

GRIMSBY & CLEETHORPES

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NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I don't believe in things that go bump in the night. For me, everything has a rational explanation, or so I thought. Lately, strange things have been happening in my house which I can't explain. It started when our cat who is perfecting the art of sleeping 23 hours a day suddenly started sitting up bolt upright, ears pricked, eyes wide and staring at the door. Then things started to go missing, first one of my everyday earrings. I prefer to wear these particular earrings daily because they clip shut and are unlikely to fall out of my pierced ears. I assumed I had taken them off as always and placed them in the pot on my bedside table but the next morning found only one. A thorough search followed and I had given up when there it was, somewhere I had already checked and weirdly it was fastened. The second item was the plastic cover for the parmesan grater. Again, a thorough search by both me and my son, nothing. Two days later I open the drawer to find it sitting on the top of everything. Then a gold bracelet, again somewhere I had already checked and once again fastened. There is no way the bracelet can slip over my hand. The latest is the potato peeler but I'm not unduly bothered. We've lost loads over the years, thrown away with the peelings which is where this one has gone – or has it????

Margaret Sisson

Editor - *Barry Haden*

It seems every day one has to be on one's guard against scams and and whilst you take great care and diligence one can be caught out.

A few days ago a very polite lady came on the phone and informed me that someone a clairvoyant was urgently wanting to speak to me about some important matter and would I telephone this number immediately starting with 09. I wrote the number down having no intention of doing what she had asked. Ten minutes later the lady telephone me again and asked why had not telephoned. I told her I thought it was a scam and she immediately wanted to start a long conversation with me which I cut very short and placed the phone down. I informed my son who immediately checked the number on the web which confirmed it was a scam.

Do take note that all telephone numbers starting with **09 charge £3.60 per minute.**

Directory Enquiries 118 charge £360 for a 90 seconds.

So that you know what telephone calls cost I have printed overleaf showing a statement of the cost of all telephone calls.

NOTICE

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MEMBERS MEETING AT THE
MEMORIAL HALL THURSDAY 6TH APRIL**

Call charges and phone numbers

The cost of calling a phone number depends on the digits it starts with, your phone provider and whether you use a landline or mobile.

You may get free calls to some numbers as part of your call package. Check with your phone provider.

The costs below are approximate. Check with your phone provider to find out the actual cost, particularly if you're calling from abroad. Calls from payphones can cost more.

Contact your phone provider if you have problems with call charges or phone bills. Get advice from Ofcom if this does not resolve the issue.

This guide is also available in Welsh (Cymraeg).

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01 02	Geographic Numbers for Specific parts of the UK	up to 16p	3p to 65p
03 0345	UK-wide numbers	up to 16p	3p to 65p
030	Not for profit organisations Charities and public bodies	up to 10p	3p to 40p
07	Mobile Numbers	10p to 20p	3p to 65p
070	Personal or 'follow me numbers regulated by <u>Phone paid Services Authority</u>	50p	86p
0800 0808	Freephone service	Free	Free
0843 0844 0845	Business rate numbers	up to 7p and your phone company's access charge	up to 7p and your phone company's access charge
0870 0871 0872 0873	Business rate numbers regulated by the Phone-paid Services Authority	up to 13p and your company's access charge	up to 13p and your phone company's access charge
09	Premium rate numbers regulated by the Phone-paid Services Authority	up to £3.60 and your phone company's access charge, plus 5p to 6p per call	up to £3.60 and your phone company's access charge 5p to 6p per call
101	Police non-emergency number	Free	Free
105	UK-wide power cut helpline	Free	Free
111	Non emergency medical advice	Free	Free
112	Emergency services	Free	Free
116	Freephone numbers	Free	Free
118	Directory enquiry numbers regulated by the Phone -paid Services Authority	Up to £3.65 per 90 seconds and your phone company's access charge	Up to £3.65 per 90 seconds and your phone company's access charge
999	Emergency Services	Free	Free

u3a MUSIC APPLICATION

In our first meeting we were pleased to welcome Sue Smith as our Membership Recorder and Fran Middleton to cover Hospitality. We still seek a Publicity Person!

Our second meeting covered the Renaissance Period where functional music remained dominant but we praised our Lincoln Cathedral organist of that time, William Byrd, along with other greats like Palestrina and the lutenist, Dowland.

Why not join us on Tuesday 21st March, as we celebrate music of the Baroque era and perhaps the greatest of them all, J.S.Bach. We will also listen to an appropriate piece for winter months, Purcell's 'The Cold Song' sung by Jakub Josef Orlinski !!!! Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2-4 thought and listening session. Come and join us, St Peter's Church Hall, Cleethorpes, you will be most welcome.

Leslie Watchorn

GROUP COORDINATOR

We are still looking for someone to take over as Group Coordinator. The role involves keeping the Group information up to date by liaising with the Group Leaders regarding the status of their groups and presenting that information at the main meeting every month for new and existing members. You would also need to call a Group Leaders' meeting at least once a year, twice if possible. You would also report to the committee regarding any changes in groups, new groups and any requests for financial help for equipment. Anyone interested please contact the Chairman or Fergus Campbell for further information.

Margaret Sisson

TRIPS

Aberfoyle 27/2/23 - 3/3/23

There are thirty-two of us travelling upto Scotland, staying at the Rob Roy Hotel for four nights with excursions on three days.

Harrogate 13/4/23 £19 and Buxton (River trip and afternoon tea) 10/8/23-£41

Eighteen members and 21 members respectively have booked and paid to go on these trips. There are still places available. if you would like to go please contact me on 01472 429224

Skipton 10/8/23 (lunch & cruise) £39

I will be taking payments for this trip at our meeting on 4/5/23 or payments can be made direct into the U3A bank account. Please confirm if you would like to go-
Tele 01472 429224 or email-timothycockerton@gmail.com.

MEDITATION GROUP

The next meetings are on the following dates

Monday 2.15 pm 6th March
Monday 2.15 pm 20th March
Monday 2.15 pm 3rd April
Monday 2.15 pm 17th April
at the Jubilee Inn

Barry Haden

POETRY GROUP

The poetry group has a new leader, June Vernau. The group will still meet at Jeanne Campion's house so numbers are limited but there is room for one more member. Enquiries to Margaret Sisson (Chairman) or Fergus Campbell until we have a new Group Coordinator.

AVIATION GROUP

At the next meeting, at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 7th March, the group will view a film entitled "The RAF Story, from Camel to Eurofighter"

This will be followed by a discussion and, if time permits, a brief look at WW1 Aeroplanes.

New members, of any gender, are always welcome, just turn up or, for more information, contact the group leader,

Paul Hare.

BOARDGAMES GROUP

We have been all over the shop in the last few meetings. We re-visited ghosts and monsters in Mansions of Madness, re-fought The Battle of Akragas 406 BC between the Carthaginians and Syracusians, tried to save swimmers from Jaws, escaped from The Curse of the Temple (two out of three times!) and had many other wondrous adventures which took us away from the leaden skies of Grimsby for a while. If you'd like to join us we'd love to have you. Contact Fergus on fergus.u3a@btinternet.com

DISCUSSION GROUP

Continues to thrive with many knotty problem not being solved but nevertheless thoroughly prodded. Our upcoming topics include:

What's one thing positive and one negative that an elderly person ought to do in their life and why?

What do you consider will be a life changer over the next fifty years?

Love your enemies as you love yourself; sound advice?

Would we be better as people and as a nation if we chose to rent property rather than buy it to live in?

What book have you read that has left a positive or negative impact on you?

If you won the lottery; then what?

What is common sense?

How gullible are you?

We meet second and fourth Mondays, 2pm, at The Jubilee. To join us just e-mail Fergus on fergus.u3a@btinternet.com

GARDENING GROUP

On March 15th, the Gardening Group is to visit Green Futures, a charity which grows fruit and vegetables to supply food banks and provide social activities. We will be treated to a talk about the organisation and given a chance to walk around the site. Refreshments will be provided.

Pat Goose

I REALLY RECOMMEND

If you haven't heard of him already, I would like to introduce you to, Brian Bilston. He is a poet and posts on social media and it was my daughter who made me aware of him when she bought me his book "Days Like These". This is a collection of poems for each day of the year based on an event that has or does take place on that day. His poems are equally funny, sad, radical and very much of the present time. Here is an example:

COMMON PEEPHOLE

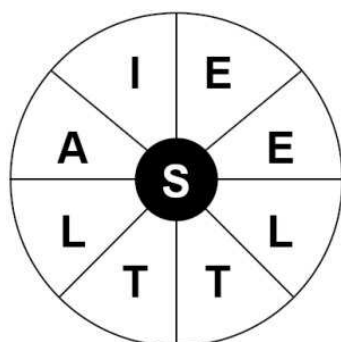
She came from Greece
 She had a faulty socket
 Her eye fell out
 She couldn't stop it.

That's when I
 Caught her eye.

Brian Bilston (Twitter)

Perhaps you know of a poet, author, songwriter/singer or have perhaps you have seen a film you think others would enjoy. Use your Newsletter to share your discovery with others in u3a, don't keep it to yourself.

Margaret Sisson



How many four letter words and over can you make, Each word must include the letter |S

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

- What is the world's best selling perfume?
- Scorpions are immune to their own venom. True or False?
- In a hit song of 1939, where was the washing going to be hung out?
- What colour is a Harrods carrier bag?
- Which of Henry VIII's wives was mother of Queen Elizabeth 1?
- Where in London did 'The Wombles' live?
- What sport are Olga Korbut and Nadia Comaneci famous?
- Dietary deficiency of vitamin C gives rise to which disease?
- What is the newspaper of the Salvation Army called?
- What was the name of the frog who appeared in 'The Muppet Show'?
- What is the most mentioned animal in the Bible?

ANSWERS
 The War Cry
 Anne Boleyn
 Channel No 5
 On the Seafried line
 Green
 Wimbledon
 Gymnastics
 Scurvy
 Kermit Sheep

If any member can send me crosswords with answers for future newsletters it would be appreciated

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