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NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Some years ago, Robin and I visited an old nuclear fallout shelter near Paull on the north bank. We had no idea of its existence but it wasn't entirely a surprise as we did know there was one at Limber so there had to be others. We knew about the one at Limber because we had a friend in the Civil Defence. He had been allocated one place and we often pondered what he would do about his wife and daughter, always assuming he could get to Limber from Marshchapel in 4 minutes. Which brings me to Sunday 23rd April, did the world vibrate for you at 3 pm. My phone went off at 2.57, not the earth shattering siren I was expecting. In fairness it had to compete with my son watching his favourite team Newcastle trounce Spurs 6 – 1 but had I been in another room or my phone in my handbag I doubt I would have heard it. My son's phone didn't go off at all. Speaking to one of Robin's Carers the following day, she said that 3 of them were on a break, hers went off early like mine, one didn't go off at all and the other at 3 minutes past 3. I'm not saying the siren isn't a good idea but I thought we had flood alarms, not that I've heard one tested for a while. So, while not wanting to be a Job's comforter but having lived through the 60's my suspicions about its use is more for potential war than potential flood. Still, I'm not at all worried because I now know that I have a 6 minute advantage over a lot of people which will give me plenty time to get to a bunker. Does anyone know where the nearest one is?

Margaret Sisson

Editor

The trip to Scotland was enjoyed by every one and the weather was very kind to us.

Do watch out for a new scam. I was nearly taken in by a new cleaning product that if believed could clean the oven and other items with very little effort. It sounded too good to be true and it was.

I have just received my water rate bill. I have been paying £14 a month and am £33.46 in credit. I have been informed that my monthly payments from the end of this month are to increase to £32 per month. This is an increase of over 100%. The cost of living is continually increasing daily but I find this increase disturbing. It's so disturbing I am thinking of drinking beer instead of water as I think it may be cheaper.

Age is very peculiar as when you are young you do daft things and this increases and occurs again when you reach retirement age. I sometimes find I am picking up the TV remote and trying to telephone someone. One wonders what is going to happen to me tomorrow.

Barry Haden

THE TRIP TO SCOTLAND

I love Scotland. I suppose with Scottish ancestors it is literally in my blood and over the years I have visited many times travelling the length and breadth including many of the islands. I have seen Scotland in all weathers and all seasons, sometimes all in one day. I always want people to love Scotland as I do but arriving there for the first time in late winter can so often put people off. Scotland has a lot to offer but not on a cold, wet February day but I needn't have worried.

After an uneventful journey, quite an achievement these days with our busy motorways often at a crawl, we arrived at the hotel to be greeted by the Manager. The distribution of keys was slick and we were soon in our rooms unpacking. Dinner was at 6pm and although vegetarian options were a little limited, the rest of the choice was very good.

The following day we visited Edinburgh, a beautiful city full of interesting places to visit but it might be worth noting that many places now, not just in Scotland, require on-line booking beforehand.

Our next two days were optional tours, one to Killen and Aberfeldy and another to Perth. The weather was kind to us throughout and those who opted not to join the trips were able to get out and explore the local village, Aberfoyle and the surrounding area.

There were 32 of us from u3a and everyone's experience will be different but I haven't heard any negative reports. The hotel was comfortable, the staff very helpful and the entertainment excellent. Many thanks to Tim Cockerton for organising the trip for us.

The Scottish have a saying "Haste ye back". I hope the 5 day stay will encourage some of you first timers to visit again and maybe this time further north into the highlands and might I suggest late summer when the heather is in bloom.

Margaret Sisson

U3A COACH TRIPS IN 2023

SKIPTON-10/08/2023 (Lunch & Cruise)-£39

If you have not confirmed already, please let me know by phone or email that you would like to go on this trip. Payment can be made at the Memorial Hall Meeting on 4/5/2023 or direct into the U3A Bank account.

CHATSWORTH AT CHRISTMAS-22/11/2023 - £56

This trip includes entrance to Chatsworth House and the Christmas Fayre.

Again, if you have not confirmed already please let me know by phone or email that you would like to go on this trip. The payment date will be advised later in the year. Payment can be made in two instalments of £28.

My details are as follows:-

Telephone 01472 429224

Email timothycockerton@gmail.com

Places have been reserved with Houghs on the following Trips;

Skipton on Thursday 10th August 2023. The cost of this is £39 and includes a cruise with Lunch on board.

Also places have been reserved on a trip on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 to the Christmas market at Chatsworth House. The cost of this is £56 and includes an escorted exploration of the house which is splendidly decorated for the festive season.

If you have not already done so, could you please let me know.

If you want to go on these trips. Also payment for the trip to Skipton would be appreciated in the month of May, either direct into the U3A Bank account or payment in cash at the Memorial Hall meeting on Thursday 4th May 2023.

I also remind those who have booked to go on Wednesday 14th June 2023 to Buxton of the following pick up times.

Holton le Clay 7.00 am.

Middlethorpe Rd. 7.15 am.

Sea Rd Cleethorpes. 7.30.

Osborne St Cleethorpes 7.45am.

Immingham 8.00 am.

BUXTON

On this trip you will have the morning to yourselves in Buxton and at 2.00 pm you will board the ship for a cruise down the waterways. On board an afternoon tea will be provided-sandwiches,scones,jam and butter with tea or coffee There are twenty three members going on this trip.

Tim Cockerton

Jenny Bussey

I am sorry to have to tell you that due to the severity of her stroke and her daughter living in the south of England, Jenny has had no option but to move closer to her to a residential home in South Croydon. We have missed her in her role on Committee and as our Group Coordinator and more importantly as a friend. She would like to thank everyone who has visited her in Louth or kept in touch by phone or email and would love to keep in touch once she is settled in. I have all her details so if anyone wants to contact her please let me know.

Margaret Sisson

u3a CULTURE GROUP

Both at the Parkway:

Monday 1st noon: The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan
<https://youtu.be/if4AL4fXrT8>
and yes, it's French with subtitles :O)

Tuesday 2nd 17.35: Renfield

<https://youtu.be/ICydLkeXq3w>

and yes, that is Nicholas Cage playing Dracula (What's not to like?)

Fergus

AVIATION GROUP

The U3a Aviation Group meets at 2.00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at The Jubilee Inn, St Nicholas Drive, Wybers Wood, Grimsby and comprise films shows, slide shows, lectures and discussions.

New members, of any gender or species, are always welcome, either contact the group leader or just come along.

Paul Hare

A husband thinking his wife was losing her hearing went 20' behind her and asked :Can you hear me sweetheart?' No reply. Moved to 10' and inquired again. No reply. 5' and not a word. A few inches behind her ear, he asked. "Can you hear me now honey"? His wife said "For the fourth time, **yes.**



A guy wants a divorce. He tells the judge, "I just can't take anymore. Every night she's out until after midnight, just going from bar to bar." Judge asks, "What's she doing?" The guy answers "Looking for me."



A 70 year old man asked his wife "Do you feel sad when you see me running after young girls " Wife replied "No not at all. Even dogs chase cars they can't drive."

After reading Brian Bilston's poem sent in by Margaret Sisson in the March Newsletter

I thought of the following:

THE OPENING

Gripping Turning Twisting
Squeezing Piercing Pulling
Hitting Banging Shouting
Opening?

Brenda Neumann

**Mirror, mirror
on the wall
What the hell happened?**

Behind every angry woman, stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

WALKING CRICKET

With summer coming on we're all looking forward to getting some exercise outside. The u3a and The Yorkshire Cricket Foundation developed Walking Cricket way back in 2019, when no-one had even heard of Covid 19!

Walking Cricket is not just about the physical benefits or winning the game, its about the team spirit, developing new relationships and maintaining good mental health. Of course, the development of cricket skills is also a great achievement but it is often the enjoyment of the activity and each other's company that motivate our participants to come back every week. For most participants, this project has not only created an accessible way to improve fitness but an invaluable opportunity that has given our cricketers something to look forward to.

Walking Cricket is a way to remain active, socialize safely and most importantly a means to enjoy each other's company, have a laugh and create new friendships.

So, here in Grimsby u3a we have all the kit just waiting for someone to use it. If you are interested in joining, and especially if you're interested in running, a group, please get in touch with Fergus: fergus.u3a@btinternet.com

AVIATION GROUP

Meeting at 2.00pm at the Jubilee Inn, Wybers Wood, on 4th April will take the form of an Illustrated talk entitled ' Weird, but successful, Aeroplanes', and will be followed by a discussion.

New members and visitors (of any gender, species or ethnicity) are always welcome; no need to book, just turn up."

Paul. Hare

Potatoes

I grow my potatoes in the nice oblong plastic boxes that the Council provided for waste before we were given the large bins. This year I am having a change and growing Wilja instead of Kestrel second earlies. I usually get my compost from B&Q but seeing I had bought my seed potatoes from Pennells I thought I would have a look and see what they had compost wise. Nearly all peat free composts cost about the same, so I decided to use Miracle Grow as they have a good name and feed plants for three months and in Pennells they were a BOGOF at £8.99 which worked out pretty good. Pennells also put the compost in the car boot for me.

I use my own compost as well from the garden bin and mix it with the new but this time I was in a rush and just slit the bag and poured about 4 inches (remember them) into each box. Then I just poured some compost on top of the chitted potatoes, two potatoes to each box.

I still had some compost left in the car boot so I pulled it out straight into the wheelbarrow and pushed it up to the garden shed where I had two potato bags which could be used. I put the bag onto the barrow on top of the compost (nearer to my nose) and slit the compost bag, my goodness I knew it was good organic compost and had a look at the writing on the bag, then I realised it was 'organic' probably from a pig farm. Need I say more, my goodness did it smell, I know now not to buy organic compost, never again. I shall have a handy clothes peg when I have to put more compost into my potato boxes.

Pauline Campbell

CROQUET

The new season of croquet will start again on Friday 5th May at Peoples Park. The morning session is at 11.00 am and the afternoon session is at 2.00 pm.. The cost is £2.00 per day. All u3a members welcome. All equipment provided.

Barry Haden

SINGING GROUP

The Singing Group will commence very shortly. I have booked Tesco Community room on Friday 12th May at 2pm for a meeting to discuss the future of Singing group. It will be the second Friday with an option to change to the third Friday if that isn't suitable

We are looking for someone who will play the KEYBOARD. If you, or you know someone who can fill this position please contact Margaret Sisson

MEDITATION

The next two meetings will take place on Monday 15th May at 2.15 pm and Monday 5th June at 2.15 pm at the Jubilee Inn. Come along, everyone welcome. *Barry Haden*

u3a PICNIC

We are holding a u3a picnic Thursday 13th July at 1.30 pm. This is to be held in the Peoples Park Grimsby. It is requested that you bring your own seating and picnic food.

Margaret Sisson

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

We continue to explore the growth of Western Classical Music on the third Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Hall, Cleethorpes.

The Classical Period, (1730-1820), hears us explore the music of Hayden, Mozart, Beethoven and other such greats. The Mozart clarinet will be reviewed and the wonderful voice of Kathleen Ferrier heard, singing Gluck's ' What is life?'

Join us for a 2.00 pm start and learn what more is on offer.

Further information available from

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