

**DONCASTER U3A**

**June - July 2022**

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# From the Chair



I expect, like us, many of you will be looking forward to getting away for a holiday or two this year. Having been blighted by the effects of the pandemic, Diane and I are finally planning to get on with our bucket list. Three years on since we were originally planning our visit to Southern Africa, it looks as though we are going to make it at last.

Before we get on with our personal plans, however, we have the business of our AGM to complete. You will probably be aware that our original intention to hold it in the old Trades Club have now been thwarted by the fact that the place is being sold, along with the furniture, to a private concern.

The management there gave us very little notice, and it seems unlikely that we will ever be able to use the space again. In quick time we were able to shift the AGM to the Savoy Cinema complex, and by the time you read this it may well have been completed.

Our committee for 2022/23 has a few new faces joining for the first time. You will find a short biography and photograph of each of them in the pages of this newsletter.

Two members are standing down: Derek Marriot, our treasurer who has done a sterling job keeping our finances in order over recent years, and David Bryan, who is standing down to make way for some new blood. Derek has kindly agreed to be co-opted for a period, if required, to help with the transition to our new committee.

Four new members will be joining:

We welcome Simon Hughes as Chairman, Peter Hermes as Treasurer and two new committee members Kim Beresford, and Corrine Chivers. I am sure they will all serve us well.

Our current Secretary, Diane Woolven, has offered to stay on for up to one more year, while I too will take an advisory role as Vice Chair for the same period.

I would like to thank the members who have supported me during this, my second term as chairman. Naming names is always difficult so I will avoid doing so, but I must say that a few of us have completed up to a decade keeping this ship afloat and it really is time that more, younger members took up the baton. If you know anyone in your groups who you think will be a good choice to help us on the committee in the future then please get to work persuading them to step up.

And so, to close, this is the last time I will be writing this piece for our newsletter. I wish you all well and encourage each of you to think about what you can do to help Doncaster U3A in the future. Please remember, we are all members, all volunteers and it is everyone's responsibility to keep the engines running as we move on beyond the horizon to a brighter future.

Best wishes to all of you

*Chris Woolven*

# WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members

Harry Balaiss, Lucy Boysen, Peter Boysen, Ruth Brown,  
Martin Clarke, Sue Copeman, Judith Fisher, Yvonne Mayer,  
Heather Sloan, Jill Tomlinson, Jean Walker, Joan White.

## UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

If you wish to make any donations you may find these contacts useful:

### Ukrainian Centre, Doncaster:

48 Beckett Road, Wheatley, DN2 4AD Tel: 07803 904766

### British Red Cross

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

### DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee)

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

There are many more organisations including:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine>

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/ukraine-appeal>

<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/current-emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

**Doncaster Council:** Situation in Ukraine: Information for **guests, sponsors and families**. We are receiving new information and updates all the time, so please be aware this page will be updated with further information as and when we receive it and be sure to check the webpage regularly. Go to:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/News/situation-in-ukraine-information-for-guests-sponsors-and-families>



## August - September 2022 Newsletter

Articles for the August - September newsletter need to be received by  
**Wednesday 29th June.**

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to  
**bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com**

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River Torne, NE of Auckley (between Branton and the road from Blaxton to Thorne)

# Obituaries



## BARBARA PLUMB

Barbara was one of the early members of DU3A who sadly passed away earlier this year. She held the position as treasurer on the committee. She started the Card Making group amongst other activities. Barbara was the first person to receive an Honorary membership.

She loved going on holidays with friends and went on many of the Travel and Theatre group trips. One of her talents was her beautiful embroideries.

After having a stroke she was in hospital and after some time she then resided in Cantley Grange where she was very happy. Despite only having the use of one hand she held a card making class for the residents.

Barbara was also an active member of the Caledonian Society. She will be sadly missed by her friends.



## GILLIAN JAMIESON

28.11.1930 - 30.03.2022

Gillian Jamieson, a long standing member of DU3A, passed away earlier this year at the age of 91. She had been a member of the Travel group where, with Marjorie Mc Gaw, she helped serve refreshments. Gillian also enjoyed her U3A Sunday Lunches and often attended General Meetings. She leaves two sons Christopher and Charles and will be sadly missed.

## DONCASTER'S CIVIC AND CULTURAL QUARTER

For more information go to:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/business-investment/the-civic-and-cultural-quarter-introduction>

Danum Gallery, Library and Museum (DGLAM)

<https://www.dglam.org.uk/museum>

<https://www.dglam.org.uk/art>

Café 1910, located within the building, has a full menu for sit-in and takeaway during opening hours. <https://www.dglam.org.uk/cafe1910>

Savoy: Silverscreen

<https://savoydoncaster.uk/SavoyDoncaster.dll/Page?p=1&m=mm&sp=1>

# GENERAL MEETINGS:

## March

### The Curious World of Olde Time Punishments

Ian Morgan is a professional historian who writes about historical subjects, in particular, crime and punishment.



His talk covered many aspects of old time punishments including birching, branding, beheading and burning. He talked about ducking stools and witches, the pillory and perjurers. Wife beaters were punished by riding the stang. Where the use of the pillory or stocks failed to induce sobriety, drunkards were made to walk around the town wearing the Newcastle cloak. This was a barrel with holes for arms, legs and head. Women accused of harassing their neighbours by slandering them or using abusive language were made to wear the scold's bridle or 'branks'.

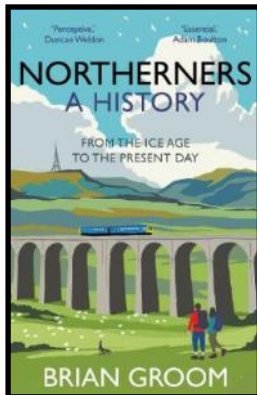
For more information on the history of punishments in 'the good old days' go to <https://localhistories.org/a-history-of-punishments>

## April

April's speaker at the General meeting was Brian Groom, journalist turned writer, talking about the book he has just had published, "Northerners, A History".

Brian tailored his talk to be in part specific to Doncaster, which made it all the more relevant.

His book has been critically acclaimed and favourably reviewed in a number of newspapers. It has been a feature display in a number of branches of Waterstones, and we were treated to a couple of pounds off the cover price if we bought a copy from him on the day.



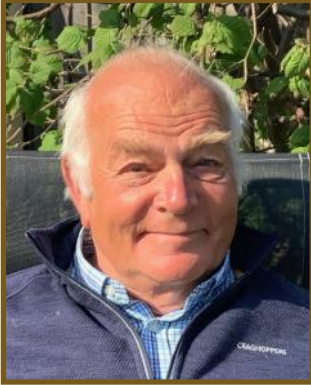
Brian talked of the rich and kaleidoscopic history of us Northerners (whether by birth or location), and took us on a whistle-stop tour of the North and its proud peoples over thousands of years.

Being a proud Northerner himself, he was very convincing! I only wish more of you could have been there to hear him!

*Paula Harmer*

# New Committee Members

## ABOUT YOUR NEW CHAIRMAN - SIMON HUGHES



A Doncaster resident, 76 years young, career in retail management and sales of commercial electrical equipment. Job types included marketing, sales and technical training, setting up and running quality management systems.

Now in retirement having held Chair, Secretarial and Treasurer positions in several community groups which have included Town Moor Community Association, Town Field Stakeholder Group and Wheatley Hills Allotment Association.

As an incoming Chair, I am aware that there is much to learn about the structure and personnel of DU3A and will initially lean quite heavily on the accumulated experience of past and existing officers.

## KIM BERESFORD

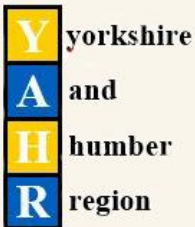
I'm a Doncastrian born and bred, and have lived in the town all my life.

I'm a Manager by qualification and profession, and have worked across the public, private and voluntary sectors. The last 14 years of my working life was as Chief Executive of a local charity providing advocacy support to adults with learning disabilities.

Now happily retired, I fill my life with things I like to do: reading, knitting, running, dancing, going to the theatre - I'm a 'champion' of Doncaster's Cast theatre - and socialising with family and friends.



## YAHR Facebook Group



YAHR have just set up a new Facebook group for members. It is a private group intended for any current member of any u3a to join and exchange views and ideas. Hopefully it will become a place to swap things like speaker ideas, somewhere for members to chat across the region and where we can keep useful information in the files section.



<https://yahru3a.uk/2022/01/06/yahr-facebook-group>

\*\*\*\* Don't forget Doncaster U3A has its own Facebook group \*\*\*\*



## NEW TREASURER - PETER HERMES

I joined Doncaster u3a in 2019 as part of the Walking Cricket group and since then have enjoyed involvement in the Canasta, Basic French, Coffee Quiz, Tenpin Bowling, and Gardening groups. My wife, Anona, and I run the Scattergories group (also enjoyable, I must add!).

Having spent over 40 years in various financial roles in Commercial, Public Sector and not-for-profit businesses I am hoping that I will be able to bring some of that experience to the role of Treasurer.

I am looking forward to giving something back to Doncaster u3a in return for the many hours of entertainment and friendship experienced over the past three years.

## CORINNE CHIVERS

My name is Corinne Chivers. I'm originally from Sandhurst Berkshire. I moved to Bessacarr, Doncaster almost 5 years ago, I moved for a fresh start to be near my older brother. They have a small dog called TJ who I look after when they are away. I enjoy looking after him and like having other family and friend's dogs staying with me.

When I lived in Sandhurst I joined Hawley U3A and enjoyed many activities they had to offer.

I joined Doncaster U3A a few years ago and have joined quite a few different activities and have made a few good friends though different groups.

I now look forward to being an active committee member.



## You know you're getting old when .....

- ..... You and your teeth don't sleep together.
- ..... You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any.
- ..... At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal.
- ..... Your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.
- ..... It takes longer to rest than it did to get tired.
- ..... You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

# GROUPS - UPDATES / NOTICES

## GENERAL MEETINGS

The meetings listed below may change if new Covid restrictions are introduced. Keep an eye open for emails informing you of any changes. Would members with email please let those without email know what is happening.

- 16th May 2022                      AGM  
11 a.m.                              Venue: The Savoy Cinema Complex, Doncaster's Civic and Cultural Quarter
- 20th June 2022                    Helen Slade - The history of Hyde Park cemetery  
 Venue: tba
- 18th July 2022                    Sarah Cooper - Support dogs  
 Venue: tba

## INTEREST GROUPS

Please contact group leaders **before** attending a meeting for the first time. There may be limits on the group size. It is important for all Du3a members to consider their own personal health circumstances before participating in an activity or interest group. You can view the personal risk assessment on the Du3a website.

## DINING OUT

The next meeting of the Dining Out group will take place on Tuesday 14th June at Da Leo, a family run Italian restaurant on the corner of Silver Street and East Laith Gate. The menu is available online or I will be in attendance at Wetherspoons Gate House pub on Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with a copy of the menu. Please let me have your menu choices with a cheque made payable to Du3a by June 6th at the very latest as the restaurant requires a deposit and pre-order so I cannot accept late requests to attend.

Joan Condron

## LOVE OF NATURE

The Love of Nature Group are going to Gombe-Lindholme Hall on the Tuesday 7th June and Adwick Washlands on the 5th July.

## DU3A CALENDARS

I have been involved with the production of the calendar for many years and have enjoyed the challenge of keeping the membership up to date with our monthly activities. However, I now feel that I need more time to pursue other interests.

Paula Harmer has kindly offered to take on this role and will be producing the calendars from now on.

Diane Woolven



The image shows a calendar for May 2022 with various activities listed for each day. The calendar is titled 'DU3A Calendar for MAY 2022' and includes a logo for 'DU3A' in the top right corner. The days of the week are listed at the top: MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY. The calendar is filled with text describing activities for each day, such as '10.00 Open of Fables Bk', '11.00 Coffee - FR', '12.00 Travel Group CL', etc. There are also some decorative elements like a flower and a sun in the bottom right corner.



## DINING OUT

The latest meeting of the Dining Out group took place at Turkuaz Turkish restaurant on 12th April. Just 12 people attended and we were served complimentary bread and dips whilst we awaited our pre-ordered meals. It was a very convivial meeting enhanced by the tasty food and pleasant, helpful staff. We rounded off the evening with a shot of apple liqueur, on the house, and agreed it had been a very pleasant evening.

*Joan Condron*



## THE ART GROUP NEEDS NEW MEMBERS!



A lovely, friendly group needs a few like-minded people to share and develop their creative spark!

We meet at Parklands Sports and Social Club, off Wheatley Hall Road, every first and third Tuesday (apart from May when we meet on 10th and 24th), from one 'til three, on the first floor. This costs us three pounds per session, with hot drinks a pound extra.

Members decide which medium to use, though I always have pastels, charcoal and sketching pencils available. We share a common theme.

In April we began exploring landscapes, starting by studying clouds and moving on to trees. This will lead to us making a picture of a bluebell wood.

None of us are experts, all of us are amateurs and all of us are interested. The time flies by. You don't need to own lots of equipment, but if you have it, bring it along .... Time to get it out from the back of the cupboard and put it to use!

If you would like to join us, or feel you need to know more, give me a ring

*Paula Harmer*



## You know you're getting old when .....

..... The pharmacist has become your new best friend.

..... The twinkle in your eye is merely a reflection from the sun on your bifocals.

..... Getting 'lucky' means you found your car in the car park.

## Wentworth Garden Centre Trip

Many thanks to Wendy for organising our thoroughly enjoyable U3A trip to Wentworth Woodhouse in April. The rain kept off and at times we even had sunshine.

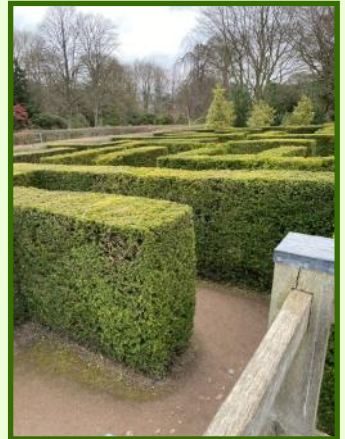
Our day began as we discovered parts of Doncaster Interchange that many of us had not been in before. Our friendly coach driver delivered us directly to the Wentworth Garden Centre where there was a tempting display of bedding plants, shrubs, roses and fruit trees. Not many of us left this area empty handed! There was a lovely large gift shop and a variety of coffee/lunch venues where we renewed friendships and made new ones. Some of us explored the extensive gardens where the camellias were in full bloom, and even dared to explore the maze.

Most of the group had elected to explore the grand old house of Wentworth Woodhouse which, assisted by The National Trust, was undergoing extensive renovations. It has a frontage wider than Buckingham Palace. We were given fascinating insights into the building and the people who had owned it by a very knowledgeable guide. A once glorious ballroom and extensive entertaining rooms, many now used in drama and film productions, once hosted royalty. An amazing building in a quiet corner of Yorkshire.

I'm certainly looking forward to the next Wentworth Woodhouse trip in October when we will see the wings of the house and the rooms where the King and Queen stayed, none of which we saw this time.

The cafe and gift shop within the house allowed for more coffee, cake and chat before our coach journey back to Doncaster Interchange. We left feeling that we'd had a fabulous day out.

*Margaret Allott*



### **You know you're getting old when .....**

..... When you wake up looking like your driver's license picture.

..... When happy hour is a nap.

..... When you're on holiday and your energy runs out before your money does.

## Creative Writing with Writers of the Third Page

I had just joined u3a when COVID-19 struck, and we were put in to lock down. It had taken me some time to get up the courage to walk in and sign up. I don't know why I had such trepidations as I was met with a warm welcome and introduced to other members of Doncaster u3a. They all reassured me that I would be kept in contact about the future events through Facebook, email, and newsletters.

I joined a Facebook page called 'Keeping in Touch'. People posted about activities and groups I could join in via Zoom. This was a godsend during the pandemic. I got to join in and try all kinds of hobbies I would not have thought were of interest to me. It was here I was introduced to an online Creative Writing group run by Mac McKechnie from Barnsley u3a. It started with a photograph that we would interpret and write chapter 1 in 1500 words. The group would give feedback on each other's stories then vote on the best story line and that would be used the following week for the group to write chapter 2. It was amazing how many different stories came from this format and how much fun this could be, letting your creative juices flow. It was all very informal and allowed people to express themselves as individuals with an interest in all kinds of literary themes. Mac had now moved on and Alison (Beeston u3a) guides us in our quest to provide stories on monthly-based themes, each chosen by one of the group.

As we emerge from the pandemic and have physical contact with families and friends, our desire for travelling and holidays returns and the need for online communication fades. Due to this, the group membership has declined so we thought it was time to see if there is any interest out there from budding novelists who would like to join in and expand their skill base, creating stories for others' entertainment. There are no specialist skills or knowledge needed, just an interest in literature and writing. For more information, please contact group leader Alison at [membership@beestonu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@beestonu3a.org.uk)

We would love to hear from you.

*Yvonne McGowan*



### **My husband Jack Chantry,**

I would like to thank the members of the U3A who have asked about Jack, I am very sorry to say that he has developed Alzheimer's disease and, as his moods fluctuated, he has had to go into care and is now a resident at The Royal, Rossington.

*Claire Chantry*



## Stretchers Walk the Hooton Roberts Round

Tuesday 12 April saw a small group of walkers congregate at the Earl of Strafford, Hooton Roberts for the monthly Stretchers walk. The small number of walkers may have been due to Grandparent babysitting duties during the Easter holidays and/or Covid.

The walk, which was planned by Val Bell, was one that had been cancelled the month before because of muddy paths. Although the skys were grey and threatening we did set off in the dry.

The walk took in the undulating hills of South Yorkshire, which some of the group from the very flat parts of Doncaster thought may be a challenge (me). Initially we walked along well drained footpaths but the mud around the stile on the approach to Old Denaby was a warning of things to come. After walking through parts of the village and admiring the properties we turned up hill for home. We had our first glimpse of bluebells next to the footpath before we reached Conisbrough and crossing the main Doncaster to Rotherham road started the final section of our walk.

It soon became clear why Val had done a different walk the previous month as it became more and more muddy crossing open fields and one very large field was shoulder high with oil seed rape. As we turned into a wooded area the path became boggy! Fortunately, although slipping, sliding and grabbing tree trunks, we all remained upright.

A thoroughly enjoyable walk of approximately 6 miles, which for most of us was concluded by a welcome meal. Thank you Val.

*Jenny Burnett*



## What's on in Doncaster

The Cast:	<a href="https://castindoncaster.com">https://castindoncaster.com</a>
Doncaster Little Theatre:	<a href="https://doncasterlittletheatre.co.uk/whats-on">https://doncasterlittletheatre.co.uk/whats-on</a>
Danum Gallery-Library-Museum:	<a href="https://www.dglam.org.uk/whats-on">https://www.dglam.org.uk/whats-on</a>
Mansion House:	<a href="https://doncastermansionhouse.co.uk">https://doncastermansionhouse.co.uk</a>
Heritage Doncaster:	<a href="https://www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk">https://www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk</a>
The Dome:	<a href="https://www.dclt.co.uk/whats-on">https://www.dclt.co.uk/whats-on</a>
The Leopard:	<a href="https://leopard-doncaster.co.uk">https://leopard-doncaster.co.uk</a> (Live music)
Visit Doncaster	<a href="https://www.visitdoncaster.com">https://www.visitdoncaster.com</a>

## LOCAL HISTORY



April's group meeting was a long postponed visit. Our original date was two weeks before the first Covid lockdown came two years ago. We had arranged our meeting at the Yorkshire Aircraft Museum at Lakeside. It came about from an article in the Doncaster Free Press about the first airshow held in the UK which took place at the Doncaster Racecourse in October 1909.

The talk and tour was given by Ian Kingsnorth, a longstanding volunteer at the museum. It included an original poster for the show which listed the various aeroplanes taking part, newspaper accounts of the events and photographs taken at the time. The theme of the show was a competition to fly the full circuit of the St. Leger for a prize of £1,000. Though the event was held over a few days the flight was never achieved.

The organiser of the event was an American one Samuel Cody, a relative of 'Buffalo' Bill Cody. Despite attendances of up to 50,000 the show was a financial loss to Doncaster Council of £2,000.

The second part of the talk was a history of RAF Doncaster. Ian recounted many stories of events at the airfield in the first and second world wars when it was home to Spitfires for a short spell.

Some RAF and civilian activities continued after the war, including a glider Club, until it officially closed in 1992.

A short tour of the planes and artifacts followed the talk which was interesting and far too short and several members were planning to revisit the site for a proper tour.

*Mike Bowser*



**You know you're getting old when .....**

..... You look for your glasses for half an hour and they were on your head the whole time.

## STROLLERS

**Walk to Barnburgh  
Thursday 24th March 2022**



On 24th March 2022 the Stollers met at the Crown Inn at Barnburgh. On a lovely bright, sunny warm morning 19 people walked through the village and passed the Old Coach and Horses pub which is a Grade 2

listed building. At the end of the road we turned left and looked at the Pinfold with views across the Dearne Valley. This is where we took the photo. We then followed the bridle way track off to the right and uphill to the top. We then followed the path that led into the woods. On our left was Barnburgh Cragg, an outcrop of magnesium limestone and where strange faces were seen in the carved stone. At the end of the Cragg (after admiring the views of South Yorkshire) we briefly joined the main road before turning onto a track which led us back to the Crown for an enjoyable lunch. 18 people stayed for lunch. Jackie and the team looked after us exceptionally well, even opening the Crown to use their facilities before starting the walk.

*Sue Stenton, Sue Coote & Joy Belk*

## CROWN GREEN BOWLS



As the attached pictures demonstrate, even winter weather doesn't dampen the spirits of our hardy but happy band of bowlers. For two hours a week we can forget about Ukraine or washing the dishes or tending our gardens. Come and enjoy our humorous banter, and join our analysis of how the Rovers managed to avoid staying in League 1.



*George Kirk.*

## You know you're getting old when .....

..... Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt - doesn't work.

..... Your idea of weight lifting is standing up.

..... It takes twice as long - to look half as good.

..... You have more patience, but it is actually that you just don't care anymore.



## Party in the Park



Do you like street parties? Is your street planning one for the Queen's Jubilee? Well u3a are going one better and planning a **Party in the Park**,

Elmfield Park to be precise.

**Please put Wednesday 1st June in your diary - 12 noon to 4 p.m.**

This picnic party will be a joint celebration for both the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and 40 years of u3a in this country. U3as up and down the country will be celebrating in a similar fashion on 1st June. This is the day before the two-day bank holiday in June so hopefully won't interfere with any family gatherings.

We will send an email asking for an indication of attendance so we know roughly how many to expect. Following my email appeal for help, we had a good response and have set up a sub group. An application has been sent to DMBC asking for use of Elmfield Park and I have had verbal agreement, but at the time of writing, I am waiting for written confirmation.

Please bring with you picnic chairs, tables and rugs for yourself. We are limiting this to members and partners or members and a friend. We are suggesting some 'communal' food either savoury or sweet e.g. sausage rolls, quiche, sandwiches, cakes and scones. The idea being instead of bringing a picnic just for you, you bring a dozen sausage rolls or a quiche to share. You can of course bring your own food if you wish but we thought shared food would encourage people to mingle! Or a mixture of the two if you wish. So you will need to bring your own plate, knife and fork and food to share if you wish to participate. This will be organised by email with those who are coming so that we don't get too much of the same things – or organised by phone for those without email. You will need to bring your own drinks, either alcoholic or otherwise – these will not be shared! Please avoid bringing glasses which might break.

In addition to food and drink we thought garden games would be fun. Things like Jenga, Connect 4, boule and croquet. If you have any of these or other suitable outdoor games please let Richard Gibbs know - his contact details are on page 22. There will be a bottle raffle, and raffle prizes will be welcome. Please contact Margaret Allott if you are able to donate a suitable bottle - her contact details are on page 22.

We are hoping to have use of the pavilion which has toilet facilities. If not we will be arranging portaloos. There is street parking all round the park and in nearby streets. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather. We will be inviting the Civic Mayor and hoping for some publicity in the Free Press. Hope to see lots of you there.

*Wendy Hattrell*

## JUNE

In the old Roman calendar, June was called mens iunius, was the fourth month and had 29 days. June is named after Juno, the Roman goddess of youth and protection. Her name (Latin Iūnō) comes from the root word for 'young' (Iuuen) and goes back to the idea of vital energy and fertility.

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In the year 154 BC, a rebellion forced the Roman senate to change the beginning of the civil year from March to January 1. June officially became the sixth month in the year 153 BC. In the year 46 BC, the Julian calendar was introduced and June was expanded to 30 days.



The date of the June (summer) solstice varies between June 20, 21, and 22 in the Northern Hemisphere. The word solstice means 'sun-stopping' (from the Latin solstitium) because the Sun seems to be standing still in the sky.



In Scandinavia, midsummer is also called Midsommar or Sankt Hans after the Christian martyr Saint John the Baptist. The Christian Church celebrates his day on June 24, exactly six months before Christmas. St John is said to 'prepare the way for Christ,' as the sunlight decreases after Midsummer and increases after Christmas.



On Midsummer's Eve, Norwegians celebrate Sankthansaften (Sankt Hans' Eve) with bonfires along the Fjords.



The Full Moon on 14th June 2022 is called the Strawberry Full Moon after the fruits that grow in the Northern Hemisphere around this time of the year. It is also a Supermoon.

29th June: Micro New Moon: A micromoon is when the Moon is at its furthest point from the Earth, making it appear smaller than usual.



According to tradition, the birthstones for June are pearl, alexandrite, and moonstone, all representing health and longevity. The June birth flowers are the rose and the honeysuckle.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/months/june.html>

## JULY

The old Roman calendar started in March. The fifth month was called mens quintilis. In the year 154 BC, a rebellion forced the Roman senate to change the beginning of the civil year from March to January 1. With this reform, Quintilis officially became the seventh month but kept its name (for the next 110 years).

After the murder of Julius Caesar on the Ides of March in 44 BC, Rome was on the brink of civil war. Many within the Roman aristocracy wanted Caesar to be condemned as a tyrant who needed to be purged from history while the Roman citizens admired and adored Caesar. To stabilize the situation, the Roman senate chose to side with the people. They gave Caesar's birth month Quintilis the new name mens iulius, the month of Julius.

A Roman wall calendar dating from 84-55 BC still shows the old name QVIN(tilis) as the seventh month. See [https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Roman\\_calendar](https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Roman_calendar)

The hot and humid days in July are known as 'the dog days.' Historically, the star Sirius was rising in the night sky just as the hot summer days started. Because the star is part of the constellation Canis Major ('the Greater Dog'), these hot and hated days became known as dog days.

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This old lady handed her bank card to the teller and said “I would like to withdraw £10”. The teller told her “for withdrawals less than £100, please use the ATM.

The old lady wanted to know why... The teller returned her bank card and irritably told her “these are the rules, please leave if there is no further matter. There is a line of customers behind you”.

The old lady remained silent for a few seconds and handed her card back to the teller and said “please help me withdraw all the money I have.” The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her “you have £300,000 in your account but the bank doesn’t have that much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come back again tomorrow?

The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The teller told her any amount up to £3000. “Well please let me have £3000 now.” Very friendly and with a smile, the teller kindly handed £3000 to her.

The old lady put £10 in her purse and asked the teller to deposit £2990 back into her account.

*The moral of this story is...  
Don't be difficult with old people.  
They spent a lifetime learning the skill  
and could teach you more lessons  
than you could ever imagine on being  
difficult x*

## Membership renewal 2022/23

Full Name/s:

Address:

Please tick the appropriate box:

Single membership: £14.00

Single membership with posted Newsletter: £20.00

For couples living at the same address:

Joint membership: £24.00

Joint membership with posted Newsletter: £30.00

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)

**OLD AGE COMES AT A  
BAD TIME!  
WHEN YOU FINALLY  
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YOU START TO FORGET  
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.**



## **Signposting - Move to Music**

Move to music has been a popular group with many of our members. Unfortunately, we had to take it off the groups list as a paid tutor was taking the group and this is not allowed under U3A rules.

However, we can signpost members to such groups if nothing similar exists within our U3A. The group meets on Thursday mornings. If you would like to join other U3A members in some gentle exercise, then please contact **Joan Condron**. Her details are on the group contact page under 'Dining Out'.

*Diane Woolven*



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Events in the Cosmic Calendar:

13th July: Super Full Moon: Buck Moon: The July full moon gets its name from actual bucks, or male deer. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, 'The full Moon in July is called the Buck Moon because the antlers of male deer (bucks) are in full-growth mode at this time. Bucks shed and regrow their antlers each year, producing a larger and more impressive set as the years go by.' It is also known as Thunder Moon (due to the prevalence of summer thunder storms), Hay Moon, and Wort Moon



28th July: New Moon: The New Moon phase on July 28, 2022, is the best time to explore the night sky. On this day the Moon will be in a New Moon phase. During this phase the moon is too close to the sun in the sky to be visible. The moon rises and sets with the sun and is not present in the night sky. Because of this the night sky is darker and an excellent time to view other celestial objects.



According to tradition, the birthstone for July is the ruby, representing contentment. The July birth flowers are the larkspur and the water lily .

<https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/months/july.html>

Bridget Thompson

## THIRD AGE TRUST

### Free Zoom meetings

**Friday 20th May 10.00 a.m.** [All about Pictish Stones](#). A discussion about the Picts and their relations with their neighbours.

**Tuesday 24th May 10.30 a.m.** [Japan - Lasting impressions](#). The talk will focus on comparing and contrasting work, school and personal life in the UK and Japan and aims to provide the audience with a rare insight into a Brit's life in Japan.

**Friday 27th May 2.00 p.m.** [Geometric Abstraction](#). This talk explores the birth of the art form, Geometric Abstraction from its roots in Constructivism.

**Friday 24 June 10.00 a.m.** [What will it really take to deal with climate change?](#) Mike Berners-Lee, leading expert in carbon footprinting, will discuss the climate crisis and what we, as individuals, can do to help solve it. Mike will take us through the science and solutions and explain why there really IS No Planet B.

These events are free but you do need to register in advance.

go to: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

### Enter our 2022 creative writing competition

The theme is: **OPENING(S)**

The deadline for submission is 12 noon on **Thursday 16th June 2022**.

For more information, including where to submit your entry, go to:


<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes/creative-writing-2022>

For other National Learning programmes go to:

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes>

# PUZZLE PAGE

## QUIZ

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- 1 In the board game 'Cluedo' what is the Colonel's surname?
  - 2 What was the name of the Paralympic style games launched by Prince Harry for wounded soldiers?
  - 3 The statue 'Christ the Redeemer' is in which country?
  - 4 Who wrote 'For whom the bell tolls'?
  - 5 In the Emily Bronte novel, 'Wuthering Heights', who does Heathcliffe marry?
  - 6 In which country is Mount Everest located?
  - 7 Who led the first successful expedition to the South Pole?
  - 8 On a golf course, what name is given to the sand trap?
  - 9 What is a male hedgehog called?
  - 10 Garda is the name of the police in which country?
  - 11 How many 'steps' are there in the title of a John Buchan novel?
  - 12 A black spread eagle is the logo of which UK bank?
  - 13 Once known as a breakfast dish, what type of smoked fish is traditionally used in kedgeree?
  - 14 What tool would you bury if you were ending a feud?
  - 15 At what American battle was General Custer killed?
  - 16 In the Magic Roundabout, what was the name of the cow?
  - 17 In which country was the piano invented?
  - 18 Which Labour leader died suddenly in 1994?
  - 19 In which city will the 2024 Summer Olympic Games be held?
  - 20 In nautical terms, what is the opposite of port?

*Submitted by Mark Frost*

# Solutions to April - May puzzles

## Riddles

1. All the people were married
2. Bookkeeper
3. Incorrectly
4. You are standing back-to-back with your father
5. Seven has two syllables and the other numbers only have one syllable
6. Four sisters and three brothers

## Sudoku

Easy

7			4					6
	4		8			7		
2			5			3	8	
4			1	3		9		
			7		9			
		7		2	6			3
	2	4			8			1
		6		7		4		
1			9					8

Hard

	8		5					
		3			5			9
			7					
	2			9	1			
	1			6		8	5	
			2					
		8		2				1
3	6		7					8
				8	7	4		

## Nonograms

Kitty

				4	6	7	7	7	7	7	5		2		2	5	
				5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	4	6	4	2
		1	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	
		5	5	x	x	x						x					
			12	x	x												
	9	1	1	x										x		x	
			14														
			13													x	
			14														
1	6	2	2		x						x			x			
		2	1			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
			7	x								x	x	x	x	x	

Snake

							2				3					
				4	1	1	7	6	2	2		2				
			2	4	4	3	5	3	5	1	2	7	2	3		
			6	10	14	8	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	6	3
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		10														

Penguin

							1			1	1		4	1						
							1	2	6	1	1	3	3	4	3	5				
							3	3	1	6	2	6	5	3	3	2	1	3	2	1
							2	4	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x							x	x
		3	3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x				
		5	5	x	x	x							x							x
		3	4	x			x	x	x	x	x								x	x
2	5	1				x	x						x	x		x	x	x	x	x
		9	1											x	x		x	x	x	x
1	5	2			x	x							x	x		x	x	x	x	x
		5	1	x	x								x	x	x		x	x	x	x
		5	2	x	x								x	x	x		x	x	x	x
		5	1	x									x	x	x		x	x	x	x
		3	3	x									x	x	x		x	x	x	x
		3	5	2									x						x	x
		5	4										x	x					x	x
		2	x	x									x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	2	5	x	x	x								x	x						

**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.

### Page 17-18 - Membership renewal:

Information in the printed newsletter or contact the membership secretary on the Contacts page on the website.

### Page 15 - Party in the Park

Information in the printed newsletter or contact Wendy Hattrell

## Contact Numbers

### Current DU3A Committee Members

<b>Chair</b>	Chris Woolven
<b>Secretary</b>	Diane Woolven
<b>Treasurer</b>	Derek Marriott
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Christine Curtis
<b>Group Co-ordinator</b>	Diane Williams
<b>Publicity</b>	Jane Bowser
<b>Beacon Administrator</b>	Wendy Hattrell
<b>Welfare</b>	Jill Laming
<b>Committee</b>	Paula Harmer
<b>Committee</b>	David Bryan

### Activity Groups & Other: Contacts

**Contact Group leaders - see printed Newsletter for telephone numbers, or DU3A Website**

**Newsletter Editor &** Bridget Thompson [bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com](mailto:bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com)

## **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!

## **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.....

## **Deadline**

Thank-you to all the members who have sent articles for this issue. Articles for the August - September 2022 newsletter need to be received by

**Wednesday 29th June**

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to  
[bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com](mailto:bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com)

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