- 14 Bacon is bad in France
- 15 A humorous buzzer
- 16 A type of antelope
- 17 Scottish peak eliminating
- 18 Is the pachyderm in?
- 19 Water features at Westminster
- 20 Tailor a fish

# **Not Out of the Woods Quiz**

Despite Lockdown easing, we have been warned that “we are not out of the woods yet”. To support this statement, all the answers to this quiz have ‘WOOD’ somewhere within them.

1. Which actor played Callan in the TV series from 1967 to 1972?
2. Who was President of the USA from 1913 to 1921?
3. Which cartoon bird, who first appeared in 1940, had a mate called Winnie?
4. Which play by Dylan Thomas was first broadcast on BBC radio a year after his death?
5. Which leisure centre is at East Park, Hull?
6. Which Elvis Presley number one single is bilingual?
7. Which 1987 biographical drama film starred Meryl Streep as a nuclear industry whistleblower?
8. Who is the longest-serving cast member of EastEnders?
9. Which sporting festival in Sussex is always ‘glorious’?
10. How is the cartoon character Sheriff Pride better known?
11. Who was the founder member of the groups Move, Electric Light Orchestra and Wizard?
12. Where is The Major Oak?
13. Who won the 1977 Oscar for Best Director for Annie Hall?
14. Where does Rupert the Bear live?
15. After which English composer were the Promenade Concerts renamed following his death in 1944?
16. Which Civil Parish also contains the village of Dunswell and the hamlet of Thearne?
17. Which British fashion designer was largely responsible for bringing 1970s punk and new wave fashion into the mainstream?
18. Which series featured in the Friday edition of Watch with Mother?
19. Which Secretary of State for Wales famously tried to mime the Welsh national anthem in 1993?
20. Which major cultural event took place in August 1969 at Max Yasgur’s dairy farm in New York State?

21. Which English comedian, actress, singer, composer, screenwriter, producer and director (1953 to 2016) was once married to The Great Soprendo?
22. Which American actress died in suspicious circumstances in 1981? Her husband, Robert Wagner, was named as a person of interest in the subsequent investigation.
23. Which top sportsman has the first names Eldrick Tont?
24. Name the maternity home which closed in the mid-1980s and was less than five miles from Willerby Square.

## **Holmes & Watson's Poser**

The Chief Inspector has called at Moneybags Mansion, home of the eccentric Lord Moneybags. He is there in order to investigate the suspicious disappearance of the Head Gardener, along with a large amount of money, which had been locked in the safe. 'How many servants do you have here Lord Moneybags?' asked the Chief Inspector. 'Now let me think,' Lord Moneybags replied. 'I'm always forgetting so I have a special way of remembering which I will share with you. You are looking for the smallest number where the name of the number, when written out in capitals, is made up of the same number of straight lines as the number itself.'

How many servants did Lord Moneybags have?

## **Your funny Articles & photos**



**Pete Taylor has even trained his garden birds to socially distance!**

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

**I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.**

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

**Until further notice, the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today & nextday.**

**THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE**

**THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON**

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start? I Do Not Like Season ONE.

Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are

## **Make a face Mask – What could be Simpler!**

Face Coverings. A few weeks ago, Ann Dixey made me a face mask. It seems she had a little cottage industry going but at the time face masks weren't mandatory. Now they are for just about everywhere except for outdoors. Maybe that will come. I looked closely at Ann's mask. Maybe I could have a go. I've still got my old sewing machine. It's 50 years old, weighs a ton and hasn't been out of the cupboard in 30 years, but luckily it still works. I googled face masks. There were dozens of different patterns, from ones that needed no sewing; including a handkerchief with 2 elastic bands and a mask made from an old sock, (both tried and quickly dismissed,) to more elaborate ones. I found a pattern. All I needed now was material. At this point we were in full lockdown so I searched cupboards and drawers to find something suitable. An old tee shirt. That should do the trick. I cut a shape to the requisite dimensions and used a J cloth for the insert giving the mask its three layers of thickness. Stitching the elastic was a bit fiddly but in the end it was done. All I needed now was the pleat which allows the mask to stretch over the face. Done. I tried it on. The scientists say a mask does not deplete oxygen levels. I felt as though I had a cushion tied to my face. Jersey is not a good material to make a face mask from.

Back to the drawing board. Then I found some material which I had used for covering jars of homemade jam. That worked much better, but I'm still not sure about red gingham. I knew Ann had used new sheets to make her masks so I looked to see if I had anything similar. My next three masks were made from an old blue pillowcase. Getting better and much more breathable.

My son asked me if I would make him some masks because he didn't like the disposable ones. I need some manly material. Amazon was selling mask making packs in all different colours so I ordered dark blue which arrived very quickly. There wasn't much to this pack as when it arrived is fitted nicely through the letterbox. It consisted of seven 10 by 10 inch different pieces of material, a long piece of thin elastic and seven nose pinchers. I thought the 10 by 10 was the wrong size. Doubled over and allowance made for stitching it barely covered the face. I cut a

piece 10 by 7 and used the same size cut from the leftover blue pillowcase to use as the backing and stitched that with the J cloth insert. I was happy with the overall result. That was until I saw The Duchess of Cambridge wearing a mask and thought how snugly it fitted with no gaps at the side. I had mask envy. How could I get that result? I cut off the elastic that had caused me so much trouble, threaded the thin elastic through a bodkin, inserted it and stitched the ends tightly together to form a continuous loop. Now, when the mask is worn there are no gaps at the side and I am finally happy that I have a snug, safe easy to wear mask. When I now go into shops I find myself looking at people's masks. I wonder where they got that one from; I like that material, etc. I think masks are going to be a big part of our lives now for a long time to come and will become a fashion accessory. I'm off to search for some more material.

Joan Greenley

## **An interesting submission from Francis Davies**

### **Lockdown, 17<sup>th</sup> century-style. Does this sound familiar?**

"In the month of July, anno 1635, the plague, which, for some time past, had raged in several of the sea-port towns abroad, made its appearance in [Hull], notwithstanding all the wise precautions taken to prevent it, and spread with great rapidity. Many of the inhabitants left their houses, and fled to the country: strict watch was kept both night and day; the gates were kept continually shut, except when provisions were brought in: all assemblies and meeting were forbidden; schools were discontinued, and churches entirely unfrequented. The whole town soon exhibited a scene of horror, silence, and distraction: the streets were unfrequented, and the country people fearing to attend markets, made provisions excessively dear....."

[By 1638] The town had now been infected for upwards of three years, and all commerce was totally extinct. Upwards of two thousand five hundred persons, once in easy and opulent circumstances, were now reduced to seek relief in the town; towards whose maintenance, the daily relief of the infected, and the additional sums paid to persons employed in attending the sick, burying the dead, and other humane and necessary offices, the magistrates were obliged to lay a heavy tax on the



inhabitants both of the town and county, which they ordered to be paid in weekly collections. All that could be procured this way however, was found insufficient for the purpose; so that in the end they were under the necessity of soliciting the charitable assistance of the three ridings of the county of York, besides several well-disposed people in different parts of the kingdom, who contributed bountifully to their relief. The collections made upon this occasion amounted to a considerable sum, without which, the town had inevitably been ruined, and many of its inhabitants perished for want of the necessities of life.

"The terrible pestilence continued to exist till about the middle of June 1638, when it pleased God to put a stop to its further ravages. The number of persons who perished by it, were two thousand seven hundred and thirty, exclusive of those who fled out of the town and died elsewhere, and even died of other disorders, which according to one authority, almost doubled the number.

"At length by the mercy of God, this dreadful disorder having totally disappeared, the guards which has been placed to prevent all communication with the country were removed; public societies met as formerly, the schools were opened; merchants and tradesmen began again to frequent the town; the churches after being long closed up, were again thrown open, and divine service performed therein, the markets soon became well attended; and the whole town, lately threatened with inevitable ruin, in a few years arrived nearly at its former degree of opulence and prosperity."

from Tickell's *History of the Town and County of Kingston upon Hull*, written in 1786.

## **Short Story Competition**

We published the winning story by Dave Bodecott in the last Newsletter, here are the other two entries:

### **HOUSEHUNTING AGAIN**

Well, the Missus and me have finally found our new home, we normally abide in East Hull but to be honest it has gone really down-hill of late so we decided to go up market, we travelled all over Willerby visiting lots of potential abodes and eventually we found the perfect place, newly cleaned and painted a nice

shade of blue (seems to have been a lot of that going on lately, don't know why!) We forced an entry via a small gap at the top of the door to reveal a veritable palace and in pride of place on the top shelf was an old dog bowl just asking for a nest to be built in it. Her indoors seemed to approve although she could only just squeeze through the gap what with her being large with child or in her case children!

I set too and started construction, the nice landlords had placed a compost heap close by full of all the bits you could need for the perfect nest. Soon it was complete, the missus approved and in no time presented me with 4 eggs, soon those eggs turned into the noisiest eating machines I have ever seen, we were in and out constantly just to keep them satisfied.

The accommodation was great and private and it even had an outdoor pool but it was the neighbours that spoilt our idyllic new home. First of all this giant black thing kept sitting on the edge of our pool and dipping his bread in the water to soften it, what a wuss, we nicknamed him, Crowe Navirus because he kept coming back!

Then there was the 'Young Ones' just like Rick, Neil, Mike and especially Vyvyan always announcing their arrival in the noisiest of ways, eating all of the food from every feeder and then thankfully disappearing as fast as they arrived.

Another regular pain in the backside was the preening painted Boy George types, complete with red hair, Colourful jackets and the habit of also arriving in numbers and spending an inordinate amount of time on the sunflower hearts, much like their green cousins.

However we tended to get on well with the variety of tits who visited, they came in, took their food and flew straight off again never outstaying their welcome unlike the daft as a brush Walter pigeon lot who are hardly clever enough to stand on a branch without falling off, give me strength!

We had a black family who seemed very nice, keep themselves to themselves and never created a fuss.

The kids have bugged off now, ate us out of house & home and left without a by or leave, but that's kids for you leaving us as pair of empty nesters wondering how to pass the time of day, I suppose if all else fails I could strike up a conversation with the missus or maybe I could go and watch some sport, there is a Cricket pitch a few doors away, and the quality of Rugby in this neck of the woods is far better than in East Hull!

So, I think we will hang around and maybe do it all AGAIN next year.

My name by the way is Robin, Robin Robin (my Mam & Dad didn't have much imagination!)

Steve Roberts

## **The trials & tribulations of lockdown DIY!**

DIY jobs were mounting up and the tap on my very large Water Butt was badly in need of replacement.

My son John ordered a new tap on the Internet and when Boris eased the lockdown rules Caroline, my daughter volunteered to help me carry out the repair.

The tap is at the bottom of the Water Barrel and after emptying out what seemed like gallons of water, we finally disconnected it from the fall pipe and rolled it onto the lawn.

Now the problem was unscrewing the tap from the inside of the barrel. My daughter, being taller and broader than me, could not get inside the barrel as it was slightly rounded towards the top. So, I put a plastic bag on my hair to stop the residue getting on it and prepared to go in! I boldly crawled inside the barrel with the screw nut and replaced the old tap with Caroline attaching the tap from the outside. Hey Presto! It worked.

But – then I couldn't get out! There was I just my feet sticking out and I couldn't get any leverage. Caroline pulled and I started to come out and then my shoulders reached the rounded part at the top of the barrel. I was really stuck so she pushed me back in and I tried slanting my shoulders and she pulled again – Eureka! I popped out like a cork from a bottle. Just hope the new tap does not leak after all of this excitement. After all of this my hair was still intact, but I was smelling like a drain and I was covered from head to toe in the residue from the barrel.

Ann Dixey

## **Poets Corner**

**(She's at it again folks, Trevor Barnett will be pleased, and one of our members has suggested Sue publishes a book of her Poems!)**

### **Lockdown**

One hundred days in lockdown with plenty more to come,  
This Covid 19 virus is still not over and done.  
If we do not keep our distance, when we are out and about,  
These hundred days in lockdown will not be worth owt!  
Silly people gathering in groups of more than six,  
Remember not too close if you really want to mix.  
Think about the frontline workers who have worked all day long,  
Throughout this bad pandemic, they each deserve a gong.  
The doctors and the nurses will surely need a break,  
So think about these people, do not make a big mistake!  
What about those people who were never allowed to go out,  
Don't you think it is time for them to be out and about?  
We do not want another lockdown at our time of life,  
There's too much that we want to do before we go on strike.  
We've lost a full year nearly, which we accept is fine,  
But we can't afford to lose another we're running out of time!  
If they follow the rules and do what there told,  
They too can enjoy life before they grow old.

**Sue McPhee**

### **Masks**

Do you follow the rules and wear a mask?  
Are you doing what you are asked?  
Mr Trump has now joined the clan,  
Even though he say's he's not a fan!  
Protecting you and others from the spray,  
They tell us this maybe the only way.  
All different colours, designs and sizes,  
Maybe we should give out some prizes.  
Design and decorate your own mask,  
This would be a different sort of task.  
Wearing a mask makes you look quite glum,

So why not have a bit of fun!  
Give your mask a nice big smile,  
Maybe you'll make someone else smile for a while.  
Do you feel like a doctor, a nurse or a robber,  
While wearing your mask, or is it too much bother  
So wear your mask with pride outside,  
Help to keep your germs safe inside.  
Never mind what all the others say,  
Be like Frank (Sinatra) and do it your way.  
Wear your mask as a new fashion trend,  
And keep on wearing it till the end.  
Later we'll laugh and say that it wasn't much fun,  
Wearing a mask, but it had to be done.

**Sue McPhee**

### **Final Thoughts from the Editor**

**I recently checked a pack of Duracell AAA  
batteries but they had become BBD batteries!  
And ABBA are now known as BCCB**

**The Government have now said, if you wear  
glasses and are forced to wear a mask, you  
may be entitled to condensation.**

**Answers to the where in Yorkshire photographs  
Sandsend & Melbourne (Pocklington Canal)**

**That's All for now Folks, your  
next Newsletter will be the  
original paper version delivered  
to your house in September  
with a full Covid update**