

u3a

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

It's coming up to that time of year again when you get to vote for the people who will run Grimsby and Cleethorpes u3a for another year. Nomination forms are available now and must be submitted by 14th September 2023. The rules according to our Constitution are that the Chairman continues until the end of his/her tenure, in my case I have two more years to go and there is no time limit on the length of time a Committee member may stand. This does not mean it is a closed shop and anyone can put their name forward or nominate someone else for any position, including Chairman and then a vote will be held. Please do not submit a nomination without first getting that person's permission and signature. At present we have ten fully elected Committee members and one co-opted which means there is a vacancy for one further Committee member. The u3a organisation is a registered charity and when taking on the role of a member of the Committee you become a Trustee of that charity. This means you have full responsibility for the financial affairs of our u3a and in making sure that the organisation runs within the framework of the Constitution, which is overseen by the Charity Commission. Sounds complicated I know but it is something you must be aware of before putting yourself forward.

Margaret Sisson

Editors Report

Not having anything to say I thought you ladies could have a laugh at man's expense.

A man was sick and tired of going to work every day while his wife stayed home. He wanted her to see what he went through so he prayed, "Dear Lord, I go to work every day and put in eight hours while my wife merely stays at home. I want her to know what I go through, so please create a trade in our bodies." God, in his infinite wisdom, granted the man's wish.

The next morning, sure enough, the man woke as a woman. He arose, cooked breakfast for his mate, awakened the kids, set out their school clothes, fed them breakfast, packed their lunches, drove them to school, came home and picked up the dry cleaning, took it to the cleaners and stopped at the bank to draw money out to pay power account and telephone bill, drove to the power company and the phone company and paid the bills, went grocery shopping, came home and put away the groceries.

He cleaned the cat's litter box and bathed the dog. The it was already 1 pm and he hurried to make the beds, do the laundry, vacuum, dust, and sweep and mop the kitchen floor. Ran to the school to pick up the kids and got into an argument with them on the way home. Set out cookies and milk and got the kids organised to do their homework, then set up the ironing board and watched TV while he did the ironing. At 4.30 he began peeling the potatoes and washing greens for salad, breaded the pork chops and snapped fresh beans for supper. After supper he cleaned the kitchen, ran the dishwasher, folded laundry, bathed the kids, and put them to bed.

At 9 pm he was exhausted and, though his daily chores weren't finished, he went to bed where he was expected to make love - which he managed to get through without complaint.

The next morning he awoke and immediately knelt by his bed and said "Lord, I don't know what I was thinking, I was so wrong to envy my wife's being able to stay stay home all day. Please, oh please let us trade back." The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, replied, "My son, I feel you have learnt your lesson and I will be happy to change things back to the way they were.

You'll have to wait nine months because you got pregnant last night!



Barry Haden

Stories by Roger Browne

Having been a member of u3a in Grimsby and Cleethorpes a number of years as a once Family History Group and Membership Secretary I usually attended the monthly meeting of the chosen speaker I have to bring to attention of folk who missed the July talk that Roger Browne gave that it was brilliant as he kept us laughing and smiling as we listened to his Songbook of Stories from the USA. He reminded me of my upbringing of music first of the stage then maths teaching so I loved learning of the tales he gave us of early musicians - Cole Porter, Irvin Berlin, George Gershwin and Jerome Kern. I sure had a great history update when he finished with "I've Got Rhythm" and topped the afternoon for me and many more. I want to thank the Committee for finding this great entertainer, a raconteur, musician and humorist.

He spoke of the following -The History of Jazz Piano, The Great American Song Book, New Orleans to New York, Not Father O'Malley, The king Tiger Rag, Jerome Kern - his life and music, The Story of Tin Pan Alley, Cole Porter - his life and music, Sacred and Secular, Scott Joblin - his life and musical The Golden Age of Radio

Anne Easterbrook.

RED BOOK

The RED BOOK is provided at our u3a monthly meetings to help those members who are seeking recommended TRADES PERSONS.

The RED BOOK has been active for a good number of years and, consequently may contain details of trades people and companies which are longer active.

I am in the process of checking through the RED BOOK to bring its contents up to date. If you have any difficulty contacting one of the recommended trades persons, I should be grateful if you would let me know so I can remedy the problem, either by changing details, or by removing the entry from the RED BOOK.

Some of the recommendations have been in the RED BOOK for a long time. I should be grateful if you have had a good experience from a Tradesman in recent times, you would let me know and I will add those already in the book.

Carole Petchey

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SINGING GROUP

The Singing group has been meeting again. At the moment it is only once a month on the third Friday at Tesco Community Room, Hewitt's Circus from 2 – 4pm. It is possible that it may become a two weekly group but that is currently under discussion. The next Singing Group will be on September 15th because I am having a short holiday with my family in August.

*Margaret Sisson
Group Leader*

MEDITATION

Will take place at the Jubilee Inn Nicholas Drive, Grimsby at 2.25 pm on the following dates Monday 7th Aug & 21st Aug. All welcome.

TRIPS 2023

CHATSWORTH 22nd November 2023

There are still places for Chatsworth, which includes an escorted tour of the house, which is trimmed for Christmas. There will be an outdoor market.

Currently we have twenty members booked to go on this trip at a cost of £56

TRIPS FOR 2024.

Looking forward to our itinerary for 2024.

ABERFOYLE 8th April to 12th April.

There are thirty members of the u3a booked to go to Aberfoyle on the 8th April 2024. If you have not already booked, this is the second year in succession we have gone to the Rob Roy Hotel, and many members are going for their second visit.

The trip is from Monday to Friday including four nights bed and breakfast and evening meal. The breakfast is buffet style with "full English" available. The evening meal is served to the table with a good choice each evening, followed by entertainment on two evenings.

There are organised trips. The first to Edinburgh (included in the price and the other two, to Glasgow and a boat trip on the Lochs at a price of £12 and £20 (est) respectively.

Unfortunately all the single rooms are now booked, so there are only double rooms available. At a price of £209 p.p. If you would like to book, the non returnable deposit is £40 each, and the balance is payable by 1st February 2024.

DAY TRIPS 2024.

The day trips for 2024 have yet to be arranged. I am hoping that at the August meeting I will be able to give a list of the excursions available for members to express their interest.

The proposed trip in August 2024 to Beamish and Kynven for three days and two nights, came at a price £345 plus £65 single supplement. Most of those members who have expressed an interest have decided not to now go ahead.

I am open to ideas for future group holidays, bearing in mind that to appeal to a broad number of members, the trip has to be good value for money and affordable.

What about a trip in September/October 2023 or 2024?

What is affordable to you?

Tim Cockerton

GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Friday 18th August at 2pm

To be held at

AGE UK CLEETHORPES

Wardall Street

DN35 8HA

(Car Park Opposite)



Obituary Notice

Berenice DUDENEY

(Cameron) (née Baldry) Passed away peacefully at Dove House Hospice on the 9th July 2023 aged 86 years. . Funeral service was held on Monday 31st July at St Nicholas' Church, North Newbald.

Berenice was one of the first members of the Grimsby & Cleethorpes u3a and was there at the very beginning and gave her services on the u3a committee together with her husband Dennis.

Berenice was group leader for croquet which she held in her large garden in New Waltham before moving to North Cave to be nearer her family.

She was very well known within the u3a and will be fondly missed by a lot of people.

PICNIC

A huge thank you once again to Pat and Vic Goose for their hospitality in allowing us to use their garden for the picnic. We were so lucky with the weather considering the month we have had. In preparation for anything Vic and Pat had erected two gazebos and opened up their summer house but fortunately none were needed. I didn't actually count how many were there but apparently it was around 30. Pat has already said she is happy to host us again and there is plenty of room for double that figure – maybe next year! Thank you too to Sid Petchey and the Ukelele group who entertained us and thank you to everyone who came.

Margaret Sisson

FILM GROUP

The Film Group has been branching out a lot over the last few months.

We've carried on going to The Parkway where we've seen the bizarrely cute Marcel, The Shell With Shoes On, The Three Musketeers, Indiana Jones, Fred Astair and Audry Hepburn in Funny Face (a film exactly as old as me!), Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars, the film of a David Bowie concert (I was there, 50 years ago!) and many others. We've also been attending The Caxton Theatre's excellent productions including Bette & Joan about Davis and Crawford, Funny About Love, Deathtrap and Alan Ayckbourne's Birthdays Past, Birthdays Present.

We're looking at the programs from Louth Riverside and Ropery Hall in Barton upon Humber for the autumn – they take a little more organising but there's some good stuff going on.

The whole thing is pretty informally organised, most of what we see doesn't require booking, you can just join our list and see what people are suggesting, or suggest something yourself. Contact fergus.u3a@btinternet.com.

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Whorepresents.com	Who Represents?
Penisland.net	Pen Island
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Speedofart.com	Speed of Art
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Americanscrapmetal.com	American Scrap Metal
Masterbaitonline.com	American Scrap Metal
Therapistinabox.com	Therapist In a Box
Analemma.org	Analemma Society
Therapistfinder.com	Therapist Finder
Wintersexpress.com	Winters Express
Swissbit.ch	Swiss Bit
Dicksonweb.com	Dickson Web
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Budget.co.ck	Budget Cook Island
Mp3shits.com	MP3s Hits
Kidsexchange.net	Kids Exchange
Powergenitalia.com	Powergen Italia
Teacherstalking.org	Teacherstalking.org
Ladrape.com	La Drape
Childrenswear.co.uk	Children's Wear



PICNIC 13 July 2023

Held in the private garden of Vic and Pat Goose. Pat was presented with a bouquet of flowers for her services. In attendance were 32 of us. The weather was warm and sunny, and could not have been better. Plenty of banter and laughter and a good time had by everyone.