

DONCASTER



Registered Charity No. 1074577

April - May 2020

From the Chair



I am looking forward to the National U3A Day – Wednesday 3rd June - as members of U3As all over the country celebrate activities they enjoy. Our newly formed Brass Band has agreed to participate even though they have only been going a few months. It would be good if other groups could also be involved. We need to show something of the range of activities and can use our display boards to help with that. Please come forward with your suggestions and offers of help.

We have reached the time of year when we need to start thinking about the AGM and the changes to the committee that will bring. This year will involve some significant changes. After many years of loyal service as Membership Secretary, Jill Laming will be stepping down. This is a significant and rewarding post where you get to meet members – especially new members, and one that has become rather easier with the introduction of Beacon, the national membership system. Whoever takes on this role would need to attend General Meetings and Committee meetings, but the other parts of the role can be done in your own time. Other committee members will be standing down either because they have come to the end of their term of office or because of ill health. It is always good to have new blood on a committee as this brings new thoughts and ideas and the more people who know how the local, regional and national organisations work the better.

I have found it rewarding to be part of the U3A in Doncaster – even if things don't always go to plan! I will also be stepping down as Chairman but will offer to stay on the committee and remain as Beacon Administrator. We are an important organisation providing worthwhile activities for large numbers of older people. This enables everyone to keep both their bodies and their minds active into older age, but it doesn't run itself. Please do consider what you can contribute – it could be writing articles for our own newsletter or the various national and regional publications. It would be good to see Doncaster recognised for the good work it does. Or it could be joining us on the committee to help us promote and develop the U3A in Doncaster. As I've said before, U3A is a doing organisation and in U3A we need the new, younger members to step up and help us continue to provide activities for the older sector of the organisation. What can you contribute? Could you be the next Chairman?

We started to accept renewals at the General Meeting in February and will continue until the AGM in May. Subscriptions remain the same this year at £14 for an individual and £24 for a couple at the same address. For those who wish to have their newsletter posted there is an additional £4 to cover the postage. For those not able to get to a General Meeting there is a form

in this newsletter that can be cut out and returned to Jill Laming with a stamped addressed envelope for their membership card and a cheque for the appropriate level of subs.

So, lots of requests for help – please don't let them fall on deaf ears...

Wendy Hattrell

Obituary

Pat Dalby

Died 1st February 2020

I have been a friend of Pat for twenty years (after meeting through U3A), and I cannot do better than all the other people who, on hearing of her death, commented "Oh I am sorry, such a lovely lady!"

Pat was very caring, really true to her nursing career, and always willing to help in anything in which she was involved. She was a member of the Travel & Theatre, General Meetings and Sunday Lunch groups until about two years ago when she contracted Parkinson's disease and had to be ruled by her state of health on a daily basis. Lifts to these meetings were always proffered and members of the old Travel & Theatre group will remember her always helping to arrange the room, prepare food, serve drinks and clear up afterwards at our social afternoons at Christmastime and in the summer. Each October it was always Pat (along with Pat Harrison) who collected names and money for our Christmas Lunch Outing.

Her funeral was held at Rose Hill Cemetery on Tuesday 3rd March. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Jean Jones



June - July Newsletter

Articles for the June/July newsletter need to be received by

Thursday 30th April.

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to
du3anewsletterbmt@btinternet.com

Obituary

Mrs Freda Stockdale

Died 25th January 2020

Freda died on Saturday, 25th January, 2020. She was born in a village in Lincolnshire, but came to live in Yorkshire when her husband David was moved to work here.

She led a busy life, working in a bank and later in the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, whilst looking after her husband and three sons. Her priority was always her family.

She had a musical background and played the piano. She was very well read and could be relied on when taking part in a general knowledge quiz. She spent many happy hours in the garden, but her greatest pleasure was spending time with her family. By nature she was quiet and reliable with a sense of humour.

She brought pleasure to so many people and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Maureen Lucas



Collection for Mrs Freda Stockdale: £210 was raised for Motor Neurone disease by DU3A members together with that collected at her funeral.

Doncaster U3A Annual General Meeting

Monday 18th May 2020

Venue - C-View - 1.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of AGM 20th May 2019
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report and appointment of Auditor
8. Group Co-ordinator's Report
9. Adoption of Reports
10. Election of Members of the Executive Committee
Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
Other members of the Executive Committee
11. Close of meeting.
The next AGM will be on Monday 17th May 2021 at 1.30 p.m.

After the AGM there will a facilitated discussion on the direction DU3A should take in the future and a discussion on a 'Vision' for DU3A.

The Government and NHS have issued advice for members of the public following the confirmed cases of coronavirus in the UK.

Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

The UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

More information about the virus, as well as symptoms and advice, is available to view at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

or on the NHS England website at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

Advise on how to avoid catching or spreading germs?

- Do:**
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
 - Put used tissues in the bin straight away.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
 - Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Don't:**
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

GROUPS - UPDATES / NOTICES

DINING OUT

The next meeting of the Dining Out group will take place on Tuesday 21st April at Vivos on Bennethorpe at 7.00 p.m. The menu is available online or I will be in attendance at Yates' between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays to accept your menu choice and cheque which must be made payable to DU3A. Please ensure that I receive your notification by Saturday 11th April at the latest.

Joan Condon

GENERAL MEETINGS

General Meetings are being held at C-View, Church View, Doncaster.

TENPIN BOWLING

The next sessions will be held on 17th March and 19th May.

APPEAL

We have been looking for storage for the U3A projector screen and display boards. They don't get used often - perhaps a couple of times a year. Ideally it would be someone who lives reasonably central. If you can help, please contact Wendy Hattrell.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members

Pamela Allott, Marjorie Bacon, Sheila Barton, Denise Cook, Norman Cook, Barbara Cronin, Stephen Cuffling, Barrie Dalby, Jane Daley, John Gasper, Gillian Goulder, Harry Guttridge, Susan Harrison, Anona Hermes, Peter Hermes, Sheila Hughes, Kimberly Jones, Melodie Jones, Una Megaw, Fred Milner, Bernard Parkin, Marie Peck, Shirley Price, Jay Singh, David Spencer, Veronica Taylor, Valerie Wills

Sunday Lunch

Georgian Tea Rooms: – 26th April at 1.00 p.m.

Prices are: £14.95 for 2 courses: £17.95 for 3 courses
Tea / Coffee included.

Menu will be available Monday 13th until Sunday 19th April. Contact me to choose from the menu or to let me know if you are unable to attend the lunch.

Hilton Garden Inn: - 17th May at 1.00 p.m.

Prices are: £18.50 for 2 courses: £22.50 for 3 courses
Tea / Coffee extra.

Menu available Monday 11th until Thursday 14th May. Make your choice from the menu and let me know if you will be attending this lunch.

Eileen Dickson

ENJOYING POETRY

The Enjoying Poetry group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at Café Prego, 10.30 to 12.00. We enjoy reading and discussing poems that members of the group brings along to read. There are no themes as such, people just bring along a poem they like. Recently we have had poems ranging from Geoffrey Chaucer to Pam Ayers. There is a lot of lively chat and a lot of laughter! Contact me for more information (see contact number inside the back page).

David Harmer

Summer Break with Learning

27th – 30th July 2020

Hawkhills, Easingwold, YO61 3EG

Due to significant changes to YAHR Management Team this year at the AGM, it was decided to hold the event again this year rather than organising a Showcase Event.

Course Topics to choose from:

An Introduction to Jewellery Making

Four Philosophers of Four Centuries

Drawing for Art

Talking About our Generation

The Air we Breathe

An Examination in detail of 4 Battles fought within the county of Yorkshire

Greek Mythology

Dangerous Women and Murderous Men

– the golden age of British crime writing 1920-1940

The Nature of Railway Competition in the North East of England

1825-1846

For more details of the courses go to:

<https://yahru3a.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Courses-for-Summer-School-2020.pdf>

Costs for our 3-night top class residential Summer School

Full Board Delegate £380

Day Delegate (total) £190

**** We are pleased to offer this year's event at the same price as last time ****

For details of our 2020 Summer School including the courses and Application Form go to: <https://yahru3a.co.uk/SummerSchool-2020>

The aim of our Summer School is to:

- Provide members with new learning opportunities;
- Enable our members to explore a topic your U3A may not be able to offer;
- Enable delegates, in a magnificent setting, to share time out with other U3A members from across the region and beyond.

Learn, laugh, live

FAMILY HISTORY

Genealogy Group Trip to London.

Thanks to the efforts of group leaders Dawn Jarvis and Val Bell, eight of our group members took a trip to the capital recently to conduct some in-depth research into our ancestry.

We had a brilliant time at the “Society of Genealogists” having been given access to thousands of documents and records that would otherwise have been completely inaccessible, even online.

The only problem was that there is so much information available that our time there passed so very quickly.

I for one cannot wait to go again. London seems a long way away, but the train journey was so relaxing that we were there and back again in what seemed like no time at all.

Chris Woolven



FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS:

16th March 2020:	Speaker:	Pat McLaughlin
	Topic:	Great Houses & Halls of South Yorkshire
20th April 2020	Speaker:	Jeff Jacklin
	Topic:	The History of the NHS
18th May 2020	AGM	

WALKING CRICKET

Walking Cricket Outdoor Venue.

Winter is still with us but it won't be long until we are able to play outside in the sun and fresh air again. We have one more session booked at the Dome for Monday 30th March.

I am intending that we start back again at "Goals" for our April meetings beginning on Tuesday 7th April.

We are a friendly group and would welcome any new members who would like to come along for a bit of fun and gentle exercise. You do not need to have ever played the game before, and we have both ladies and gents in the group. If you are not sure whether to come along then why not give it a try, you have nothing to lose!

Anyone who is interested please let me know by email or telephone. My contact details are inside the back of this newsletter.

Chris Woolven



REMINDER

Annual Subscriptions Renewal

Membership fees are due on 1st April 2020 and are £14.00 per member, £24.00 joint membership (single address). An additional £4.00 will enable members to receive the six published newsletters by post.

Cheques are preferable though not essential, and should be made out to DU3A. Your membership number will be the same for as long as you remain a DU3A member.

If you wish to pay your subscription by post, please remember to include a stamped-addressed-envelope when you send it to: DU3A Membership Secretary, at the address on page 22.

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Membership Number 12345



JOINT MEMBER

Membership valid
to 31st March

STROLLERS

January

After the Christmas break we met for the first time this year at the Cheswold for a walk through the new housing estate, on into the back of Bessacarr and back towards Lakeside and round the lake.

The sun soon came out and with four new "strollers" we set off to walk off the mince pies and Christmas pudding. There was plenty of chatting as we had last met in November and, as this was a very gentle, flat walk, everyone enjoyed it.

There were plenty of people, like us, walking round the lake enjoying the Springlike sunshine. We spotted two cormorants as well as a multitude of ducks and some swans, but what was amazing, we spotted daffodils that were bursting and ready to open!

On our return to the Cheswold, the tables were reserved for us and very quickly our well earned lunches arrived, tasty and piping hot. So a good start to 2020.

Dave & Pat Burton



DINING OUT GROUP

The first meeting of the Dining Out group in 2020 took place on February 18th at the Koz Turkish restaurant in Nether Hall Road. There was a good selection of appetising food served by pleasant and welcoming staff. The manager gave us two complimentary bottles of wine which was a very generous gesture and we were also treated to a lovely creamy rice pudding to complete our meal. We all agreed it was a very pleasant evening at a lovely friendly venue which we will certainly visit again.

Joan Condron

TENPIN BOWLING



"Top of the morning to ya !"

Yes, the next bowling meeting is on St. Patricks Day, 17th March. So put down your pints of Guinness and get down to Doncaster Bowl. Not only that but the first day of Spring is four days later, so should be full of the joys etc.

We had a record number of players last time most of whom are shown - the motley collection - on this month's photo. Winners on the day were Rod and Jill - well done to them.

We also had our presentation for the best overall total for 2019. Our winners shown here are Chris, for the second year running, and unexpectedly yours truly looking taken aback in the second photo.

Three o'clock as usual in your finest green.....

Michael Bowser



Membership renewal 2020/21

Full Name/s:

Address:

Please tick the appropriate box:

Single membership: £14.00

Single membership with posted Newsletter: £18.00

For couples living at the same address:

Joint membership: £24.00

Joint membership with posted Newsletter: £28.00

Please make cheques payable to: Doncaster U3A.

This slip should be returned with your payment to: The DU3A Membership Secretary, (see page 22 for the address) or handed over at a General Meeting. If posted please remember to include an SAE for the return of your Membership card.

Membership Renewal slip: see previous page

(New members - please contact the Membership Secretary
for a New Members form)



Doncaster Mansion House

Local Quiz

- 1, Where is the original site of the Odeon Cinema, before it took over the Gaumont Cinema Site?
- 2, What is the current link between both sites?
- 3, Now that the new art gallery is about to open, what was the site of Doncaster's Art Gallery before it moved to Chequer Road?

Submitted by John Wheeldon

Answers on page 17

Friends of Doncaster Mansion House

The 'Friends of Doncaster Mansion House' was formed in January 2015 in order to support Doncaster Council in its aim to conserve, research, interpret and display the Mansion House and its contents for all sections of the community and for future generations to enjoy.

In 1746, Doncaster Corporation appointed a talented young architect called James Paine (1717 - 1789) to design a mansion house to be used for 'civic hospitality and celebrations'. The building was officially opened in 1749.

As his inspiration for the facade of the building, Paine chose an unexecuted design by the architect Inigo Jones for a Royal Palace at Whitehall for King James I. Doncaster Mansion House has 'a facade fit for a king'.

The interior of the Mansion House is as impressive as its exterior. Come and see it for yourself.

The Mansion House is now open to the public free of charge on 3 days a month. The volunteers will be very happy to give you a free guided tour of the building and we are looking to recruit new Friends and volunteers at the present time.

For details of the free Open Days and other Friends' events at the Mansion House visit our website: www.mansionhousedoncaster.com

or our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Doncaster-Mansion-House-925968447469380>

or email Owen Evans at: otexways@blueyonder.co.uk

The Friends of Doncaster Mansion House is a Registered Charity no. 1171398

Forthcoming events:

Friday 17th April - David Varley will be talking about the Clocks of the Mansion House - 12 noon start in the Chamber - a free talk

Tuesday 19th May - the Cusworth Singers will be singing songs of the Second World War - 6.30 p.m. start in the Ballroom - tickets £10

Friday 22nd May - Malcolm Barnsdale will be talking about Doncaster during the Second World War - 12 noon start in the Chamber - a free talk

Wednesday 27th May - the Doncaster Youth Jazz Association will be playing Jazz of the Second World War - 6.30 p.m. start in the Ballroom - tickets £12

Friday 29th May - the 'Read to Write Group' will be reading poems of the Second World War - 12 noon start in the Chamber - a free talk

For further information please contact Owen Evans at:
otexways@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 01302 342846

Mothering Sunday versus Mother's Day

Mothering Sunday began as a religious event in the 16th century. It had no connection to mothers at all. 'Mothering' referred to the 'mother church', that is, the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage was known as 'going a-mothering'. It became something of a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day off to visit their own families as well as their mother church.



A 'Mothering Sunday' tradition was to bake a **Simnel cake*****. This rich fruit cake, consisting of layers of cake and marzipan, was a bit of an indulgence to make up for the general austerity of Lent (and a nice home-baked present to take home to mothers). The traditional Simnel cake also reflected religious overtones by being adorned with eleven balls of marzipan, representing all the faithful disciples of Jesus. Simnel cakes are now regarded as an Easter-related confection,

Mothering Sunday fell out of fashion at the beginning of the 20th century. The daughter of a vicar, Constance Penswick-Smith, thought the loss of Mothering Sunday was a great shame, and worked hard to rekindle interest, even writing a book entitled 'The Revival of Mothering Sunday'. She also founded the Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday. She was determined to restore this to the culture of the country. However, its revived form had much more focus on celebrating motherhood. This was due to an American influence.

A completely unrelated American event was invented by a woman called Anna Jarvis in 1908. Her initial inspiration was a desire to honour her own mother, who had been a militant peace activist during the US Civil War. Anna Jarvis's growing ambition to create a formal 'Mother's Day' for all American mothers was literally laughed out of the room at first, with officials jokingly saying that it might lead to a 'Mother-in-Law's Day'. Anna Jarvis wasn't easily put off though, and in 1914 US President Woodrow Wilson officially signed **Mother's Day** into existence.

Some say that it was Anna Jarvis who inspired Constance Penswick-Smith to revive the more religiously-related **Mothering Sunday** over here. However, Anna Jarvis was the first person to condemn the growing commercialisation of **Mother's Day** and started organising boycotts of the event she herself had created. One of her anti-Mother's Day protests even led to her arrest for disturbing the peace. She was appalled by ready-made Mother's Day cards, saying "A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world." With reference to chocolates, she said "You take a box to Mother and then eat most of it yourself. A pretty sentiment!"

*** Elizabeth Gaskell (c. 1838) described Simnel cake as 'a cake made variously, but always with saffron for its principal ingredient'. Since her day, simnel cake has changed a great deal. Now it is eaten at Easter, rather than in the middle of Lent. Although it is still a light, rich fruit cake, packed with raisins, sultanas and lemon zest, saffron is now rarely used. Two layers of marzipan or almond paste – unknown to the Georgian recipe – are also added, one in the middle and one on top, and 11 marzipan balls – said to represent the 11 faithful apostles – are generally used for decoration. The method is different, too. Whereas it was once boiled, then baked, it is today baked and then grilled.

B Thompson

COOKING WITHOUT MEAT

The group met in February to discuss more mouth-watering recipes and issues around cooking meat-free meals. We discussed ten ways to present potatoes, ranging from healthy to decadent, and I shared my secret award winning Dahl recipe I won't be sharing it here because its a secret! We talked of this and that, sharing experiences and difficulties and at the next meeting we will be each presenting a favourite recipe. Come along to share, to learn or just to pick up a few new ideas - next meeting is 10.30 a.m. at Café Prego, 7th April. We are a very friendly and welcoming group in our early stages so we welcome new thoughts!

And to whet your appetite, here are four quick and tasty recipes for stir fry sauces we shared last time we met.

Paula Harmer

T = tablespoon, t = teaspoon

Basic stir fry

3 cloves of garlic 1T brown sugar
2t cornflour 100ml vegetable stock
3T soy sauce 1T rice wine vinegar

Peel and finely chop garlic.
Put everything in a jug and mix with a fork.



Sweet and sour

1T brown sugar 2t cornflour
125ml vegetable stock 2T ketchup
1T soy sauce 1T rice wine vinegar

Put everything in a jug and mix with a fork.



Orange and ginger

3 cm piece fresh ginger or 1T lazy ginger 2t cornflour
3T soy sauce 1T rice wine vinegar
Juice of 1 large orange

Peel and finely chop ginger.
Put everything in a jug and mix with a fork.



Black pepper

100ml vegetable stock 1T cornflour
2T water 1t brown sugar
1t black pepper 3T soy sauce
2t rice wine vinegar

Put everything in a jug and mix with a fork.

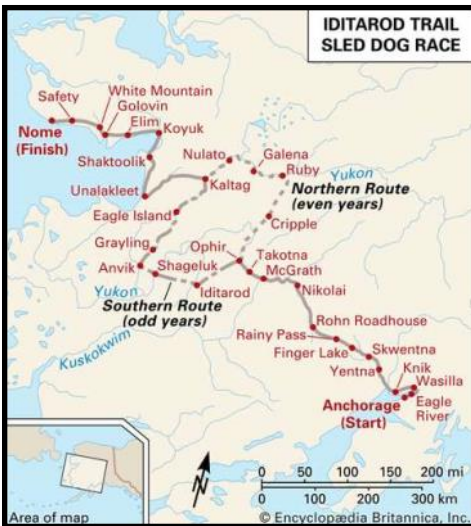


REPORTS FROM GENERAL MEETINGS

Our speaker for **January** was Dennis Ashton. Dennis talked to us about the many friends he's made over the years who have been involved in the Iditarod race in Alaska and which has become known as 'The last great race on earth'.

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is an annual long-distance sled dog race run in early March from Anchorage to Nome, entirely within the US state of Alaska. Musher and a team of 14 dogs, of which at least 5 must be on the towline at the finish line, cover the distance of over 1,000 miles in 8 – 15 days or more. Dennis told of the love of their dogs and how well they are looked after by the mushers. Dennis's enthusiasm was infectious and gave us a very entertaining 50 Minutes.

Jess Parkinson

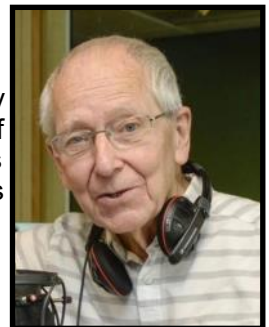


Lance Mackey



The **February** speaker was Gerry Kersey who gave us his talk on 50 years in broadcasting. It was an amusing journey through the decades and brought back many memories of radio from as far back as the 1940's. Many of our members remembered and could sing along with the theme tunes when Gerry sang them. Dick Barton being one of them.

Gerry Kersey



Gerry can be regularly heard on Radio Sheffield at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons with his programme 'Musical nostalgia and Chat'.

Jess Parkinson



To read an interview at the Sheffield Star go to:
<https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/gerry-kersey-interview-bbc-radio-sheffield-presenter-looks-back-after-50-years-air-202005>

THIRD AGE TRUST

National Summer Schools 2020

Monday 3rd August to Thursday 6th August 2020
Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET

Monday 7th September to Thursday 10th September 2020
Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, GL7 6JS

Bookings for both summer schools opened at the end of February

2020 Subject Summer Schools

Science Network - Conference Aston, Birmingham.
Monday 10th August to Thursday 13th August 2020.

2020 Regional Summer Schools

Yorkshire and Humber - Easingwold, York. - 27th - 30th July 2020

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/summer-schools>

Local Quiz: Answers from page 12

1. Hallgate
2. They are both car parks

The Majestic Cinema occupied the site we now call Gaumont Corner. This was demolished in 1933 and replaced by the Gaumont which operated until 1987 until it was renamed the Odeon which closed in 2008 and is now a private car park.

3. Beechfield House before it was demolished to make way for Doncaster College, now the site of Council House.



Welcome to the
April/May Culture Page
A few ideas for up and coming events



Cast Doncaster

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd May – Magic of Mowtown
Wednesday 13th May to Monday 1st June – Sing, Swing & Cake Summer
(A friendly social for those living with dementia & their families)
Tuesday 16th to Saturday 20th June – Romio & Julie – a modern comedy inspired
by Shakespeare’s romantic tragedy.
Tuesday 16th June – It’s Magic – Doris Day Story
Call 01302 303959 or visit
<https://www.castindoncaster.com/Pages/Events/Category/whats-on>

Rotherham Civic Theatre

Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th May – Carousel - (Musical)
Call 01709 823621 or visit www.rotherhamtheatres.co.uk

Doncaster Little Theatre

Friday Afternoon Cabaret – April 10th & 24th – May 8th & 22nd - June 5th & 19th
Friday 1st May – The Bachelors
Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th May – The Crucible (Play)
Thursday 4th June – Good Grief – The author Jon Lawrence tells his story
Call 01302 340422 or visit <http://www.doncasterlittletheatre.co.uk>

Sheffield Theatres

LYCEUM

Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th May - Once - (musical)
Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th – Dial M for Murder (Play)
Tuesday 26th to Saturday 30th May – Matthew Bourne’s – The Red Shoes
Tuesday 9th to Saturday 20th June – Sister Act (Musical)

CRUCIBLE

Wednesday 13th to Saturday 23rd May – Oliver Twist (Musical)
Call 0114 2496000 or visit <https://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/whats-on>

The Dome

8th May - The Aurora Fashion Show - Supporting those living with cancer
Friday 19th June - Tim Vine is Plastic Elvis
Call 01302 370777 or visit <https://www.dclt.co.uk/whats-on>

What's on in Doncaster?

February to 25th September 2020 - Cusworth Hall Museum -
Pit sense mining exhibition – The regions mining heritage
12th & 13 April 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. - Doncaster Racecourse –
Antique & Collectors Fair

25th May 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. - Doncaster Racecourse –
Antique & Collectors Fair

www.visitdoncaster.com/whatson

Hope you find something to enjoy.
Jess Parkinson

PINS & NEEDLES

The Pins and Needles group met in the warm room upstairs in the Prego Café on the Tuesday after the storm. As group leader I was not too sure anyone would turn up. It was a very wet, cold, and windy morning, but yes, of course they did!

Our lady who is the crochet queen, Nora, had bought along her latest project a lovely blue bird. She called it the blue bird of happiness.

Chris had bought along some completed knitted items for the maternity unit at DRI. There were angel pockets, tiny jackets and booties and little hats for the tiniest babies. They look so pretty when finished with the lace and ribbon.

Our newest lady Marion was very enthused about getting back to knitting. She had decided first to make a tea cosy, even though the pattern was proving to be a bit tricky. We all had a look and decided it just needed to be pulled a bit tighter to give it a ribbed look.

The morning went quickly and by the time we were finished the sun had decided to show itself very briefly..... but there was still a wicked wind.

Anne Windle



PUZZLE PAGE



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H	W	R	F	C	S	N	N	Z	V	B	K	C	F	V	Y	E	S	B	D
M	K	O	S	D	B	E	S	W	E	W	O	N	P	I	X	Z	U	O	E
Y	T	H	W	Q	H	T	S	Q	R	R	U	Z	K	D	Q	M	V	I	R
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F	M	H	T	D	E	I	K	P	L	P	T	Y	D	R	G	B	N	I	T
U	J	A	C	E	W	B	A	P	S	O	R	A	D	A	R	Z	J	P	F
T	T	E	G	E	E	P	K	E	E	I	S	M	R	I	D	X	M	M	B
S	T	V	I	D	E	H	E	M	L	E	V	E	L	W	O	Y	B	U	A
A	K	R	G	R	J	S	Q	K	U	F	Y	E	Y	E	M	U	G	B	M

Can you find these palindromes?

REDIVIDER	ROTAVATOR	REPAPER	REVIVER	ROTATOR
REDDER	CIVIC	KAYAK	LEVEL	MADAM
MINIM	RADAR	REFER	ROTOR	SAGAS
SEXES	SOLOS	STATS	TENET	DEED-
NOON	PEEP	SEES	BIB	BOB
DAD	DID	EWE	EYE	GIG
MUM	PIP	POP	WOW	

Do you know where this is?



Answer in the next newsletter.

Photo taken by Bridget Thompson, a member of the Digital Photography group

Solutions for February / March puzzles

Z		Y		S	Q	U	I	D
E	X	I	T		U		R	
B		E		T	E	P	I	D
R	O	L		N		S		
A		D	A	N	C	E		O
	S		W		H	A	L	F
S	T	A	Y	S		G		T
	E		E		F	L	E	E
S	W	O	R	D		E		N

LAST	S	T	R	A	W		DOGS
BLOOD	S	P	O	R	T	S	CAR
BURN	R	U	B	B	E	R	BULLETS
CREAM	C	H	E	E	S	E	CAKE
TV	S	E	R	I	A	L	KILLER
DOG		S	T	A	R		QUALITY
SECOND	F	I	D	D	L	E	STICKS
BOX	C	L	E	V	E	R	DICK
LAST	M	I	N	U	T	E	HAND
FIRST		L	I	G	H	T	YEAR
BREAST	S	T	R	O	K	E	PLAY
COMMON	G	R	O	U	N	D	HOG



Page 15: Where is this?

Answer: Kings Cross Railway Station, London

Membership Renewal

The membership renewal slip on page 11/12 should be returned with your payment to: The DU3A Membership Secretary, or handed over at a General Meeting. If posted please remember to include an SAE for the return of your membership card.

New members: please contact the Membership Secretary

Contacting Group Leaders and Committee Members

Group Leaders can be contacted by telephone (see printed newsletter) or by clicking on the Blue Bird on their group page on the DU3A website. Go to: <https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster> then click on the 'GROUP' tab. Go to the bottom of the group page to select the group that you require. Click on the Blue Bird in the top right-hand corner and a form will open for you to write your message.

Committee members can also be contacted via the DU3A website by opening the 'Contact' page and then selecting the appropriate member.

Contact Numbers

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Acting Vice Chair	Chris Woolven
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Treasurer	to be arranged
Membership Secretary	Jill Laming
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Committee	David Smith
Committee	Diane Williams
Committee	John Wheeler

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DU3A Website

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Visit the DU3A website for information about all the current interest groups, latest news/notices, membership information, meetings, social events, monthly calendars and newsletters, help/advice links, links to regional and national u3a and more.....

Monks Printers

We are grateful to Monks the Printers for their help in printing and distributing this newsletter.

Prego Café

We would like to thank our friends at the Prego Café for their help over the past years. Not only is the tea, coffee and food excellent, but the free use of the upstairs room for meetings has been a great help to many of our groups. If you haven't been there yet, give it a try!

Help the environment and save money by receiving the email version of the DU3A newsletters.

Deadline

Thank-you to all the members who have sent articles for this issue. Articles for the June/July newsletter need to be received by

Thursday 30th April

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to
du3anewsletterbmt@btinternet.com



