

Monthly Meetings

9 September
AGM

14 October
Fred Walkington
Bridlington Lifeboat

11 November
Terry Richards
Comedy Nostalgia

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in the Darby and Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham, starting at 2pm.

NOTE TO CONTINUING MEMBERS

The form for renewal of membership from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 is included with this newsletter. (Members who have joined/rejoined since April 2021 are not required to complete this form.)

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Endings and beginnings. As we approach September and I have two AGMs to prepare for, my thoughts are guided towards considering the year that has just gone and the year that is fast approaching. So many aspects of our lives are full of endings and beginnings which bring all sorts of emotions – exciting, happy, challenging and sad. Living in a country with seasons, which I love, we are preparing to move from summer into autumn, although for us in the U.K. the weather isn't totally predictable in any season. Personally I love the colours the countryside is painted in in the autumn.

I know some of our members are emerging slowly from the restrictions they have been experiencing during lockdown. I hope confidence continues to grow and that people can enjoy returning to their activities and the company of friends and family. As a committee we are mindful of the need for continued care and attention to keeping things as safe as we can.

The Covid situation brought about many changes in our way of living, some of which will remain I think. One example has grown out of the need we had to meet through 'Zoom' during lockdown. Many organisations, including YAHR, will offer hybrid events in the future so that people can attend either face to face or online through Zoom. I agree with many of you that there is no real substitute for meeting up with others, something we all missed during lockdown. On the positive

side, there have been countless examples of neighbourliness and awareness of the needs of others during the past year – let's hope some of those continue.

These will be my last notes from the Chair as I stand down at the imminent AGM. I hope you have enjoyed some of my musings, I've certainly enjoyed writing them.

Pat, signing off as your Chair

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIR

Hello to everyone,

I need to make you aware of two important items.

1. When the updated Constitution is accepted at the AGM the copy that will be added to the website will have the new u3a logo.
2. Until further notice we need to ask the members attending the monthly meetings to register (with Lesley Tempest) as per the September AGM so that if the current regulations should change unexpectedly and numbers become restricted it will be on a first on the list basis up to the permitted numbers in the hall who will be notified to attend – this will also help anyone who needs to know how many people will be at the monthly meetings before deciding whether to attend or not. Knowing the numbers attending also helps us to cater for refreshments in a Covid safe environment. I also need to re-iterate that should anyone have any Covid symptoms or have been in contact with anyone testing positive that you advise a member of the committee so that we can contact all members at the meeting you attended.

Stay safe everyone,

Sue Tong

Interest Groups

CINEMA

Hello to my slightly different Cinema group (for the current moment). When you read this we will have been together in the large hall of the Darby and Joan on the 4th Tuesday of the month to watch a DVD (on the large screen) – chosen by the majority – for a couple of hours in the afternoon with a break for refreshments. I hope we will be able to safely return to the cinema as soon as we feel this is Covid safe.

Sue Tong

FRENCH CONVERSATION

After months of conversing in French on Zoom, it was a joy to meet in person in Val's lovely garden. As people have been doing a few more interesting things, like even going on holiday, our news in French has been very entertaining too. We have had three garden sessions, but are now having to consider what to do as the weather starts to close in and Covid risks remain. We are very pleased that we have managed to keep going for so much of the pandemic, so thank you to Gill who leads the group and to Val and Ros and Trevor for their garden venues.

Mary Kelleher

GARDEN VISITS

I am sorry but I will not be doing any more garden visits. Having had a break of two years due to the Pandemic I really do not have the energy to restart the group. I have plenty of information to give to anyone who would like to take on the mantle and will always be there to give advice or assistance. I have thoroughly enjoyed my nine years as convenor and in that time we have had some wonderful days out and visited some really super gardens.

Kind regards

Kate
Tel: 01482 666277

QUIZ GROUP

The Quiz Group continues to grow and we have welcomed 9 new members to the group since our restart in May.

We now meet in the Darby and Joan Hall, Finkle Street on alternate Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm. and would welcome new members to join.

There is a £2 fee to cover the cost of the hall hire.

Tea/coffee and biscuits are served at no extra cost at the midway point of the quiz during a 15 minute break.

If you are interested in testing your knowledge and would like to join the group please contact me.

David Groom
Group Leader
Tel: 01482 847704 Mob: 07510 558964
Email: davgrodg3@gmail.com

SOCIAL EVENTS

Good morning everyone

Please take note of a NEW Social Event in September:

Brick Wonder at Beverley Art Gallery
on Tuesday 28th September 2021 (with optional lunch)
Time to be arranged.

It's FREE to enter but our slot needs to be booked online so if you would like further information please contact:

Janet King 01482 875230

SUNDAY STROLLERS

Hello to all my current Sunday Strollers with whom I have had to change the current strolling schedule due to having so many wonderful members that one date per month could not accommodate us all in one go. So, I am taking the decision to stroll twice in a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. To those members who would like to join us I am having to make the sad decision to close the group to any new recruits and create a waiting list. It may be possible if someone would like to create a second strolling group to liaise with a willing volunteer and work together to stop a waiting list being needed.

Sue Tong

WALKING GROUP

We are now in full swing (or should I say stagger) after 2 super walks in July and August.

At the time of writing, the next walk is scheduled for 6th September, followed by 4th October. All the walks are planned for the first Monday in the month, and cover a distance of approximately 3 miles on even terrain.

Any u3a member wishing to join the group, contact

Paul R Tempest
Mob: 07793 010187
Email: paulrtempest@gmail.com

NEW GROUPS

Bridge

It has come to light recently that a few of our members would like to learn how to play 'Bridge' or brush up on their 'old Bridge skills'. If this applies to you, then please get in contact with Pat Collard.

However, there is a slight problem; we need a bridge player to be our teacher – any willing volunteers??

If you are interested, please get in contact with Pat Collard Tel: 01482 667590.

Discussion Group

Please note everyone the above group is hoping to start on the last Wednesday of each month at 10.30am until approximately 12 noon in the upstairs room at Kristoffs.

The first meeting will be held on 27 October, and the second on 24 November.

The contact details for the group convenor, Leah Corboz are as follows:-

Email leah.corboz@gmail.com – which is Leah's preferred method

Or

Mobile 07719 395439 – if Leah does not answer please leave a message/voicemail

(Please note the possibility of Leah being on holiday
and her mobile not being available until after the
17 October).

There will be no cost to attend the meetings but members will be expected to buy at least a coffee or tea and anyone wanting to stay afterwards for lunch will be most welcome.

The Discussion Group will focus on subjects which are currently "in the news" but will also welcome and cover other topics as suggested by members.

Please note that the important word is Discussion. Discussing topics/matters in a friendly way, giving adequate time to each person to express their views without causing any members any unsettling/upsetting attitudes from anyone in the group.

SOMETHING TO AMUSE YOU...

I've recently lost quite a bit of weight by wearing bread on my head... it's a loaf hat diet...

I happened to arrive early at the restaurant the other night. The manager said "Do you mind waiting for a bit?" "Not at all," I said. "Good," said the manager, "take these drinks to table 9."

I've just been diagnosed with the dreaded "Peek-A-Boo" virus... so I'm being transferred to ICU...

I heard in the news that a man came back from China and couldn't stop singing Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett songs... apparently he caught the carooner virus!

Did you know that Vincent Price was taller than Katie Price and heavier than Alan Price; I found this out on the Price comparison website.

To whoever has the voodoo doll of me... will you please take some of the stuffing out, I need to lose weight!!!

I changed the voice on my Sat Nav to Bonnie Tyler last week... she keeps telling me to turn around and every now and then she falls apart...

Can't believe it, my neighbour has been sacked for stealing from his job as a road maintenance worker... I should have known from the last time I was round his house because all the signs were there.

"I've just bought a new hearing aid," said Fred, "state of the art, cost almost two thousand pounds." "Wow," said George, "what kind is it?" "About half past two", said Fred...

Current Interest Groups

Group	Leader	Tel No	Date/Time
Art	Karen Baker	840293	1st/3rd Tuesday pm
Art Appreciation	Barbara Nield	842927	4th Monday 10.30am-12.30 pm
Board Games	Pearl Stamp	845546	2nd/4th Tuesday 2.00-4.00pm
Book Group	Margaret Hersom	345452	Last Monday pm
Coffee Club	Julie Haley	845104	1st Friday 2pm
Croquet (seasonal)	Margaret Elliott	841221	Weekly Thursday pm
French Conversation	Mary Kelleher	342093	Monthly Thursday pm
History	Barbara Nield	842927	3rd Monday pm
Needlework	Paula Bell	805262	Weekly Thursday 10.00am-12.00 noon
Philosophy and Discussion	TBA		3rd Thursday am
Quiz Group	David Groom	847704	Alternate Tuesdays pm
Scrabble	Joan Brough	444885	1st/3rd Thursday pm
Social Events	Wendy Douthwaite Janet King Edith Martin	845065 875230 844897	Various
Sunday Strollers	Sue Tong	845460	2nd/4th Sunday am
Ten Pin Bowling	Pat Collard	667590	1st/3rd Friday am (term time only)
Walking Group	Paul Tempest	847359	1st Monday 10.00am

Following the easing of Covid restrictions, some groups have now restarted or are planning to restart.

Please contact the group leader for more information.

Committee

Name	Role	Tel No
Ken Bailey		846037
Karen Baker	Hospitality Coordinator	840293
Pat Collard	Chair	667590
David Groom	Treasurer/Website Editor/IT Coordinator	847704
Judi Groom		847704
Judy Slator	Membership Secretary	802807
Bryan Summers	Speaker Finder	654062
Lesley Tempest	Secretary	847359
Sue Tong	Vice Chair	845460
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Pat Windle	Newsletter Editor	353714

Items for the **November 2021** newsletter to be sent to Pat Windle, Newsletter Editor, by **26 October 2021**. Contact her on 353714. Information for the Newsletter can be sent by email as an attachment to dpwindle@dpwindle.karoo.co.uk. Items submitted after the closing date will be included in the next issue.

Further details of all our activities may be found on our website <http://u3asites.org.uk/cottingham>

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