

## **HAXBY & WIGGINTON U3A**

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**Tree Lilies by David Moorhouse**

**Haxby and Wigginton U3a  
August 2022**

## Chaimans Message August 2022

Hello everyone,

With temperatures passing the 40 degree mark summer has definitely arrived. We must definitely not go out in the mid-day sun, mad dogs maybe but not English men or women or anybody please.



I am happy to report that our membership continues to climb. We now have 532 members on our books. The new members' meetings hosted by Judy and Jenni are a great success. Three new members have recently offered to start new groups or a short course although for various reasons these new groups and the course have not been able to get off the ground, but the intent is there which is exactly what our u3a needs for a healthy variety of interests.

I have to apologise about the proposed Greek course for not doing my homework before making the announcement. It was quite exciting, and 56 members agreed, but today rules are rules and this time copyright rules won. Συγγνωμη!!

Two important dates are getting closer:

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, our Open Day, to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of the u3a and to show and tell our community who we are and what we do, You should see notices around the villages soon advertising the event. Please tell your friends and neighbours and please support your interest groups and come and see other groups that you may be interested in.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, our AGM. Please come and support this meeting. A new committee will be elected and comments and suggestions on our future activity are always welcome. The AGM will be followed by a talk, see the Events page, which I hope you will find interesting.

Finally, let us enjoy the sun, and the rest of the summer. I hope to see you at one of our meetings soon.

Best wishes

**Peter Gibbons**

## **U3A BALLROOM and SOCIAL DANCING GROUP**

Today, Friday 29 July 2022, I am writing my last letter for the Ballroom and Social Dancing Group August Newsletter.

I had to volunteer when we went to a Group Meeting, to start the Dancing Group, as not one person out of 30, would volunteer to run the group.

I have been Group Leader since March 2019. I had to find a good venue, also choose the music and create the advertising. We also have weekly emails, and WhatsApp and Signal Groups for instant news and photos. During the covid period we have had our own Zoom talks together.

At the end of August 2022 I will be stepping down as Group Leader, but no one from the Dancing Group or a Member of Haxby and Wigginton U3A have come forward to continue with this rewarding and friendly group of people getting together on Monday morning for two hours.

I was hoping one or more people would have come forward to make it continue, so my wife and I could attend.

I would like to thank all the people who have attended, with a special thank you to Karl and Janet, for all the work they do every Monday, teaching us all the dances and steps, with a good choice of music. Thanks also to John and Christine and to Alan and Sheila who have assisted helpfully with the dances.

We have only four weeks left in August to go now. Hopefully someone will come forward and continue to look after the Dancing Group.

The next page has photographs of our intrepid, wonderful dancers.

**Charles Wilson**



## EVENTS

Date -Time - Venue	Event	Details
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 14.00 Haxby Sports Bar	Speaker: Victoria Wallis 'Hard Bargains'	Victoria presents her mothers memoirs. A fascinating life story, from Thimbleby Hall near Osmotherly to Kenya.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 11.00 set up 11.00 -15.00 Open 15.00 -16.00 Clear up  Haxby Memorial Hall	The u3a is 40 years young this year.  Haxby and Wigginton u3a <b>OPEN DAY</b>  We are part of the York 50+ Festival.	Come and meet our members and many of our interest groups. Help us tell visitors who we are and what we do.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 14.00 Haxby Sports Bar	Haxby and Wigginton u3a <b>AGM</b>  Followed by Speaker: John Mumford 'Legal Matters'	An important day for our u3a. Our AGMs are usually short. Do come and hear your committee. Help elect committee members. Vote on the way we run our u3a.and on issues that affect all members in the coming year.  John will talk about a range of legal matters that are important to our generation.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 14.00 Haxby Sports Bar	Speaker : Peter Smith 'Medicine in a forgotten corner of Africa'	Peter was a Partner/GP at Haxby practice for over 30 years and was a regular visitor to sub Saharan Africa.

### Engineer

Someone who does precision guesswork based upon unreliable data provided by those of questionable knowledge.

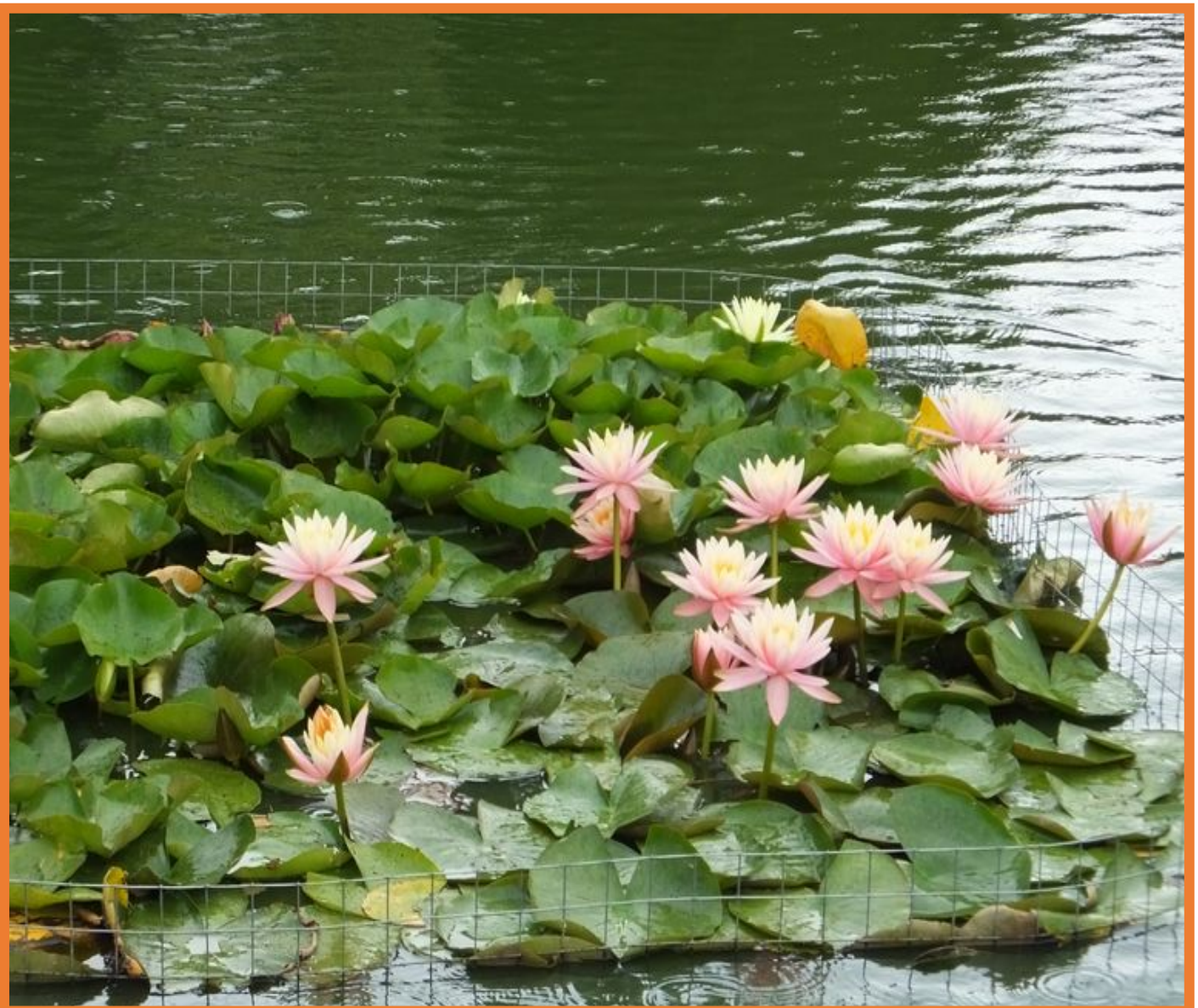
### **Gordon Moore**

## Camera Club

The Camera Club spent a happy (if somewhat rainy) few hours at **Burnby Hall**, Pocklington to capture the beauty of the waterlilies and the landscaped grounds. There are two lakes in the grounds, both stocked with some very hungry fish and the areas surrounding the lakes have been beautifully landscaped. There is a cafe that serves a wide range of drinks and food and there is also a playground for children as well as the Hall museum.

We had a very enjoyable time as the waterlilies were at their best and there are so many different varieties I lost count. The rain had not been forecast but we were able to shelter from the showers under table umbrellas at the cafe and under overhanging trees around the lake.

## Brian Mitchell



## **SOCIAL EVENTS LEADER and SOCIAL TEAM MEMBERS**

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We all enjoy day trips out to places of interest, gardens or cities like Liverpool.

We enjoy theatre visits.

We enjoy short holidays, who remembers those visits to Holland, France and Poland?

We enjoy parties, lunches and dinners.

**Our Social Team** organises all these events.

Our present Social Events Leader has completed four years on the Committee as allowed by our Constitution and will retire in October 2022. Sadly, at present, we do not have a team to carry on the social activity.

So, if you think you can help and would like to join the Committee for a while, (there is no long-term commitment,) or just be a member of the Social Team, do get in touch with any committee member by phone, email or just talk to us. We are very friendly and you will join a team who are always there to help. Also, I promise you will enjoy it.

The consequence of no one coming forward will be that after October there will be very few social events. This is unthinkable. Please help if you can.

**Peter**



## **VISIT TO HELMSLEY WALLED GARDEN**

It was a cool morning as 26 of us set off from Haxby for Helmsley where we started with a tour of the garden. The walled garden was built in 1756 and provided employment for over 30 staff kept busy providing Duncombe Park House with produce and flowers. A vine house, orchid house and pineapple pits provided the exotica demanded of a fashionable wealthy house of the time.

After the First World War however, many of the employees did not return and a smaller produce garden was created nearer the house. A local farmer rented the walled garden and overlaid the gardens with rows of turnips and potatoes. Eventually he abandoned the garden and it lay untouched for many years until a local, Mrs Ticehurst, pushed open the gates and had a vision of how it may be restored.

Today, the garden features a series of garden rooms and sitting areas. It is managed by volunteers for the HWG Trust, and provides many people with contemplative areas to enjoy or work with nature. The orchard and walls feature fruit trees and vegetables are still grown in abundance. Produce is usually offered for sale at the entrance along with herbs and flowers. The Vine House is now a popular cafe with ample outdoor seating.

After a wander around Helmsley and the necessary ice cream, we enjoyed a scenic drive back via Ampleforth, Wass, Stillington and Huby to Haxby.

**Frances Owen**







## **YAHR u3a Summer School 2022**

**25 – 28 July**

I attended this year's Summer School held at The Hawkhill, Easingwold which is a lovely 18<sup>th</sup> century house set in extensive parkland with forest trails.

There were eight members of H&W u3a who joined u3a members from various parts of the region, most of whom stayed in modern residential accommodation onsite although those of us who live locally preferred to go home each day.

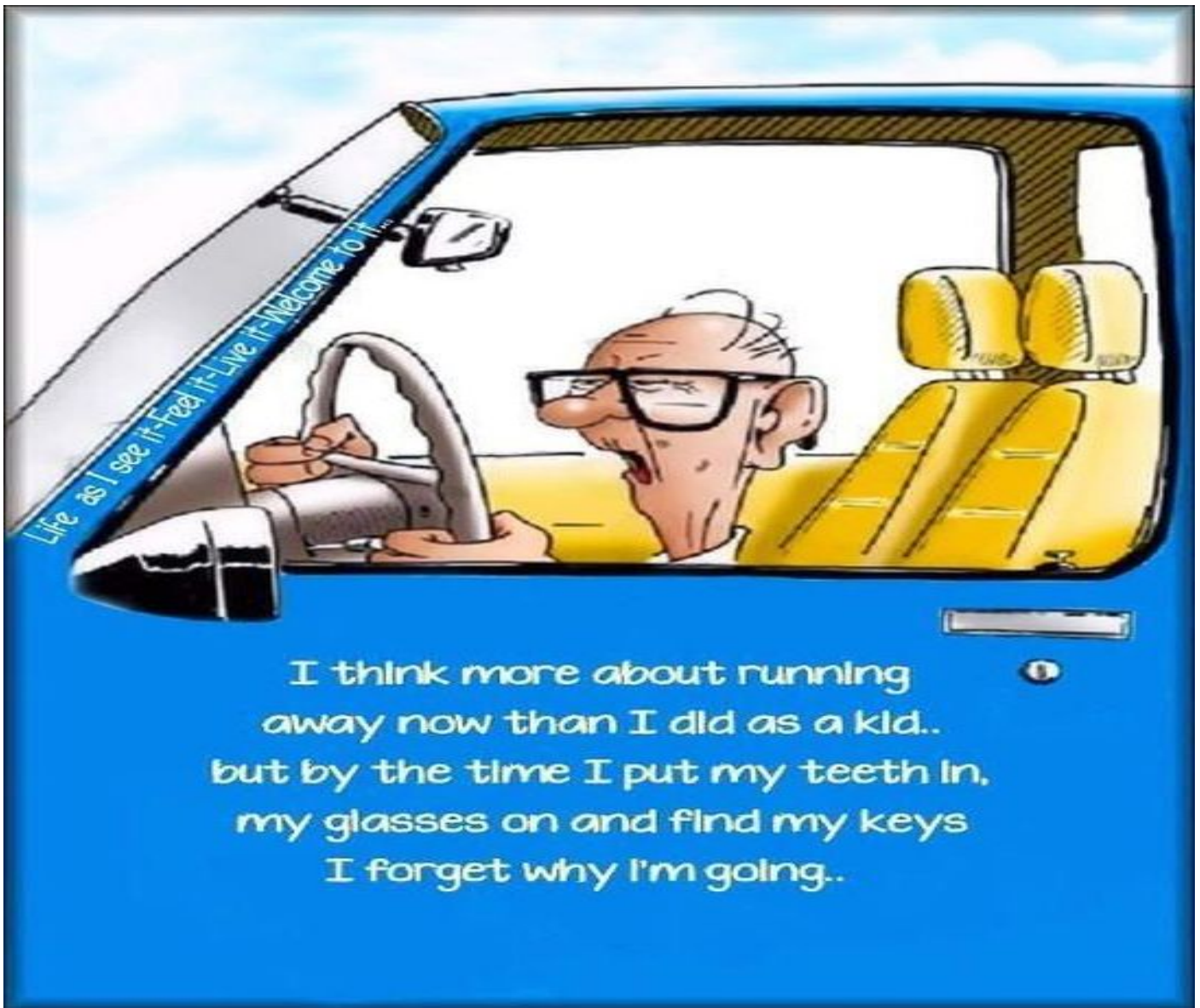
We arrived on Monday afternoon for registration and were welcomed in the Conference Room by the Chair of YAHR u3a, Pat Collard. She outlined the programme for the week and called us out in group order to follow our tutor to the allocated classroom. I chose to do the Archaeology of Britain in the post-Roman period, led by a tutor from a previous Summer School, as I knew he would make the course enjoyable although it required immense concentration.

There were fifteen in our group and we had two large screens to show excavation sites and burial mounds and the variety of objects which had been recovered. These included leather shoes, household objects, flint tools and weapons. We had two more full days of instruction and on the Thursday morning each group did a presentation to the other members. There was jewellery making, Spanish, Philosophy, Art, 'The air we breathe', Women artists from the Renaissance period, Greek Mythology and, of course, Archaeology. This was quite light-hearted and very enjoyable.

Coffee, tea, fruit juice, fruit and biscuits were always available and lunch and dinner were provided each day. We could take our drinks onto the terrace or go for a walk in the grounds and the library was available at all times. There was a talk or a quiz each evening for those members who stayed overnight. The location is ideal and it was good to meet up with people I had met at previous summer schools.

Our tutor said he is thinking of offering a different course next year so I am hoping to go back again.

***Dorothy Croft***



**JOKES**  
OF THE DAY

**The elderly lady  
calls her  
neighbor and  
asks for help  
with a difficult  
puzzle**



## Sunday Lunch at the Cottage, Haxby.





**Terry Prebble** has done a magnificent job running the Sunday Lunches. He has now decided to step down as Group Leader. He will be an hard act to follow.

Hopefully we will have a new Group Leader by the time we go for our Sunday Lunch in October.



**“Riverdance” by Anneliese Emmans Dean**

The Foss and the Ouse, they meet in York

And if these rivers could but talk

What tales they’d have to tell us all

Tales to frighten, to enthrall

Tales of trade, of boats with sails

Laden with barrels, bolts and bales

Tales of draught, and tales of flood

Leaving trails of silt and mud

Tales of Church and tales of State

From Roman times right up to date

Tales of merchants, peasants, Lords

Of Vikings turning up from Fjords

Tales of arms, of friend and foe

Tales of history’s ebb and flow

The source of all York’s affluence

Its influence and eminence

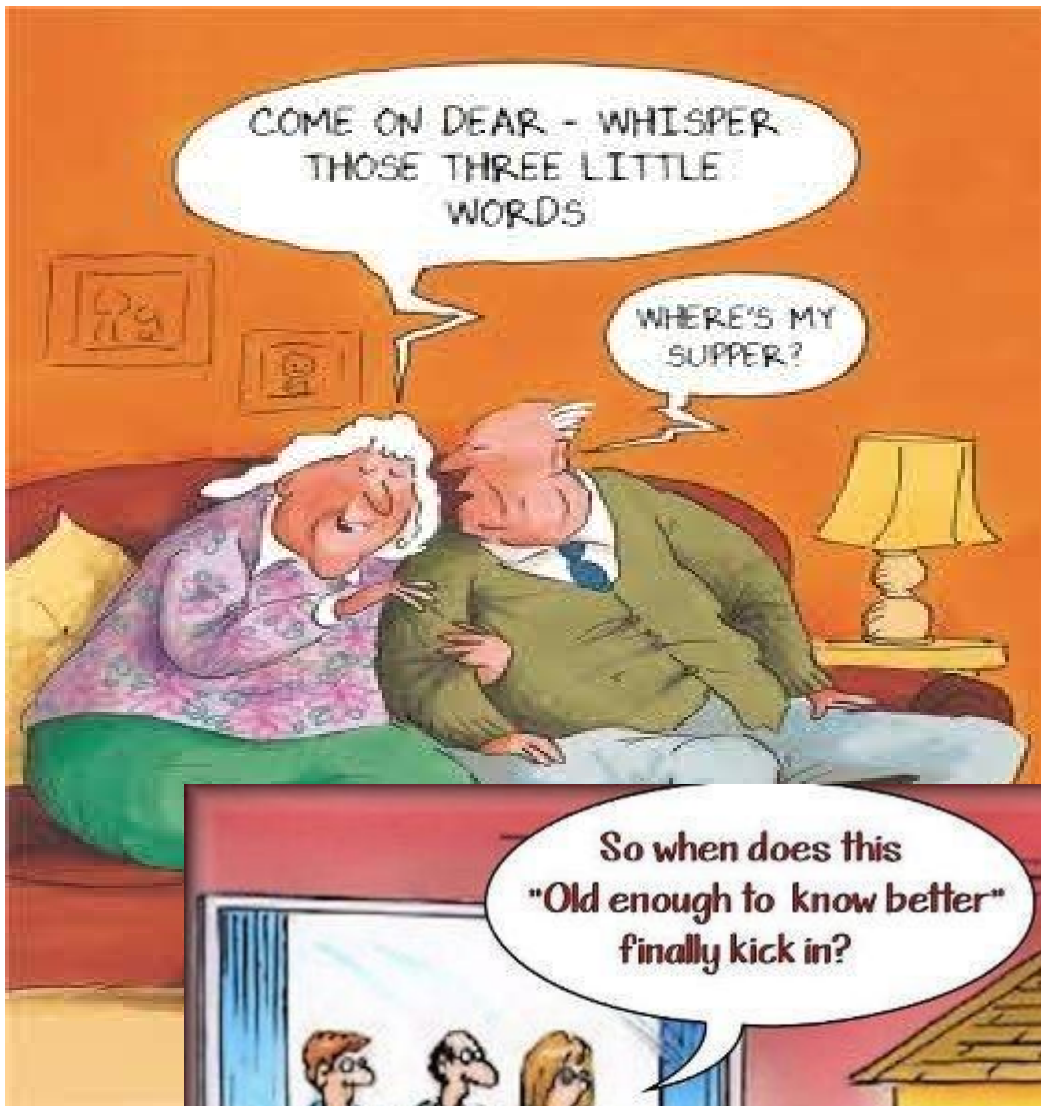
Its dominance, munificence

Beneficence and continuance

Is here, at the river’s confluence

Without the Foss and Ouse there’d be

No Eboracum, no Jorvic, no history..





## H&W U3A v Hartrigg Oaks

### Table Tennis Matches

In November 2021 a team of players from the Tuesday Morning and Friday Morning Table Tennis Groups were invited to play against a team from Hartrigg Oaks in their Activity Centre. It was a most enjoyable and friendly evening with many exciting close games, rounded off with very tasty refreshments. Our grateful thanks to the members of the Hartrigg Oaks team for their kind hospitality and friendship. A great evening was had by all.

So in June 2022 the Tuesday Morning and Friday Morning Table Tennis Team invited Hartrigg Oaks to a return contest at the John Jeffrey Community Pavilion in Wigginton one Saturday afternoon. Again we had many friendly but closely fought



games and an exciting contest. I'm pleased to report that the H&W U3A team won both contests. Our grateful thanks must go to Val Whitcher for the superb catering and soft drinks in the interval; the food was excellent. Everyone had lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and looks forward to the next time.

The two teams relax and chat.



The Tuesday Morning Table Tennis Group meets every week from 9.15am to 12.30pm at the **John Jeffrey Community Pavilion** in Wigginton, and the Friday Morning TT Group meets every week from 9.30 to 11.30am at the **JJCP**. If you fancy having a go at Table Tennis you will be most welcome at either or both groups. We have players of all abilities, from beginners to more experienced players, so you're bound to fit in!! There is a small charge of £3 per session to cover the Hall hire fees. Please contact the Group Leaders for more details:-

Tuesday Morning TT Group – **John Hunt**,

Friday Morning TT Group – **Chris Jaques**, .

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**Your letters and comments are always welcome.**

**Remember this is your Newsletter.**

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