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U3a Open Day September 2022

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October 2022

Chairmans Message October 2022

Hello everyone,

Our long, very hot summer is over and life is returning to normal. If you had a nice lawn then (like me) you are looking at a rather sad picture of many patches of dead grass. Fortunately, grass is very resilient, dare I say like us, and we know it will return to full fitness a little later.



As many of you know we had a very successful Open Day on Saturday 24th September with over 20 of our interest groups represented. Our publicity activity around our villages, Haxby, Wigginton, New Earswick, Strensall and Huntington did an excellent job and we had many visitors, both members and non-members. The atmosphere was lively and almost party-like. Definitely encouragement for a repeat in future years. It was a lot of work to set up and run and we must give a very big thank you for all those involved.

Leading directly from the Open Day we have attracted more than 20 new members so far and possibly more as the word gets around about 'Learn Laugh Live'.

The next important date is Friday 21st 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. We need new committee members so please come forward if you feel you can help. I promise you will enjoy it. The AGM will be followed by a talk, which I hope you will find interesting.

This year, after the AGM and the talk, the French Group have kindly offered to provide home baked cakes to accompany the usual tea and coffee. So come along and enjoy a treat.

In November we plan three meetings, all by our members Nick Morrice (2) and Peter Smith (1). Take a look at our Events page for details. We are always pleased for members to give talks on any subject. We will always help. Please contact me or Mike Calvert if you would like to do this.

Best wishes

Peter Gibbons

Chairman

Programme of monthly talks

Two talks remain this year. Details of the AGM talk have already gone out. John Mumford is speaking on the subject of legal matters pertaining to wills and lasting power of attorney. In November, Peter Smith, a local member will share his experiences of working in Sub-Saharan Africa introducing electronic medical records to rural areas. His talk 'Medicine in a forgotten corner of Africa' promises to be very interesting.

Next year, we are continuing at the Haxby Sports Bar which has proved to be a well equipped, comfortable venue. The programme is provisional and subject to change but it was felt useful to share it with you at this stage so that you can set aside the dates in your diary for next year. My thanks to Judy Pennick and Chris Rouse for supporting me with the programme.

	Speaker	Talk	Details
Jan 20	Mike Ward	The Titanic	Mike Ward has led shipwreck expeditions around the world. No shipwreck enjoys the attention that the Titanic attracts. A masterpiece of engineering, she was conceived out of pride and greed, wrecked by overconfidence, and became a tragedy because of the conventions of the day.
Feb 17	TBC		<i>Due to possible closure of the Sports Bar in February, no decision has been reached yet as to the talk on that date or the venue.</i>
Mar 17	Stephen Wells	The Story of Butlin's Holiday Camps	Stephen began his career as a redcoat and went on to be an Entertainment Executive working with the best in the business. He will share his funny stories and explain how Billy Butlin built an empire with just £5.00 to begin with.
Apr 21	Ken Robertshaw	Ole Man (on a) River	Born in Halifax, Ken developed a love of the outdoors. His fundraising exploits have included crossing the arctic regions of Northern Europe by dog sled, driving trucks to Romania, and kayaking the length of the Mississippi – 2350 miles if you are counting.
May 19		TBC	
June 16	Paul Adey	The Story of Energy	A topical talk about the use and generation of power and electricity. After a long career in the motor industry working in senior management for some of the largest companies in the world, Paul is well placed to give us a fascinating perspective on ways of generating energy and some debates that it provokes.
July 21	Eric Jackson	The Gunpowder Plot	Eric has spoken to us before about model villages and we were keen to have him back to talk about our (in)famous local lad. What do we know about the event itself and the circumstances leading up to it? Eric promises an engaging talk on this interesting subject.
Sept 15	Malcolm Brooke	Yorkshire's Vanishing Coastline	After a career working in education for the MoD and being stationed in Cyprus and Germany, Malcolm returned to explore our local coastline. This is the inspiration for his talk.

Oct 20 with AGM		Speaker TBC	
Nov 17	Jeff Jacklin	Retirement for Beginners	We've invited Jeff back to talk to us after his successful talk on the NHS. He claims to be an expert on retiring having done it four times. He doesn't claim to be good at it, just that he is experienced! As well as sharing his wisdom, he uses his talk to share some humorous comedy clips. TBC

SOCIAL EVENTS

By this time, there will be a new Social Events Coordinator in place. I do hope you will give her your ideas for outings, events and activities, together with offers of support.

The last 5 years have offered many interesting and enjoyable experiences, both local, national and abroad. Travelling with a friendly group, you never feel alone and local pick ups make it both easy and convenient to join.



Our latest trip was to Saltaire on 25 September. Despite a chilly start, we searched out a warm coffee shop, open yards and art shows in the village and finally the attractions in the vast Salts Mill, a treasure house of art, design, history and food, with many works by the prolific artist David Hockney.

I know that Social Events are appreciated by many members and I look forward to taking a back seat in future.

Frances Owen

Ballroom Dancing Group

We are still dancing!

Rumours that we had “folded” are not true!

and

We are a friendly and enthusiastic group, who enjoy ballroom dancing.

The skill levels of our members range from raw beginners through to ballroom experts, who are very happy to teach any newcomers who want to learn.

We meet most Mondays throughout the year in the Haxby Sports Bar, 64 North Lane, YO32 3JP, at 10.30 a.m. through till 12.30 pm.

We do basic ballroom dances—e.g., waltz, quickstep, social foxtrot, cha-cha, rhumba, and sequence dances (each couple doing the same routine in a circle) -such as Balmoral Blues, Mayfair Quickstep, Rhumba One

The group is open to individuals and couples—and although some couples prefer to stick together, others will “split” to dance with those without their own partners.

Membership of Haxby & Wigginton U3A required.

Cost per session £2

Why not come and join us?

For further information please contact---

The Haxby and Wigginton U3a Secretary





**The Friday walking group having fun at St. Nick's Nature Reserve.
Photos taken by Frances Owen and Roger Kendall**

I'VE JOINED
THE RAMBLERS

IS THAT
WALKING OR
TALKING?





Chairman Peter Gibbons ringing in the start of the U3A Open Day at the Haxby Memorial Hall.







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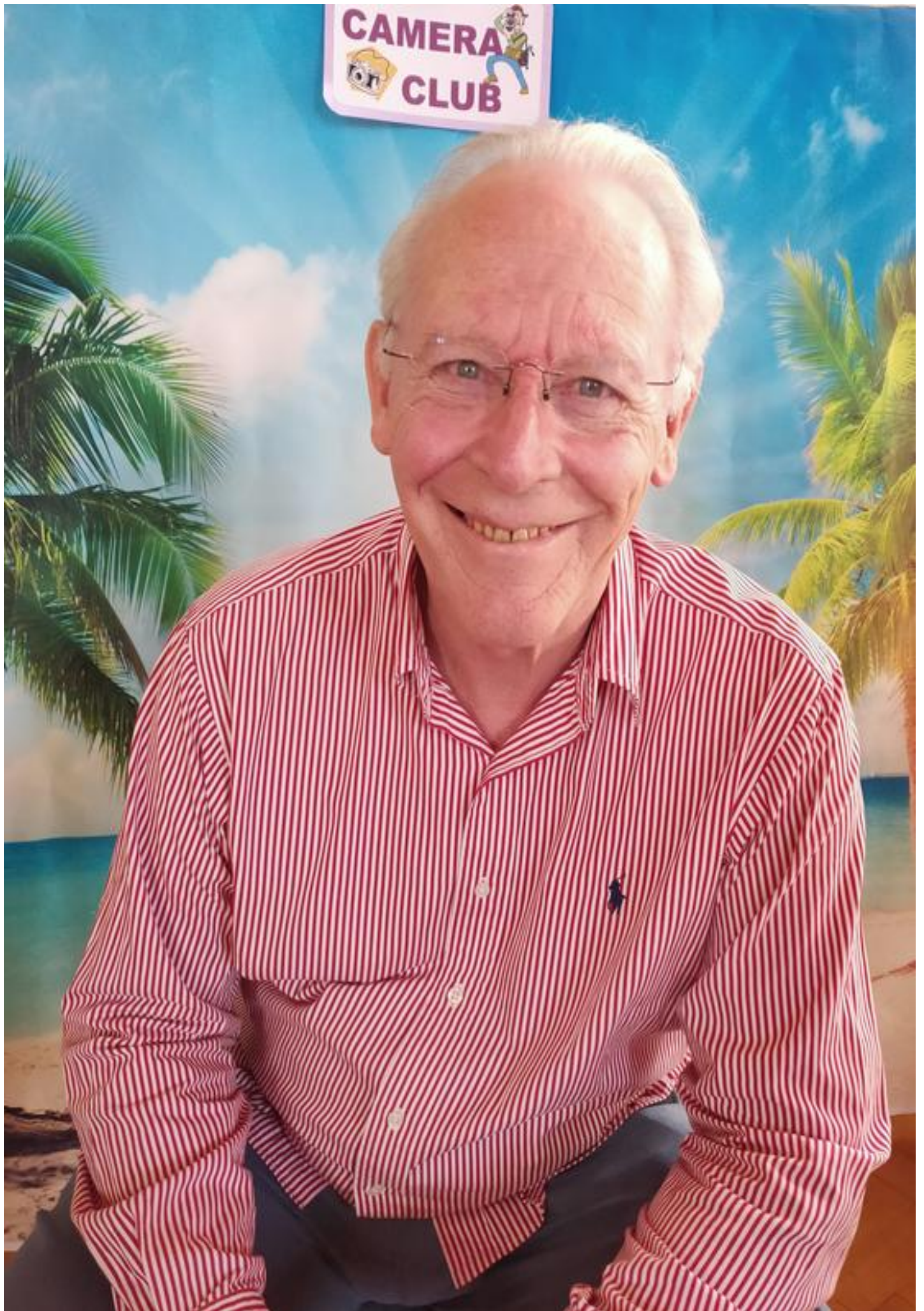




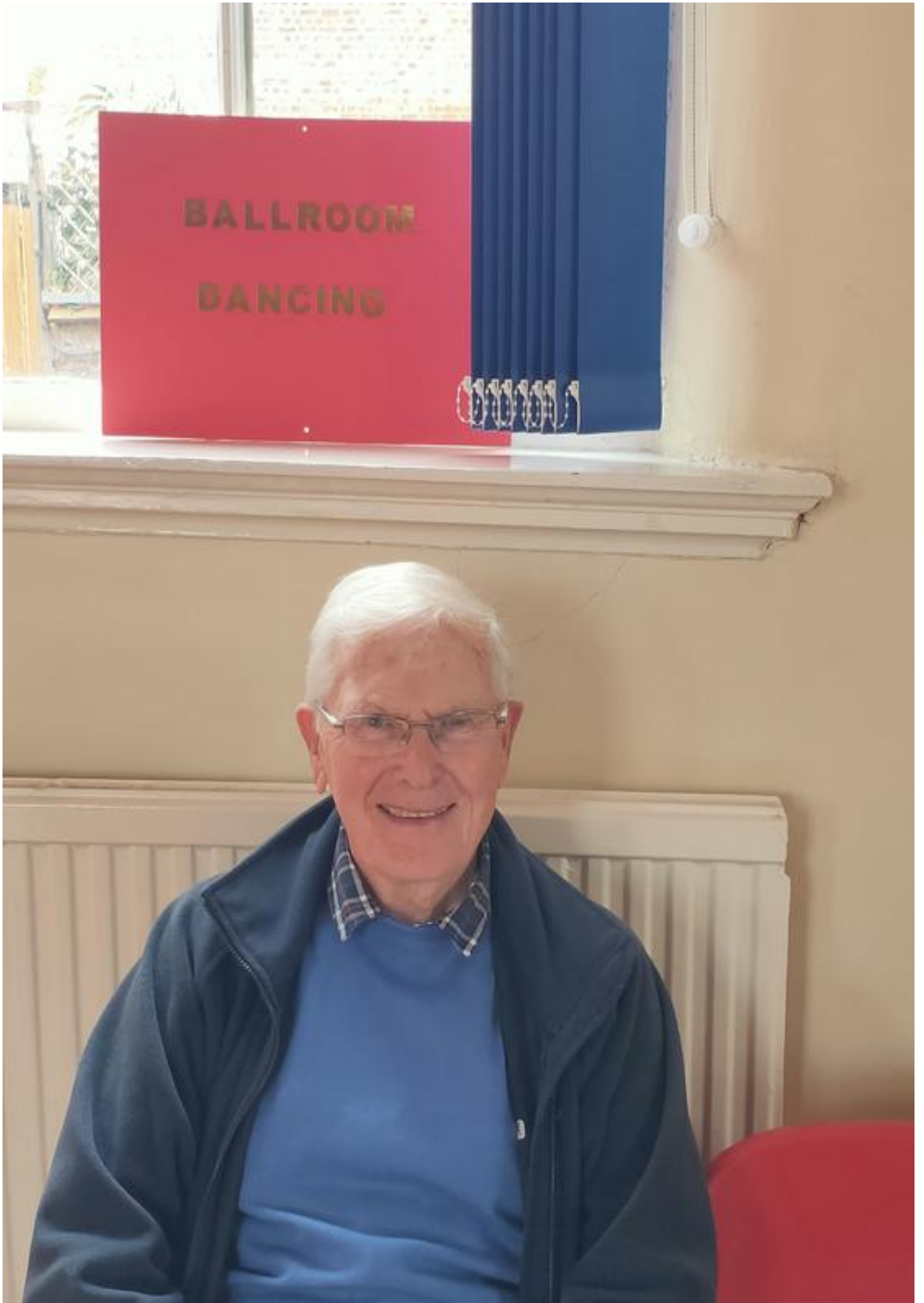


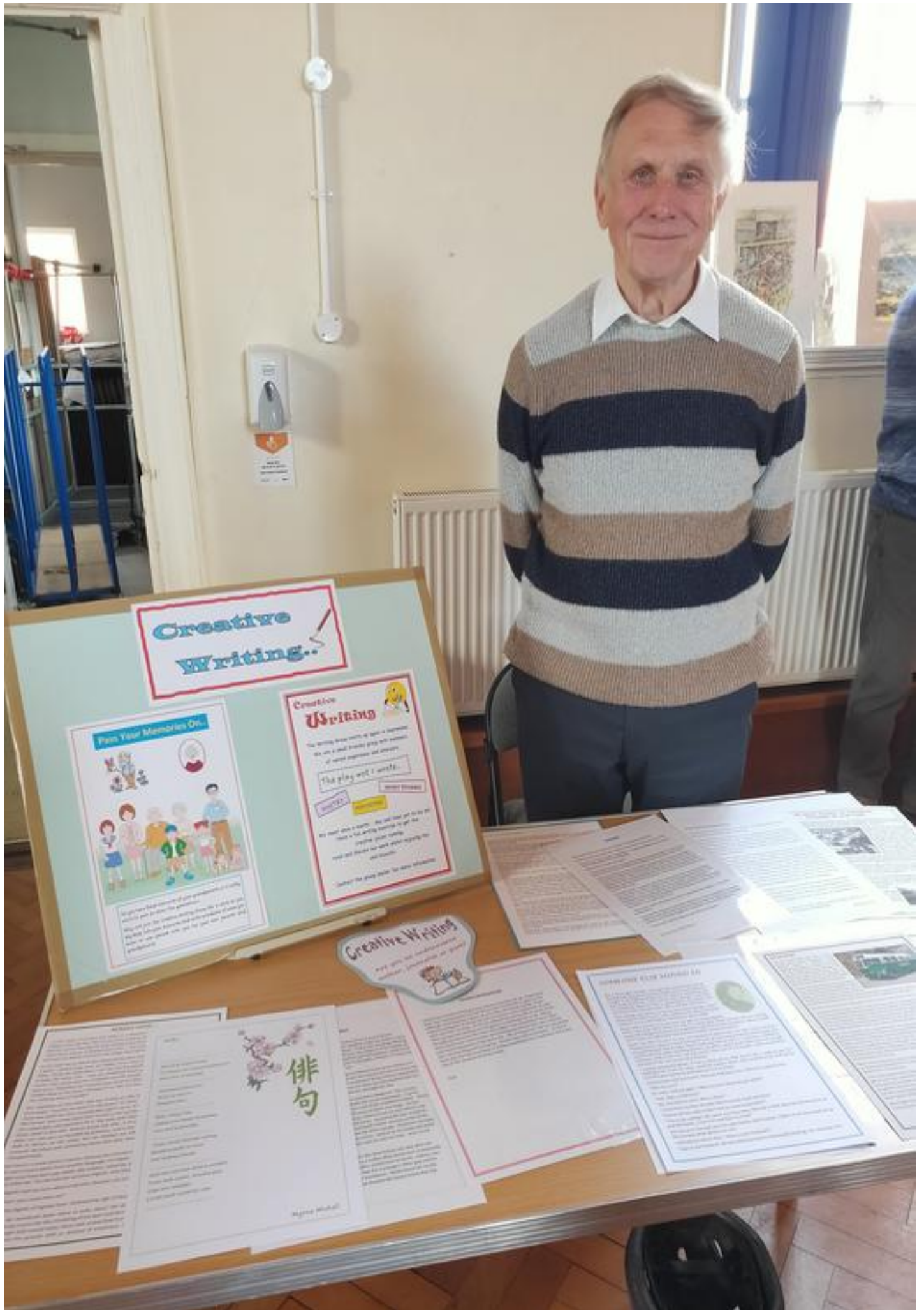














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