

DONCASTER



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August - September 2018

From the Chair



I feel honoured to be the Chair of Doncaster U3A. It is important that we play a part in the local community as well as serving our members well. The new committee has met and we are lucky in this organisation to have such a group of concerned and dedicated people working on your behalf to try and make DU3A the best it can be.

I pointed out at the AGM that the whole ethos of U3A is to take responsibility for your own involvement and learning – U3A is not a sit and listen organisation, it never has been and it never will be. The founders agreed the following principles – U3As were to be self governing and democratically run. They must be open to all third agers and their purpose must be educational in its widest sense, embracing leisure pursuits and social purposes. That still holds good today. Please keep in mind that the committee and others who help at meetings are all volunteers – and we can always do with more help. We now have a minute secretary who will minute our committee meetings. We still need some kind person to volunteer to be the U3A Secretary. Someone who will receive and distribute information from outside bodies and make sure we follow protocol with regard to the conduct of meetings, including the AGM. Could it be you?

Our U3A has grown steadily over the last few years, as it has nationally with over 1,000 U3As and over 400,000 members, so at around 400, DU3A is spot on the average! I hope the membership and the number and variety of groups will continue to grow so we have more to offer our members.

Several members of the committee were involved in distributing leaflets and information to passers-by in the market place on Saturday 16 June. The event was organised by Doncaster Council and was entitled 'Your Life Doncaster Community Festival'. They provided a gazebo together with a table and chairs and we had positive comments and interest from those we spoke to. There were a number of other organisations involved too. We are hopeful that at least some of those enquiries will turn into applications for membership.

The committee cannot operate in a vacuum. We need your views to help us shape the organisation and to develop new working practices. The committee contact details are in the newsletter and on the website. Do have a chat or drop us an email. We always welcome comments and suggestions. We recognise not all those will be positive and to this end we have a complaints procedure published on our website.

Just a reminder that we do not investigate anonymous comments. If anyone has comments or concerns then a private meeting with any committee member can be arranged when these can be discussed - or better still send an email. We look forward to hearing from you. Please remember there is a drop-in session every Saturday in the Trades Club bar from 11am to 1pm if you want to talk about all things U3A – or just fancy a chat...

Wendy Hattrell

Bryan Martin

It is with sadness that we have to tell you that Bryan Martin, former member of Living History, passed away after a long illness due to a heart attack.

He was an active member of the U3A and other groups.

He will be in our thoughts.

Betty Alexander, Jess Parkinson and everyone at Living History

Sunday Lunch

THE REGENT HOTEL - September 30th 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

Prices are: £12.50 for 2 courses:
£14.50 for 3 courses
Tea/Coffee extra

Menu available Monday 17th until Monday 24th September. Please contact me to choose from the menu or to let me know if you are unable to attend this lunch.

GEORGIAN TEA ROOMS - October 28th 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

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

Menu available Monday 15th until Monday 22nd October. Contact me to choose from the menu. Please let me know if you cannot attend this lunch.

Eileen Dickson



A warm welcome to our new members:

Janet Arnold, Ronald Arnold, Elizabeth Bailey, Laraine Garth,
Joe Jackson, Kathleen Streeter, Andrew Ward, Pamela Ward.

GROUPS - UPDATES/NOTICES

◆◆◆◆ ART/CALLIGRAPHY ◆◆◆◆

The Art/Calligraphy group will still be meeting at the Central Library, but we will be using the **Children's Library** for all our meetings from now on.

Maureen Fisher

◆◆◆◆ COMPUTERS ◆◆◆◆

The Computer group will still be meeting at the Central Library but we will be using the **Children's Library** for all our meetings from now on.

Martin Fisher

◆◆◆◆ DINING OUT ◆◆◆◆

The next meeting of the Dining Out group will take place on **Tuesday August 21st** at the **Thai restaurant** above The Salutation pub. This will be a set menu at a reduced price of £17 per person and a varied selection of dishes will be brought to the table from which you can make your choice.

This is a return visit due to the popularity of our last meal there. It is requested that we meet in the downstairs bar at 6.30 p.m. as the meal will not be served until everyone has arrived and we will all go upstairs to the dining area together at 7.00 p.m. Would you please send your cheque made payable to DU3A to Joan Condron by Saturday 4th August at the very latest. Sorry, but payments received after that date will not be accepted. Joan will be in attendance at the Saturday Drop-in at the Trades and Labour club between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to accept cheques and to answer any queries about this event. It is requested that you do not contact Carole as her illness is continuing.

Thank-you

Carole and Joan

◆◆◆◆ CARD MAKING ◆◆◆◆

All future meetings of the Card Making group will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in **Room 4, Priory Place Church** on the last Wednesday of the month. There will be **NO** meeting in August.

Janet Evans

June General Meeting: Ann Featherstone: Music Hall - Singers and Dancers

Ann told us how music halls had their origins in public houses. Singers used to sing their signature song once an hour and the main intention was to sell beer not to 'entertain'. The public houses were soon too small so they had a small room at the back. The publicans were not allowed to charge for the 'entertainment' so they sold tokens to enter the room and have a beer. It was men only and they ate there, often between 11.00 p.m. and 5.00 a.m.



There was one song for each entertainer and the song belonged to them. We joined in with songs such as: Champagne Charlie, My Old Dutch, The boy I love is up in the Gallery, Daisy Bell (Harry Dacre), and My old man said follow the van.

B Thompson



Albert Chevalier



Marie Lloyd



Vesta Tilley

BARNSELY SPRING SCHOOL - 1

David and I attended the two day spring school organised by Barnsley U3A, which was held at the Ibis hotel immediately off the motorway on 17th and 18th May. For non-drivers there was an option to stay overnight for an additional £50. The cost included a very acceptable lunch, and teas and coffees more or less all day.

I elected to do two days of mixed media art, which was very expertly run by three highly talented women and we all produced two or three pieces from the large amount of supplies they had provided.

David spent one day discussing Charles Dickens and one day finding out about the battle of Passchendaele. He, too, had a thoroughly enjoyable two days and was impressed by the knowledge of leader on both days.

We met friendly and interesting people - some from our own Doncaster U3A! The range of topics on offer was impressive and there were things to suit everyone. We had a MOST enjoyable two days! We found it stimulating and creativeand will certainly go again next year!

Paula Harmer

TENPIN BOWLING

"Well, we really pulled the stops out to take the prize from Linda this time didn't we ? Not only did Group leader Linda come out on top for the lady players but husband Rod took top place in the Guys group as well!



Next meeting: 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday 17th July. So let's pull all the stops out and see some top scoring - only kidding, Linda, well done. Over to the Cheswold for a bite as usual for all who fancy a bite".

Mike Bowser

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

The Scottish Country Dancing group started in February 2018, so has now completed its first 6 months - numbers have fluctuated between 12 and 20 - and as we can easily accommodate 32, we are very keen for new members to come along and give it a try. To quote one member - "It's really good fun, it's good exercise for us, and it keeps the brain ticking!" - and Nicky is a lovely and encouraging teacher. Most members come as individuals, whilst others come with friends or partners - it makes no difference, as we dance in 'sets' of 6 or 8.

We finish on July 20th for a summer break, and start again on Sept 7th. It's at the Baptist Church Hall on Chequer Road, 10.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. on Friday mornings. If you are thinking of coming along, or would just like to chat about it, do call me (contact number inside the back page of the newsletter).

Geoff Tagg

Third Age Trust National Conference & AGM 2018

August 28th to 30th

EAST MIDLANDS CONFERENCE CENTRE, UNIVERSITY PARK, NOTTINGHAM,

For more information go to: <https://conference.u3a.org.uk>

Contact Wendy Hattrell if you would like to represent DU3A.

CARD MAKING

We make greeting cards using a variety of materials such as card, ribbons, beads, lace, acetate, glitter etc. and use a variety of techniques such as die cutting, embossing, stamping, paper piecing and iris folding.

The photos show some of the projects we have made during the last few meetings.

Janet Evans



DINING OUT

On a lovely sunny evening 25 members of the Dining Out group met at Vivo restaurant on Bennethorpe for an Italian meal. The food was delicious and the service was efficient which was very impressive as there were two other parties in as well. It was a very enjoyable evening. If you have not yet tried Vivo, it is well worth a visit.

Joan Condron

STROLLERS

The Strollers last walk was during the June heat wave. There were a few hiccups locating the car park at the moors, but by the time our guide Janet arrived we were all present and ready to go. We were told a brief history of the area and plans for a new visitor centre. It was good to start walking and find the cool shade of the trees. We paused overlooking the water and Janet told us about the habitat that had been introduced and encouraged over the years. We walked on to our next stop overlooking the marsh, where a plane had crashed during the war, and a memorial was erected to the 4 crew who lost their lives. Luckily 2 others survived.

We only did a short easy walk because of the heat, but some of us promised to return to support the hard work the volunteers do, hopefully for the opening of the new centre in October.

We then drove to the Green Tree for our lunch, where a lovely cool table had been reserved for us. Thank you to Sonia and Ron for organizing the walk, the lunch and the weather!

Allen Whittaker



Policy Documents and Committee Meeting Minutes

The following policies can now be found on the Membership page of the DU3A website:

- Data Protection & Privacy Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Procedure for Organised Trips

Committee Meeting Minutes are also available on the link 'Minutes' on the Committee page of the DU3A website.

Policies and minutes are password protected as they are for Doncaster U3A members only. When you try to access these files you will be asked to enter a username and password.

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FOR THE LOVE OF NATURE

Visit to RSPB: Old Moor, Barnsley



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Once you have entered the username and password you will be able to access all protected files until you close the U3A Site Builder website. (Your computer may even save the username and password for future use).

Password Request:

To get the username and password for the 'members only' files:

1. Go to the **CONTACT** page.
2. Choose '**Password Request**'
3. Enter your name
4. Enter the email address that you gave to us for Beacon
5. Enter your **membership number** in the message box.

Please note: The username and password are **not** computer generated, so please do not wait on-line for them. We will endeavour to reply to your username/password request as soon as possible.

*B Thompson
Website manager*



TRAVEL GROUP

Trip to Lincoln

The Travel Group always used to organise its own trips and a small group met to discuss reviving this and possible destinations. There was a request for the 'seaside' and Lincoln was also suggested.

Lincoln was chosen for the first trip – it's not too far and we could try out the Doncaster Community Transport 26-seater buses before we ventured further afield. So 5th June saw 16 of us meeting at the Interchange for a visit to Lincoln. Well, I suppose as organiser I would say this, but we all enjoyed it enormously. One of the

members had prepared a sheet with options and costs listed for places of interest and the bus dropped us near the Cathedral. I spent the day exploring the Castle which I had never visited before, others headed to the cafés and the shops while some visited museums.

Amazingly everyone turned up on time for the return bus at the bottom of the hill and we made our way back to Doncaster, as they say, 'Tired but Happy'. One member had even found her favourite butcher and brought back her purchases to enjoy when she got home!

As I write, we are preparing to go to Bridlington on 3 July and looking forward to fish and chips for lunch if we can avoid the seagulls! There will be no meeting in August for the Travel Group but 4 September will see us on another trip – most likely to York. If you would like to join us please let me know.

Wendy Hattrell

BARNSELY SPRING SCHOOL - 2

I attended two one-day sessions at the Barnsley Spring School. The first was a very enlightening presentation about the Cosmos starting with the Big Bang and ending with present day scientific findings. An explanation of the science of light and the development of technology, mechanical, electronic and digital, helped us to develop a more in-depth understanding of where we are now and why we can see the beautiful images of outer space that are now so readily available to us. On the second day, I attempted to develop my photo processing skills with the support of the group leader. I played with pictures and enhanced them in various ways, creating some unusual effects, and I managed to combine two pictures in such a way that I took a lamb and ewe out of a field and put them on the beach. I only covered a fraction of what's possible in photo processing but it was well worth it.

B Thompson

Summer Sun

Great is the sun, and wide he goes
Through empty heaven with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

Though closer still the blinds we pull
To keep the shady parlour cool,
Yet he will find a chink or two
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;
And through the broken edge of tiles
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around
He bares to all the garden ground,
And sheds a warm and glittering look
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes.

Robert Louis Stevenson

FULKE GREVILLE

Another writer living about the same time as William Shakespeare was **Fulke Greville**. Indeed there is a grandiose monument to him in a Warwickshire Chapel (Collegiate Church of St Mary's, Warwick). He was born on the 3rd October 1554 and murdered by a servant on the 30th September 1628.



Fulke Greville was a renowned scholar, a judge, a soldier, an admiral in the Navy, statesman and spy. His dearest friend was Sir Philip Sydney. He was also Queen Elizabeth's favourite courtier. In his later years, he was Chancellor of the Exchequer under James I. However Greville himself was more concerned that he be remembered/noted for his writing.

Fulke Greville lived in the same street as Shakespeare. They both had the same friends – Christopher Marlowe and Francis Bacon. Many prominent researchers believe that he is the true author of all Shakespearian plays/poems (even though he was ten years older than Shakespeare). They moved in the same literary circles and had the same enemies.

Greville did, in fact, use the pseudonym of William Shakespeare because it was not considered appropriate for a gentleman to write 'common commercial plays'. He did have powerful friends. Indeed, he *cultivated* their friendship. Philip Sidney's father obtained for him a source of income from areas of the Welsh countryside. Influential men such as Sir Francis Walsingham and the Earl of Leicester helped him get a seat in Parliament in 1581 when he was 27. He longed for the excitement of foreign travel and battle but his talent for administration ensured he was kept in Government in England. Queen Elizabeth I always showed him favour and this continued during the accession of James I.

Greville acquired Warwick Castle from the Crown in 1604 and set about turning it from a defensive castle to a comfortable country house. In 1610 he was appointed as the borough recorder and his achievements were recognised in 1621, when he was raised to the peerage.

Although he died in London, Greville's body was brought back to Warwick to be buried in the Collegiate Church of St Mary. His massive tomb takes up most of the Church's Chapter House. The tomb's magnificence indicates that he was not short of money, or of self-importance and bears an epitaph:-

*'Folke Greville
Servant to Queen Elizabeth
Counsellor to King James
Friend to Sir Philip Sidney
Trophaeum Peccati'*

Against the idea that Greville wrote Shakespeare plays however, was that he had an extremely busy life. The two plays that Greville most definitely wrote were 'Mustapha' and 'Alaham'. Copies still exist. They bear no similarities to those written by Shakespeare and Greville specified that they were not to be performed in public, but to be read in private.

Researchers and scholars all say that the plays are a far cry from the plays written by Shakespeare.

*Jean Graville-King
History Group*

Applied Criminology: Nottingham Trip

On 12th September, 2018 the Applied Criminology Group are visiting the National Justice Museum in Nottingham. The museum is situated in the Lace Market (the old part of Nottingham) and is within easy walking distance of the town centre and shops. There are plenty of attractions including Nottingham Castle, The City of Caves that runs under the castle, and The Olde Trip to Jerusalem Inn which is the oldest pub in the country and serves excellent meals. It is reputed that men fighting in the crusades used to refresh themselves there.

There are 13 places on the coach that remain unfilled. If any member of Doncaster U3A would care to join us they will be made more than welcome. I anticipate the return coach fare will be around £7.00 per head.

The concession fee for the Justice Museum is £9.95. It is an interactive museum and, having visited it myself, is well worth the trip. They include you as a guest in a 'mock-up of the trial of a suffragette'. Is it very good and a good laugh. Visitors play the roles of the judge, witnesses and the jury. If this is not for you then there are the delights of Nottingham City Centre and **'SHOPS'!!**

You do not have to go to the museum unless you want to. Feel free to enjoy another city.

Peter Gospel





PUZZLE PAGE



1. What is a native from Shropshire called?
2. Who is the patron saint of grave-diggers?
3. Which Florentine artist's name literally translates as 'Little barrel'?
4. Holy Loch is an inlet of which river?
5. What was first predicted around 600 BC by the Greek scientist, Thales?
6. What is the name of the heroine of Truman Capote's *Breakfast At Tiffany's*?
7. Which city has an annual Goose Fair?
8. What does the acronym 'laser' stand for?
9. Where in Britain would you find Aubrey holes, Bluestone Horseshoe and Avenue ditches?
10. What is the definition of a straight line?
11. In geology, what are the three main types of rock?
12. Gulets are types of what?
13. From which creature was sepia originally obtained?
14. What medical apparatus was invented by the French doctor, Rene Theophile Hyacinthe Leanne, in 1816?
15. The Old Bailey is on the site of which former prison?
16. With which art movement do you associate Arp, Duchamp and Schwitters?
17. Which bell may have been named after Benjamin Hall?
18. Of what is somatology the study?
19. Who played the flustered priest Father Gerald in *Four Weddings And A Funeral*?
20. In which English county is Europe's largest stone circle?
21. What did Foucault's pendulum prove?
22. What is Salisbury Plain primarily used for?
23. What does a herpetologist study?
24. Where in Britain does Graham Sunderland's tapestry '*Christ in Glory*' hang?
25. In medicine, what is known as a 'magic bullet'?
26. Which Somerset town is said to be the burial place of King Arthur?
27. What name is given to a substance which accelerates a reaction without taking part in it?
28. Which seaside resort has Lanes and a nudist beach?
29. In which year was the tiebreak first used in tennis?
30. What is a paradiddle?



Welcome to the August/September culture page

Just a few ideas for up and coming things you may like to do.

Cast

Tuesday 25th to Saturday 29th September – Oliver the Musical
Thursday 11th October – The Good Old Days of Variety – Anita Harris
Call 01302 303959 or visit

<https://www.castindoncaster.com/Pages/Events/Category/whats-on>

The Little Theatre

Saturday 8th September – Two (and a half) Showbiz Girls
Call - 01302 340422 or visit DoncasterLittleTheatre.co.uk

Rotherham Civic Theatre

Thursday 4th October – The Matt Monro Story – The Final Tour
Call 01709 823621 or visit www.rotherhamtheatres.co.uk

Sheffield Lyceum

Tuesday 2nd to Saturday 6th October – Cilla the Musical
Call 0114 2496000 or visit <https://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/whats-on>

Sheffield City Hall

Wednesday 5th Sept – Buddy Holly & his buddies – Oval Hall
Saturday 22nd Sept – The World Famous Elvis Show – Oval Hall
Thursday 11th Oct – The Billy Fury Story – Oval Hall
Wednesday 24th Oct – Joanna Lumley – Oval Hall
Call 0114 2789789 or visit www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk

*Hope you find something to enjoy.
Jess Parkinson*

Solution to June - July's puzzles

LAGOEHERSG	= gorge + leash
HTIGIETRPNA	= pirate + knight
UROSTENERUMP	= mentor + pursue
ROEOIWPTNUAD	= utopia + wonder

Proverb 1: IT TAKES ALL SORTS TO MAKE A WORLD

Proverb 2: ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

BRAIN EXERCISES

If you can read this OUT LOUD, you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long, long, way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you. Only very good minds can read this. This is weird, but interesting!

7H15 M3554G3
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H0W 0UR M1ND5 C4N
D0 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5!
1MPR3551V3 7H1NG5!
1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG
17 WA5 H4RD BU7
NOW, ON 7H15 LIN3
YOUR M1ND 1S
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4U70M471C4LLY
W17H 0U7 3V3N
7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17,
B3 PROUD! ONLY
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R3AD 7H15.

If you can read this, you are one of the 55 people out of 100 who can. I cdnuolt blveiee that I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd what I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid, aoccdrnig to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it dseno't mtaetr in what oerdr the ltteres in a word are, the olny iproamtnt tihng is that the frsit and last ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can still raed it whotuut a pboerlm. This is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the word as a wlohe. Azanmig huh? And I awlyas tghuhot speling was ipmorantt!

Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery

Doncaster Art Club Annual Exhibition

14th July - 9th September 2018

Endangered & Extinct - Recycled Sculptures by Val Hunt

14th July—16th September 2018

<https://www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/whats-on>

Also: lectures, readings, courses, re-enactments, workshops, family fun activities

Forthcoming General Meetings

NO meeting in August

17th September Speaker: John Stirling
Topic: Theatre to actors & much more

15th October Speaker: Bob Ashton
Topic: A century of public transport (Doncaster)

U3A Trips

It is good to see so many groups organising trips - something that I don't remember happening a few years ago with the exception of Round and About/Travel Group. I'm sure by now, word will have reached you that the Charity Commission and the Third Age Trust have come to an agreement on how we are to operate Trips. Part of this agreement is that only the Committee, who are the DU3A Trustees, can enter into agreements with outside bodies. For this reason the Committee have opened an account with Doncaster Community Transport for all groups to use.

The process is explained in an email sent recently to Group Leaders. It is the Treasurer who will pay the deposit and the final amount after the trip. This means that anyone paying by cheque must make it payable to DU3A and they, together with any cash will be paid to the Treasurer to cover the cheque he will send to Doncaster Community Transport.

Information on any proposed trip must be given in advance to the Committee as they are the ones who shoulder the responsibility for paying and therefore have to be sure the figures work out. Should any group wish to subsidise the trip from their own funds they may do so if the group members agree (not just those going on the trip).

I have seen for myself how much pleasure these trips give to people who often don't venture too far away from Doncaster. You will appreciate that this change in process generates more work for the Committee and especially the Treasurer, so I hope you will continue to organise trips and not be put off by these changes.



Wendy Hattrell

ARE YOU OVER 60?

Do you have experience from your life or profession that you would love to share with others?

○ Perhaps you are a
FINANCE WHIZZ...

○ Know
HOW TO RUN A BUSINESS...

○ Know
HOW TO DRESS EFFECTIVELY...

○ **COMMUNICATE BRILLIANTLY...**

○ Are
RELATIONSHIP OR HEALTH SAVVY?

○ **OR SOMETHING MORE...?**

A new TV show for a major broadcaster is looking for senior people who might have a thing or two to teach the younger generation.

PARABLE

To find out more, please contact us:
casting@parableworks.com

To be eligible, all applicants must be over 18 and a UK resident.

Any information you share with us is strictly confidential and kept in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more would just need to find the time for a quick chat and after than maybe a Skype, which would take no more than 30 minutes.

To find out more, please contact:
Tel: 0203 906 9023
casting@parableworks.com

Submitted by Wendy Hattrell

Club Doncaster Foundation
NHS Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group

DONCASTER ROVERS

Pace: LOW
Skill: HIGH
Teamwork: 10/10
Attitude: 100%

CONTACT US NOW FOR MORE DETAILS ON 01302 764663

RETRO ROVERS WALKING FOOTBALL

WALKING FOOTBALL

@FitRovers

fitrovers@clubdoncasterfoundation.co.uk

Poster submitted by Jeff Haywood

WALKING FOOTBALL

The Walking Football project is targeted at adults who are less active but still have a love and passion for football, and allows both men and women to participate in the walking format of the game.

Sessions take place at:

the Dome
Goals
Keepmoat Stadium
and
Adwick Leisure Centre

If you're interested in joining walking football contact

Nick / Scott on 07841000548 /
01302 764663





Photography Competition

REMINDER

The theme of the competition is **“Summer”**

All work must be the author's own work

Two winners will be chosen

The closing date for receiving your entry is
17th September 2018

The competition is open only to Doncaster U3A members

The maximum number of entries per person is one,
printed to a maximum size of A4

Entries may be in colour or black and white

For **FULL** details, please see the June/July newsletter
or go to the Welcome page or the Digital Photography
page of the Doncaster U3A website:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster/welcome>

If you have any queries/questions please email
terrygunnill@gmail.com



July

July was named by the ancient Romans. However, it is unique in that it is not named after a god or goddess. By contrast, the Roman Senate named this month after General Julius Caesar, as he was born during this month.

Before this, July was actually called “Quintilis”. This was Latin for “fifth” - July was the fifth month in the ten month calendar before January and February were added by Numa Pompilius in 713 B.C. Until then, the month was governed by the Roman deity Jupiter, god of light and sky. This makes perfect sense, as the days of July are ripe with day light.

The Anglo Saxons names for the month included Heymonath or maed monath referring respectfully to hay making and the flowering of the meadows.

People born in July can claim the ruby as their birth stone. It is connected with contentment and joy. These feelings are synonymous with summer, making this semi-precious ruby stone perfect as a sign of July.

DONCASTER MANSION HOUSE

This year the Friends of Doncaster Mansion House intend to stage a series of free lunchtime events at the Mansion House on Open Days. Here is the Events Programme for July, August and September for your information.

20th July - Nottinghamshire's Lost Palace

A talk by Malcolm Dolby about James Paine's work at Worksop Manor.

12.30 to 1.30 p.m. at the Mansion House Cost: Free - just turn up.

<https://doncasterfhs.co.uk/event/nottinghamshires-lost-palace>

7th August - Hickleton Hall

A talk by John Dabell on James Paine's work at Hickleton Hall. John grew up in Hickleton and has spent many years researching the history of this important Georgian country house and park and tells the fascinating story of its owners and architects. The Hall was built for the banker Godfrey Wentworth by James Paine between 1745 and 1748 at about the same time that he was building Doncaster Mansion House. Hickleton Hall was enlarged and altered at least 3 times in its history. It passed from the Wentworth family to the Halifax family. Latterly best known as a Sue Ryder Home.

11.30 to 12.30 p.m. at the Mansion House Cost: Free - just turn up

17th August - Poets of the Great War

Read to Write presents a moving reading of poets from the Great War. Including letters, journal entries, and extracts from memoirs, the event will provide a vivid tribute to the soldier poets of that conflict in this important centenary year. As well as readings from Owen, Sassoon, Graves, and Rosenberg, the event will feature the work of our local 'forgotten' poet Will Streets of Whitwell who was killed in action on the Somme.

12.30 to 1.30 p.m. at the Mansion House Cost: Free - just turn up

21st September - Women's Voices of the Great War

Read to Write presents a reading of women writers during the Great War period. Coinciding with the culmination of the Suffrage Movement with the granting of votes for women in 1918, the period is rich in written material from the Home Front and from women who were near to the action acting as nurses. Drawing on poems, journals, and memoirs this event promises to be a timely and moving event for all those with an interest in the Great War and in the movement for Women's rights.

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In addition to the above events the following exhibitions will be on display in the Mansion House:

The **James Paine Exhibition** will be on display in the Front Committee Room on every Open Day

The **Suffragette Exhibition** will be on display in the Back Committee Room on every Open Day

Open Days

The Mansion House is now open to visitors on regular Open Days throughout the year. Admission for open days is free.

Fridays: 10.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

July: 20th; **August:** 17th, 31st; **September:** 21st

Tuesdays: 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

August: 7th; **September:** 11th, 25th

Afternoon Teas

Fridays: between 12 noon - 4.00 p.m.

August: 24th; **September:** 7th

Price: £16.00 per person.

To book tickets please contact or visit the
Tourist Information Centre: 01302 734309.

Tea Dances

Tuesdays: between 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. **August:** 7th; **September:** 4th

Price £3.70 per person
including tea/coffee and biscuits - payable at the door.

For more information please contact The Mansion House on 01302 734032

THIRD AGE TRUST: National Educational Events

Jazz Study Day with Alan Barnes and his Octet

Wednesday 19th September 2018: 11:00 – 16:00

Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambroseden Avenue Entrance, London
SW1P 1QH

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/u3a-jazz-study-day-2018-tickets-45894763473>

Five Senses? You may have 33!

Thursday 20th September 2018: 10:30 – 17:15

We The Curious - Bristol Science Centre, Anchor Road. Harbourside
BS1 5DB

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-science-centre-five-senses-you-may-have-33-tickets-46905419372>

CONTACTING GROUP LEADERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Group Leaders can be contacted by telephone (see below) 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.

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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!

Monks Printers

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

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.....

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Deadline

Thank-you to all the members who have sent articles for this issue. Articles for the October-November newsletter need to be received by **Monday 3rd September.**

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



