

DONCASTER



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June - July 2019

From the Chair



Can it really be a year since I took over from George Kirk as Chair at the last AGM? I have felt very well supported by an industrious committee. Now we have moved our Committee meetings to the well appointed Trophy Room at the Holiday Inn at the racecourse we have very pleasant surroundings in which to discuss the latest agenda!

The AGM on 20th May will be at the Trades when we will see some of the committee standing down – in particular the Treasurer, John Parkinson. John has been a great asset to Doncaster U3A and has kept the books well for us. We have another member to whom we can turn for help and guidance with the accounts, but we still need a Treasurer. We cannot operate without one - so the search goes on. The current committee members are fully occupied with other roles and responsibilities so hopefully someone will step up before the AGM. The other member who is standing down and will also be missed for his calm problem solving and production and distribution of publicity literature is Mark Frost. Mark has been a well respected and efficient member of the committee but his 2 years are up and he wishes to do other things.

John Wheeler and Diane Williams are staying on the committee but stepping down from the role of Group Co-ordinator which they have operated together – organising six-monthly Group leader meetings and stepping in to help Group Leaders as necessary. This role will now be taken by Vanessa Whaley who has had various committee roles over the last 12 months – always willing to help and currently she is trying to get some new groups off the ground. We also have to say a fond farewell to Carole Lewis who, as many of you know, has been unwell for a long time now. We hope you are through the worst Carole and that we will be seeing more of you in the future. I'm delighted that Jill Laming will be remaining as Membership Secretary – one of the most important committee roles which Jill carries out diligently on our behalf and has done so for many years.

We are going to welcome – I hope – Nora Boyle who has agreed to be minutes secretary, if elected, another job that Mark Frost has done for most of the last 12 months. Earlier on in the last year we co-opted Chris Woolven to the committee and he has taken on the role of Business Secretary. Chris is happy to continue that role but would also like to be Vice Chairman. This is in conflict with our constitution which states that no one person can hold two officer posts, so we will look for someone else to be Business Secretary. Our aim is to break the committee roles down into smaller parts and have different people taking responsibility for just one part so that it is less work for one person. Please do step forward if you are willing to help out.

This month I have been to the AGM of the Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR). It is always good to remind ourselves that we belong to both a regional and a national organisation. The meeting was held in Leeds and while a train from Doncaster to Leeds is quick and easy there were others, from the Yorkshire Dales for example, who had left home at 6.30 a.m. in order to get there for 10.00 a.m. Diane and Chris Woolven will be attending the Barnsley Spring School and tutoring on a workshop on Genetic Fingerprinting – I look forward to hearing how it went.

The major National Event is the Annual Conference which will once again be held in the East Midlands Conference Centre on the Nottingham University Campus. Again we are lucky that we don't have far to travel to get there. The committee have sanctioned the purchase of two places, I will be one, but I would welcome company from another member who wishes to find out more about the National Organisation and meet people from other U3As. The dates are 27th -29th August and there are no additional costs apart from drinks, although tea and coffee are included. Who would like to go?

Wendy Hattrell

Annual Subscriptions Renewal - Reminder

Membership fees were due on 1st April 2019 and are £14 per member, £24 joint membership (single address). An additional £4 will enable members to receive the 6 published newsletters by post.

Cheques are preferable though not essential, and should be made out to DU3A. If you wish to pay your subscription by post, please remember to include a stamped addressed envelope when you send it to: DU3A Membership Secretary.

The address is at the top of page 22.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members

**Carolyn Birkinshaw, David Birkinshaw, Susan Dooley,
Lynne Harrison, Andrea Hornsby, Sue Johnson, Stan Norris,
William Russell, Hilary Sheppard, Robert Whaley,
Roger Williams, Pamela Yeomans,**

GROUPS - UPDATES / NOTICES

DINING OUT

The next meeting of the Dining Out Group will take place on **Tuesday 18th June** at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. at **Turkuaz** on Nether Hall Road. Menus are available online or by calling in at the restaurant. If you wish to attend please send your cheque, made payable to DU3A, with your menu choice to myself by Monday 10th June at the latest.

Joan Condron.

TENPIN BOWLING

Next meetings: **21st May**, **16th July**

GARDENING

Diane Woolven and Valerie Grant have agreed to take over as group leaders.

GENERAL MEETINGS

General Meetings will be held at the **Trades Club** until further notice. A more suitable venue is being sought.

LOCAL HISTORY

Meetings of the Local History Group will now be held at Prego, Hallgate. They will continue to meet on the last Monday of the month and at the same time of 11.00 a.m.

As Janet has told the committee she will no longer be involved for health reasons, Pat Burton will take over as team leader.

Sunday Lunch

GEORGIAN TEA ROOMS: – 30th June at 1.00 p.m.

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

The menu will be available from Monday 17th until Sunday 23rd June. Please contact me to make your choice of menu or to let me know if you are unable to attend this meal.

EARL OF DONCASTER: – 14th July at 1.00 p.m.

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

The menu will be available from Monday 1st until Sunday 7th July. Contact me to make your choice of menu or to let me know if you will not be attending this meal.

Eileen Dickson

DU3A Committee Nominee

Nora Boyle

I have been a member of U3A for about 3 years and attend three groups: Love of Nature, Pins and Needles and Card Making. My main interests are aspects of Natural History and I am Treasurer of Doncaster Naturalists' Society.

I responded to the request for a Minutes Secretary. I have the time and the IT skills to write up reports and send them to the Secretary and I have had experience of being on the committee of Doncaster Naturalists' Society for 10 years.



Nominated by: Diane Woolven

Seconded by: Patricia Medlock

Doncaster U3A Annual General Meeting

Monday 20th May 2019

Venue – Trades Club – 1.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of AGM 21st May 2018
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report and appointment of Auditor
8. Group Co-ordinators' Report
9. Adoption of Reports
10. Election of Members of the Executive Committee
Officers: Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
Other members of the Executive Committee
11. Close of meeting. The next AGM will be on Monday 18 May 2020 at 1.30pm

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

Committee Vacancies

We still have vacancies on the committee and will ask the meeting's permission to take nominations from the floor. This means that those who would like to join us, but at present are undecided, can step forward at the last minute. We are also able to co-opt onto the committee during the year if needed.

Wendy Hattrell

Gardening Group

The Wednesday Garden Group has been going now for many years since we 'inherited' the leadership from Joan, who started the group. She became ill and we offered to keep it going until her return, but unfortunately that was not to be!

Thanks for everyone's support. It has become very well attended and we have enjoyed outings to Brodsworth Hall, Sheffield Botanical Gardens etc. and a lovely garden party at Rita's home.

We have now decided to hand over leadership. Diane Woolven and Valerie Grant have agreed to take over. We understand they have some new ideas so please continue to support the group.

Thank-you again for your company, chats, laughs and help over the years.

Allen and Brenda Whittaker



Travel Trip to Hull

The travel group meets once a month on a Tuesday. In the winter we have talks about various destinations, so mainly sit and listen over a cup of tea or coffee and in the summer we book a bus and go to destinations generally within about an hour and 15 minutes of Doncaster. Last year we

went to Lincoln, York and Bridlington, this year Vanessa has planned a variety of destinations starting at the end of April with a trip to Hull.

A full bus set off from the Interchange just after 10.00 a.m. heading for Hull. We dropped some passengers off in the centre of the city and the remainder at The Deep. This is a magnet for school trips so was rather noisy at times but they have covered the formation of the oceans and their early occupants moving on to the current times as you descend 3 floors on a spiral circuit.

Fish are endlessly fascinating as they sweep through the tanks in shoals - equally fascinating are the scuba divers cleaning the tanks! A new attraction are the penguins who live in what is meant to be part of South Georgia - a now abandoned island near the Falklands, used in the past for whaling.

The bus then took members from The Deep to the centre of Hull. There are many attractions - the Maritime Museum, Ferens Art Gallery, the Wilberforce Museum of slavery and Street Scene, a transport museum. People chose where they wanted to go and met up again to catch the bus back home. Thank you Vanessa for organising a really interesting trip.

Wendy Hattrell

Living History

Lives well lived.

It is with pleasure that the Living History group announce the completion of their second booklet. The way we live today has changed so much, since the nineteen thirties, and this change gained pace in the fifties, so that those under sixty have no comprehension of how we lived, worked and played in previous times.

Those who have read the first booklet know what to expect from the endeavours of this group, who, together recalled their individual memories of how they lived in days past. They then wrote down those precious memories, sometimes just for their families, or such as myself, for our descendants and social historians.

Our first booklet was very popular and we will have our latest booklet for sale at the next general meeting. The booklets have all been written, designed, and compiled by the members of this group, all with no previous experience of publishing. But most of the credit for accomplishing this booklet, must go to our very hard working leader, Jess Parkinson, as well as those who contributed their memories. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at ten thirty, in the Prego Cafe on Hallgate. New members will be made very welcome.

Betty Alexander



If you would like to purchase a copy of the DU3A Living History group booklet 'Unlocking and Preserving Memories' please contact Jess Parkinson.



Dining Out

The latest meeting of the Dining Out Group took place on Tuesday 16th April at Movida Restaurant in Priory Walk. We were served from the party menu by the young friendly waiting staff and a large number of varied, tasty dishes were served to the table ending with some large pizzas which most of us were too full to sample. Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening with good food and a lovely ambience.

Joan Condron

Love of Nature

MARCH

"Ging Gang goolie goolie Ging Gang etc.. Sorry, got carried away there. It was back to our scouting days at our March meeting of the Love of Nature group. With toggles at the ready, we were cooking over open fires, tying knots and generally living the outdoor life. Kat, our own resident ranger, showed us how to light a fire using flint and dried moss and twigs quickly building up to a few roaring log fires.

In the absence of any squirrel it was sausage and baked potatoes for lunch which always tastes great outdoors and what else to finish off but marshmallows toasted on the ends of twigs

We ended with the honing of our knot skills. Who knows when you'll need those these days. Then homeward bound with twigs in our hair and smelling of smoke!

At our April meeting we were taken by Andy, our YWT wildlife expert, round the woods for some bird spotting. Less adventurous but still enjoyable. Abseiling down the cliffs at Bempton in May! See you at the AGM ...hopefully."

Mike Bowser





Chiffchaff

APRIL



Marsh Harrier

The U3A Nature Watch group met in April at Potteric Carr Reserve for bird watching. We were led by Andy from the Reserve.

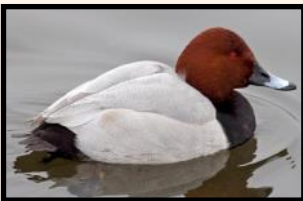
It was a cloudy, cool and damp morning for our walk. Our purpose was to listen to, watch and observe the bird life.

As soon as we left the Centre we saw Marsh Harriers flying over the lake. Walking on through the reserve we admired the blackthorn blossom and wild primula. Our guide identified numerous bird songs as we walked along and we listened to chiffchaff, great tits, chaffinch, song thrush, blackcap, wren, and Cetti's warbler and we glimpsed some of the varieties high in the trees. We soon reached an area on the reserve of felled trees. Our guide explained that leaving the trees was a way of creating and encouraging a natural habitat for rarer breeds such as the increasingly rare willow tit. We were also fortunate to see wild deer in adjoining fields as we walked to one of the hides.

We stopped at the Piper Marsh hide identifying on the banks and water various types of ducks – pochard, shoveller, gadwall and teal. We also observed greylag and Canada geese, coots and snipe.

Returning to the Centre, we had all enjoyed a very informative guided bird tour – all being much wiser about our many varied feathered friends!!

Sue Coote



Pochard



Teal



Shoveller

WANTED

The Association requires another Speaker Co-ordinator to plan for the General Meetings from May 2020. If you are interested please contact Jess Parkinson or Wendy Hattrell.

Tenpin Bowling

I was pleased to present trophies to Rod and Chris at our March bowling session. They are certainly the ones to beat at the moment, both in great form with some cracking scores. If you fancy your chances why not join us at our next sessions. Dates for those are 21st May and 16th July. Give Linda or myself a call if you are interested. The usual quick bite afterwards for those who wish.

Michael Bowser



Stretchers

Early April, fresh spring morning, dressed for the English winter we came together for the first walk of the newly formed STRETCHERS. Introductions over, we set off on our 5.8 mile walk from Cusworth Hall to Sprotborough, along the River for a short while, then back up to Cusworth and, even though it was only early April, the sun shone gloriously for us. Hats, scarves and gloves were soon discarded.

We set a steady pace buoyed by the gentle chatter of people getting to know each other. It was a well marked walk, no problems under foot except when our mascot puppy decided to try to get to know each and everyone of the group individually.

The aim of the group was to be more challenging than Strollers but not as demanding as Striders and it appeared we hit the mark as everyone plans to meet up in May.

Vanessa Whaley



Discussion

Is this for you?

Two members of the Discussion group appeal for new members.

Are you fed up of talking about Brexit ? Why not join us on Wednesday mornings and talk about something else.

We meet at Yates in Hallgate from 11 a.m. for coffee or food (breakfast and a drink for under £3), and try to put the world to rights.

It is light-hearted and fun, but we cannot guarantee that the 'B' word will not crop up!

Brenda Whittaker

I would like to make a plea to U3A members to give the Discussion Group a try. Currently we have 7 regular members but could accommodate 2 to 3 more. We always have lively discussions on topics of current interest. Afterwards most group members stay on and enjoy eating from a varied menu.

We meet every Wednesday at Yates', Hallgate, at 11.15 a.m. Please contact me, should you wish to come. (Contact number inside the back page).

Jack Chantry



Proposed New Group: Walking Cricket

In the last U3A Third Age Matters you may have noticed an article that included Walking Cricket on page 41.

Doncaster U3A had a successful meeting with Mac from Barnsley who was able to explain how his group runs. Unlike 'proper cricket' Walking Cricket is played in an enclosed space - sports hall in the winter and 5-a-side football pitch in the summer. We are currently looking for a suitable 5-a-side pitch which we can call home. Any suggestions welcome.

The game is played in an enclosed space because you can score 'runs' by hitting the walls. It also means you don't have to walk miles to pick up balls. We expect to get started later in May so if you are interested please let Chris Woolven or John Wheeler know. Contact details at the end of the newsletter.

Wendy Hattrell



Proposed New Group: Basic French

Whatever our views on Europe, it seems that U3A members are still keen to see if they can learn and practice some simple French phrases and conversation. Maybe it's the recent publicity about trying to pick up a new language being one of the best ways to keep the brain in fine fettle.

So - as the **Easier French** group has been over-subscribed for some months now, we are going to try out an additional group - this one is called **Basic French**. As the name suggests, it will be a touch easier than Easier French! It will be on Wednesday mornings, every other week - 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon - location not yet fixed, but somewhere in town - starting soon.

Please call Geoff Tagg if you might be interested. (Contact number inside the back page)

Note - the established **French 1** and **French 2** groups are also open to new members, especially if you are a little more experienced with French conversation. Contact details for all 4 French groups, and indeed all other groups, are shown on pages 22 & 23 in this newsletter.

Geoff Tagg

New Group: Stretchers



This new group is one that is 'a little more' than 'Strollers, but 'not as much' as 'Striders'.

Tony Hodge and Vanessa Whaley have taken up the challenge to provisionally set this in motion.

It has been decided, provisionally, to run the group on the second Tuesday of the month and to walk between 4 - 6 miles, preferably a circular walk starting and ending somewhere close to an eatery for lunch/coffee/snack on our return. The start time would be 10.00 a.m. and preferably fairly local.

Most of us probably have a 4 - 6 mile walk that we enjoy that is local, with easy parking, and close to somewhere to eat. These walks could be collated so that there is always a walk on hand therefore sharing the workload and some of the organisation.

If you are interested please contact either of us at:

Tony
Vanessa

Next walk: Tuesday 11th June: Start at Hooton Pagnell Hall, 10.00 a.m.
A circular walk around Hooton Pagnell. 5 miles. Approximately 2 hours.
(Contact Tony if you would like to attend this walk)

How do you describe your
lazy, hazy days of Summer.
Just a few words taken from
Roget's Thesaurus:

AMUSEMENT

pleasure
interest
delight
diversion
divertissement
happening
pastime
hobby
labour of love
voluntary work
solace
recreation
refreshment
relaxation
repose
jollity
joviality
jocundity
merriment
celebration
outing
excursion
jaunt
day out
pleasure trip
treat

Membership renewal 2019/20

Full Name/s:

Address:

Please tick the appropriate box:

Single membership: £14.00

Single membership with posted Newsletter: £18.00

For couples living at the same address:

Joint membership: £24.00

Joint membership with posted Newsletter: £28.00

Please make cheques payable to Doncaster U3A .

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

Membership Renewal slip: see previous page

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

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LEISURE / REPOSE

**holiday
spare time
free time
vacant moments
spare hours
time on one's hands
time to kill
idleness
off duty
time off
day off
break
vacation
leave
furlough
inactivity
time to spare
no hurry
ample time
all the time in the world
rest
ease
relaxation
restfulness
comfort
euphoria
peace and quiet
tranquillity
quiescence**

REPORTS FROM GENERAL MEETINGS

Our speaker for March was Pat Osborne, whose talk was 'Queen Victoria, some surprising and lesser known facts'. Pat, who was still recovering from illness gave her talk from her wheelchair and had us hanging on every word. Queen Victoria, always an interesting lady to hear about and with some very stubborn streaks.



April gave us John Hoare and his 'Acorn to Oak' talk. His knowledge about the subject was engaging from the start. It was fascinating to learn how this massive organisation, The National Trust, started and evolved and is still evolving today. John didn't take a fee but asked that the money be given to the National Trust instead. So not only did we have a very interesting talk, we gave support to this amazing Trust.



Jess Parkinson

Future General Meetings:

20th May 2019	AGM
17th June 2019	Speaker: Davis Bell Topic: The Plague Doctor
15th July 2019	Speaker: Ann Featherstone Topic: When Music Halls became Variety
18th August 2019	No meeting



Educational Event **Renaissance Treasures at the National Gallery**

by the Third Age Trust

Join National Gallery experts for a day of talks on iconic paintings and hidden gems of the Italian Renaissance, by artists such as Botticelli, Leonardo and Titian, as well as some less known artists.

We'll draw on a range of devotional and secular paintings to introduce the greatest innovations and stylistic developments in Italian painting. c.1250 – 1560, and learn some tools for looking at paintings.

Thursday 20th June 2019 11:00 – 15:45 £25.00

The Sainsbury Wing Theatre, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square,
London, WC2N 5DN



Welcome to the June - July culture pages

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

Grimsby Auditorium

Sunday 2nd June – The Johnny Cash Road Show
Call 0300 300 0035 or visit <http://grimsbyauditorium.org.uk/whats-on>

Cast

Monday 3rd June to Saturday 8th June – The Lady Vanishes
Saturday 29th June – An evening with Eric & Ern
Friday 12th July to Saturday 13th July – The Haunting of Blaine Manor
Call 01302 303959 or visit
<https://www.castindoncaster.com/Pages/Events/Category/whats-on>

Rotherham Civic Theatre

Tuesday 4th June to Saturday 8th June – Sister Act
Tuesday 11th June to Friday 14th June – Happy Families (Drama)
Wed 26th June to Saturday 29th June - Chicago
Call 01709 823621 or visit www.rotherhamtheatres.co.uk

Doncaster Little Theatre

Tuesday 4th June – Summer Winos and what you can learn from the world's longest running sitcom
Saturday 8th June – Two Pianos – Rock and Roll experience
Call 01302 340422 or visit <http://www.doncasterlittletheatre.co.uk>

Sheffield City Hall

Saturday 1st June – The Roy Orbison Story (Tribute)
Call 0114 2789789 or visit <http://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk>

Sheffield Theatres

Tuesday 4th June to Saturday 8th June – Annie (Lyceum)
Monday 24th June to Saturday 29th June – The Girl on the Train (Lyceum)
Monday 22nd July to Saturday 27th July – Educating Rita (Lyceum)
Call 0114 2496000 or visit <https://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/whats-on>

Brodsworth Hall

Saturday 29th to Sunday 30th June – Blooming Brodsworth – Explore the garden
Call 01302 722598 or visit
<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/brodsworth-hall-and-gardens>

[The Sandtoft Trolley Bus Museum](#)

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year
Events on Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th, Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th June
& Saturday 27th July

Call 01724 711846 or visit <https://santoft.org/events>

[Simply Voices](#)

Present their summer concert

Simply Voices are a large local choir who sing for fun and charity. Join them on Wednesday 10th July at Hall Cross Academy, St Michael's Road, Bessacarr, Doncaster DN4 5LU.

Doors open 7.00 p.m., tickets are £6 and can be purchased at the door.

For more information please call Jess on 01302 539628

Whilst looking for things to entertain our visiting Granddaughter I was told about:

[The Tia Rescue Centre](#)

Tia give sanctuary to unwanted greyhounds and work hard to find new homes for them. You can walk a dog for up to 15 minutes and also sponsor one. We had a very pleasant couple of hours walking dogs and visiting the rescue horses, donkeys, goats and chickens. (Free range eggs - yummy). If you are taking children you can purchase food to feed the animals. They also have a very good café with reasonably priced food. There are heart-breaking stories about how badly these poor dogs were treated.

Call 07974960864 or visit <https://www.tia-rescue.org>

Tia Rescue, Mill Race Farm, Wroot Road, Finningley, Doncaster, DN9 3DY

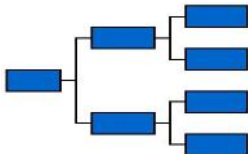
Hope you find something to enjoy.
Jess Parkinson

GIFT AID

If you paid tax in the financial year ending April 2019 and/or will be paying tax in the financial year ending April 2020 and would like to Gift Aid your subscription to DU3A, but haven't already told us, please let us know.

Conversely, if you had asked us to claim Gift Aid but now don't think you will be paying tax this year then please notify us, as soon as possible, so that we can remove your name from our list.

If you have any queries about Gift Aid please contact Wendy Hattrell, in the first instance, until a new treasurer has been elected to the committee.



GENEALOGY

If you are interested in Genealogy keep your eyes and ears open, over the next few months, for information about a possible new DU3A group.

PUZZLE PAGE

Homophones

Homophones are words that sound exactly alike when pronounced out loud but have completely different meanings. They're such troublemakers. Homophones confuse children, slip past spell checkers, and pop up all over the place as typos and mis-spellings.

To make things worse, many homophones have different spellings, which means spell checkers ignores them, since alternative spellings are correct.

From the following list of words, find the other **two** words that sound exactly like each of the given words:

e.g. **to**, too, two

You can include plurals and words that contain an apostrophe e.g. he'll but NO proper nouns (names) are allowed.

doe	so	there	haw	prays	rays
you	flew	by	heal	vain	aisle
saw	bite	core	holy	wear	peek
eye	for	toad	pair	way	
seer	meet	sensor	palate	wheel	
sees	taught	site	pattern	rain	

Find the other **three** words that sound exactly like each of the following words:

or **paws** **your** **right**

Solutions to April/May's puzzles:

BRAIN (T) RAND	TRACK (C) TALE	LAST (C) RASH	CART (T) BEAN
ACE (I) MINK	OUT (H) MAST	ARE (O) GRANGE	HEAR (W) SLOT
RANG (G) RUB	OVER (E) TOMB	LIST (M) SOCK	DARN (E) SHOT
CASE (E) MILK	ORE (A) SOFT	ITCH (E) RIDER	PAST (E) BRAN
JUST (R) MOON	DALE (T) RANG	SHIN (T) PEST	EAR (T) WARE

It's that time of year again - EXAMS.

Can you remember what you were faced with? Have a go at the following.
(Remember—**NO CALCULATORS**)

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(19) Express £4.6625 in £ s d

MENTAL ARITHMETIC

(20) If 3 lb. 5 oz. of cheese cost 4s 5d, how much does an ounce cost?

(21) Cost of 5 gross of pencils at 3d each.

(22) What fraction of 2s 6d is 9d?

(23) How many 2½d stamps are worth 40 1½d stamps?

(24) People used to tell the time by burning candles. If a ½-inch candle burnt away every hour, how much would be left of a 12-inch candle that had been burning 15hr.?

(25) A bicycle costs 15 guineas and a boy has saved £7 15s 6d towards it. How much does he still need?

(26) From 6,754 take 4,567

(27) A workman working 8 hr. a day takes 3 days to build a wall. If he is paid 2s 6d an hour what would his wages amount to?

(28) By how much is 0.5 of £1 greater than 0.05 of £1?

The above are taken from an actual test paper.

Following on from the test papers on the previous page consider the following units of measure.

Many people found the change to the decimal system fairly difficult to handle but oh how simple it is now compared to the past. Below are some of the units of measure that we may be familiar with and many which are new to us.

LENGTH

Well-known units - inch, foot, yard, mile

Land measurement - furlong, chain, link, rod, pole, perch, Ramsden's chain

Nautical units - fathom, shackle, cable, nautical mile

The human body - foot, hand, palm, nail, finger

Old units - span, cubit, ell, bolt, cloth-yard, league, megalithic yard

Small units - line, thou, barleycorn, poppy seed

3 hands is 1 foot Hands are used to measure horses.

A palm was 3 inches

A nail was 2 and a quarter inches. It was a cloth measure.

A finger was 4 and a half inches. Another cloth measure.

WEIGHT

Well-known units (avoirdupois) - ounce (oz), pound (lb), stone

Large units (avoirdupois) - quarter, hundredweight (cwt), ton

Small units (avoirdupois) - dram, grain

Troy weights - pennyweight, troy ounce, troy pound

Apothecaries' weights - scruple, apothecaries' drachm, apothecaries' ounce, apothecaries' pound

Jewel weights - carat, point

VOLUME

Well-known units - pints, gallons, quarts

Smaller units - fluid ounce, gill, cup, fluid drachm, minim, spoons

Dry units - peck, bushel, other units

Beer casks - pin, firkin, kilderkin, barrel, puncheon, tun, hogshead, butt

Cubic measures - cubic inches, feet and yards

Wood measures - cord, cord foot, rick, fathom, Hoppus foot

Other cubic measures or volumes - shipping ton, perch, old Scottish measures

Old Scottish measures:

4 gills = 1 mutchkin

2 mutchkins = 1 chopin

2 chopin = 1 pint

A Scottish gill was about $\frac{3}{4}$ Imperial gills.

A Scottish pint was about 2 Imperial pints 4 gill.

This was because in Scotland, there were 16 gills to the pint rather than 4

MONEY

Coins - farthing, half penny, penny, three pence, six pence, shilling, florin, half crown

Notes - ten shilling, one pound, five pound, ten pound

Older money - crown, guinea, groat, sterling

The Scottish currency was abolished at the Act Of Union 1707:

SCOTS (before 1707)

VALUE IN STERLING

2 pennies = 1 bodle

2 bodles = 1 plack

3 bodles = 1 bawbee

2 bawbees = 1 shilling

13 shillings 4 pence = 1 merk

20 shillings = 1 pound

1 bawbee = 1 English halfpenny

1 Scots shilling = 1 English penny

1 Scots pound = 20 English pence (1/8)



REGIONAL WORKSHOP Supporting our Interest Groups:

HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

Friday 14th June 2019

Church House, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX

10.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Group Leaders of History, Local History, Archaeology, Industrial Archaeology etc. are invited to apply. The day will be interactive with plenty of opportunities to share ideas, and discuss the possibility of establishing a 'History Network' for Group Leaders across the region. Ideally we would like every such group in the region to be represented, so if your Group's Leader is unable to attend, please nominate another representative from the group. As it is funded by the Third Age Trust, this event is Free

Apply using our on-line form on yahru3a.co.uk/events or email secretary@yahru3a.co.uk

The CLOSING DATE for applications is **30th May 2019**.

Please indicate at the time of booking if you have any special requirements re. access, learning needs or refreshments.

Places are limited, so if your U3A has interested reps from more than one History related group, please contact the secretary to discuss availability of places .

Membership Renewal

The membership renewal slip on page 13 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.

CONTACTING GROUP LEADERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Group Leaders can be contacted 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

Chair	Wendy Hattrell
Vice Chair	to be arranged
Business Secretary	Chris Woolven
Treasurer	to be arranged
Membership Secretary	Jill Laming
Group Co-ordinator	Vanessa Whaley
Minutes Secretary	to be arranged
	George Kirk
	David Smith
	Diane Williams
	John Wheeler

Some of the above roles and positions may change after the AGM, and some new members may be elected to the committee at the AGM. See page 5 for DU3A Committee nominee.

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DU3A Website

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

Prégo Café

We would like to thank our friends at the Prégo 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

Friday 28th June.

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to

du3anewsletterbmt@btinternet.com

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