



DONCASTER U3A

October - November 2022

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From the Chair



With holidays, school holidays, grandchildren needing entertainment and other demands on our time, August is traditionally a slow month for DU3A activity.

That does not mean there is not work going on behind the scenes. First of all the ever-present question of venues for both General and Committee Meetings has been answered. September's General Meeting will be held at Christchurch, central Doncaster and Committee Meetings are set for another central location on Bennetthorpe. Both have nearby bus-stops and not too financially punitive parking arrangements.

There is another long-standing issue for which suggestions from the membership will be much appreciated. Speakers at General Meetings sometimes have their own audio/visual equipment and arrangement needs to be made with the venue hosts for this to be utilised. Often the speaker relies upon our data-projector, screen and audio system in which case we have to get these on site on time and dismantle/clear it up after the meeting.

To date, the varying elements of this gear are found in several locations. Currently the Chairman has the projector screen at home and the vice Chairman has sound equipment at his home. Ideally this all needs to be brought together in one readily accessible and affordable place.

Any ideas where?

Also stored at the Chairman's house is a stand used for membership-promoting events. This brings me neatly to the next item.

Membership-building: Three and four years ago, pre COVID, our membership numbers were around 400, but lately they have slipped to about 300. Covid is not the only reason. We may cut back on social activity because of failing health or the fear of catching something debilitating. However, it would be good to see those numbers go up again.

Jane Bowser, our Publicity Officer, has booked space at the Doncaster Interchange for Tuesday, October 11th where we will stage a membership awareness day. If you can spare some time, chatting to prospective members and giving out leaflets on the day, please ring Jane (numbers on page 18). Please don't just turn up as a pre-determined rota is desirable.

Membership building and retention demands a plan and we shall set about making one at forthcoming Committee Meetings.

And this leads to the last item.

Chris Woolven stands down as Vice-Chair next year and one of his duties is back-up Beacon Administrator. If you are interested in standing as a committee member in order to fill this role please contact our Primary Beacon Administrator - Wendy Hattrell (email on page 18).

Simon Hughes

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members

**Anne Aitchison, Gerard Cargill, Carol Firth, Ken Hawley,
Sue Hawley, Peter Lukey, Denise Wain.**

THANK-YOU

Further to Richard's article in the last newsletter about Picnic in the Park, I would like to add my thanks to Richard and Anna Gibbs, Corrine Chivers, Margaret Allott, Maureen Evans, Celia Griggs and Vanessa Whaley for helping with the organisation along with various partners and relatives who helped on the day. Special mention must go to Val Grant for the magnificent table centre pictured.

We may well organise a similar event next year.

Wendy Hattrell



December 2022 - January 2023 Newsletter

Articles for the December 2022 - January 2023 newsletter need to be received by
Wednesday 2nd November.

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

Special days in OCTOBER

Black History month: 1st - 31st October

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/black-history-month-2022>

The Big Draw Festival: 1st - 31st October

<https://thebigdraw.org/the-big-draw-festival-2022-come-back-to-colour>

Grandparent's Day: 2nd October

<https://www.thereisadayforthat.com/holidays/united-kingdom/grandparents-day>

National Poetry Day: 6th October

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day>

World Smile Day: 7th October

<https://www.worldsmileday.com>

World Singing Day: 15th October

<https://worldsingingday.org>

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Cover photo: Autumn in Wallington and Howick, Northumberland
by B Thompson Digital Photography Group

Obituary

Lilah Catchpole – a sad demise... 1930 - 2022



The funeral for our DU3A member Lilah Catchpole took place on July 28th 2022 at Rose Hill Crematorium. The congregation was very large and with good reason.

Lilah ran DU3A French Language groups for several years.

She was born in French-occupied Vietnam where she began her education, travelled extensively and finished her education in northern Scotland. She then trained as a nurse in Edinburgh.

Pride in her Scottish heritage influenced aspects of her life, taking a keen interest in the Royal Scottish Caledonian Society, becoming President of its Doncaster division. Scottish Country Dancing was also a passion.

She also served in the Navy and in retirement has been involved in voluntary work with the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, running shops in hospitals and a prison café.

Lilah would willingly join any group where she could meet people, which luckily included our own Doncaster U3A.

Lilah took over the French Group 2 when the former group leader retired, she was enthused for French from her early days in Vietnam.

She came to Doncaster when her husband came to work on the Drax power station. Here she made many friends and wanted to stay, having moved around so much in her life, and she would have remained here but for her health and moving to a home nearer her children.

Jeff Haywood

If you would like a full copy of Lilah's eulogy please email me along with your name and du3a membership number. bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com



DINING OUT

A Group of 14 members attended the Rasoi @ the Bank Indian restaurant on High street on 16th August. Due to a shortage of staff (there were only the chef and a waiter who doubled as a barman), we waited for a long time for the food to arrive but as several people said it is as much about the social aspect of the group as the food. Happily when the food arrived it did not disappoint as everyone agreed it was really delicious. We were given a dessert on the house and agreed the waiter had gone over and above his duty to keep everything running smoothly.

Joan Condron

GROUPS - UPDATES / NOTICES

GENERAL MEETINGS

19th September 2022	Speaker: Colin Jeynes Topic: My travels with the World Bank et al Venue: Christchurch 1.30 p.m.
17th October 2022	Speaker: Roy Gunson Topic: The first astrophotographer Venue: Christchurch 1.30 p.m.
21st November 2022	Speaker: Josephine Gosling Topic: Strolls past structures Venue: Christchurch 1.30 p.m.

INTEREST GROUPS

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

DINING OUT

The final meeting for 2022 of the Dining Out Group will be held at **Guesthouse** on Bradford Row on **Tuesday October 18th** at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. The menu features a good selection of steaks, burgers, pastas and salads and I will be in attendance at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. most Wednesdays at Wetherspoons Gatehouse pub with a menu.

If you wish to attend please let me have your choice of menu with a cheque made payable to DU3A for the correct amount by Saturday 8th October.

Joan Condron

ALL ABOUT TECH

This group meets once a month to help members with tech problems on phones, tablets and laptops.

The meetings are currently in the Central Library at 1 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

Wendy Hattrell

TENPIN BOWLING

The group now meets once a month. The next meetings are: September 27th, October 11th and November 8th.

Mike Bowser

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Apple Day: 21st October

<https://www.thereisadayforthat.com/holidays/united-kingdom/apple-day>

World Opera Day: 25th October

<https://www.worldoperaday.com>

National Black Cat Day: 29th October

<https://www.thereisadayforthat.com/holidays/united-kingdom/national-black-cat-day>

https://www.eparenting.co.uk/celebrations/calendar_of_holidays_celebrations_special_events_and_awareness_days.php

ART

Hot news! Read about it here!

The art group are busy collecting their best works to send off to be turned into high quality Christmas cards which will be available for you to buy at the November General Meeting. There may still be a few packs left for you to buy at the December meeting, but we are only printing a limited run and once they have gone

Do please consider purchasing your cards from our group - they will be large sized, good quality cards in mixed packs of five cards for around six pounds per pack. Every pack will be slightly different.

Here's a taster -

Paula Harmer



CROWN GREEN BOWLS



The weather this year has been in our favour. We have replaced our coats and sou'westers necessary in the winter climes, with shorts, t-shirts and sunhats to help us avoid sunstroke. The pavilion is now newly painted and with the water-testing completed, all conveniences are now provided for our Thursday afternoon recreation. We have 9 members who regularly arrive with optimism and a sense of humour, all throwing aside their worldly worries in favour of aiming larger spherical objects to arrive as near to a smaller object (the jack) as their skills allow. Frustrations are usually overcome through vocal expression of lesser known phrases of the English language - another way of saying in writing how we all need to laugh at ourselves at times.

Our three most recent members are Sheila, Jed and Pauline. They have come on in leaps and bounds in a very short time, after some positive coaching from some of the senior players. They are prime examples of how to take up a new interest, and in only a short time develop skills that prove that you're never too old to succeed at something if you put your mind to it.

We are always keen to encourage other members to join us. Just give me a ring - all equipment is provided, but it helps if you bring with you a healthy sense of humour.

George Kirk

YAHR Facebook Group



yahru3a.co.uk

The YAHR has set up a new Facebook group. 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://www.facebook.com/groups/yahru3a>

WALKING CRICKET

Doncaster v Barnsley Match

Doncaster won the toss and their captain, Mark Scrivener chose to bat second. The Barnsley batters took the field and with some very creditable batting put on a good show. They struggled a little with the unfamiliar surroundings, and apparently a slightly smaller playing area than they were used to. The damp artificial grass and shiny new ball kept pitching low and was quite difficult to hit squarely. They had a bit of luck though, as the shiny wet ball was quite tricky to catch and the Doncaster fielders failed to catch a few. After scoring a respectable 93 runs, a short break and a sandwich for the umpire, Barnsley confidently took to the field and Doncaster came in to bat. Barnsley's early confidence began to wane as the Doncaster openers managed to average six runs an over for the first four overs.

At that rate it was not difficult to extrapolate and to predict a possible 96 total ahead for Doncaster, somewhat wiping the confident smiles from the faces of the visitors. We had a real match on our hands.

As the pitch began to dry out and the shine left the ball, the Doncaster players continued to improve with fours and sixes galore.

The average runs per over increased from 6 to 9 at the end of the match with Doncaster scoring an outstanding 144 runs to Barnsley's 93!

It was a great afternoon with a terrific atmosphere. We are planning a friendly replay visit to Barnsley where both U3As are each hoping to field a second team.

Chris Woolven



STROLLERS

July Walk round Sandall Beat Wood

This is a traditional Strollers summer walk – meet at the Sportsman Pub on Armthorpe Road and walk around Sandal Beat in the cool shade of the trees. There was a request to look at the new children's playground after the fire that destroyed the previous version. Happily our walk down a central avenue took us straight to the shiny new playground. Metal this time to thwart the arsonists.

We would normally cross the railway via a footbridge to allow us to cover more ground but on this particular day the footbridge was closed for repairs so we had to improvise!

If you have ever looked at a map of the wood it is laid out on a grid so we could have just crisscrossed the area until it was time to go to the pub – but we decided on an adventure instead.... We headed towards the racecourse wondering if we could add an additional loop there. The ground was a bit uneven and not everyone carried on but what we discovered was a field of barley – see the photo. Having skirted the southern edge we then took to the tractor tracks to make our way along two other sides of the field and back into the wood. Who knew there was a field of barley planted right in the centre of Doncaster? It certainly surprised me! We then made our way back through the wood to Armthorpe Road and the pub.

The pub staff were very welcoming and most members stayed for something to eat. Another enjoyable Strollers walk.

Wendy Hattrell



Special days in NOVEMBER

World Kindness Day: 13th November

https://kindnessuk.com/world_kindness_day_kindness_day_uk.php

Odd Socks Day: 14th November

<https://nationaltoday.com/odd-socks-day>

World Hello Day: 21st November

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/hello-day>

Doncaster Garden Festival

I was asked at fairly short notice if Doncaster U3A wanted to take a stand at the Doncaster Garden Festival to be held on 31st July at Doncaster Rugby Club – no charge. The question was passed on to the Committee who said yes.

The stand hadn't been used since Jane Bowser's last publicity drive in the Interchange in 2019 and much had happened since then – u3a has been rebranded nationally, some groups have ceased to exist and new ones have started and some groups meet at different times now. The stand has been in storage in someone's garage and it needed looking at. I thought it would need just a bit of updating but it didn't work out like that of course. One thing leads to another and it turns into something you wish you had never started! However the stand is now more up-to-date and the colours and logo match the new national brand. If you want to know more it's all on the national website – see Brand Centre.

I asked for volunteers to help on the day and a good number of people offered which was excellent. Chris Curtis printed plenty of leaflets and Simon and I went early to set things up. There were a number of other stalls there and although they would have liked more people to attend the organisers were happy and are planning another one next year.

Thank you to all those who turned up to help – or just turned up for a chat. I enjoyed it, I hope you did too.

Wendy Hattrell



Doctor Who Day: 24th November

<https://www.checkiday.com/51732de9ea65f95cb034b0aefb6bc5dc/doctor-who-day>

Buy Nothing Day: 25th November

<https://www.buynothingday.co.uk>

<https://www.thereisadayforthat.com>

https://www.eparenting.co.uk/celebrations/celebrations_and_events_in_november.php

CULTURE PAGE

The height of culture?

Are you uncultured? Are you a philistine, vulgar, uncivilised or rough? Are you primitive? Or ill-bred, ignorant or unpolished?

Speaking of unpolished..... in your home, do you have pearls, languishing in a drawer, unworn? And are they real or fake - do you even know?

Natural pearls are so rare, that most pearls available today are cultured. Cultured pearls are considered to be real pearls, even though the pearl growth has been artificially stimulated and they are much less in price than natural pearls. They still grow in an oyster, either in fresh or salt water. Natural pearls do still turn up for sale as antiques.

The process of producing a pearl can range from six months to several years. Even before this, it takes about three years for the mollusc to reach a mature age in order to produce a pearl. A mollusc is only able to begin the pearl making process naturally or with the help of humans when it reaches this mature age.

Not sure if yours are real or not? Try the tooth test. Just rub the pearl against your tooth, softly. If the pearl is natural or cultured, you will feel the surface as gritty. If the pearl is a faux gem, then the surface will feel smooth. Given the fact that real pearls come from the depths of the waters and are completely organic, they will feel cold to the touch, regardless of the weather and as you might have guessed, the vast majority of fake pearls will likely feel warmer and stay at room temperature whether worn or not. Most real pearls feel rather heavy, considering their size. They also bounce higher than fakes! Dropped from sixty centimetres, the real pearl should bounce about thirty five centimetres. Fake pearls will feel light and insubstantial. If you are brave enough you might try the fire testFake pearls will have a burning smell and the surface will turn black when held to a flame, whereas real pearls will still be shiny. Fake pearls can be made from glass, plastic or even fish scales!

Lustre is what gives a natural or cultured pearl its unique beauty and the higher the lustre, the more valuable the pearl. If your pearls are yellowed, it is another indication that they are real as artificial pearls do not change colour. There are naturally yellow pearls that are that way because of how they have been cultivated, but white pearls



can yellow with age. To shine pearls, you can put a few drops of olive oil or coconut oil on the pearls, then wipe them with a soft cloth to remove the excess oil. While pearls may appear hard and shiny, the surface of a pearl is actually quite porous, and will absorb the natural oils from your body, so any oil must be thoroughly wiped off. Pearls should be stored separately from other jewellery. Worn often and properly cared for, pearls can look as good in 50 years as they did the day they arrived. Leaving pearl jewellery in a box for long periods may cause pearls to dehydrate, so enjoy them frequently. There is a saying that "pearls want to be worn," and it is true.

If pearls are not worn every four months or so, they can dry out and become dull and yellowed. Pearl accessories like earrings, necklaces or strands can

be worn regularly, but because of their porosity, the way they soak up chemicals or can be damaged by harder substances, make sure it is the last thing you put on while dressing and the first thing to take off once you get home. Give your pearls a gentle wipe with a soft cloth before you return them to their box. Your moisturiser can really detrimentally affect their lustre. You can also restore pearls to their former beauty by gently wiping them with a soft cloth soaked in warm (never hot) water, to which a few drops of Castile liquid soap have been added. Finish them by wiping the soapy water off and thoroughly drying with a dry, soft cloth. This should be done with great care as acids and alkaline both can damage your pearls.

And finally, please don't sleep in pearls - use cotton pyjamas like the rest of us!

*Paula Harmer
Culture Page*

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Friday 16th September Tickhill Music Society have the **Doncaster Youth Jazz Orchestra** playing in the Tickhill Parish Church 7.00 p.m.

Friday 7th October **London Klezmer Quartet**, St Mary's School Hall, Tickhill DN11 9LZ 7.00 p.m.

Saturday 8th October **ABBA Tribute**, Doncaster Minster. Tickets from Doncaster Rotary 07766258345 7.30 p.m.

Friday 11th November **Rob Burton saxophone**, (a BBC Young Musician Finalist) accompanied by Christine Zerafa, piano, St Mary's School Hall, tickets at the door 7.00 p.m.

Friday 9th December **Rosie Hood Folk Band**, St Mary's School Hall, tickets at the door 7.00 p.m.

Wendy Hattrell



What's on in Doncaster

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

Doncaster - City status



Doncaster grew on the site of a Roman fort of the 1st Century at a crossing of the River Don. It is home to the oldest classic horse race in the world - the St Leger - first run in 1776. Its industrial heritage was built on coal and rail, with the locomotives Flying Scotsman and Mallard both constructed here. It is also considered a market town due to its large market centre and market charter status from medieval times. The population of Doncaster is around 110,000 (2022), and the population of the borough is approximately 308,000.

Today the monarch grants city status through a royal charter. In practice, the monarch's decision is based on the advice of the government. Places that want to become a city must apply, their bids are then reviewed by a government department (in 2022, this is the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) and finally a recommendation is made to the monarch.

Eight new cities have been created in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with at least one named in every UK nation. The new cities are: **Bangor**, Northern Ireland; **Colchester**, England; **Doncaster**, England; **Douglas**, Isle of Man; **Dunfermline**, Scotland; **Milton Keynes**, England; **Stanley**, Falkland Islands; **Wrexham**, Wales.

Having been awarded city status as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the residents of Doncaster were asked to choose a new name. They had to choose between City of Doncaster and Doncaster City. In a public poll, of the 12,500 respondents, 62% opted for **City of Doncaster**. If the new name is approved by officials at a meeting on 8 September the council would be renamed as the **City of Doncaster Council**.



When does a town become a city?

According to a Memorandum from the Home Office issued in 1927:

If a town wishes to obtain the title of a city the proper method of procedure is to address a petition to the King through the Home Office. It is the duty of the Home Secretary to submit such petitions to his Majesty and to advise his Majesty to the reply to be returned. It is a well-established principle that the grant of the title is only recommended in the case of towns of the first rank in population, size and importance, and having a distinctive character and identity of their own. At the present day, therefore, it is only rarely and in exceptional circumstances that the title is given.

In fact, a town can now apply for city status by submitting an application to the Lord Chancellor, who makes recommendations to the sovereign. Competitions for new grants of city status have been held to mark special events, such as coronations, royal jubilees or the Millennium.

From the 16th century to the late 19th century, towns with cathedrals were recognised as cities. Henry VIII rejected the authority of the Pope in 1534, so in practice they had to be Anglican cathedrals rather than Catholic Cathedrals, or those from any other Christian denomination. This led to places that are – today at least – quite small being recognised as cities, while other much larger places without cathedrals or a royal charter are still towns. Examples of small cities in the UK are Wells in Somerset and

Bangor in Wales. Birmingham was the first town in England to become a city without having a cathedral. Its city status was granted in 1889.

in more recent times, this decision to bestow city status has been informed by reports from the Home Office. Much to the distress of town councils across the country, the process has always seemed arcane and secretive. For example, a rumour persisted well into the 20th century that the presence of a cathedral was required in order for a town to be considered for elevation. This association was established when Bristol, Chester, Gloucester, Oxford and Peterborough were all elevated to the status of a city, at the same time as they were chosen as the seats of new dioceses by Henry VIII.

This practice came to an end in 1889 when Birmingham was a successful applicant for city status on account of its large population and history of good government. With this precedent broken it was decided that new criteria would have to be adopted and rigorously enforced and, in 1907, the Home Office and Edward VII came to a secret agreement on a policy which remains in place today. The policy dictated that for a town's application for city status to be accepted it must fulfil three criteria:

A minimum population of 300,000;
A record of good local government;
A 'local metropolitan character'.

So a town becomes a city when it fulfils these three criteria. This seems quite simple. However, very few towns which have been granted city status actually fulfil all three criteria. At the time of their elevation, none of these cities claimed a minimum population of 300,000. When a government department creates policy, only to never actually enforce it, it poses the question of quite what purpose it served in the first place.

It is these criteria that have been used to bat away the applications of towns such as Croydon time and time again – making these decisions seem at best arbitrary, at worst vindictive. Croydon has tried several times to achieve city status. It is one of the largest districts in England by population, ahead of the likes of Coventry, Leicester, and Newcastle. The sticking point has therefore always been those other two criteria. In 1951, Croydon's application was denied due to reports of poor government. More recently it has been down to Home Office officials considering Croydon 'to have no particular identity of its own', which seems a particularly aggressive tone for government employees to take when rejecting an application.

To claim that areas such as Croydon and Southwark – which has also previously applied for city status – lack an identity shows a lack of appreciation for local cultures and communities. Croydon shows all the hallmarks of a modern city. It is home to the only tram network in London, with passengers making 29.5m journeys in a year. Its cultural output makes it look like Renaissance Florence, in comparison to most of the country: Croydon is the home of Stormzy, Nadia Rose, the BRIT school, and the birthplace of Dubstep. If the rules can be broken for twenty-four other towns, why not Croydon?

Everyone knows that, in practical terms at least, London is a city. It is home to over 9 million people, and is the largest settlement in the United Kingdom. It used to be the largest city in the world, and it is the capital of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. However, in the eyes of the law, London is not a city in

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PUZZLE PAGE

Fill in the numbers from the list where they will fit and check off each number as you go.

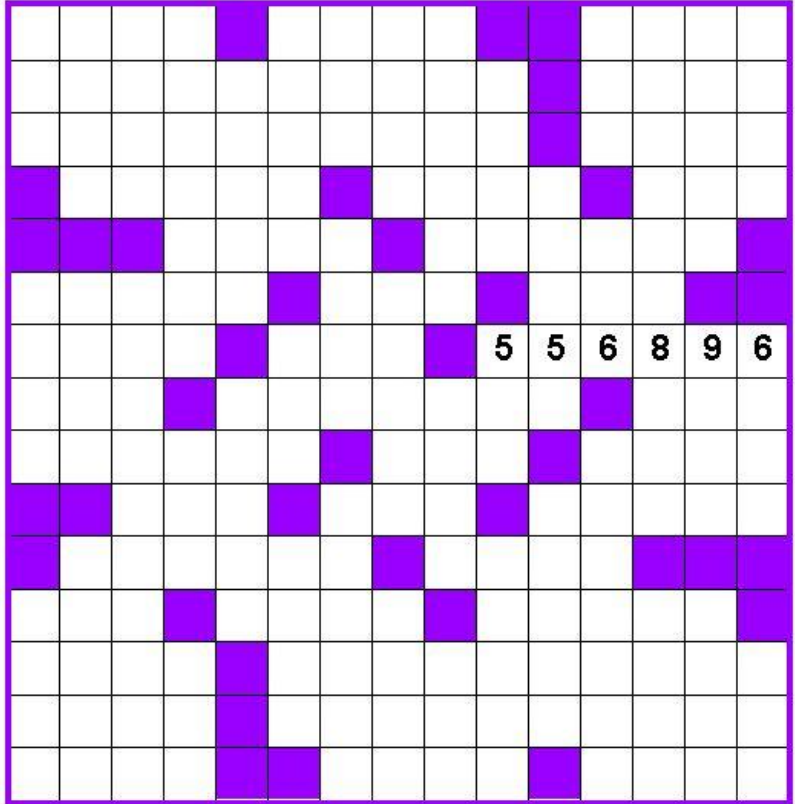


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ANAGRAMS

Find single word anagrams of the words below. The numbers in brackets indicate the minimum number of words to be found including the original.

Can you find more?

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- 2 capitol (3)
- 3 realist (3)
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- 17 streaming (3)
- 18 deductions (2)
- 19 harmonicas (2)
- 20 percussion (2)
- 21 discounter (3)

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the UK. It has never been granted city status of its own. Instead, London is a collection of places, including boroughs and two smaller cities. It is also a ceremonial county called Greater London and a region called, simply, London.

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Current position

There are now 76 cities in the United Kingdom. This figure includes the 6 new cities created in the UK during the Queen's Jubilee in May 2022.

Of these cities:

There are 55 cities in England

There are 8 cities in Scotland

There are 7 cities in Wales

There are 6 cities in Northern Ireland

There are a further four cities in British overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.

UK cities by population

1st: largest: Birmingham, England **1,092,330**
City status bestowed: 1889

48th largest: Doncaster, England **110,000**
City status bestowed: 2022

76th: smallest: St Davids, Wales **1,841**
City status bestowed 1994

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References:

<https://citymonitor.ai/government/when-does-town-become-city> (CityMetric archive)

<https://populationdata.org.uk/uk-cities-by-population>

https://familypedia.fandom.com/wiki/City_status_in_the_United_Kingdom

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/censuspopulationchange/E0800017>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doncaster>

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Some well-known people born in Doncaster include musicians Dame Janet Baker, Lesley Garrett, Louis Tomlinson and Yungblud; actors Neil Dudgeon, Mark Ryan, Dame Diana Rigg, Emma Chambers (Vicar of Dibley), and Mary Millar (Keeping up Appearances); comedian Charlie Williams, TV presenter Jeremy Clarkson, fashion designer Tan France and many boxers and footballers.

B Thompson

Solution to August - September wordsearch

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I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" to which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."



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When my wife and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!" His reply, "I know. I already did that side."



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I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the local city council office to request the removal of the deer crossing sign on our road. The reason given: "too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore."



Did you know these things had names?

- The space between your eyebrows is called a **glabella**.
- The way it smells after the rain falls on dry soil is called **petrichor**.
- The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelace is called an **aglet**.
- The rumbling or 'growling' of the stomach is actually called a **wamble**.
- The cry of a new born baby is called a **vagitus**.
- The prongs on a fork are called **tines**.
- The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called a **phosphene**.
- The day after tomorrow is called **overmorrow**.
- Your little toe or finger is called **minimus**.
- The wired cage that holds the cork on a bottle of champagne is called a **muselet**.
- The 'na na na' and 'la la la' which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called **vocables**.
- When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!) it is referred to as an **interrobang**.
- The central fleshy portion between your nostrils is called **columella nasi**.
- The fabric edge of the armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called **armscye**.
- The condition of finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning is called **dysania**.
- Illegible handwriting is called **griffonage**.
- The dot over an 'i' or a 'j' is called a **tittle**.
- That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called **crapulence**.
- The metallic device to measure your feet at the shoe shop is called the **Bannock device**.



How many of these did you already know?

Submitted by B Thompson - based on a posting on Facebook

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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Doncaster Interchange:

Ring Jane Bowser - go to the du3a website and click on the contacts tab - followed by the Publicity co-ordinator.

Committee membership:

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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

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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.....

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Deadline

Thank-you to all the members who have sent articles for this issue. Articles for the December 2022 - January 2023 newsletter need to be received by **Wednesday 2nd November 2022**

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



