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Pictures of in and around Bailgate

The uphill kitchen shop at 48 Bailgate was opened in 1944 by Fred and Nellie Bigger, originally selling ironmongery and hardware items. The business was passed down through the generations, evolving into a homeware and cookery specialism and expanding to incorporate a growing online marketplace. Sadly the store closed in January 2016.

Thoughts from our Chair

This is my last posting as Chair and I would like to thank every one of you for making my time so much fun. I have worked with some lovely people over the last three years and for a time before that as membership secretary. The task was not an odious one and I encourage any one of you to get involved with helping to run what is a thriving entertaining and especially friendly U3A. I look forward to seeing you all on the back benches in the months to come

In March we set off for our annual holiday to Weston super Mare. The hotel was lovely and the fact that we were the only residents made it especially pleasant. The food was of a really good standard although some translations difficulties emerged

honey instead of mayonnaise for instance. The weather proved the most challenging as the wind threatened to blow us out to sea. Had it not been for our intrepid driver who I might add was the best we have ever had and a lady no less we might have got our feet wet. We were very lucky however with only a half a day of rain as we explored the historical city of Bath. We went our different ways on the free day, the walkers managed a stroll (that's what they thought but Baz had organised it so ...) but they did find a convenient stop at a golf club for coffee. Some used their bus passes and went to Bristol while others stayed behind to shop. We then took in Wells with a tour around the magnificent cathedral thanks to Margaret Walsh's contact with a friend who is a cathedral guide, followed by a trip down memory lane for some in the off beat town of Glastonbury. On the way home we took our lunch break in Coventry to see the cathedral and the knife statue which was awesome.

I think this was one of our best holidays to date roll on next year.



Interest Groups News

French Conversation

Enjoying and building confidence in speaking and understanding the language is key to this group. This comes

through everyday conversation, short prepared talks on an event, visit or interest, reading complete texts, le Silence de la Mer for example, watching French films and enjoying literary tableaux of well known twentieth century writers such as Philippe Delermé.

It is a small, mixed ability, friendly and supportive group. We celebrate the end of each term in style, a treat of cooked breakfast or simply coffee and croissants in a cafe of our choice.

Knit & Natter

The knit and natter group meet every month at Pam's house. There is probably more nattering than knitting but we have both novice knitter/crochet and some with more experience. The more experienced are always ready to help with problems (knitting usually) and teach those wanting to expand their knowledge. If you would like to join us please just ask for the details.

Local History

Our group continues to thrive and enjoy talks presented to us by its own members, who remind us that, in spite of its apparently rural and agricultural appearance today, our county has had a significant and varied history.

Among other things we have learned about the origins of the Lincoln Hospital (originally the Bromhead), the Viking settlements around Torksey, the witches of Belvoir, the effects of the Cousins War (Wars of the Roses) in Lincolnshire, and the arrival of the White Canons to Topholme in the Witham Valley - and there is more to come!

A pleasant and sociable way to spend a Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to all who contribute.

Walking

The 1st Thursday Walkers.

Firstly I wish to thank all walkers for being such a friendly and knowledgeable bunch. Each and everyone of the 21 members are stalwarts of Bailgate U3A. The weather of 2018 has been so kind to us and made planning easier. Probably 75% of walking is in our county and our beautiful historic wolds is forever a magnet. We have walked around lakes, castles, battle sites and lunched in numerous churches and beauty spots. Walks are usually of 5 to 8 miles followed by a farm shop/cafe enroute home.



Memorable walks of 2018 were:

Claythorpe Mill and the Swaby valley....Wolds
Vale of Belvoir.....Notts
Walesby, Claxby and Normanby le Wold
Tealby and Kirmond le Mire....Wolds

William Neighbour

Speakers for 2019-2020

Date.	Information.
16 th April	AGM.
21 st May	Mark Walsh – My life on the Stage. A talk on 20 years in the entertainment business working with Danny La Rue and Dame June Whitfield.
18 th June	Christopher Brightmore – Who really killed JFK?
16 th July	Steve Lovell – The peregrines of Lincoln Cathedral.
20 th August	Summer Social.
17 th September	Hazel Burnham – Glass Making including different techniques such as blowing and stained glass.
15 th October	Horace Liberty – The history of Liberty's of London. Encompasses family history, social history and the decorative arts.
19 th November	Terry Nowell – The Bronte Family.
17 th December	Christmas Party.
21 st January	Christine Chapman – George Stubbs. Animal artist extraordinaire (and how he owes his success to Lincolnshire).
18 th February	Prue Chadderton – Cycle Cuba. The story of a charity bike ride.
17 th March	Baz Aveyard – William Watkins and Lincoln's Victorian Façade.

Our speaker finder Rosemary Palmer has spent many hours searching a wide range of possibilities to create the programme! We have some familiar well received speakers and some new faces. We also have a couple of our own members contributing this time.



Interest Groups

Group	Information
3 rd Thursday Walkers	Baz Aveyard & Rosemary Palmer
Bridge	Thursday 2pm. Ursula Taylor
Cinema Group	As and when. Val Skelton
Family History	4 th Tuesday 10.30am. Annie Newcombe
Historic Lincoln Pubs	3 rd Friday 2pm. Baz Aveyard
Kings & Queens	Last Thursday Bi Monthly Baz Aveyard
Knit & Natter	2 nd Monday 2pm. Pam Simpson
Local History	4 th Tuesday 2pm. Anne Wagner
Music Appreciation	1 st Tuesday 2pm. Annie Newcombe
Poetry Reading	2 nd Tuesday 2pm. Margaret Walch
Reading for Pleasure	2 nd Tuesday am. Christine Elsemore
Sunday Lunch	3 rd Sunday. Margaret Walch
1 st Thursday Walkers	Bill Neighbour
Breakfast Group	Various dates.

	Sue Sproson
Church Visiting	4 th Thursday 10.30
Drawing & Painting	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays 2pm. Rosemary Palmer:
French Conversation	3 rd Thursday am.
Keep Fit	Every Friday 10am. (£4 every week) Jean Bentley
Latin	Variable
Medieval History	1 st Wednesday 2pm. Penny Forsdyke
News Review	Last Thursday of the month 2pm. Sue Sproson:
Reading for Interest	3 rd Thursday pm. Gillian Roe:
Russian	Variable
Walking 1-3 Miles	1 st Wednesday am

To find out more about an interest group see contact details on the notice board at monthly meetings or see our website

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