

# DONCASTER



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## February - March 2020

# From the Chair



It was the Mansion House where the inaugural meeting of Doncaster U3A had been held, so it was fitting to return to the Mansion House for our celebration of the 25th Anniversary. In 1994, 50 people attended and 7 groups were formed ranging from Local History to French. I hope that Jane Page's links with the local press will continue and we will become better known over time. We ought to have 700 – 1,000 members in a town the size of Doncaster. Instead we have less than 400, so keep spreading the word.

The 110 of you who were lucky enough to come to our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Tea will have enjoyed the occasion – as I did. Such a splendid setting and the staff are really kind – even if they were a little late serving the food! Thanks to the intervention of the Elected Mayor our costs were reduced and we were able to give those attending a souvenir tea caddy to take home. Sadly the Civic Mayor was ill on the day and couldn't attend as planned. We will invite her to attend one of our General Meetings in the New Year instead - I know you will make her welcome. The entertainment was very appropriate as the 'Glummer Twins', our own David Harmer and his friend Ray Globe, told us tales of coming to terms with getting older - interspersed with 'silly songs'. The Christmas Raffle was bigger and better than ever with two Christmas hampers, two boxes of chocs and an M&S voucher. No one claimed the first ticket out of the hat and when I checked later, yes it was mine, but we drew again as you do on these occasions!

At the Mansion House when I asked for recognition for unsung heroes and mentioned Bridget Thompson who looks after the website and edits this newsletter, there was spontaneous applause. Bridget does a terrific job and we are very lucky to have her. I am also grateful for the help of John Weston with organising the Mansion House event and researching the beginnings of DU3A. We hope to publish a booklet before the AGM in May and would welcome contributions from current Groups. Looking back at the publication for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quite a number of groups put together poems which encompassed their thoughts and the activities involved in their U3A groups and others submitted descriptions of their own group activities. We would welcome any contributions to bring it up-to-date to 2020.

We mustn't forget that now is the time to start planning and booking your summer schools – both regional and national. One of our members used to run occasional bus trips and, if there was demand, bus holidays each year. I feel there would be a good response if someone was brave enough to put their head above the parapet and offer to organise some....

U3A is a doing organisation so please think about what your contribution can be – even if it's only organising the refreshments for your group. We also

need members, especially new members to think about coming onto the Committee this coming year - please don't wait to be asked. We love volunteers, after all - every little helps.

*Wendy Hattrell*



## Future General Meetings:

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|---------------------|----------|---|
| 20th January 2020:  | Speaker: | Dennis Ashton                           |
|                     | Topic:   | Iditarod (The last great race on earth) |
| 17th February 2020: | Speaker: | Gerry Kersey                            |
|                     | Topic:   | 50 Years in broadcasting.               |
| 16th March 2020:    | Speaker: | Pat McLaughlin                          |
|                     | Topic:   | Great Houses & Halls of South Yorkshire |

# WELCOME

**A warm welcome to our new members**

**Richard Benson, Mary Bullivant, Ann Darby, Lynne Dobson, Rebecca Gale, Brian Good, Eileen Gray, Julia Jackson, Gwynllyw Rees, Bob Richards, Margaret Richards.**

## Deadline

Articles for the April/May newsletter need to be received by

**Thursday 27th February.**

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to  
[du3anewsletterbmt@btinternet.com](mailto:du3anewsletterbmt@btinternet.com)

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# GROUPS - UPDATES / NOTICES

## DINING OUT

The first meeting of the Dining Out group in 2020 is on the [18th February](#) at the [Koz restaurant](#) on Nether Hall Road. This was formerly the Ada restaurant and recently changed its name. Please ensure that I receive your cheque made payable to DU3A accompanied by your choice of menu by Saturday 9th February at the latest.

Thank you.

*Joan Condron*

## GENERAL MEETINGS

January, February and March General Meetings have been booked at C-View

## COMPUTERS & ART/CALLIGRAPHY

These two groups are now no longer running. See article on page 9.

## TENPIN BOWLING

The next sessions will be held on 21st January and 17th March.

## CANASTA

The sessions are being held on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Celia Griggs (contact number inside the back page).

## COOKING WITHOUT MEAT

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th February.

## BRASS BAND

Weekly brass band sessions are held on Wednesdays at 1.00 p.m. at Markham Main Colliery Band Room, Armthorpe. If you are interested in joining the group or would like more details please contact Stephen Follows (contact number inside the back page).

*Jokes submitted by David Weston.....*

I went to the doctor's and asked for something for persistent wind – he gave me a kite.

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My pal said he was cold. I told him to go and stand in a corner – they're 90 degrees.

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# Sunday Lunch

**REGENT HOTEL:** – 23rd February at 1.00 p.m.

Prices are: £14.50 for 2 courses: £16.50 for 3 courses  
Tea / Coffee extra.

Menu available from Monday 10th until Sunday 16th February. Please contact me to choose from the menu or to let me know if you are unable to attend this lunch.

**EARL OF DONCASTER:** - 29th March at 1.00 p.m.

Prices are: £14.95 for 2 courses: £16.95 for 3 courses  
Tea / Coffee extra.

Menu available from Monday 16th until Sunday 22nd March. Contact me to choose from the menu or to let me know if you are unable to attend this lunch.

*Eileen Dickson*

## The U.3.A.



This is Christmas Eve, and this morning I had a surprise visitor, no not an early Father Christmas, but an acquaintance who has become a friend. I was so pleased to see her, as she was such a good listener to the chatter box that is me. This surprise visit on Christmas Eve got my Christmas off to a good start, as it occurred to me that had I not met this friend at a shared interest group of the U3A, I would not have had this lovely Christmas Eve visit, that to me embodied, all that Christmas means. Friendship and Goodwill. Also an interest in the wellbeing of one's neighbours and friends, as well as family.



The unexpected visit of my friend on Christmas Eve coloured in, what had been until then, a colourless prospect of doing what was expected of me, and had been done so many times over past Christmas's that it was beginning to be a boring chore. All this became a colourful celebration by a simple visit, from a friend, made possible by being a member of the U3A.



Long live the U3A.

*Betty Alexander.*



## STRETCHERS

December - Potteric Carr

We met at 10 a.m. on a very wet and windy morning at the café. The footpath from Tofield Hide to West Scrape was cut off by flooding. We set off towards Beeston Plantation then along the track around Loversall Carr, around Willow Marsh up alongside a rail track looking over Huxter Well Marsh and West Scrape then back through the woods to Piper Marsh, on through Black Carr Field to the Education centre returning around Old Eaa Marsh and Decoy Marsh to the café for lunch.



An enjoyable walk in good company irrespective of the atrocious weather.

*Tony Hodge*

## COOKING WITHOUT MEAT

(inaugural meeting)



Our first get together was 10.30 on Tuesday 3rd December in Cafe Prego. Well, we were a select bunch of only five for our first meeting!

We talked about our reasons for wanting to reduce meat in our diet, which ranged from a lifelong commitment, through environmental concerns, to a healthier diet. Some of us were vegetarians and some not.

Who knew all the ways to cook and eat a humble cauliflower? Rice it, grate it, bake, roast or boil it - a very versatile vegetable indeed!

We discussed the importance of sharpened knives and I demonstrated my magnificent sharpener.

There was lots of talk and an agenda was set for next meeting - **Tuesday 4th February** and thereafter on the first Tuesday of each month. We will be examining air fryers, talking about kitchenalia that has proved less than useful, talking about how a diet without meat supplies us with protein and more!

The group dispersed at twelve and everyone went off to buy a knife sharpener!

Be assured of a warm welcome if you come along! Do please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

*Paula Harmer*

## STROLLERS

After the wettest November for many years our last walk of 2019 could have been a bit tricky. It was a damp start but the 'brave strollers' set off through the leaves and trees of Kirk Sandall and Barnby Dun then alongside the very full canal to the old St. Oswald's Church where we paused for our photo call. We had to make a detour to avoid a flooded lane but got back for lunch at the Glasshouse just before the heavy rain arrived in the afternoon.

Thank you to Pat and Dave for a great year of walks and we will be back to do it all again in 2020.

*Allen Whittaker*



## PINS & NEEDLES

The Pins and Needles group has for the last few months been trying simple squares of patchwork. It's been quite a long process as it's been all hand stitching. It has been good for some but not everybody's cup of tea! Whilst we're at the meeting we do like to set the world to rights and catch up on life in general. We are a small group willing to share our skills.

The pictures are the group at work in the Prego Café where we meet. One square nearly completed. One square completed by Anne who does have knowledge of the process!!



*Anne Windle*



When I told my wife she needed to embrace her mistakes she gave me a big hug.

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What do you get when you cross a pig with a centipede – bacon and legs.

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I used to know how to make those little fizzy sweets but then I forgot: So I went on a refresher course.

# BRASS BAND

In the middle of October this year a few brave souls that could read music but had never played in a brass band before met up with Stephen, Ian and Mike at the Markham Main Colliery Band room to discuss the possibility of forming a U3A brass band. The three of them convinced us it was a good idea and being up for a challenge we took it on.

We meet every Wednesday at 1p.m. precisely to exercise our 'chuckle muscles' and practice our 'embouchure'. We've learnt how to use the air in our lungs to blow into the instrument to make the notes, play harmonics and on December 18th we played to our first audience. Admittedly it was only a few family members and I don't think they would have paid for a ticket but we had a tremendous amount of fun.

We have only been meeting for eight or nine weeks. For one of our members it was only his second week but we played our hearts out. Not too tunefully, some of the time, but we played Christmas carols to entertain our guests who sang alongside us. One lady even accompanied us with the bells for Jingle Bells.

Mince pies, tea and a few congratulatory comments followed with a half-hearted promise that we would play at the General Meeting, Christmas 2020 if asked.

*Vanessa Whaley*



# ENJOYING POETRY



The Enjoying Poetry group has made a great start with three well attended meetings so far. Members have brought along a fantastic range of poems from the downright hilarious to the very serious. As well as reading and hearing poems, the group enjoys the memories and anecdotes the poems give rise to and there is often a lively discussion about the poems and

what they mean to us as a group. Above all, we enjoy a good laugh and a good chat.

The group meets at Cafe Prego on the third Tuesday of each month, 10.30 to 12.00. The next meeting is on January the 21st and if you would like to come along please do.

*David Harmer*



# Computer & Calligraphy/Art Groups

These two groups, which had been running as one group for some time, had their last meeting at the end of December 2019.



Martin started the Computer Group soon after joining Doncaster U3A in about 2000 after taking early retirement from Doncaster Libraries. At the time, Jean Jones was the Chairman and newcomers were asked to form and run groups if they had a particular skill and wanted to 'teach' it. Martin believes that is still the ethos of the U3A. Groups then either found suitable premises or were held in the Group Leaders' homes.

In the case of the Music Appreciation Group, the meetings were held in each of the members' houses (varying from meeting to meeting) with the member whose home it was choosing the programme.

Martin realised that a Computer Group needed a room with computer terminals, and found one at Doncaster Central Library. He was asked what day he would like to have, and conscious of an instruction not to clash with meetings of other groups, he asked what day was not used very much, and was told "Mondays", so he chose that not realising that the reason why Mondays were not a favourite was because of Bank Holidays, when the Library was shut. In the early days of the group, the Library sometimes had book sales at the weekend in the room the Computer Group used, and the staff cleared up the room on Mondays, too.

Later, Maureen joined Martin after she retired, leading Calligraphy & Art. This group was attended by several members at first, mainly from the Card Making group, who wanted to learn calligraphy to use on their cards, but these dropped out when they had learned enough. To make both groups viable, they combined the two groups and ran them in the same room as the computer terminals were around the edges of the room with tables in the middle for the artists.



This went well for several years, and then the Prince's Trust took over all the best rooms in the Central Library. After trying one or two of the alternatives, the group started to use the Children's Library, which was a fairly good location as it had natural light, a private toilet and was on the ground floor.

The Central Library is going to move to new premises in 2020. We have been told that there will be no rooms with computers in them; they will all be out in the open as in the Central Lending and Reference Libraries. There will be meeting rooms, but the charges will be a lot higher than at present, as the Council expect the business community to want to hire them.

This contributed to the Group's decision to finish at the end of 2019.

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With thanks to Martin and Maureen Fisher for their dedication and for running these groups and sharing their expertise over many years.



# CROWN GREEN BOWLS

After an enjoyable summer season at Haslam Park, we were allowed to extend our stay on the green into the winter months. With two new members this year, are numbers are steadily growing.

The early 1.30 p.m. starts in November and December have not put off our merry band, who arrive in various garbs determined to prevent the rain, wind, frost, etc. from spoiling this wonderful outdoor exercise. Our efforts culminated in having a successful social get together at the Cheswold in the first week of December after our last session in 2019.

We shall carry on our therapeutic hobby in 2020, with renewed enthusiasm. Any and all U3A members who wish to come and have a go, please do. You never know what hidden talents you have until you at least explore the possibilities. Come and join us on a Thursday afternoon.

*George Kirk*



## General Meeting: November

A representative from Co-operative Insurance gave a very insightful and humorous presentation to the November general meeting entitled

### **Tax, Care and Toy Boys!**

During the wide ranging financial topic he mentioned inheritance tax, wills and the potential impact on your children after your death if your spouse takes a toy boy as a partner! He said these pitfalls can be mitigated by a trust deed. When discussing care costs he mentioned their impact on your home. Again he had suggestions regarding these. He had a very engaging style and invited questions during his presentation. This resulted in member participation and turned a potentially dull subject into an interesting one. Power of Attorney was raised and he dealt with it in a professional manner

*John Weston*

## THIRD AGE TRUST:

National Educational Event

Monday 3rd February: **Discovering Children's Literature:** 10.30 - 15.45 £24  
The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB

# LOVE OF NATURE

3rd December 2019

Some 27 members of the group met with two captivating owls at an "Owl Event" in the Education Centre of Potteric Carr wildlife reserve. We were first introduced to Annette McKenzie, the keeper of the owls. Annette described how, as a teenager, she first became involved with birds of prey.

Annette introduced us to a very handsome female Barn Owl called Brillo. Annette purchased Brillo when the bird was at a young age. Like all captive birds of prey, Brillo was born and bred in captivity. Brillo came from a wildlife park near Spalding, Lincolnshire.



As Brillo perched patiently on her keeper's forearm, frequently and quickly turning her head, we members were intrigued by Annette's account of an owl's remarkable hearing, and wonderful ability to fly silently by night. Annette related various reasons for the marked decline in wild barn owl numbers since the 1930s. Happily, in more recent times, there has been an increase in the barn owl population, from a low of 4,500 breeding pairs, to 5,500 or 6,000 breeding pairs currently. Many barn owls now nest in nest boxes.

At her home, Annette keeps her birds of prey in an aviary. Brillo is periodically allowed to fly freely around her one acre garden. Annette takes her owls to care homes, cubs and brownies meetings, schools, outdoor community events, and even birthday parties!

Annette pointed out that all keepers of birds of prey must have licences, and are not allowed to release the birds into the wild. She explained the reasons for these regulations, while also telling us that birds in captivity live longer than their wild counterparts. Captive owls may live for 13 years, while those in the wild have an age span of just 3 years.

Annette next presented a very cute male Little Owl called Eric. Eric had speckled plumage, (which in the wild would provide excellent camouflage), and short wings. Little owls have a call which sounds like a yapping dog, and Eric duly gave us an audible demonstration. These birds weigh just 8 ounces, have various nesting sites, from holes in trees to rabbit warrens, and will eat woodlice and earthworms as well as larger prey.



At the close of a very interesting and fascinating owl presentation, many members were so endeared to Eric, that they gathered close up and personal, to take photographs, and simply to admire this attractive bird.

*Alan Brocklehurst*

## LOVE OF NATURE

In November a group of hardy U3A members spent a few hours doing hard labour at Potteric Carr Nature Reserve. They worked alongside the ranger and a group of volunteers doing the vital task of cutting down unwanted tree saplings that would, in time, have changed their habitat from a wetland area to a wooded area. We were told that animals sometimes slept on the warm ashes of the bonfires.

*B Thompson*



## Volunteers Wanted

Darts is an award winning team of artists, makers, musicians, performers and support staff who collaborate to design and deliver creative programmes which inspire learning, build good emotional health and strengthen professional practice for people of all ages who live, work or learn in Doncaster.

Our home, 'The Point', is a friendly and welcoming place which is open to all and is where we make and share art. We carry this ethos to all our creative workshops across Doncaster.

Volunteers are an essential part of our team and really help us to make a difference. We love involving volunteers in the work we do.

If you are interested in becoming a Darts volunteer contact me, Sophie Regan, on [sregan@thepoint.org.uk](mailto:sregan@thepoint.org.uk) or, alternatively, visit us at The Point on South Parade to collect an application form.

*Sophie Regan*



# REMINDER

Have you changed any of the following?

- your home address
- your mobile number
- your landline
- your email address
- groups that you attend

If yes - please update your details a.s.a.p.

Log on to the Doncaster U3A website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster>

Click on the Membership page.

Click on the link 'DU3A Membership Portal' and fill in details of your membership number from your membership card, forename, surname, post code and email address if you have one,

Click on 'Confirm Identity'

Select an option and update.

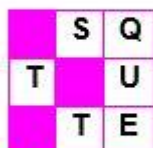
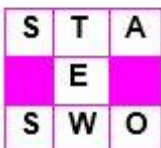
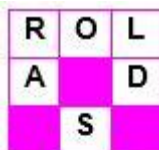
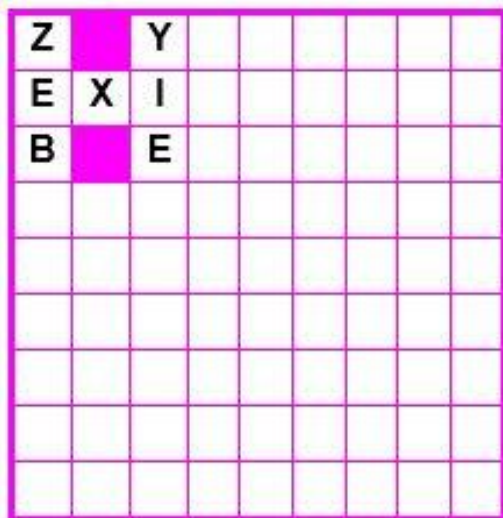
Click on 'Members Portal' to return to the options page.

Select the second option if necessary and update.

*Life is unpredictable,  
It changes with the seasons,  
Even your coldest winter,  
Happens for the best of reasons,  
And though it feels eternal,  
Like all you'll ever do is freeze,  
I promise spring is coming,  
And with it, brand new leaves*

*Erin Hansen*

# PUZZLE PAGE



Fit the remaining 8 blocks into the grid to form a completed crossword.



Find a word that can follow the word on the left and also precede the word on the right. When the table is complete a name will appear in one of the vertical columns.

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SECOND	F						STICKS
BOX	C						DICK
LAST	M						HAND
FIRST			L				YEAR
BREAST	S						PLAY
COMMON	G						HOG

## Solutions for December / January puzzles

### Christmas Quiz

1. 1843
2. Poinsettia
3. George V 1932
4. Tom Smith, a 19th-century London sweet shop owner
5. Hen
6. January 7<sup>th</sup>
7. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert
8. Oliver Cromwell
9. beef and mutton with raisins and wine currants, prunes, wines and spices (14th century porridge called 'frumenty' that was more like soup}
10. Wallace & Gromit
11. To honour Saint Nicholas who gave away bags of gold
12. A sort of mulled wine
13. Blitzten, Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Dancer, and Donner
14. Donner. (German)
15. Blitzten. (German)
16. Georgia, Arizona, and Indiana.
17. The tradition of wishing neighbours good health.
18. St Francis of Assisi
19. Jingle bells
20. Beef and spices

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Page 21: Where is this?    Answer: Sheffield Town Hall



**Do you know where this is?**

Answer in the next newsletter.

Photo taken by Bill Dixon, a member of the Digital Photography group



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## Turner Study Day

Tuesday 10 March 2020

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mercer Gallery, Harrogate HG1 2SA

Come and discover the work of Turner through painting, writing or research.

There will be three topic groups of no more than 10 operating throughout the day – see below. Attendees should choose ONE group.

After a short introduction to the exhibition in the main gallery attendees work with their chosen group before and after lunch. The final session will bring all 3 groups together to share their work.

Cost £25 to include all refreshments and lunch.

To book a place please contact Christine Hines - [chines845@gmail.com](mailto:chines845@gmail.com)

### The Topic Groups:

**Painting** - using the paintings in the exhibition attendees can create their own work in his style.

**Writing** - selecting one of the paintings in the exhibition attendees can work individually or collaboratively to develop a story or poem.

**Research** – using a variety of resources attendees can develop their knowledge and understanding about Turner and his work.

All groups will be led by a tutor.

### Programme:

9.30 - 10.00	Registration and refreshments
10.00 - 10.45	Welcome and short introduction to the exhibition
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30	Groups
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch
1.30 - 3.00	Groups
3.00 - 3.15	Tea
3.15 - 3.45	Show and tell
3.45 - 4.00	Evaluation

Just a few **Awareness Days** for you to consider.....

**January:** • 27 National Chocolate Cake Day (American)

**February:** • 2 World Wetlands Day • 14 - 21 National Nest Box Week  
• 22 World Thinking Day • 27 International Polar Bear Day

**March:** • 4 World Maths Day • 6 National Doodle Day  
• 6 - 15 British Science Week • 16 - 22 Shakespeare Week  
• 21 World Forestry Day • 23 World Meteorological Day





## Summer Learning Break

Learn, laugh, live  
27th – 30th July 2020  
The Hawkhills, Easingwold, YO61 3EG  
[www.thehawkhills.com](http://www.thehawkhills.com)

What will you be up to next summer?

Back by popular demand following the success of our 2019 Summer School. Once again we're offering you the opportunity to join us at our Summer School!

The Hawkhills is a perfect place to run our Summer School

Set off the A19 just south of Easingwold and set within a 240 acre estate, the venue boasts well appointed conference facilities and a modern accessible accommodation block providing comfortable en-suite bedrooms with all amenities. The Hawkhills has a reputation for first class cuisine as well as providing a cosy bar, relaxing lounge and conservatory areas, and magnificent landscaped gardens opening out onto woodland with waymarked walks.

### **Course Topics to choose from:**

Jewellery Making  
Four Philosophers of Four Centuries  
Drawing for Art  
Talking About our Generation  
The Air we Breathe  
Battles fought in the County of Yorkshire  
Greek Mythology  
Dangerous Women and Murderous Men  
Railway Competition in NE England

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 \*\*

More information including preliminary course details are available on  
[yahru3a.co.uk](http://yahru3a.co.uk)

Booking can be made from early January  
Follow the links to Events then Summer School 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.

For details of courses: go to -

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

I apologise for not supplying the Culture Page this time but due to personal reasons I simply don't have the time. Normal service will resume a.s.a.p.

Regards to you all. *Jess Parkinson.*

In the mean time here are some ideas that you may wish to consider.

*B Thompson*

### CAST, Doncaster

**Seth Lakeman: folk singer - A Pilgrim's Tale:** Wed. 5th Feb 2020, 7:30pm

Tel: 01302 302 959

<http://www.visitdoncaster.com/whats-on/seth-lakeman-a-pilgrims-tale>

### DONCASTER LITTLE THEATRE

**Travellin' Man - The Ricky Nelson Rock n' Roll Show:** Friday 7th February

Tel: 01302 340422

<http://www.visitdoncaster.com/whats-on/travellin-man-the-ricky-nelson-rock-n-roll-show>

### CASTLE PARK

**England Women vs Ireland Women - Women's Six Nations -**

Sunday 23rd February 2020. Kick-off 12.45.

Tel: 01302 831388

<http://www.visitdoncaster.com/whats-on/england-women-vs-ireland-women-six-nations>

### THE DOME

**Menopause the Musical 2:** Friday 28th February 2020

Tel: 01302 370777

<http://www.visitdoncaster.com/whats-on/menopause-the-musical-2>

### DONCASTER LITTLE THEATRE

**Afternoon Cabaret** presented by The Doncaster Little Theatre and RKC Promotions

Live Entertainment: may include, comedians, male and female vocalists, ventriloquists, duos.... The shows are compered by Robert Craig along with two different guest acts every show. Show starts 2.00 p.m. and finishes around 4:45 p.m.

Fridays: Feb, 28th Feb, 13th March, 27th March

<https://doncasterlittletheatre.co.uk/events/81c04954-2761-476b-8d19-54133d162391>

### DONCASTER MANSION HOUSE

Two **open days** a month.

Tues 27 Feb, 10am to 1pm

Friday 9 March, 10am to 2pm; Tuesday 20 March, 10am to 1pm

<https://doncastermansionhouse.co.uk/visit>

Today in the bank some old lady asked me to check her balance .... so I shoved her over.

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My wife was moaning that I never buy her flowers. To be honest, I didn't even know that she sold them.

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## OVAL HALL: SHEFFIELD CITY HALL

**The Circus of Horrors:** Sat 8th February

<https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/event/the-circus-of-horrors>

**An Evening With Whitney: The Whitney Houston Hologram Tour:**  
Tues 25th Feb

<https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/event/whitney-houston>

**Anton & Erin Dance Those Magical Movies:** Sun 16 Feb 15.00

<https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/event/anton-and-erin>

**Clannad: 'In a Lifetime' The Farewell World Tour.**

Wednesday, 04 March 2020 20.00

<https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/event/clannad>

**The Russian State Opera** presents premiere of **Aida**

Wednesday, 11 March 2020 19.30

<https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/event/aida>

**Firedance - Karen Hauer & Gorka Marquez** Thursday, 12 March 19.30

<https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/event/firedance>

## THE BALLROOM: SHEFFIELD CITY HALL

**Pre Show Dining Menu: Anton & Erin Dance Those Magical Movies:**  
Sun 16 Feb 13.00

Enjoy a delicious one, two or three course meal in the beautiful setting of the art deco Ballroom moments away from your seat. See the full menu of dishes on offer for the evening - see website below.

<https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/pre-show-dining/anton-and-erin>

## TICKHILL MUSIC SOCIETY

The award winning **Barbican String Quartet** will be playing works by Mozart, Bartok and Schumann at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 7 February, at St Mary's School Hall, Tickhill.....

<https://www.facebook.com/tickhillmusicsociety/>

and **Emma Halban** on flute accompanied by **Daniel King-Smith** on the piano with a varied programme ranging from Bach to Karl Jenkins on Friday 13 March, at St Mary's School Hall, Tickhill, 7.00 p.m.

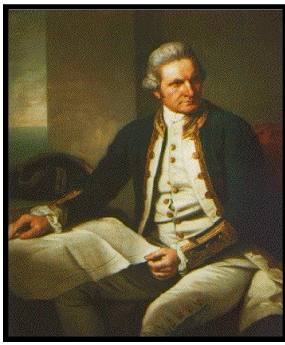


Are you wanting to walk Christmas and the New Year off - then you may wish to partake in walks in and around Doncaster.

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/yorkshire/doncaster.php>

Doncaster walks to download and print FREE!

37 walks - 19 between 1.2 and 4 miles - others between 4.1 and 12.6 miles



## Captain Cook & Whitby

Come and explore the history of Captain James Cook and Whitby, in a 2-day event hosted by Whitby Whaler U3A.

The event will take place around midsummer, so you will be able to see the sun rise from and set in the sea, and as well as learning all about Captain Cook you will be able to explore the delights of Whitby, including the legendary fish 'n' chips.

Dates: From Wednesday 24th June to Thursday 25th June, with arrival on Tuesday 23rd and optional stay until Friday 26th.

The following are included;

- Lectures and films on Captain Cook and his voyages;
- Visit to Captain Cook Museum, Whitby;
- Visit to Cook's birthplace site, Marton;
- Visit to Cook's school, Great Ayton, & tour of village;
- Lunches on Wednesday and Thursday;
- Entertainment evening provided by Whitby Whaler U3A – dinner, music and dancing;
- Optional activities (not included in price) – ghost walks, visits to Whitby Abbey, St Mary's Church, Whitby Museum, Pannett Park.

Accommodation is not included, and must be booked by individual delegates. A list of hotels and B & Bs in the most appropriate area of Whitby will be provided, and for those not living near Whitby we recommend at least a 2-night stay (Tuesday and Wednesday nights) – a 3rd night on Thursday would allow Friday for exploration of the many attractions Whitby has to offer.



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This YAHR event has been organised in cooperation with Whitby Whaler U3A. Although it is planned for the end of June, early booking is advised. The event will take place from the evening of Tuesday 23rd June, through to Wednesday and Thursday, with the option of a free day in Whitby on Friday. See the application form on how to register. Applications can be made directly to Trevor Barrowcliffe who is the Co-ordinator for this event: [twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk) Please contact Trevor 01947 600963 if you have any queries. He is in the process of producing a list of places for accommodation, including hotels and guest houses and suggests that early booking would be advisable due to the popularity of Whitby as a tourist attraction.

This is a unique opportunity for your members to learn more about Captain Cook whilst enjoying all that Whitby and the area can offer.

*Hazel Ward (YAHR Secretary)*



## Accommodation

Once you have registered you will be supplied with a list of guest houses and B&Bs, all of which are within easy walking distance of the two main venues; St John Ambulance Hall (SJAH) and Whitby Pavilion. However, you are of course at liberty to book your own preferred accommodation. Unless you live close to Whitby you will need to book accommodation for the nights of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, with the 25<sup>th</sup> optional for those who wish to sample Whitby's many other attractions on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Accessibility

The SJAH and the Pavilion both have easy flat access for those with accessibility problems.

Please note that the Captain Cook museum in Whitby is on four floors, and only the ground and first floor have access by lift.

The museum in Marton has easy flat access, though there is a 15-minute walk from the coach park to the museum. There are stairs in the Museum in Great Ayton, but there is a lift for wheelchair users.

It is a 15-minute downhill walk (uphill back!) from SJAH to the Captain Cook museum; transport can be arranged if necessary.

## The Outline Programme

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**, 6pm – Welcome Reception with drinks, and information about the programme.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - 9.30 - 12.30, lectures and films to the whole group at SJAH, with coffee break. Buffet lunch at SJAH. 2.00 p.m., visit to Captain Cook Museum and guided walk around the historic East side of Whitby, finishing at around 5pm. Evening event, including dinner, musical entertainment and dancing, at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30 p.m.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Two coaches depart from Whitby simultaneously at 9.15 a.m. Group 1 will visit the birthplace site at Marton in the morning, finishing around 12 noon, and moving on to lunch at a local hostelry, then arrive at Great Ayton approx. 2 p.m, visiting the school and looking round the village, departing around 4 p.m. Group 2 will arrive at Great Ayton at 10 a.m., leaving at 12 noon for lunch at a different hostelry, then on to Marton, arriving approx. 2 p.m, departing 4 p.m. Upon arrival back in Whitby there will be a final get together for the whole group at SJAH (around 5 p.m.), with information about optional activities for those staying on until Friday. The event will close at approximately 5.30 p.m.

## 5. Costs and Payment Terms

Total cost of the Event is £60 per person, excluding accommodation if required.

More information and an application form can be found on the Doncaster U3A website - go to <https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster>

This information will appear on the YAHR website towards the end of January:  
<https://yahru3a.co.uk>

# 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.

## Contact Numbers

### DU3A Committee Members

<b>Chair</b>	Wendy Hattrell
<b>Acting Vice Chair</b>	Chris Woolven
<b>Business</b>	Chris Woolven
<b>Treasurer</b>	to be arranged
<b>Membership</b>	Jill Laming
<b>Secretary</b>	
<b>Group Co-ordinator</b>	Vanessa Whaley
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	Nora Boyle
<b>Publicity</b>	Jane Page
<b>Committee</b>	George Kirk
<b>Committee</b>	David Smith
<b>Committee</b>	Diane Williams
<b>Committee</b>	John Wheeler

### Activity Groups & Other: Contacts

<b>Group Leaders</b>	see printed Newsletter for telephone numbers, or DU3A Website	
<b>Newsletter Editor &amp; Website Manager</b>	Bridget Thompson	<a href="mailto:bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com">bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com</a>

## DU3A Website

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

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!

## Deadline

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

**Thursday 27th February**

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to  
[du3anewsletterbmt@btinternet.com](mailto:du3anewsletterbmt@btinternet.com)

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