



### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I have been driving for over 52 years and I've only had two accidents, neither of which were my fault – honestly. The first was a long time ago, the other driver admitted liability and paid for the repairs to my car. He hadn't seen me because he was changing his tape cassette, yes that long ago. The second more recently and far more traumatic for me involved a white Range Rover against my Vauxhall Adam, not a fair competition from which I was always going to come out the loser. She said she hadn't seen me, her damage was superficial, mine took my car off the road for 9 weeks, at a time when I needed it most and even now I'm still very wary of large, white cars. That said, I should be wary of cars of all colours, shapes and sizes because, is it me or does anyone else think that the standard of driving in this area has become appalling? No-one seems to know which lane they should be in anymore, the use of indicators is non-existent and God forbid you would hold back if the parked car is on your side of the road or even more frustrating, acknowledge someone who has patiently waited for you and the 19 others behind you. Even more worrying is the standard of driving I have witnessed by a certain driving school that unfortunately I can't name but hopefully doesn't have too many passes otherwise I'm trading my Corsa in for a tank.

*Margaret Sisson*

### DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be an early Christmas Party and we will be reinstating the "Bring and Share". This will have been announced at the November meeting where a list will be available for members to say what they will be bringing. If you weren't at that meeting but will be there in December please email your food donations to me at [margaretsisson79@gmail.com](mailto:margaretsisson79@gmail.com) or ring me on 07986254164 and I will pass it on to Gill. Thank you.

*Margaret Sisson*

### EDITOR

Listening to the latest news, there has been a very low turnout on recent by-elections. I do wonder if the politicians take note that the low turnout is possibly because a lot of people are disenchanted with the lot of them?

On the 17<sup>th</sup> October I went with a few others from the u3a to the Grimsby Auditorium to watch the ballet Swan Lake. It was the first time I had seen ballet on stage. It had been on my bucket list a long time. I thoroughly enjoyed the show and was somewhat amazed by the energy and fitness of the performers.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October a again a few of us from the u3a went to see the "The Great Escaper" with Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson taking leading rolls based on a true story that made national news about pensioner Bernard Jordan who in 2014, absconded from his care home in Hove, Sussex UK to attend to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in France. A film which in many respects brings out the emotions within oneself.

*Barry Haden*

*The police just knocked on my door to tell me that my dog was chasing a kid on his bike, I just shut the door. My dog doesn't even have a bike.*

**Police** - You didn't see red light  
**Driver** - I saw  
**Police** - Then why didn't you stop  
**Driver** - I didn't see you



**CHATSWORTH HOUSE  
and  
CHRISTMAS MARKET  
date-22/11/2024**

There are twenty one members on this trip, and all places have been taken on the coach. The pick-up times are as follows:-

Royal Oak-Holton -le-Clay 7.05am  
Middlethorpe Road Shop 7.15am  
Sea road Cleethorpes 7.30am  
Osborne St Grimsby 7.45am  
Immingham Civic Centre 8.00am

**ABERFOYLE HOLIDAY-8/4/24 -12/4/24-£209 each**

If you are interested in joining us on this coach trip to Scotland-Booked with Houghs Coach Tours-please contact Tim Cockerton (01472 429224).

We have thirty one members already booked on this tour and there are still double and twin rooms available.

**CRUISE HOLIDAY**

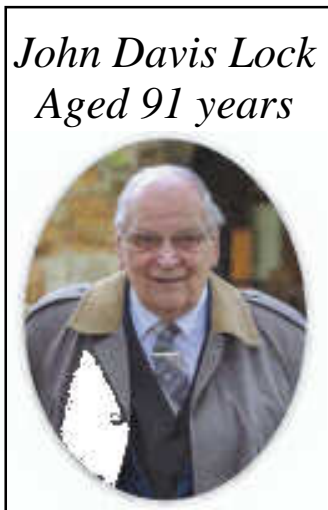
There are eleven members who have expressed an interest in a Discussion Group to see if common ground can be reached, on a suitable cruise which all parties would agree to. Please let Tim Cockerton (01472 429224) know if you would like to join this Group.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LUNCH**

The venue at the Grimsby Golf Club has again been booked for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The menu/booking form can be obtained from Tim Cockerton.

The price is £18.95 for two courses and £22.95 for three courses, and includes a £1 gratuity.

A glass of white or red wine or soft drink will be served to the table paid for out of the raffle profits at our monthly meetings.



It is with saddened heart that I announce the passing and funeral of U3A member John Lock. He was a long standing member of the U3A and a valid member of the ukulele group. After a long illness he passed away late September and his funeral was conducted at the Grimsby crematorium Wednesday 18th October 2023.

*Sid Petchey.*

**AVAIION GROUP**



The next meeting at 2.00pm on Tuesday 7th November, at the Jubilee Inn, Wybers wood, will be a film featuring the Hawker Hunter, a jet fighter from the 1950s.

New members and visitors are always welcome; no need to book, just turn up.

*Paul Hare*

**U3a Stitching Group**

We are a small group of stitchers, mainly embroidery, but between projects we occasionally knit or crochet and we sit and natter and gently put the world and ourselves to rights over tea and biscuits.

Last month a member passed on an enormous treasure trove of complete, mostly unstarted, embroidery and tapestry kits and embroidery magazines from the 1930s -1960 along with original receipts. We had a wonderful rummage through the boxes and have chosen some for ourselves. There are so many bits remaining though. See pictures. There is fabric, threads of all kinds, even tapestry frames. This needs using by someone who loves stitching. Would any stitchers out there like to join us? Come and be welcomed and inspired! We meet monthly on a Tuesday morning, 10.30 ish, in my house near Morrisons bus stop. Contact me for more details. Hope to see you. [pmgoose@gmail.com](mailto:pmgoose@gmail.com)



## CINEMA THEATRE etc GROUP

We have had a very busy month in the group. We saw the absolutely stunning performance of Swan Lake at The Auditorium where we also attended a great afternoon of Glenn Miller / Count Basie / Sinatra stuff played by a powerful big band. At the pictures we saw the latest Mission Impossible which was nearly 3 hours and didn't feel anything like it. We went to see The Great Escaper with Glenda Jackson and Michael Caine which turned out to be both inspiring and a bit of a weepy; it was Glenda Jackson's last film before she died and it was a great note to go out on. What a career she had! We went to The Caxton's production of Macbeth and it was brilliant. Shakespeare is always a risk but this really paid off with a genuinely scary sword fight at the end (I won't tell you who won). We were also at The Docks Academy for The Nigel Price Organ Trio. It was nice to finally see some good jazz come to Grimsby.

Some things we have lined up include The Railway Children at The Caxton, the Auditorium Panto and poet Luke Wright at The Docks Academy. And there will be plenty more films to see I'm sure. If you'd like to join the group, contact Fergus on [fergus.u3a@btinternet.com](mailto:fergus.u3a@btinternet.com). We work basically as a mailing list where anyone can suggest anything to the rest of the group, there's no commitment to go to any of the events we attend and most of them don't even require booking.

*Fergus*

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## NEW MEMBERS MEETING

Members who joined in September, October and November 2023 are invited to attend this meeting which is to be held at the Jubilee Inn 350 St Nicholas Dr, Wybers Wood Grimsby DN37 9SF on the 30<sup>th</sup> November at 11 am to 12 noon, The meeting is to give you an insight into all u3a activities.

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be held at the Members Meeting at the Memorial Hall Cleethorpes on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1pm to 4pm.

We ask all members to donate food for the occasion - sandwiches, cakes biscuits etc. So that we don't all bring a deluge of sausage rolls will you please inform Margaret Sisson as to what you will be bringing.

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## TABLE TENNIS

Will you please inform the Group Coordinator if you are interested in joining this group. It will be held at the Cleethorpes Community Centre starting at 11 am .Date to be announced.

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## CALLIGRAPHY - AMENDMENT

This will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month on a Wednesday - 2 pm to 4 pm

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## BOARD GAMES - AMENDMENT

Will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month from 1.30 pm

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## HAND KNITTED CRAFTS

Pat Carter and Gill Hall will be bringing their hand knitted crafts and other items to the u3a meetings November and December. Do come and have a look and buy.

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## SINGING GROUP

The Singing Group meets at the Tesco Store Community Room which is at the rear of the store situated at the rear of the escalator. The next meetings are on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Do come along - it it purely a sing song - singing purely for pleasure and also enjoying company.**

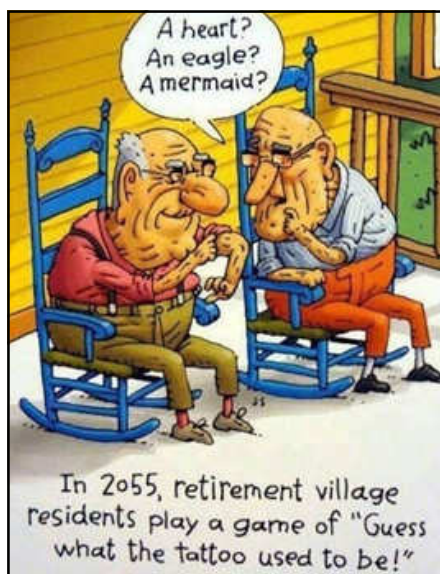
Take the stress out of life and enjoy yourself.

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## TRUE SIGNS



**TOILET  
OUT OF ORDER.  
PLEASE  
USE FLOOR BELOW**



In a London department store:

**BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS**



An English teacher wrote these words on the blackboard:

**“Woman without her man is nothing.**

The teacher then asked the students to punctuate the words correctly ”

The boys wrote:.

**“Woman without her man, is nothing.”.**

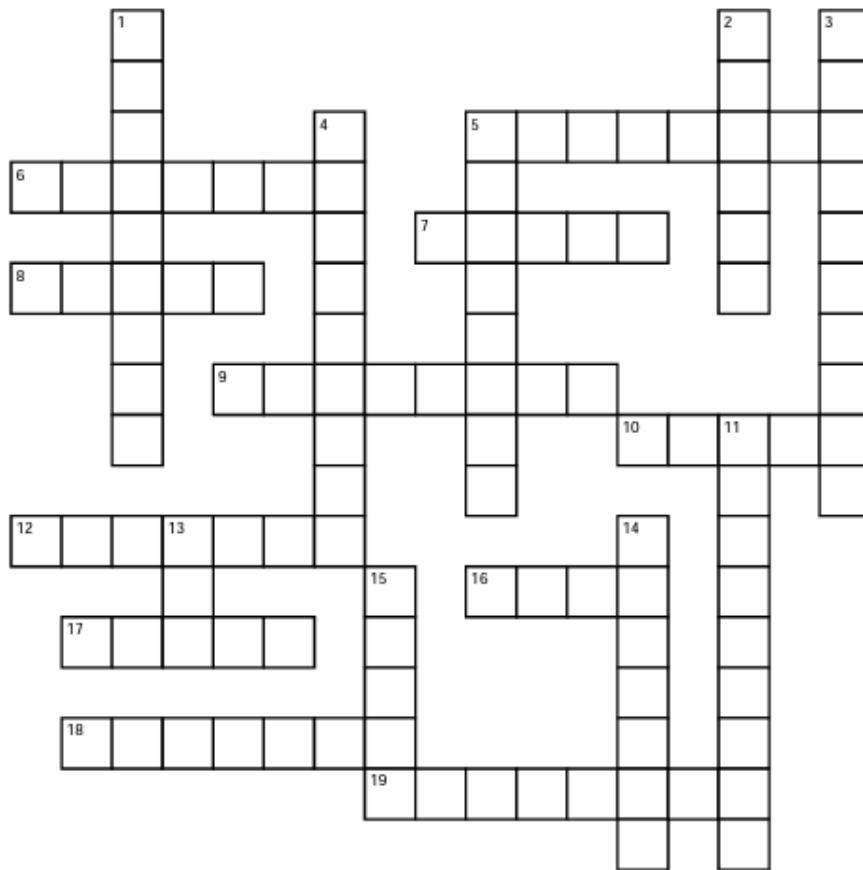
The Girls wrote:

**“Women! Without her, man is nothing.”**

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**Panda Mating Fails;  
Veterinarian Takes Over  
*What a guy!***





**ACROSS**

- 5) Nut collector
- 6) Emu's cousin
- 7) Bullwinkle, for one
- 8) Centaur, in part
- 9) Aquarium favorite
- 10) Sea spouter
- 12) Barnyard bird
- 16) Fox's prey
- 17) Furry swimmer
- 18) Bird with flippers
- 19) Aussie hopper

**DOWN**

- 1) Monarch, e.g.
- 2) Slowpoke
- 3) Lizard's relative
- 4) Quick change artist?
- 5) Desert stinger
- 11) Everglades denizen
- 13) Alley \_\_\_\_
- 14) Spotted stalker
- 15) Odor emitter

**ANSWERS**

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|--------------|--------------|
| 19 Kangaroo  | 19 Kangaroo  |
| 18 Penguin   | 18 Penguin   |
| 17 Otter     | 17 Otter     |
| 15 Skunk     | 15 Skunk     |
| 14 Leopard   | 14 Leopard   |
| 13 Cat       | 13 Cat       |
| 11 Alligator | 11 Alligator |
| 5 Scorpion   | 5 Scorpion   |
| 4 Chameleon  | 4 Chameleon  |
| 3 Salamander | 3 Salamander |
| 2 Turtle     | 2 Turtle     |
| 1 Butterfly  | 1 Butterfly  |



**ANSWERS**

- 5 letters (34) cont.
- LINKS NAILS PAIRS PAIRS
  - PANGS PARKS PINGS PINKS PLANS
  - RAILS RAINS RANKS RINGS RINKS
  - SLAIN SLANG SLINK SMALL
  - SNARL SPANK SPARK SPRIG
- 4 letters (48)
- ATLS AIRS ALPS ARKS GAPS
  - GINTS LKKS INKS IRKS KIPS
  - LAGS LAPS LIPS LISP NAGS NAPS
  - NIFS PALS PANS PARS PIGS PINS
  - RAGS RAPS RASP RIGS RIPS RISK
  - SAIL SANG SANK SARI SIGN SILK
  - SING SINX SKIN SKIP SLAP SLTP
  - SNAG SNAP

**Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges**

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Hope this does not refer to Corporation Bridge Grimsby

**REAL NOTICES**

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half  
Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Did I read that right?

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