



Registered Charity Number 1116786

Newsletter

April 2024

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Members

We asked you last year what else you'd like Caves u3a to offer and we had plenty of suggestions. As a committee we would be happy to arrange more events for you but we do need you to volunteer to help us. We are particularly short of committee members at the moment. We meet on the morning of the second Tuesday in most months for under two hours, during which our future plans are formulated. If you would like to be a part of our team just let me know.

Subject to having sufficient volunteer drivers we are planning to arrange two garden visits this summer, one to Burnby Hall, the other a private visit to Southwood Hall. If you are interested in coming to either or both of these please add your name to the lists at our meeting on 8th April.

To increase our membership we are planning to show what Caves u3a has to offer by participating in the South Cave Show. This annual event takes place on the afternoon of Bank holiday Monday, August 26th. Do come along and bring your family members.

We are also hoping to hold a tea party to celebrate u3a week in late September.

At our monthly meeting on April 8th our speaker will tell us about East Riding's Emotional Wellbeing service.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our latest members, Dinah Fuller, Loraine Waddington and Jo Atkinson. Jo has joined our French Conversation Group under the Accord agreement.

– Heather Turner, telephone: 01430 424835 email: u3aHeatherTurner@gmail.com

NOTICE OF Annual General Meeting

To be held on Monday, 13th May from 2pm at Cave Castle.

INTEREST GROUPS

Art

Our **April** meetings are **Wednesday the 10th** and **Wednesday the 24th** at the WI Hall 10am to 12 noon. We do our own thing in various mediums and help each other with advice & comments. New members are welcome, please contact me: Malcolm Tather on 01482 6659100 or email malcolmtather@yahoo.co.uk



Gansey Girl by Sally Heathcote – Courtesy of Caves u3a Art Group

Bird Watching

The visit to North Cave Wetlands last month was very enjoyable in spite of the weather. I felt there was interest in doing this again and hopefully make it a regular group. Having spoken to Dave Warren who organised the two visits last time we have agreed to meet again and then canvas opinions for the future.

Those keen to explore further please meet at the hide opposite to the butty bus at 10.30am on Wednesday 17th April. Please bring binoculars if you have them and wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather. Paths can be very muddy.

Future dates will be mailed to everyone in the Bird Watching group. New members are welcome. To add your name to the group please contact u3aHeatherTurner@gmail.com or call 01430 424835.

- Deborah Darnes m: 07952 679904
- Dave Warren m: 07493 773510

Board Games

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 4th April from 2pm to 4pm** at 26, The Parklands. Contact Joan Robertson on 01430 423816 or joanrobertson@hotmail.co.uk

Bookworms

We will meet at **2.30 pm on Monday, 22nd April** at the Library. The book we are reading is "Missing Pieces" by Tim Weaver. **There will be no meeting in May.**

– Jean Bibby on 01430 423882.

Bridge for Beginners

We have now set up a small but friendly group, meeting on **Tuesday afternoons at 2pm**. The emphasis is very much on helping each other to progress. My thoughts are that it is a social group, based on learning to play bridge. If this could be of interest to you please contact me by email on jd.bm.bannister@btinternet.com – David Bannister

Craft

The next craft meeting is on **Thursday, 25th April at 2pm** in Ellerker Village Hall.

Leafy Lane pottery will be coming to let us try out our pottery skills.

Contact Jean Butler on 07504 693623 or email: jeanbutler46@hotmail.co.uk



Creative Writing.

Are there any budding writers amongst u3a members?

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 11th April at 2pm** at 50 Castle Rise, South Cave. The subject for this meeting is "**A scene for a play expanded**". If you don't fancy this month's topic, why not come along and see what we are all about?

Listen to members contributions, join in, or just bring along one of your own short stories. Perhaps a poem, serious or funny.

Come and join us, not for critique, but for a light-hearted friendly and inspiring afternoon.

New members will be warmly welcomed.

Contact Mike Pinfold on 07835 300683 or Lesley Atkinson on 01430 421174

Discussion group

The next meetings will take place at **2pm on Monday, 22nd April** at 12B, Pinfold, South Cave. You can contact Paul on 01430 471566.

French Conversation

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will comprise two back- to-back sessions. Working from a textbook the first will start at **9.45am on Tuesday, 2nd April** at 5 Ferry Road. This session is for those who like French to be spoken at a gentler pace.

At 10.30am Odile will join us from Lyon via Zoom. Odile speaks French at quite a fast rate. Her

sessions are suitable for those who already have a wide vocabulary and can understand native French speakers most of the time. The topic to be discussed will be emailed to you along with the Zoom link. You are welcome to join us for one or for both sessions. Contact me on 01430 424835 or u3aHeatherTurner@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Genetic Genealogy

Interested in family history and venturing into what DNA testing can tell us? Through this group we try to help each other to get a better understanding of how we can use this information. Meetings are arranged on an ad hoc basis and have mostly been by Zoom. To join the group contact me, Chris Edwards at chris.edwards20@gmail.com or 07876 575764.

Join us for Coffee

This group is for members, both new and old, to get to know one another. We meet on Thursday mornings from 10.30am until noon in the Cave Castle Golf Club room. Several members stay on for lunch afterwards. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, 18th April**. You can contact me on 01430 424835 or u3aHeatherTurner@gmail.com.

Local History Group

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 18th April** a visit to Goole Museum, meeting there at 2pm. Lifts to be arranged. Non-members are welcome to join us. The town of Goole did not exist before 1826 but then developed into a major coal exporting inland port. The Curator will give a short talk about the port and museum and there will be an open art exhibition on display at that time.

Contact Joan Robertson on 01430 423816 or joanrobertson@hotmail.co.uk

Patchwork

The Patchwork Group will meet on **Tuesday, 2nd April at 2pm** at 53 Wesley Close, South Cave. Contact Barbara on 01430 471164 or email nanbee4@icloud.com

Quiz

We will next meet at **2pm on Tuesday, 16th April** at 6 The Parklands, South Cave, HU15 2EL. Chris will be setting the questions this time. Will they be easy or difficult? Why not join us to find out. Please let us know if you are coming.

The May meeting will be on the 21st.

Contact Penny Bell on 07905 525597 or penny.bell45@btinternet.com

Scrabble 1

The next meetings are on **Monday, 15th April at 2pm**, at 15, Castle Drive, South Cave. Contact Margaret Tinker on 01430 423330.

Scrabble 2

The next meetings will be on **Monday, 15th April at 2pm**, at 26, The Parklands, South Cave.

Contact Joan Robertson on 01430 423816 or joanrobertson@hotmail.co.uk

Walking Group

We are very lucky to have such a variety of walks without having to drive very far. They vary from flat fields to the ups and downs of the Wolds and the shores of the Humber, which is where we walked on 22nd March,



starting in Welton and following the Wolds Way down to the Humber near North Ferriby – where the photo was taken – then along past Welton Water on our way back. You may be wondering what the strange wooden post is for.... It's a "Photo Post".... There is a slot on the top which can hold a smartphone and there is a sign attached with a QR code which can be scanned to provide information about the area!

In **April our walks will be on Fridays 12th and 26th**. Full details will be emailed to group members a few days before each walk. If you would like to be on the mailing list or just find out more, please contact me at chris.edwards20@gmail.com.

Groups Co-Ordinator

After many years in this role Penny Bell has decided it's time to hand over the reins to someone new. If you would like to find out more about the role please call Penny on 07905 525 597.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

At the beginning of April you will be receiving a message about renewing your u3a membership. **We don't want payments until April** – but if you are going to pay at a general meeting –

PLEASE BRING THE RIGHT MONEY (£15) IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT!

There will be a lot of people wanting to pay and we won't have time to be finding change etc. You will get a receipt later.

– Chris Edwards, Membership Secretary

A Tribute to Mary Dennis



Our oldest and one of our long standing members, Mary Dennis sadly passed away on 20th March just nine days short of her 98th birthday. She was born Mary Scott at Hunsdale Farm in 1926, Her parents, Walter and Mabel had taken on the farm in 1923 and Mary and her younger brother, Alan grew up on the farm. She attended South Cave Girl's School and then St Mary's High School which was then on Anlaby Road in Hull. As it was war time the school was evacuated to Scarborough and then Selby where Mary attended the High School. After leaving school in 1943 she trained as a teacher at the Leeds Training College which was also evacuated to Scarborough. Her first teaching post was at Ainthorpe High School in Hull and later she taught for a year at Hessle High School.

In 1951 Mary married Fred Dennis moving to Providence Farm at Broomfleet and they had 2 sons, Richard and Colin. When they retired they moved to a bungalow at Ring Beck. Fred died suddenly in 2011 at Providence Farm with a pitchfork in his hand. Mary joined the U3A enjoying the monthly meetings, going out for lunch with the luncheon group and the afternoons playing

Trionimoes with the Board Games group who will miss her so much. In the past few months Mary had become increasingly frail and was admitted to hospital a few days before she died.

In 2012 Mary talked to Jenny and Sally of the Local History Group about her life and she had such vivid memories of her childhood on the farm taking 'lowances out to the men working in the fields, her school days sitting exams during an air raid and a life so different compared to today. She gave two really interesting talks to the Local History Group about Broomfleet and about her life as 'A Farmer's Daughter, Wife and Mother'. A long life well lived to the end.

The lovely photograph is of Mary as a little girl watching her Dad, Walter, on the horse and her maternal Grandad, George Collins on the reaper harvesting the corn.

The transcription of Mary's memories is in South Cave Library should you be interested in reading about her life.

– Joan Robertson

Join us for the u3a Festival 24

The u3a movement is holding its first ever **Festival on the 18th – 20th July 2024**, The event will take place over 3 days, at the University of York based around their exhibition centre.

Members will be running a wide variety of activities – talks, sporting events, musical entertainment and workshops which will make this u3a national festival something to remember.

Tickets are not yet available to buy, but the cost of the attending festival will be as follows:

Day 1, Thursday 18 July - £25 including buffet supper

Day 2, Friday 19 July - £10 for the full day

Day 3, Saturday 20 July - £5 for a half day

To find out more about the Festival, Visit the u3a website - Join us for u3a Festival 24

u3a East Riding ACCORD

Open door arrangements for u3a members

Caves u3a is a member of a network of local u3as called East Riding ACCORD. The network allows Caves u3a members to visit other u3a groups in the East Riding of Yorkshire and join their interest group activities. Have a look at [this document](#) for an explanation of how you can enjoy this facility

Refer to the websites of other u3a ACCORD members to see what they offer:

[Cottingham](#)

[Anlaby, Willerby, Kirk Ella \[AWAKE\]](#)

[Howden](#)

[Hornsea](#)

[Driffield and Wolds](#)

[Pocklington](#)

[Beverley](#)

[Swanland](#)

Caves u3a Facebook

If you haven't already done so, have a look at the [Facebook page](#) and join the community.

u3a Radio

The u3a radio podcast has now launched on podcast platforms, including Apple, [Spotify](#) and [Google](#) Podcasts. The episode can also still be listened to on our [u3a YouTube](#) channel, with captions.

u3a Newsletters – National and Local

Should you wish to keep up to date with what is happening with the u3a nationally and locally (Yorkshire & Humber) here's where you can read them for yourself:

[National u3a](#)
[Yorkshire & Humber](#)

u3a JIGSAW LIBRARY

I have a selection of jigsaws in my porch for anyone to borrow. The porch is unlocked during daylight hours so please just go in and help yourself.

Jennifer Murray at 59 Wesley Close. Tel. 01430 423519 or by email: jigsawjennifer@gmail.com

BROUGH & SOUTH CAVE SURGERIES

For news of Brough and South Cave Surgeries look at the [The Ridings Medical Group News](#)

- ◆ Appointments must be booked in advance:
Brough: 01482 668668 South Cave: 01430 424764
- ◆ Prescriptions can be requested through the online system or by email – phone lines are often busy: broughdispensary@nhs.net southcavedispensary@nhs.net

Anyone wishing to include items in the Newsletter should send them to the editor, email:

cavesu3a@gmail.com

Items should be received by **22nd of the month** at the latest.

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