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"A summer's sun is worth the having."
French Proverb

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From the Chair



I was delighted that so many of you were able to attend the Annual General Meeting held on the 24th of April. It gave your committee a platform to enlighten you about all the events that have happened over the past twelve months. The two striking pieces of information were the increase in membership, and the corresponding increase in income through annual subscriptions. The Acting Treasurer was able to forecast that if the number of members stays about the same next year, we will be looking at another surplus. This being so, we will be asking for recommendations on how to redistribute the excess income for the benefit of the members. We have already been asked to consider making no charge for those attending the Christmas General Meeting, but this may be difficult as we cannot open it up to a greater number of members as we have already almost reached (fire limit) capacity for the room; and also to consider reducing the Annual Subscription from April 2018 for the next couple of years. This links with reducing subs for those who take the newsletter by email. We would welcome more ideas to enable our members to benefit from our unexpected situation.

The start of another year enables us to welcome three new committee members whose nominations were supported by your votes demonstrated by a show of hands, namely Mark Frost, John Wheeler, and Diane Williams, together with Beryl Kellett (Secretary), Carole Lewis, and John Parkinson (Treasurer) who will be with us for the next two years. You will be able to read more about them later in the newsletter.

As we strive towards more efficiency, we are also looking at the costs involved in providing non-email copies of the Newsletter, and we are conscious of the fact that not everyone uses the internet. At the moment recipients pay a contribution towards postage only, with the labelling, envelopes, and printing costs coming from DU3A funds. It's a difficult one to resolve, because non-email members should not necessarily be seen to be financially penalised in receiving the publication, now every two months, but we will consider reducing annual subs for those who do not have a printed newsletter.

I have every intention, in the next publication, to include a list of recommended reliable local tradesmen. Please contact me by email or mobile with your suggestions. Your personal details will not appear in print. I was asked earlier this month if I knew of a reliable plumber and I was happy to oblige. My intention is simply to ensure that members are aware of the whereabouts of a reliable plumber, electrician, gardener, handyman, etc..

With spring in the air, and a temporary sprinkling of snow as I write these notes, I hope you are able to get out and about, and away from the next few weeks of what may seem like unending televised electoral events.

George Kirk

DERRICK FRANKS

At the A.G.M. on April 24th we were able to show our appreciation to Derrick for the many years service he has offered Doncaster U3A. Estimating that he has been a member for nearly 20 years, we must acknowledge that at 87 years old, he has chosen to move on to new pastures, this time as a Director with the Open University.



His many roles have included responsibilities as Secretary and Chair, and as a Group Leader for Travel & Theatre, Round & About, Philosophy, Supper Club, Luncheon Club, Christmas Lunch He would take on any job that needed doing, no matter the inconvenience to himself. He was a committed committee man, and was always the obvious source of information when there were any procedural questions to be answered. He will be missed by the many friends he has made over the years, who may be sad that his energies are to be offered elsewhere.

It was my absolute pleasure to bestow on Derrick, on behalf of the Committee and Membership of DU3A, the position of

Honorary Life Member

George Kirk



I would like to thank all the members who have contributed to this newsletter. Just a couple of sentences and perhaps a photograph, sent from a wide range of groups, makes for more interesting content and helps to inform members about what goes on in groups other than their own. I look forward to receiving your contributions for the August/September edition.

B Thompson, Newsletter editor

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Annual General Meeting 2017



The 2017 Doncaster U3A Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 24th April and was well attended. The meeting was opened by George Kirk, Chair followed by the agreement of last year's minutes. George Kirk, Diane Harris and Beryl Kellett, as Chair, Secretary and Acting Treasurer, then presented their reports to the assembled members. As the number of members putting themselves forward for the Committee matched the number of Committee members required, it was not necessary to take a vote. Having checked that the election of new committee members complied with the DU3A constitution, Beryl Kellett and John Parkinson were duly elected as Officers and Carole Lewis, Mark Frost, Diane Williams and John Wheeler were elected as General Committee members, by a show of hands. Retiring committee members, Diane Harris and Monica Dawson, were thanked for all their hard work as Secretary and Group Co-ordinator respectively. The new Group Co-ordinator will be chosen from the new committee. It was pointed out how advantageous it was to have a turnover of committee members in terms of bringing fresh ideas for the benefit of our U3A.

The reports that were presented paid tribute to the dedicated members of our U3A including all the volunteers who give of their time to ensure that, for example, General Meetings, Groups and Social events run smoothly.

The introduction of the Beacon system was mentioned and how it was becoming increasingly useful with regards to our membership data, group leaders, finances and emailing members.

Members were reminded about basic U3A philosophy, in that groups should ultimately be organised by the members, for the members. Although some groups have folded, new ones have formed and still new ones are being suggested. Members within many groups are now sharing the responsibility for the running of their group. Members were also reminded that, should they wish to set up a new group, help and advice would always be available from the Group Co-ordinator.

The Christmas Pantomime came in for a mention as did the YAHR Summer Showcase at Askham Bryan where Doncaster U3A offered the greatest number of volunteers. Two very successful events.

Derrick Franks was given an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his extensive services to DU3A, and at the open meeting following the AGM, David Allen, Speaker Finder was thanked for arranging some extremely interesting talks. An appeal was made for a new Speaker Finder for 2018.

Allen and Brenda Whittaker organised the raffle for which there were 5 prizes.

There was a definite buzz in the room both before and after the meeting. Members were thanked for helping the Doncaster U3A to develop and grow throughout the past year. Increased membership, mainly by word-of-mouth, must surely indicate the growing success of our organisation.

Let us all celebrate 'our' U3A.

Bridget Thompson

The Universe, Its Stars and Planets

March General Meeting:

Even after Dennis Ashton's fascinating illustrated talk on the Universe, I find that I cannot get to grips with the distances which he used to try to illustrate the size of our wonderful Universe. His photographs came to us by the courtesy of N.A.S.A. and so that service keeps Dennis's talks bang up-to-date.



Going on an imaginary journey from earth, past the Moon and Planets all seeming with extreme temperatures which will be a problem for human settlement, we were transported to the extremes of the Universe. Being millions of miles in diameter I pose the question, just where is Heaven?

David Allen

FORTHCOMING GMS

May 15th: The new year of speakers at our General Meeting starts with **Steve Drinkall** from Sheffield. Steve is a wildlife photographer and his patience in his art is shown by the quality of his photographs. Steve also offers collections of general use cards, with envelopes, fronted by a selection of his photographs.

June 19th: **Pat McGoughlin** is fascinated by the Stately Homes and Churches around our region and he illustrates his talk with excellent photographs and displays his enthusiasm for his subject.

July 17th: Most of us have heard of The Prince's Trust but are ignorant of what it does. Our speaker **Geoff Tagg** worked for the Trust for many years and when I met him, I immediately invited him to come and talk to us about The Trust and Prince Charles' aims in establishing it.

David Allen

Speaker Co-ordinator

National Awareness Days

If you like your food you may be interested in these National Awareness Days:

In May: • **14-20** British Sandwich Week • **15-21** National Vegetarian Week
• **19** The Spinal Association - The Great British Fish & Chip Supper • **20**
World Whisky Day • **22-28** British Tomato Week • **27 - 4 June** English Wine
Week • **28** World Hunger Day • **29—4 June** National Barbecue Week •
TBC: International Pickle week; Eat What You Want Day *Cont. on page 13*

GROUPS - UPDATES / NOTICES

●●●●● DINING OUT ●●●●●

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th June** at the **Thai restaurant above the Salutation Inn** on South Parade at 6.30 for 7.00pm.

The restaurant has kindly offered to provide us with a set menu at a reduced price of £15-00 per person (it is usually £18-00) as we are a charity. This price is for a selection of starters and main meals which will be presented to the table from which you can make your own selection. No drinks are included.



To reserve a place please forward a cheque made payable to 'DU3A No. 2 Account' for £15.00 by **May 30th** to either Carole Lewis or Joan Condron. If you require further information ring: Carole on _____ or Joan on _____.

Carole & Joan

●●●●● TENPIN BOWLING ●●●●●

The Tenpin Bowling group continues to be popular with around 20 at each session. The next meeting will be on the **16 May**. The games are a lively mix of socialising and competition.

Modesty prevents me from mentioning the high scoring of the winner of the last session - pride before a fall and all that. For those who are competitive there will be a 'Premier League' at our next meeting with the highest scorers from the previous games playing together. The winner will be crowned DU3A champion and goes on the shortlist for BBC sports personality of the year!



Keep knockin`em down.. .

Mike Bowser

●●●●● PINS & NEEDLES ●●●●●

New Members Welcome

The Pins and Needles group would like to increase membership. We are a small group meeting in the Doncaster Central Library, twice a month on the **second and fourth Thursdays**. We have been working on a couple of projects which are still ongoing, and on our own personal projects. We would like to have some special workshops in the future. Crochet is a subject a few of our members are interested in. I would like to sew a lined pencil skirt from scratch and am willing to share this with the group. One of our ladies is a dab hand at knitted dollies (the stuffing is the important part of this project) and she would be willing to share her skills. We are open to suggestions too. Why not come along and see if there is something for you. Our next meeting is **25 May**, and then 8 June and 22 June.



Anne Windle

●●●●● BASIC CRIMINOLOGY ●●●●●

The **new** Basic Criminology group meets on the **third Monday of the month** at the Unitarian Church, Hallgate

For full details of this group see page 23.

Peter Gospel



●●●●● PHILOSOPHY ●●●●●

Are you someone with an enquiring mind? Do you sometimes think "Why are we here?". If so, you may enjoy the experiences offered by the Philosophy Group

We meet monthly, from **1pm to 3pm** on the **last Tuesday of each month**, at the Central Library - and we offer a warm welcome to any U3A member. We do our verbal jousting in a friendly and convivial atmosphere, and you don't have to be an intellectual giant to contribute - none of us are!



Just a couple of the topics discussed recently.....

Is there an absolute standard of good and bad, beyond one's personal opinions?

Is man top dog, or an insignificant speck - or something in between?

Above all - the sessions are enjoyable.

So, feel free to give us a try. It may be the best decision you make this year!

*Jack Chantry/Victoria Kilner/Geoff Tagg
U3A Philosophy Group*

●●●●● PROPOSED NEW GROUPS ●●●●●

Crown Green Bowls: *see page 11*

Pétanque: *see page 13*

Reviving the Travel Group & PowerPoint: *see page 15*



For information about all our **groups** go to
<https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster/groups>

The DU3A website also includes news/notices, membership information, meetings, social events, monthly calendars and newsletters, help/advice links, links to regional and national u3a and more.....

DU3A Trustees

Beryl Kellett



On leaving school, in the very early 1970s, I decided that, since I had no burning ambition for any particular profession I would not apply for university but would launch myself into the world of work and I chose banking. I worked for the Yorkshire Bank for several years until I had my children and then took a long break. When I went back to work in banking things had changed considerably and not, I am afraid, for the better. Just as I was pondering on what to do and what my options might be the decision was made for me. The Bank made me redundant. Now is the time, I thought, to go to University. So I went to read English Literature at Sheffield University. Following that I was at a bit of a loss as what to do next and a friend offered me a job, which I took. It was in another Bank. I had the feeling that I had been travelling a long time and had not got very far!

While working part-time for the Bank, and enjoying it no more than I had done before, I became a volunteer adviser at The Citizens Advice Bureau and knew instantly that this was my calling. I was offered paid employment with the bureau and, as you can imagine, not reluctantly, left the banking world tout suite. I started life as a generalist adviser then became one of the bureau's Debt Management workers (money again!) and finally the Service Manager. I retired from the Bureau and the world of paid work 4 years ago. I emphasise "paid work" because, far from having a quiet retirement, I have a new boss in the form of my daughter who organises my time in running around after my 3 grandchildren. It is the best "job" I have had.

I joined the U3A in April 2014. I set up the Literature Group and joined the Striders and the History group. I was elected onto the committee in 2015 and in 2016 I stood in as acting Treasurer (what is it about me and money?). I have now handed over these reins into someone else's capable hands and hope to have a successful term as Secretary for Doncaster U3A.

Other trustees 2017-18:

George Kirk: Chair

Wendy Hattrell: Vice-Chair

Jill Laming: Membership Secretary

Chris Woolven

Mike Bowser

Bridget Thompson: Website and Newsletter Editor

Mark Frost

I am 61 years of age, married with 3 adult children and 6 grandchildren.

I am a Solicitor having been in the legal profession for 46 years. I was a court lawyer specialising in crime but I have had experience in family, mental health and civil work. I have been a partner and also run my own business. In recent times I have trained Barristers, Solicitors and trainee solicitors in, inter alia, advocacy, ethics, client care and management.



I joined the U3A in April 2016 as I wanted to further my education. I joined the History and Literary groups. I have to say that these groups consist of members with a varied experience of life and work and that I have come away from each of the sessions learning something new. As the saying goes you are never too old nor experienced to be reminded or learn anew.

Diane Williams

I joined the U3A 4 years ago. My interests are varied and include politics, gardening on a small scale, art, particularly modern art, visiting the theatre, travelling and I have an eclectic approach to music ranging from blues/folk to opera. I enjoy dancing and I am learning line dancing. I have been taking part in a French class, led by Victoria, since I joined the U3A. However, I appreciate that there is a need for group leadership to be shared amongst participants. In addition, I participated in an exchange visit with a Polish U3A organised by David Allen. The following year we went to Poland and had a wonderful trip.



I was brought up locally but travelled within the UK living in various locations and then returned to Doncaster. The opportunity arose for me to attend university and train as a social worker, qualifying in my early 40s, working in both child protection and mental health. Prior to my retirement four years ago I managed mental health services across both the NHS and Local Authorities.

I believe I can contribute to the Committee and the future development of the Doncaster U3A, which appears to be going from strength to strength. I will feel very much the novice, if elected, but I am sure existing members and the Chair will be very supportive.

Carole Lewis

I joined DU3A Discussion Group a little over three years ago. A few months later our group leader moved to Liverpool and members of the group asked me to take on his role and I have done so ever since.



I have served on the committee for the past two years and during that time I have learned from and assisted our Membership Secretary and at times deputised for her. I have also been charged with welfare responsibility. This includes addressing any mobility issues members may have and the sending of cards to members and families who are unwell or bereaved.

I have also been a member of the Social sub-committee which was set up to explore potential for the formation of new groups. As a result of one of these, Italian Evenings, I am now co-leading the newly formed Dining Out Group.

I have found my time with DU3A very rewarding and look forward to working again with existing colleagues and to welcoming and working alongside new committee members.

John Parkinson

I retired officially in November 2014 having worked in senior management since 1985. I have been both employed and self-employed in an extensive career. Having retired, I found it difficult to settle to the idea of doing what I want, when I want and so chose to find a charity that might benefit from my knowledge, skills and experience and now spend a couple of days a week working with young people.



I also joined, along with my wife, the DU3A so that I could learn to play bridge with like minded people. I admire the passion given to the committee by the chairman and its members and feel that I want to contribute and develop the Doncaster branch for the benefit of the members.

I subsequently joined the committee a year ago and have seen at first-hand the dedication Trustees give to the DU3A. I am now proud to say that after a year as a Trustee I was nominated and approved to be Treasurer and I will give my best endeavours to ensure your subscriptions are spent wisely.

John Wheeler

I am 69 years of age. I was introduced to U3A by my partner Diane Williams. I have lived in Doncaster for the last 13 years. I came to Doncaster from London where I worked as a social worker for 30 years.



I have not been part of an ongoing group, but I took part in the recent Polish (Gliwice) exchange visit. I hugely enjoyed this and can see the positive influence on opinion that such trips can have in the current economic and political climate. I would be interested in exploring this further in the U3A.

I enjoy music and am keen to explore setting up an interest group on 'Blues Music' with Diane.

Crown Green Bowls Proposed New Group

Experienced or Beginners

Would any members interested in playing CROWN GREEN BOWLS at Haslam Park, Bessacarr, probably on a Thursday afternoon, please contact me at ----- . The Council greens are open until October 1st. The frequency of playing is up to those who are interested . It costs about £3 per 2-hour session. Bowls may be borrowed, but jacks are in short supply. The maximum number of players on the green is variable, but 12 max seems to work best. I am provisionally looking at **Thursday May 18th** for a first session.



George Kirk.

Clouds Community Counselling Service

Clouds CCS Counsellors are working hard helping you find the answers to your issues, a better way forward and better health and well-being. The team are looking after 90 clients. The service has received 70 referrals this year and anxiety/depression, relationship issues and bereavement are the three highest referring issues but there are many others including low self-esteem/ lack of confidence, anger management, bullying, eating issues to mention a few. If something is troubling you, no matter how small or large, talking and sharing with a counsellor will help you.

We plan to offer another two bereavement groups one for adults in Thorne and one for young people on **June 2nd 2017** in the afternoon. If you are interested to join this supportive and helpful 8 week course give us a ring.

Clouds CCS has been working for 10 years and has developed safe processes. All counsellors are covered by insurance, are members of the BACP and receive monthly supervision. You will be received courteously and in a kindly way and be offered confidential, non-judgemental, open and empathetic support. It is good to share and good to talk.

Client line: 07962907053

Clouds CCS website: <http://www.cloudscounsellingservices.com>

History Group: March 2017

There has been much discussion regarding 'History' written by victors in battle, monks, scholars and those from the upper echelons of society who were literate.

In many case 'history' was written in Latin, Old English and even French. Therefore, whatever was recorded, whether true or false, is still a matter of translating the texts, which could further muddy the waters of truth.



Jane Popincourt



Bessie Blount



Mary Boleyn



Mary Shelton



We now have a plethora of historians spending time researching and trying to glean the truth and we have many inconsistencies and many debateable scenarios.

Thus, during our History sessions, we have interesting debates as we discuss what may or may not have happened in any given circumstance.

In **March** we discussed **Henry VIII's 'Other women'** namely Jane Popincourt, Bessie Blount, Mary Boleyn and Mary Shelton. [There were others]

The history books invariably show Henry as per the Holbein portrait. A rather corpulent man, painted in 1549 when he was in his forties.

Yet for much of his life he was athletic, excellent at many sports. He stood 6'2" and was head and shoulders above most of his courtiers. He was almost 18 when he became King, a skilful linguist, speaking French, Latin and Spanish. He was a talented musician and composer. He spent much of his leisure hours jousting and hunting.

So, earlier in his life, women would indeed be flattered by his attention.

All this changed in 1536 when in his mid-forties he suffered a serious wound to his leg which turned septic and never healed. He also grew very fat and his waist had grown to 52 inches, which meant he had to be winched on to his horse. Possibly because of the extreme pain he suffered during these later years of his life made him grow increasingly paranoid and bad tempered.

The tower of London was crowded with his terrified subjects who had been imprisoned at his orders.

Henry VIII sent more men and women to their deaths than any other monarch. Despite his six marriages he had several mistresses.

Jane Popincourt: She was the mistress of the Duke of Orleans before becoming Henry VIII's mistress.

Elizabeth [Betty] Blount: A teenager when she first arrived at court. Her affair with Henry VIII lasted eight years.

Mary Boleyn: The sister of Anne Boleyn, Mary was Henry's mistress though she was married.

Mary/Madge Shelton: Anne Boleyn actually picked Mary Shelton to become Henry's mistress whilst she [Anne] was pregnant with Elizabeth 1st..

Henry's love life. however tantalizing it may seem, is based on fragile sources and endless speculation of what did or did not happen. Plus of course, history is often recorded by biased, contemporary individuals.

Jean Graville-King. March 2017

'To read the full article outlining each of Henry VIII's mistresses above, please go to the History Group page on the DU3A website.

Pétanque Proposed New Group

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We are planning an afternoon with a French flavour.

On the **28th June** we hope to hold a session of `Pétanque` or Boules as you might know it. This will be held between 2pm and 5pm at THE SHIP at Newington.

The Boules will be provided and 2 or 3 members of the local team will join us to get us through the complexities of the game.

We would like to book it by the end of May but to do that we need about 18 players so if you are up for it contact us before then:

Mike or Jane on _____

P.S. The Ship do excellent food - Mange tout

Mike Bowser



National Awareness Days continued:

In June: 1 World Milk Day • 2 National Fish & Chips Day • 4 The Big Lunch • 10 World Gin Day • 11 Open Farm Sunday • 12-16 Healthy Eating Week • 15 Alzheimer's Society—Cupcake Day • 15 Beer Day Britain • 16-25 National Picnic Week • 30 National Cream Tea Day • Breast Cancer Care—Strawberry Tea **TBC**

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Sudoku Rules: Fill the other empty cells with numbers between 1 and 9. Numbers 1-9 can appear only once in each row. Numbers 1-9 can appear only once in each column. Numbers 1-9 can appear only once in each region (block of nine squares).

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Solution to the April/May Puzzle.

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Missing word = SHIELD

Solve these anagrams:
they are DU3A groups:

- sloppy hi ho
- chief near res
- suns dos ici
- nick rag mad
- duly cash nun
- bloc italic ale
- a chilly torso
- voice most um

Reviving the Travel Group & PowerPoint

I circulated an email to members a short time ago about the many U3A situations where a knowledge of PowerPoint could come in handy, looking at Art, History, Criminology, for example. I would also like to restart the Travel group using our own members to give presentations and I am willing to help members put presentations together of destinations they are interested in or places they have visited.

By the time you read this we should have had our first meeting in the library on 8 May. There has been a very good response – also from people who said they would be interested but couldn't make 8 May. So we will run another meeting at a later date – so please watch your emails.

Microsoft PowerPoint is expensive to buy as a standalone programme but as an educational charity we can purchase it at favourable (very cheap) rates - there are also apps available for tablets and phones which have many of the same options. Let me know if you would like help with identifying software suitable for you.

To restart the Travel Group we need to have people who are willing to talk about places they are interested in - whether that is Dorset, Orkney or Uzbekistan. I know that making a presentation is more than showing a few slides but I'm sure we can work on that – people like an enthusiast. We also need to consider splitting the meeting between two shorter presentations if that's what people would prefer sometimes.

My suggestion is to do some preparation with you over the summer, hence the PowerPoint training, and to restart properly in September. I am not keen to go back to the Maridon Centre when the cafe is not in use so I will be looking for another venue – suggestions welcome. The other thing we need is volunteers, people who are willing to do a presentation. We need ten for a year's programme so please start sending me some offers too. You don't need to have been to the place you choose – just interested enough to tell others about it. There are plenty of photographs on the internet so you don't even need your own.

Please contact me with your offers and suggestions.

Wendy Hattrell



Citizen's Advice Bureau: Doncaster town centre
5 Queensgate, Waterdale, Doncaster DN1 3JN.
Tel: 01302 217777

YAHR Study Day: Saltaire

A fresh, sunny March morning started with a guided tour of the Hockney Gallery where we (33 people from various U3As in the YAHR) learnt about David Hockney, the English painter, draughtsman, printmaker, stage designer and photographer. We considered the range of techniques and equipment employed by David Hockney from his early years to present day including, for example, drawings, painting, photography, lithographs, photo collage (joiners), using Polaroid cameras, laser fax machines and laser printers, iPhones and iPads. We learnt about his enjoyment of new technologies and how, having tried one art form, he then moved on to the next plus how he only portrayed people he knew well – his friends and family. Although I am still not a great fan of many of his works, I feel that I have a greater understanding and appreciation of the artist David Hockney.



The small mill museum gave us a glimpse of the working of the mill. I found it astonishing how many different jobs there were, relating to weaving. including sorting, scouring, carding, combing, drawing, spinning, twisting, warping, winding, weaving, burling, mending, dyeing, finishing and pressing. The artist Caren Garfen researched the 1891 census and created the art installation 'Reel Lives' based on the women workers at the mill.**

The afternoon started in the church in Saltaire where three ladies, in period costume, talked us through the history of Salts Mill, Saltaire and its founder Titus Salt. Three different viewpoints of events were given, making for an amusing and highly informative session. We learnt that

Titus Salt, an entrepreneur and astute businessman, had funded the building of the Main Mill followed by the New Mill. Other buildings included the Congregational Church, the Dining Room, Victoria Road Shops, a Sunday School, a school, a Hospital, a Bath and Washhouse, Almshouses, a Boathouse, a Club (Institute) and a Railway Station. He had also provided Saltaire Park for the workers. Unfortunately, as Saltaire only gained World Heritage Site status in 2001, some buildings had been demolished. This was followed by the ladies giving us a tour around the village and giving us a lot of information about the lives and living conditions of residents including the strict rules for home, work and leisure.



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Thanks to Beth Rudkin for arranging such an interesting and thought-provoking visit.

Bridget Thompson

** Colin Coates has further researched these workers, details of which can be found at:

http://www.saltairevillage.info/Reel_Lives.html



A NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Just a gentle reminder that your membership subs. are now due. A cheque should be made out to DU3A for either £15 or £19 depending on news letter delivery. If you have a joint membership the fee is either £25 or £29 Please remember to include an SAE for return of your card. Thank you.

Jill Laming

Please return the renewal slip, on the right, with your payment.

THE BEACON STORY January 2015 to January 2017.

To see the full article go to the Membership page of the DU3A website.



Membership renewal 2017/18

Full Name/s:

Address:

Please tick the appropriate box:

Single membership: £15.00

Single membership with posted Newsletter: £19.00

For couples living at the same address:

Joint membership: £25.00

Joint membership with posted Newsletter: £29.00

Please make cheques payable to Doncaster U3A .

This slip 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.

Membership Renewal slip: see previous page



A warm welcome to the following new members:

- Ann Axon**
- Lionel William Axup**
- Jenny Baker**
- Sheila Brennan**
- John Clapham**
- Marion Cross**
- Janet Davies**
- Neil Davies**
- Chrissie Grindle**
- Janet Howarth**
- Ann Kelsey**
- Jean Langfield**
- Christine Loughlin**
- Maureen Lucas**
- Joan Sandra Mitchell**
- Jane Nadin**
- Pauline Norcliffe**
- Helen Smith**
- Marie Stewart**
- Brian Stones**
- Shelagh Theyers.**

Photographs

In addition to photos included in newsletters there are many more on the DU3A website.

To see more photos from our groups go to individual group pages on the website or look at the Gallery.

For example:

See the 'Strollers' page to see our members exercising at Quarry Park.

See the 'For the Love of Nature' page for a wide range of nature photos.



AROUND OUR GROUPS

Philosophy

The March meeting of the Philosophy Group was sadly the last one to be presided over by Derrick Franks.

Derrick led the group for many years, and hardly ever missed a meeting. He always presented us with philosophical questions that stretched our grey matter to the utmost, and presided over the group in an unassuming, genial and friendly manner, so that it was always a pleasure to attend.

Derrick will be missed by all the group members who wish him all the best in whatever future path he decides to take.



Jack Chantry (on behalf of all group members)

Living History

Living History is a group of between 15 and 20 people writing about our past memories and having those memories compiled into a booklet. We have already published one booklet and are well on the way to our second. We meet in Prego Café at 10.30 on the first Wednesday of each month. Past topics have been

Memories of Accidents;
Early memories of Bad Weather;
Early memories of Christmas;
Early memories of TV & Radio,
Street games I played as a child;
Earning a few bob;
and much more.

We have a wide age range which makes for very interesting listening. The group is led by Betty Alexander who can be contacted on —.

Jess Parkinson

National Awareness Days continued: **In July:** ● **3-16** Wimbledon fortnight
● **7** World Chocolate Day ● **16** National Cherry Day ● **8th/variable** SPANA's World Tea Party.

(Taken from: The Food Calendar – UK Food Days, Weeks & Months)

<http://charlotteslivelykitchen.com/calendar>

Strollers Walks

On a sunny March morning the Strollers ventured to Conisbrough. The walk was quite challenging with a long upward incline to the viaduct. The views were excellent. The walk back was more relaxed, passing the castle and on to a pleasant meal at the Sea Fish restaurant.

Bridget Thompson

The April walk was from the Hatfield Chase. We may have had a record number of walkers - 29. We walked on a quiet bridle path through the houses bordering Thorne Road, then over Broadway into Quarry Park.

A vast area that few of us knew of but is just off the main road. This is a new walk for us and we were all impressed with the park. Also another example of what a team of volunteers can achieve over time. I think we would all recommend the park as a peaceful place to go, with outdoor gym equipment that many of us tried! We enjoyed the wooded part with the bird



sounds and the wild flowers, This is one of those gems on our doorstep that is a secret that more of us should know about.

Allen Whittaker



Tenpin Bowling

The 10-pin bowling group has now clocked up 4 or 5 sessions. We have, generally, 20 players but spectators are welcome and we play two games. It is a good year-round exercise as well as a good social occasion as most players adjourn to the `Cheswold` after the games for a reasonably priced meal.

We now meet every two months and our starting time is 3pm. With the numbers we have we take four lanes. We plan to put the best players from the last games on one lane for those who are a bit more competitive.

Mike Bowser



For the Love of Nature



In April a small but enthusiastic group set off from Potteric Carr visitor centre for a Bushcraft session led by Kat (Education Officer). We learnt how to erect a shelter using a timber hitch, a tension loop knot and an adjustable tension knot. Our mobiles came in handy as



we videoed Kat's demonstrations and referred to the videos whilst attempting the knots. Tarps up, each pair then made a fire according to strict safety rules. I was amazed to see how, having created a spark with a firestarter, cotton wool blazed very quickly. Our efforts were rewarded with a cuppa, stirred with a whittled stick (because we forgot the spoon!).



Bridget Thompson



On a cold and windy 2nd of May our group, For The Love of Nature, visited Bempton Cliffs near Bridlington. The visit and coach were organised by our group leader, Vanessa. What a sterling job she made of it, and our visit gave us a spectacular display of Gannets, Kittiwakes, Guillemots



and Razorbills. We also spotted Herring Gulls and Fulmars. We had hoped to see lots of Puffins too but, in the event, we only saw up to three. Not a disappointment because they are such beautiful little birds.

Jess Parkinson

Our next session will be on the 6th of June to learn about the Butterflies at Potteric Carr.

Dining Out

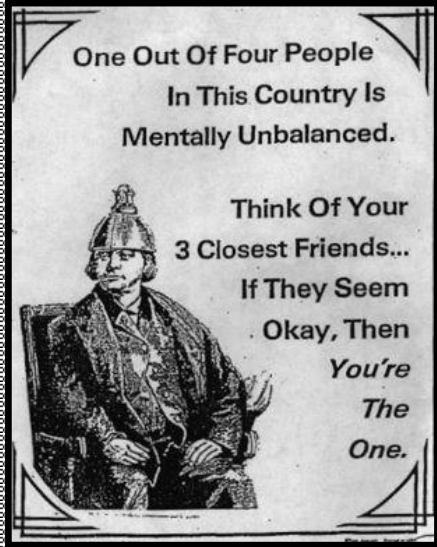
This was the new Dining Out Group's first meal at Movida Tapas Restaurant. The food was excellent with friendly and efficient service. Well worth a second visit.

Carole Lewis





**Signs
to bring you a
smile.**



Contributed by Peter Gospel



Basic Criminology

A teacher or trainer will be familiar with the expression 'underpinning knowledge'. It is for that reason that I have designed a programme of learning which is an attempt to address those generic matters that will affect all crimes and go some way to evaluating what it was that persuaded the perpetrator to commit the crimes.

The programme will refer regularly to 'real crimes' and 'real criminals. I have not attempted to structure the programme but instead have listed most of the topics that I will cover. Should I be able to persuade the church to have the use of the same room that we normally have I intend to run the programme on the 3rd Monday of each month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The fees per session will remain at £2.00 and will cover the cost of room hire and a hot drink.

The programme starts on **22nd May**, followed by meetings on 19th June, 17th July, 18th September, 16th October, 20th November and 18th December. There might be some slight alterations due to holiday commitments.

So that I can pursue the planning, would you please contact me to confirm your intention to attend .

Subjects to be covered:

- Sources of Law: Statutes, Common Law, European Law
The difference between Criminal and Civil law
Statutory Interpretation,
Judicial Precedent Bye Laws etc.
Elements of a crime – mens rea and actus reus
- Forensic Science: DNA, fingerprints ballistics, odontology and other forensic disciplines
- Evidence: Real evidence, circumstantial evidence and hearsay evidence
- Policing and law enforcement: Local Police, National Crime Agency, Border Force etc.
- General Defences to crime: Insanity, Intoxication, Automatism, Necessity duress
- Personality Disorders: Psychopathy, Sociopathy, Narcissism, MacDonald Triad
- Physical Crimes against people: The law relating to Murder, Manslaughter, Assaults of various degrees of seriousness, Rape and other sexual assaults
- Crimes against property: Theft, Burglary, Robbery, Fraud and Blackmail
- Sentencing Options of those convicted

If you are interested in attending the Basic Criminology course starting on 22nd May please contact me. My contact number can be found on the contacts list in the newsletter or you can email me by clicking on the blue bird on the Applied Criminology group page on the DU3A Website.

Please let me know: Your name; your DU3A membership number AND your contact number.

Peter Gospel

Washday Blues

The Trials of a Yorkshire Woman

Monday morning and up with the sun,

Washing to do and a lot to be done.

White load first while the water was hot

Soaked overnight to remove every spot.

She rubbed it and scrubbed it then put it to boil.

Aching back, tired arms but pleased with her toil.

On the line gently blowing and sun beaming down

The sheets looked translucent and white as swansdown.

Shouts from the yard, like from a town crier,

“Come quickly, come quick. A chimney’s on fire.”

From above black soot was falling like rain

Smuts covered her washing. It needed doing again.

By Marjorie Utley

(Writers' Group)

Sunday Lunch

Regent Hotel 25th June at 1.00 p.m.

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

Menu available from 12th until 19th June.

Earl of Doncaster: 23rd July at 1.00 p.m.

Prices are: £13.95 for 2 courses; £15.95 for 3 courses;
Coffee/tea extra

Menu available from 10th until 17th July.

Please contact me to make your choice from the menu or to let me know if you are unable to attend the lunch.

Eileen Dickson



Welcome to the June/July culture page

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

The Little Theatre

Thursday 6th to Saturday 8th July – Jeeves & Wooster

Sunday 9th July – Broadway Magic

Call - 01302 340422 or visit doncasterlittletheatre.co.uk

Rotherham Civic Theatre

Tuesday 27th June to Saturday 1st July – West End to Broadway

Call - 01709 823621 or visit www.rotherhamtheatres.co.uk

Brodsworth Hall

Sunday 18th June - Classic Car show

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July - Victorian Gymkhana

Call 01302 722598 or visit

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/brodsworth-hall-and-gardens

The Earl of Doncaster

Friday 21st July – Murder Mystery

Call 01302 361371 or visit <http://www.theearl.co.uk/events>

Vue Doncaster

Wednesday 24th May – RSC live screening of Antony & Cleopatra

Release date 21st June – Exhibition on screen – Michelangelo - Love & Death

Release date 15th June – Churchill (D-Day planning)

Saturday 22nd June – Live screening of André Rieu 2017 Maastricht Concert

4th July – La Bohème –Live screening from Taormina

Release date 21st July - Dunkirk

Visit – <https://www.myvue.com/cinema/doncaster/whats-on> for all listings

Simply Voices

Present their summer concert

Simply Voices are a large local choir who sing for fun and charity. Join them on Wednesday 12 July at Hall Cross Academy School, St Michael's Road, Bessacarr, Doncaster DN4 5LU. Doors open 7pm, tickets are normally £6 and can be purchased on the door. For more information please call Jess on 01302 539628

Hope you find something you like.

Jess Parkinson

U3A: Third Age Trust

Beneath Your Feet—Hidden Depths of Roman London:

18 May 2017 at The Guildhall Gallery, London

First Impressions

14 June 2017 The National Gallery, London 11.00 – 15.45

Secrets of Staying Sharp..... in Later Life

Wed 17 June 2017 2.00pm – 4.00pm. U3A Royal Society Healthy Ageing Lecture 2017 in association with The European Alliance for the Brain. Wellcome Lecture Theatre, The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1

U3A Conference & AGM

29 – 31 August 2017, East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham

For further details go to: <http://u3a.org.uk/>

Yorkshire & Humberside U3A

YAHR Summer Learning Break:

7 – 10 August 2017 at the Hawkhill, Easingwold

YAHR Gilbert & Sullivan Study Day,

Thursday 17th August 2017; Main venue: Majestic Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate,

For further details go to: <http://yahru3a.co.uk/>

Contact Numbers

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Activity Groups: Contacts

If you wish to contact an activity group leader, click on the blue bird on the right of the appropriate group page on the website and leave your message. Please include your telephone number. Alternatively click on the Contacts Page and contact the Group Coordinator.

DU3A members can contact group leaders directly—See your paper or emailed 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!

Monks Printers

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

Deadline

Thank-you to all the members who have sent articles for this issue. Articles for the August/September newsletter need to be received by Thursday 29th June.

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

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.....

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