

A scenic pond with lily pads and a small wooden gazebo in the background. The pond is filled with large green lily pads and several white water lilies. In the background, there is a small wooden gazebo with a person sitting inside. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and foliage.

DONCASTER U3A

June - July 2023

Registered Charity No. 1074577

From the Outgoing Chair

Well, what a whirlwind!

Having taken the Chair for a year it is true to say there is quite a bit to it. I came to the post as an extremely uninformed novice. Heading up a group of knowledgeable committee members was much appreciated. Also I have had to call upon the collective experience of former chairs and other officers. Their advice and guidance has been most useful.



So, what has been achieved over the past year? Following a drop in du3a membership numbers caused by the pandemic, at 373 we are almost recovered to pre-pandemic figures. Decent publicity and staged promotional events have helped matters along.

The Beetle Drive really brought us together as well. We all got to sit at varying tables and spoke to friends, new and old.

Monthly Members' Meeting attendance figures are also going up, a most popular recent presentation about garden birds attracted more than 70 and the talk about the 1909 Waitress Strike was also well attended. Display boards showing the work of the Digital Photography, Art, Pins & Needles and Enjoying Poetry groups also stimulated interest generally.

Finding Christchurch as a venue has been most beneficial. Nearby parking, on a bus route, centrally located with a pretty decent cafe all help to make it a wonderful Members' Meeting place. The biggest benefit is that the in-house audio/visual facilities are first class. We have also found a suitable place to hold committee meetings, on Bennetthorpe. It is no mean achievement to find such venues – Doncaster is not blessed with too many reasonably priced central meeting points.

So, I hand the Chair reins over to Paula, if elected, and offer her every assistance in ensuring a smooth transfer. I hope to stay involved by acting as a contact point for u3a Yorkshire and Humberside Region and the newly formed SYnet. Both these have similar aims in terms of membership building and retention.

Simon Hughes April 2023

From the candidate for the position of Chair

Hello members if I were to be elected Chair at the AGM, I can assure you it is a role I would take very seriously .

I would like to first of all thank Simon for his commitment and hard work to the role for the past year and thank him for his ongoing support as a committee member.

I hope I can bring a new energy and new ideas to the Chair.

I have some thoughts on how we can increase membership and involvement, but first of all I want to promote Members' Meetings to those of you who may not have been to one for a long time - or even never at all.

There have been a number of changes!



First of all the venue is the best we have had so far. It is comfortable and has a pleasant café area. The staff there are delightful and Richard ensures we have good technical assistance (just as well!).

We have had some really good speakers in the last few months, covering a range of topics chosen to represent our diverse interests as a group and have a range of new speakers booked for months to come.

We have also seen the introduction of our first two competitions for photography and most recently a writing competition. There are a number of other competitions in the pipeline for this year.

Each month there is a display of work from a group. So far there have been displays of art, poetry, photography and crafts. These are proving popular to demonstrate what groups are doing.

There is, above all, a very pleasant atmosphere of friendship, belonging and warmth at the meetings, where people are meeting old friends and making new ones. If you see a new member who looks as if they are on their own, please do try to include them - I recall the feeling of real concern that I knew no one and saw what looked like lots of pre-formed friendship groups that I felt I could not break into. Let's be sure to include them.

If you have not been to a meeting this year, do come along!

And watch this space - there are many other ideas coming to fruition that will interest members.

Paula Harmer

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members

**Lesley Asquith, Patricia Atkinson, Doreen Cooper, Margaret Craven,
Ann Firth, Stuart Firth, Mavis Fletcher, Linda Gardham,
Andrew MacArthur, Dawn Miller, Lynn Raper, Celia Sullivan.**

Receiving newsletters

If you do not receive your newsletter or calendars please contact Bridget Thompson (contact details inside back page). Always check your online spam folders.

Future newsletters are due around these dates:

2023:	15th July;	16th September;	18th November;
2024:	13th January;	16th March;	18th May.

August - September 2023 Newsletter

Articles for the August - September newsletter need to be received by

Wednesday 28th June.

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GROUPS - UPDATES / NOTICES

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Venue for the Members' Meetings:

Christ Church, Thorne Road,, Doncaster, DN1 2HG

15 May 2023

1.30 p.m.

AGM

Plus - A capella women's quartet called Sugarfree.
(Local Sheffield women).

19th June 2023

1.30 p.m.

Speaker: David Templeman

Topic: Lady Arabella Stuart, the queen that never was

17th July 2023

1.30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr Michael Leach

Topic: tba (nature)

INTEREST GROUPS

Please contact group leaders **before** attending a meeting for the first time. There may be limits on the group size.

Up-coming Members' Meetings

19th June:

"Lady Arabella Stuart, the Queen That Never Was" by David Templeman

Arabella was the granddaughter of Bess of Hardwick and lived at Hardwick Hall ("Hardwick Hall. More glass than wall"). Bess had designs on the throne of England through her granddaughter You just know it will not end well for Arabella!

David Templeman is an Elizabethan historian, who will tell us a story full of intrigue, exploitation, politics and religion. We will follow Arabella from her confined childhood at Hardwick Hall, to a dramatic, romantic finale.

Well, I can't wait!

17th July:

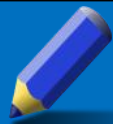
Dr Michael Leach will speak to us on some aspect of his amazing travels and observation of wildlife, which we have yet to negotiate. To be honest I have put off making the final decision because there are just so many choices! But be assured, this man is the real deal He has photographed magnificent creatures, endangered species, on every continent. He has gone from desert to tundra, sand to snow, heat to cold. Most of his time is spent following animals and photographing them. He has worked with many famous people and in the world of wildlife photography he is incredibly well respected and well known. He usually talks to audiences of two thousand and we are very lucky to have secured him to talk to us. Please do come to this one if no other This is one NOT TO MISS!

PS: If you missed Dr Ann Featherstone's wonderful talk about the waitress strike of 1909, you get another chance to hear her in November when she will be talking about the origins and history of pantomime Oh yes she will!

Paula Harmer



Competition



It's time to find the poet or story writer inside you!
Have a go at this competition, win £15!!!!

The Doncaster u3a Writing competition

Poetry or Prose

All members are invited to have a go at this exciting competition but it will certainly interest members of the Writers group and perhaps the History groups.

There are four suggested themes;

- *Early One Morning*
- *My Home Town*
- *I Remember*
- *Anything you'd like to write about really*

The entries are to be no more than 1,000 words in prose or no more than 40 lines of poetry.

Prizes for first place in both categories are £15

Closing date: June 30th 2023

Entries to David Harmer

by email: in Word or PDF (see page 18 for details)

By post; (see page 18 for details)

By hand: at the May or June Members' Meeting.

I will announce the winners at the July Members' Meeting.

Now is the time to discover your inner poet or story teller. Or both! Multiple entries are encouraged.

The more you write the more chance you have of winning one - or both! - of these amazing prizes.



Poetry First Prize: £15

Prose First Prize: £15

Please do have a go!

David Harmer



TRAVEL

Trip to Beverley

On 28 March 2023, two Leger buses left Doncaster heading for Beverley. I think everyone was ready to get moving after a long winter so we ended up with a party big enough for two buses. Unfortunately one bus broke down leaving Doncaster and had to be replaced so arrived about half an hour late.

Beverley is a lovely town with plenty of interesting shops and cafés, but the building which dominates the town is the Minster. We had arranged to meet at the Minster at 2 p.m., where there was a choice of specially arranged tours, one of the ground floor and one of the roof space – up 113 steps!!



The roof tour requires two guides to make sure no one gets left up there. The town came to have such an impressive church because it was a place of pilgrimage. It was founded as a monastery by John when he was Bishop of York in 714 and he retired there. The earliest parts of the current church date from the 12th Century. A group of us climbed the 113 steps of the spiral staircase to experience a magical tour of the roof space. This is the space between the vaulted ceiling you see from the floor of the church and the pitched roof you see if you look at the outside of the building.

The first thing that catches your attention when you get up to the roof is a huge wooden wheel, about twice the height of a man. Before that is explained, you marvel at the amazing timbers that hold up the roof. Most are centuries old, dating back to the time

when the building was constructed. Some were, even then, repurposed. They had been used in other buildings or on ships before being used in the Minster.

We were up there for over an hour so there is too much information to put in an article – but what about that wheel? In the centre of what we were told was the crossing was what appeared to be a well. The wheel was a pulley system powered by one or two men, depending on the weight of the load, to haul up tools and materials, to the roof level. You could carry nails and a hammer up the spiral staircase but large pieces of timber, lead for the roof, or stones and mortar were all lifted using the wheel.

The wheel has now been replaced by an electric motor. We were all asked to stand back as the guides used the motor to lift what looked like the lid of the 'well' to



discover they were lifting the central boss from the crossing and we were looking straight down into centre of the church. Amazing!!

We descended the 113 steps and re-joined the rest of the party. We gave our thanks to the volunteer guides who had looked after us so well and headed back to Doncaster on our two buses.

Truly a visit to remember.

Wendy Hattrell



Members' Meetings Reports

20th March 2023

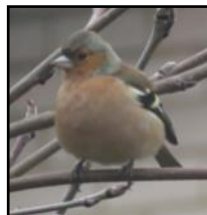
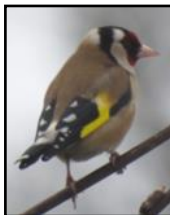
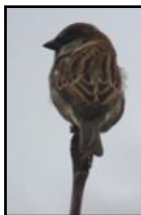
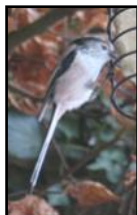
The Birds in your Garden

Sue Clifton, a member of the RSPB, gave us a presentation about the birds in our gardens. Unfortunately the sound system wasn't working well so we were unable to hear the bird songs associated with the birds under discussion. She gave us some interesting facts about twenty garden birds including:

- Starlings are family orientated;
- The colour of blue tits wears off when they go in and out of their nest box. They try to time the hatching of their eggs to coincide with the availability of caterpillars;
- Robins may fight to the death;
- Long-tailed tits with no young will help other couples to feed their chicks;
- Collared doves breed at any time of the year;
- Coal tits are smash and grab merchants. They make caches of seeds in the woods to go back to;
- Carrion crows have the thinking and reasoning abilities of a 3-5 year old child.
- Swifts almost never land – except at their nest sites – doing everything on the wing. They can spend seven months in the air without landing. They sleep in the air by switching off ½ their brains for 20 seconds and then the other ½ for 20 seconds, alternately.



Bridget Thompson



LOVE OF NATURE



Our **March** meeting of the nature group was quite different from our usual excursions round the local nature spots and attracted a good turn out of our group members. But first call was not as spectacular as it could have been. We had intended to go to St Mary's church in Kirk Bramwith in February to see the beautiful snowdrop display in the surrounding grounds. However, extensive

road works made it impractical and it was put off till March. The flowers made a good display and worth the visit but were slightly past their best.

Our second visit was the Church itself, which is 900 years old. We were greeted by Viv, the church warden with tea, coffee and unexpectedly an array of sausage rolls and cakes. The church is known for its collection of furniture by the 'Mouseman of Killburn', Robert Thompson. His work is known by his signature of a carved mouse on all the items he produced and there were 26 of



these on various items in the church, pews, chairs and so on. This led to an extensive search by our members and concluded by the end that we had found 21!



We moved on eventually, enjoying the sunshine, walking alongside the canal. This brought us to our next destination 'The Don Aqueduct'. This unique structure forms a crossroads with the River Don raised above the river itself. After marvelling at this feature we crossed to the other side and back to the village.

Our final call was The Glass House for an excellent meal, all brought out together after only a very short wait.

All in all one of the best jaunts I have had in a while.



Mike Bowser



ALL ABOUT TECH

Phishing for Beginners!

The All About Tech group which is for Tech beginners, has been running for a while now and a recent topic was scams and phishing. I thought it might be helpful to share some of our discussions with you.

This article was prompted by the email I received reminding me to renew my TV Licence – see photo. There was more on the email, but the important bit was the top line showing the email address which looked very official. I expect a lot of you, like me, renew your TV Licence by direct debit and I remembered receiving an email not long ago thanking me for renewing – so, I knew it wasn't a genuine email.

The way to check – not just for TV Licencing, but for any email you are not sure of, is to touch the Senders email, the top highlighted line. This expands it a bit, but touch it again and you get the real email as shown in the second photo. The REAL email address of the sender is – info@fujimi-h.co.jp

I'm sure you will agree, this doesn't look as if it comes from the BBC! You will notice further down the photo the option to Block this Contact. I clicked on that so it blocks any more emails from that address and I deleted the email. Unfortunately the scammers keep setting up new email addresses and about a week later I had another similar email.

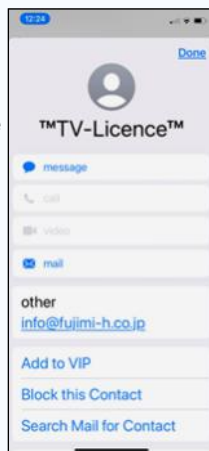
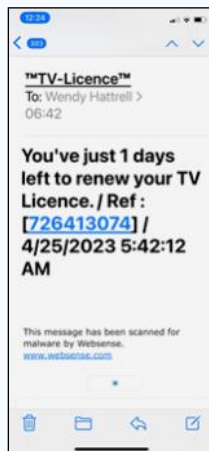
Before I deleted it I reported the email as a phishing email. To do this you forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk You could put this in your contacts so it comes up without you having to type in the whole address. I do get quite a few scam/phishing emails!

With emails where you don't recognise the sender, drill down past the initial email address and see what the real email address is. If it doesn't look right then it's probably a scam. In this case the country of origin, the jp at the end of the email is Japan.

My husband gets emails which appear to come from someone he knows but the message makes him think it is not genuine. He uses this technique to check and no, it doesn't come from his friend so it gets deleted.

I hope you find this helpful.

Wendy Hattrell



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LOVE OF NATURE

Visit to Old Moor April 4th 2023

Our **April** meeting took place at the Dearne Valley RSPB Reserve Old Moor which is a Nature Reserve with a visitor's centre, a sensory garden, 7 viewing hides, 3 walking trails and a café.

Many birdwatching visitors follow the Green trail which passes most of the hides but in the summer, the Red Trail to the left and behind the Visitor's Centre takes you past areas of botanical interest, in particular orchids, and watery habitats where you can see a variety of dragonflies and damselflies.



Old Moor's habitats are managed to attract a variety of wildlife. The reedbeds are cut back periodically to maintain a good mix of open water, wet reeds and dry fen edges which are perfect for bitterns and the grasslands are grazed to create different heights of grass to support the needs of waders such as lapwing, which unfortunately we didn't see today, and overwintering wildfowl such as Canada geese. The reserve works closely with the Environmental Agency to

manage the washlands to reduce the risk of flooding to nearby homes. We saw evidence of the new management schemes as we walked round the reserve.

After a short update on the recent changes to the paths open to visitors we proceeded to the open viewing area known as Tree Sparrow Farm. In the short time we were there some of us saw the tree sparrow, robin, great tit and dunnock.

Turning right at the next junction of paths we headed down the Green Trail towards the large hide on the left of the path which was originally known as the Family Hide. This hide affords brilliant views across the mere where there were large numbers of black-headed gulls in their breeding plumage. Some of the other birds seen from this hide were gadwall, shoveller, pochard and tufted duck. Some of the birds were already in pairs. Gadwall, for instance, were feeding in pairs making it easier, once the male with its black tail was identified, to have a closer look at the female whose most obvious feature is the orange stripe down its beak.

On the way to the other hides we passed numerous blackthorn bushes, some where the flowers were still fresh and others which had already finished flowering. Gorse bushes with their bright yellow flowers were also in the hedgerows.

Following the Green Trail to the end we visited other hides where some of us were lucky enough to see a male and female marsh harrier. These birds, which breed on the reserve, can be spotted year round hunting for prey over the reedbeds below. Also seen, amongst others, were teal, cormorant, shelduck, Canada geese and mute swan.

In one of the hides two birdwatchers had their telescopes focused on a woodpecker perched on a pole at the far side of the reserve and very kindly allowed us to take a look.

On the way back we paused for two photos to be taken by Bridget, and then we went upstairs in the Visitor's Centre to the café. The café was very busy so some members left to try another venue.

The weather was very kind to us and became progressively warmer as the day went on.

Nora Boyle

DONCASTER u3a PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2023 FINAL CALL

Closing Date: Monday 15th May

The Natural World
Landscape
Buildings and Structures

For details see April-May 2023 newsletter, page 16:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/d/doncaster/docs/april-may2023newsletter-finalcopyforwebsiteb.pdf>



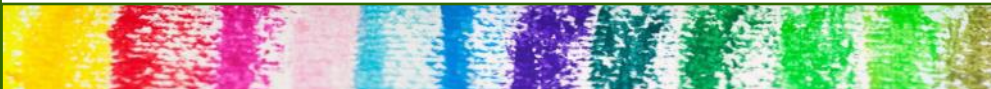
ART

This group has tried a few different techniques since the last newsletter, with varying degrees of success. We have two sessions a month, one of which is very short (1¼ hours) and one much longer (2¾ hours). We tend to try things in the short session and then work on something we want to do under our own steam in the long session.

There have been two displays of our work at the Members' Meetings this year which have well represented what we have been up to. There will be another display of our work later in the year, which we hope members will enjoy.

We are pretty squashed now, with new members joining us this past couple of months, but if you want to join us, give me a call or email - I'm sure we will do our best to include you!

Paula Harmer



STROLLERS

Barnburgh - Thursday 23rd March 2023



The u3a Strollers walk in **March** was to Barnburgh Crags which is an outcrop of magnesium limestone. On a cool but fine morning, 19 strollers set off from the Crown Inn car park and crossed over the main road to a country lane. Our route climbed steadily along this quiet lane until we reached the Barnburgh Crags. We were then rewarded with clear views across the Dearne Valley and beyond. Following along a leafy path we looked closely at the sections of rock to find mysterious faces that had been carved into the rock face. We

then descended down a muddy lane, where the weather changed dramatically with a heavy downpour of rain. We were now a little wet as we headed back into the village of Barnburgh but then all enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Crown Inn. Jackie and the team looked after us exceptionally well even opening the Crown for us to use their facilities before starting the walk.



Sue Stenton, Sue Coote and Joy Belk

Finningley - Thursday 27th April 2023

This month's walk took us around an area of Finningley.

Everyone met at the car park of The Harvey Arms. It was a good turnout of over twenty strollers and the weather, although fresh, stayed fine.

We started off at a good saunter, passing through the churchyard and by the Commonwealth graves to a path passing between the houses and the Airport boundary, a nice quiet green area. This path led onto Old Bawtry Road where we continued on to the end where the road has been closed and is now grown over. From this vantage point one can see the whole of the airport, now very quiet and



completely empty except for the Vulcan, which still has a place there for the time being.

The walk then took us through the woods, the peace being broken by the new aggregate works and also the Motocross bikes racing around their course. The path eventually led us onto fields where we walked

around before arriving back on Old Bawtry Road and returning to the Harvey Arms.

There, for those who wanted, we were fed and watered. Good food and long chats brought the stroll to a good finish.

Peter Hattam



The Coronation Emblem

The design has been created by Apple's former chief design officer Sir Jony Ive and his creative collective, LoveFrom. The emblem pays tribute to the King's love of the natural world, unifying the flora of the four nations of the United Kingdom; the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the daffodil of Wales, and the shamrock of Northern Ireland. Together, the flowers create the shape of St Edward's Crown, with which His Majesty the King was crowned during the Coronation service at Westminster Abbey. The emblem uses the red, white, and blue of the union flag.

• GIFT AID •

If you are a tax payer and would like the Du3a to claim Gift Aid, please let the membership secretary know. If you have ceased to be a UK tax payer, and therefore are no longer eligible for Gift Aid, please let Christine Curtis know so that she can adjust our records accordingly.

Doncaster u3a

What we aim to be/give:

Friendly • Supportive • Open • Member led • Fellowship • Group working • Sociable • Accepting • Inclusive • Welcoming • Peer to peer learning • Life long learning • Engaging • Exploring • Participating • Volunteering • Giving • Challenging • Optimistic • Curious • Improved well being • Active • Proactive • Knowledge seeking • Researching • Fun • Living life to the full • Opportunities yet to come • Positive • Life enhancing • Connected to the community • Diverse • Non-discriminatory • Confident • Feeling valued • Sense of purpose • Opportunities • Healthier • Active ageing • Volunteering • Challenging perceptions of ageing • Increased self-esteem • Self-funded • Informal • Learning for its own sake • Independent • Sharing • Nationwide • Older Adults or 3rd Agers

What we are NOT:

An academic institution • Exam focused • Qualification awarding • Traditional classroom learning • Spoon fed learning • Elitist • Boring • Prejudiced • Discriminatory • Lonely • Unfriendly • Uninterested • Undermining • Judgemental • Bureaucratic • Closed mind • Set in our ways • Political • Religious group • Publicly funded

ENJOYING POETRY

Our group continues to grow and flourish, with several new members recently joining us. We continue to share many wonderful poems between ourselves, with our favourites being displayed at the recent Members' Meeting. I'd like to thank all of you who come along to our group with so many fresh and interesting ideas. New members are, of course, always welcome. Don't let this opportunity to discover poetry be your road not taken.

David Harmer

STRETCHERS

April 2023: Laughton round via Roche Abbey.

Laughton is an Anglo-Saxon settlement the 'en le Morthen' in it's name means meeting place, All Saints' Church is on the site of the original church with various rebuilds over the centuries. The spire is 185 ft. tall and can be seen far and wide.

The 7-mile walk started at the Lakeside Café and after a short walk through the village we started across the fields towards Firbeck, walking up a gentle rise through fields first of wheat then rapeseed oil. On reaching Firbeck we skirted the village and headed across open fields towards the hamlet of Stone and Roche Abbey.

There was a brief stop at the RAF Memorial outside the village. Several squadrons were based in the area from 1940-48. Kings Wood still has remnants of buildings used by the RAF. The fields here are open and a lazy north wind blew across the fields, where the sound of a curlew was heard.

We passed through Stone on our way to Roche Abbey where the going was a little soft. As we walked through a shallow valley the Abbey came into sight and we followed the route taken by monks a thousand years ago to the turning point in our walk.

The route out of the Abbey grounds was muddy and steep going through wood and past the lake that feeds the Abbey with running water. We now returned to open fields for the walk back to Laughton for lunch.

One final note: The St. Ledger was originally run in the Firbeck area.

John Wheeldon



UA3 REGIONAL NEWS AND VIEWS.

The structure and various elements that make up u3a on a national basis is quite complex. All charities in Great Britain are governed by the Charities Commission. It is the ultimate authority and holds all to the terms of their individual constitutions. However, the more than 1000 u3as in Great Britain are answerable to the Third Age Trust (TAT), which in turn must apply strict rules according to their own constitutions.

So that's the formal stuff out of the way and we can now have some light-hearted fun!

On a regional basis we are active members of the Yorkshire and Humberside Region (YAHR for short) and just lately have become members of SYnet, which is a new network comprising, Sheffield, Doncaster, Barnsley, Wakefield, Rotherham and Dronfield.

It is anticipated that membership numbers for SYnet will increase as time goes by.

Anyway, a gathering of YAHR took place on April 20th here in Doncaster. There was no agenda, just an informal exchange of views and it was most informative. Uppermost in the minds of all present was how to raise the profile of u3a. It is recognised that the public largely might not know of its existence!

I am a former Marketing Manager and an understanding of demographics is fundamental. By demographics we split the buying public according to gender, age and social group. Until now, this mind-set has been applied to the growth of Du3a, but after a chat with the Chair of Ilkley it becomes apparent that 'demographics don't exist'. After all younger people have parents and grand-parents.

This means, in terms of marketing Du3a, 'targeting' is irrelevant. There is, in any case, an initiative to appeal to a younger audience, to bring the average age of u3a members down.

A further conversation with Rotherham's Publicity Officer, Tricia, revealed that their u3a's impressive growth has been achieved by way of articles placed in a range of regional and national publications. Tricia researches a subject, writes about it and ties it to u3a activity. She has a background in copywriting and marketing; ideal qualifications.

Other ideas to promote our Du3a include, giving presentations to other clubs and groups, for instance Doncaster's three Rotary Clubs and its Lions Club. Leaflets left in doctor and dentist reception areas as well as estate agents could generate enquiries.

We also need to seek interviews with local radio stations along with regional television.

Through Doncaster's involvement with SYnet we hope to promote ongoing, long-term relationships with local and regional media outlets, in terms of press and radio/television coverage. Rather than simply offer a short report and photo to the press, invite them to an event. 'Picnic in the Park' is a good example.

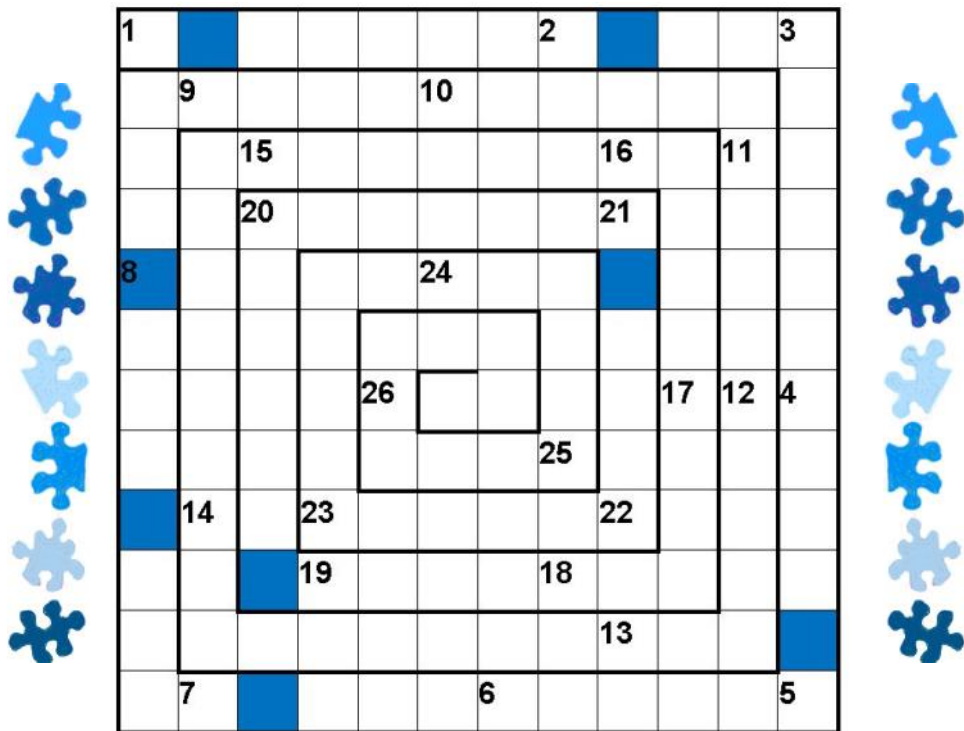
The objective is to establish a good, solid working relationships with the media; something that cannot be achieved overnight.

'Rome wasn't built in a day!'

Simon Hughes

PUZZLE PAGE

Use the clues to complete the grid. The last letter of each answer is the first letter of the next. When complete the shaded squares will spell out a new word.



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|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Reduce, lessen | 10. Small baking dish | 19. Outside |
| 2. Upright | 11. Compass point | 20. Platform |
| 3. Victory | 12. Unfriendly | 21. Mix |
| 4. Occur | 13. Occupation | 22. Skin disease |
| 5. Nothing | 14. Gifted | 23. Desert |
| 6. Bicycle for two | 15. Cheat, swindle | 24. Sickness |
| 7. Spiteful | 16. Harm | 25. Skilled |
| 8. Push | 17. Respect | 26. Weariness |
| 9. Arctic sea-duck | 18. Cereal plant | |

Solutions to April - May puzzles

Puzzle A

1. Bee 2. Ere 3. Down
4. Erne 5. West 6. Stay
7. Whinny

The Sweeney
Ray Winstone
Ben Drew
New word: Noise



Puzzle B

1. Era 2. Run 3. Just
4. Hear 5. Couch 6. Shirk
7. Chick

Rush Hour
Jackie Chan
Chris Tucker
New words: Cases

Enter the u3a 2023 Short Story Competition

The u3a **national** short story competition is back for its fourth year, and the judges are looking forward to seeing what creative writing talents members have to offer.

The theme for this year's competition is: **'Decision(s)'**.

Your story must be your own, individual, original work, in English, a maximum of 1500 words, and not submitted anywhere else.

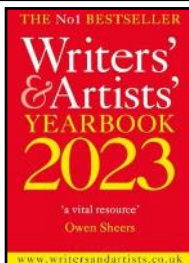
The form to submit your entry can be found on the webpage below and the deadline to enter is **Monday 26 June 2023**.

We will once again be partnering with Bloomsbury for this competition, and are delighted that Bloomsbury will be supplying copies of the 2023 'Writers' and Artists' Yearbook to the 12 top entries. The Yearbook is edited by Alysoun Owen, who returns as one of the judges selecting the overall winner from the entries.

The winner will also see their story published in Third Age Matters magazine, which reaches over 250,000 households, with a bespoke illustration to accompany it. The winner will receive a framed copy of their story as it appears in the magazine.

To read 'How it works' and competition rules go to:

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition-2023>



D31 Art Gallery: Exhibitions 2023

Spring Exhibition: **'The Magic of Transformation'** Ends 17th June 2023

Summer Exhibition: **'Our Changing World'** Opens 8th July 2023

Autumn Exhibition: **'Celebrating Our Differences'** Opens 23rd September 2023

Photography Exhibition: **'Right up Your Street'** Opens 30th September 2023

Featuring art from artists all around the world.

D31 Art Gallery, 13 Scot Lane, Doncaster DN1 1EW

<https://www.d31artgallery.com/main-exhibitions>

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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>

Group Leaders can be contacted by telephone (see below) or by clicking on the blue bird on their group page on the Du3a website. Go to: <https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster> then click on the 'GROUP' tab. Go to the bottom of the group page to select the group that you require. Click on the blue bird in the top right-hand corner and a form will open for you to write your message.

Committee members can also be contacted via the Du3a website by opening the 'Contact' page and then selecting the appropriate member.

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Email to: Click on the blue bird on the 'Enjoying Poetry' group page.

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

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Prego Café

We would like to thank our friends at the Prego Café for their help over the past years. Not only is the tea, coffee and food excellent, but the free use of the upstairs room for meetings has been a great help to many of our groups. If you haven't been there yet, give it a try!

Du3A Website

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

Visit the Du3a website for information about all the current interest groups, latest news/notices, membership information, meetings, social events, monthly calendars and newsletters, help/advice links, links to regional and national u3a and more.....

Monks Printers

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

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Deadline

Thank-you to all the members who have sent articles for this issue. Articles for the August - September 2023 newsletter need to be received by

Wednesday 28th June 2023

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



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