



## **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

My Mother had an expression, “it’s all over bar the shouting” and as she was a glass half empty sort of person, she would have decided that with the Coronation behind us we also had nothing to look forward to this year. Well fortunately I take after my Dad who had a much more optimistic view on life and I can see plenty for us to shout about and look forward to over the next few months. Our picnic will be on Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> in People’s Park and I’m hoping that as well as having a good time we can use the event to promote u3a. I get really fed-up with having to explain over and over what u3a is all about. An organisation with over 1000 groups nationwide shouldn’t need explanation but sadly it does. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 our u3a was 30 years old so I see the picnic as our 30 year party + 2. Reading the information I get from National and Regional Office I feel we are doing well. Some u3as didn’t survive the pandemic and many are struggling to recruit committee and ordinary members. Our numbers may not be massive but they are growing, we have a good committee so let’s shout about who we are until it’s no longer who but yes, I’ve heard about the u3a and how do I join.

*Margaret Sisson*

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## **GARDEN GROUP**

Our visits on Tuesday were a delight and the weather was beautiful. A big thank you to Mike Brown and John and Dee Robertson for sharing their gardens with us and for their hospitality. We had a chance to look at different plants, as well as to enjoy the sunshine and some pleasant conversation in beautiful surroundings.

We visited Mike’s garden first, which was larger than it looks like it would be from the front, if that makes sense. Mike had made up a hand-out and a binder to show the development of the garden. He had inherited a garden full of rubbish and potential when he bought the house in 2020. It already contained a number of mature trees, fruit trees and shrubs, which gave him something to work around once the rubbish was cleared.

He has opted for predominantly evergreens, using plants to encourage a variety of insect life. He has evergreen (*Ionicera henryi davidii*) and deciduous honey suckle, clematis (is there a plural for clematis?), lavender, buddleia, lemon balm and tree peonies, as well as some additional fruit trees. Spring bulbs include snowdrops and fritillaries.

His visiting wildlife includes foxes and hedgehogs, finches, a variety of tits and a great spotted woodpecker, as well as the more common visitors.

Most of his plants are 2 or 3 years old, so the landscape of Mike’s garden is still developing. Possibly worth an annual visit to see how it develops?

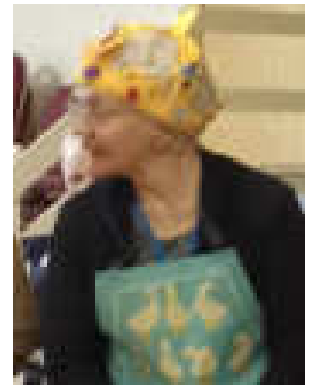
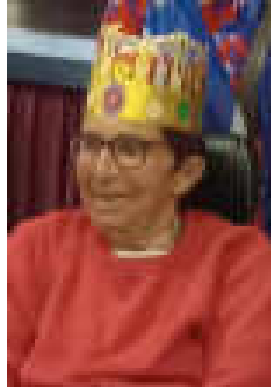
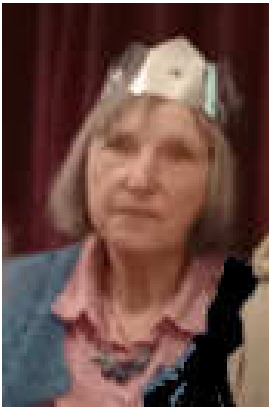
We then moved on to John’s garden which was crammed with fruit trees, vegetables and strawberry plants, as well as ornamental shrubs and plants. I regret that I didn’t spend some time in the front garden as well, as there seemed to be a number of different shrubs and spring bulbs.

His fruit trees included an apple and a plum and his ornamentals included a magnolia, which I think was a magnolia stellate but don’t quote me on that!

John’s garden is obviously well established and he grows several different varieties of strawberries, currently in his greenhouse. He was growing them in troughs, which he would then plant out, in the troughs, when the weather was right. This must make it much easier to bring them in and protect the plants when the weather turns nasty.

John was very generous with his spares of different strawberry plants and a black leaved grass (*ophiopogon planiscapus nigrescens*) – I think most of us came away with an extra plant or two. All in all, it was a lovely afternoon

*Pat Goose.*



**THE WINNER  
FOR THE BEST CROWN**



## GROUP LIST

**ART** Wed p.m.2nd & 4th Wed of month  
**AVIATION** Tues p.m.1st Tues in month  
**BOARDGAMES** Thurs Thursday p.m. 3rd Thurs  
**BOARDGAMES** Wed Wed p.m. 1st Wed  
**CALLIGRAPHY** 1st & 3rd Wed in month  
**CINEMA-GOING** By arrangement  
**CRAFT/MAKERS GROUP** By arrangement  
**CREATIVE WRITING** Wed p.m.1st Wed in month  
**CROQUET** Fri 11 am Fri 2 pm Weekly May to Sept  
**DISCUSSION** Mon p.m.2nd & 4th Mon of month  
**FAMILY HISTORY** Fri p.m. 2nd Friday of month  
**GARDENING CLUB** Friday a.m. 3rd Fri of mth in winter  
**LIP READING** Mon p.m. 2-4pm Fortnightly  
**LITERATURE** Tuesday p.m.Fortnightly  
**LUNCHEON CLUB** 4th Wed of month  
**MAHJONG I** Wed p.m.Weekly  
**MAHJONG II** Fri p.m. Weekly  
**MEDITATION** 1st & 3rd Mon of month  
**MUSIC APPRECIATION** 3rd Tues of month  
**NEW AGE KURLING** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues p.m.in Oct-May  
**POETRY APPRECIATION**  
**RUMMIKUB** p.m.1st & 3rd Wed of month  
**SCRABBLE** p.m.1st & 3rd Wed of month  
**TABLE TENNIS** Tuesday a.m.Suspended  
**TEN PIN BOWLING** Thurs a.m. Weekly  
**The War Between the States** Times to be arranged  
**UKULELE** p.m.2nd Thurs of month  
**WALKING** Monday a.m.Weekly

### AVIATION GROUP

At the next meeting, at 2.00pm on Tuesday 6th June at The Jubilee Inn, Wybers Wood, David Kerry will give an illustrated talk on the history of Waltham Aerodrome between 1927 and 1939. All are welcome, no need to book just turn up.

*Paul Hare*

### VOLUNTEERS MONTH

June is the month we say thank you to all our volunteers. Our Group Leaders, Meeters and Greeters, those who help in the kitchen, with the raffle, registration and books, plus all of you who step up in an emergency. Without you all, organisations like u3a wouldn't function. Never think you are not appreciated. Thank you.

Margaret and the Committee

### SINGING GROUP

The Singing Group will start properly on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 2pm in the Tesco Community Room, Hewitt's Circus. No ability to sing needed, it's not a choir it's just for fun.

Group Leader – Margaret Sisson  
07986 254164

## TRIPS

### PICK UP TIMES TO BUXTON & SKIPTON

<u>BUXTON</u>		<u>SKIPTON</u>
Holton le Clay	7.00 am	7.20 am
Middlethorpe Rd	7.15 am	7.30 am
Sea Rd	7.30 am	7.45 am
Osborne St	7.45 am	8.00 am
Immingham	8.00 am	8.15 am

### CHATSWORTH HOUSE 22 Nov 2023 - £56.00

Those members who have expressed an interest in going on the above trip, please pay by cash at the June or July meeting or direct into the u3a bank account by the end of July - details as follows:-

Grimsby & Cleethorpes u3a

Sort Code :- 40-22-24

Account No:- 42012235.

### ABERFOYLE - ROB ROY HOTEL - TROSSACHS

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Due to the popularity and excellent value, we will again be venturing to Scotland next year. The coach trip is for four nights - bed, breakfast and evening meal a evening entertainment, with a coach trip to Edinburgh. There will be two other day trips at an extra cost.

The cost is £209.00 each for a double or twin room.

If you would like to go on this trip please let us know at the June or July meeting or telephone Tim Cockerton on 01472 429224. A forty pound deposit will be required in June/July meeting -See details above.

### CROQUET

Croquet is held at Peoples Park at the bowling green pavilion every Friday at 11 am and 2 pm.

We are looking for new members to join us. You don't have to had previous experience of the game. It is not taken to serious. The cost is £2.00 per session. Come along and have a very enjoyable *time*.

*Barry Haden*

### MEDITATION

We meet every first and third Monday in the month at the Jubilee Inn Wybers Wood at 2.15 pm. The meditation lasts for 20 minutes with conversation before and afterwards.. Come along to receive relaxation and calm, reduce anxiety.

It is free of charge but it would be appreciation if you would purchase drink from the bar,

*Barry Haden*

*I haven't gotten anything done today.  
I've been in the Produce Department  
trying to open this stupid plastic bag.*

### MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

A reminder that the 'History of Classical Music' is being followed in St Peter's Church Hall, Cleethorpes, on the third Tuesday each month - this month June 20, and all u3a members are most welcome to come along.

Early Romantics, Chopin, Schumann, Liszt, Wagner, Verdi, Tchaikovsky, Strauss come into focus this month. Not only are we exploring the vast amount of music, less bound by 'classical' structures, but the new forms developed through the concerto and its cadenza, etudes, suits open up the freedom of the composers to satisfy the lovers of music both then and now.

Do come along for a 2p.m. start.

*Les.Watchorn*

*As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.*

*It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.*

# General Knowledge Quiz

1. What is the orange part of an egg called? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many legs do insects have? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is a baby kangaroo called? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the closest planet to the Sun? \_\_\_\_\_
5. In which country can you find the Eiffel Tower? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many days are there in a year? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many players are in a soccer team? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Where do polar bears live? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which is faster, light or sound? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How many letters are in the English alphabet? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is the name of a shape with 5 sides? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many Continents are there? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the name of the tallest mountain on earth? \_\_\_\_\_
14. The planet Mars is also known as what? The \_\_\_\_\_ planet.
15. How many months have 31 days? \_\_\_\_\_
16. How many colors of the rainbow are there? \_\_\_\_\_
17. My mother's mother is my...what? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Which animal lays the largest eggs? \_\_\_\_\_
19. How many zeros are in ten thousand? \_\_\_\_\_
20. In which country would you find the Sydney Opera House? \_\_\_\_\_

- Yolk
- Six
- Joey
- Mercury
- France
- 365
- Eleven
- The Arctic
- Light
- Twenty Six
- Pentagon
- Seven
- Mount Everest
- The Red Planet
- Seven Months
- Seven
- Grandmother
- Ostrich
- Four Zeros
- Australia

## MONARCHY v REPUBLIC

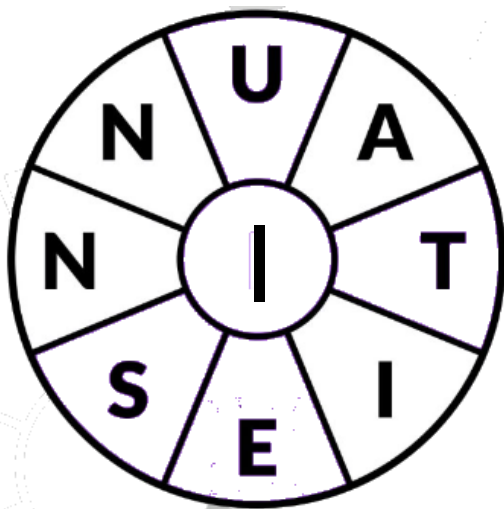
My neighbour put up a sign during the Coronation saying "NOT MY KING" and it got me thinking.

The Russians killed their Tsar and got Lenin. Stalin and now Putin.

The French chopped their King's head off and got Napoleon who declared himself Emperor.

Uganda got Idi Amin and China got Mao – the list goes on and I've struggled to find an improvement. Just an observation.

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There are 2 nine letter words

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### COMMITTEE u3a GRIMSBY & CLEETHORPES

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