

Whitby Whaler  
April 2023



## Message from the Chair

Hi all. Spring seems to have arrived and the flowers are starting to show their heads. The u3a trips are now in full swing. The flower show, Beamish and theatre trips are now being booked, not forgetting the music festival on 13<sup>th</sup> June. The social morning is on the second Saturday of the month in St. John's, starting after Easter. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Stagers are rehearsing their variety show for the summer. We still need more volunteers, committee members and a new chairman, so please help if you can.

## Saturday Social - Coronation Special

Please note that as the second Saturday in April is Easter weekend, we won't be holding a Saturday Social at St John Ambulance Hall this month. The next one will therefore be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. As this is the week after the Coronation, it has been suggested that we have a Coronation theme. If anyone has any ideas to mark the occasion, or is interested in helping, either with planning the event or on the day, please get in touch with Anne Jackson.

Note that these Socials are in addition to the regular coffee mornings that take place at the Rifle Club on the third Saturday of the month, which remain the place to buy event tickets and for convenors to hand in class fees. Our next such coffee morning will be taking place at the Rifle Club on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## Rifle Club Easter Break

Please note that there will be no u3a classes held at the Rifle Club between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. u3a events at the Rifle Club will resume after the Easter break starting with the regular coffee morning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## u3a Theatre Visits Group

**SLEEPING BEAUTY** Ballet £58 Theatre Royal Newcastle Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Leave Whitby from 8.55am. Leave Newcastle at 4.15pm (fully booked and paid up.)

You will already have your theatre ticket in an envelope with details of pick-up points. The coach leaves Eskdale School turning circle at 8.55 am and picks up along the way.

**SISTER ACT** (starring Lesley Joseph) Theatre Royal, Newcastle. £62 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at 2pm. Leave Whitby from 8.55am Leave Newcastle at 4.30pm **4 spare places.** Get in touch asap

**SIX** Musical. Theatre Royal Newcastle. £52 (Wives of Henry VIII)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 5.30pm

Leave Whitby from 10am. (Please note later times)

Leave Newcastle at 7pm. **2 spare places available**

Please note \*\*Full Payment due for this show asap but before mid-April please\*\*

**THE BODYGUARD** (Whitney Houston story) Musical

Theatre Royal Newcastle Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm £63

Leave Whitby from 8.55am Leave Newcastle TBC

Each outing leaves Whitby from Eskdale School turning circle, picking up at Harrison's, Castle Park and The Salmon Leap.

Dropping off in the same way on the return home.

Payment at Coffee mornings or when I see you at u3a events

Cheque Whitby Whaler u3a or cash in an envelope with your name on

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

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## Gardening Group

We are finishing off this year's programme with three summer trips, the April trip to Harrogate Spring Flower Show is now full, however I am collecting money for the other two trips, seats that have been reserved for June's trip if not paid for at the next coffee morning will be open to all Whitby Whaler Members. To save time please bring your money/cheque - Whitby Whaler U3A - in an envelope, with your name, and collection point on the outside. - details as below:

**Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> April - Harrogate Spring Flower show** - Collection times/points for all trips are: 8.50am - Eskdale Road End, 9.00am - Harrison's Garage, 9.05am - Castle Park & 9.10am - Salmon Leap.

**Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> May - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels & Gardens**, near Durham City - £32.00, includes coach, admission, tour & buffet lunch.

**Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Kiplin Hall & Gardens** Near Scorton, Richmond - £19.00, includes coach, admission and tour. There is a small cafe so members may wish to take a picnic  
Any queries please contact Joyce on 07868956919

## 3rd Age Stagers

Rehearsals for our next show "A Summer Variety" are well underway and proving to be challenging as we enter musical theatre mode which is new for us - but the Stagers are always up for a challenge! Yes, the show offers songs, sketches, surprises plus some dance and humour all wrapped together with touches of summer and our lovely Whitby. We video our shows and are looking for anyone that could take over the task of filming us. Also, we could do with someone to help with sound, no special equipment required but, to help press buttons at the right time. These do not require attending every Tuesday morning, just those leading up to the show.

Show at the Rifle Club 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 and 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30. Tickets £2 from April's coffee morning or the bar of the Rifle Club.

## Concert Outings

The next concert outing will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April to the Sage Gateshead. This concert features Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Nicola Benadetti, and Benjamin Grosvenor, probably the three best-known soloists in the country, in Beethoven's Triple Concerto, as well as Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony. This outing is now sold out.

## Music Appreciation

The March meeting featured travels round the world, with music from Portugal, Spain and Italy. The next meeting will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm at St John Ambulance Hall, programme yet to be decided. For further details please contact me on 01947. 600963 or [twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk) Trevor Barrowcliffe

## Jazz Appreciation

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 4.15pm at St John Ambulance Hall. For further details please contact me on 01947 600963 or [twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk) Trevor Barrowcliffe

## u3a Singers

The u3a singers are continuing rehearsals every Wednesday, at 2.30pm, St John Ambulance Hall. There will be a two-week break for Easter, so no sessions on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April. Rehearsals will recommence on 19<sup>th</sup> April. For further information please contact the Group Leader, Elizabeth Cheyne, on 604635.

## Music Festival

The management team of the Yorkshire and Humber Region are organising a music festival in June 2023. The aim is to showcase and celebrate the musical talent in the Yorkshire and Humber region, providing an opportunity for members of u3a music groups to perform, and to listen to, and socialise with, members of other u3a music groups in the region.

All four of Whitby Whaler's music groups are planning to take part and non-performers will also be able to attend. This will be an opportunity for non-performers to listen to not only all our music groups, but also those of other u3as in the region, and it should be an enjoyable day out, so why not come along and support our music groups? Anne Jackson has organised a coach - see her at coffee mornings to book a place on the coach. The event will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in York St John University, which is in the centre of York. Catering will be provided, comprising coffees, teas, and a buffet lunch. To cover the cost of catering and venue hire the overall cost will be £15 per head. The cost will be the same for performers and non-performers.

Further details, including how to register for the event, can be found on our website [www.u3asites.org.uk/whitby](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/whitby) If you have any questions please contact Trevor Barrowcliffe on 01947 600963 or [twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk)

## Travels from your Armchair

The next meeting will be at the Coliseum on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, when John Bailey will present on the Eastern part of Malaysia which is in Borneo. 10.15 for a 10.30 start. All welcome.

The following meetings until the summer break will be as follows:

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May, John McEachen will give a presentation entitled "Culture and birds of Kazakhstan"

On 6<sup>th</sup> June, Peter Bolton will give his second presentation on Bulgaria, which should include photos taken in May this year.

## History Group

St. John Ambulance Hall Thursdays (weekly). 2 – 4 pm

The History group sessions in March were concluded with further excellent meetings covering relatively obscure but turbulent periods in Russian and English history, while



### **‘The School Inspector Calls!’**

A lively and personal presentation by the former school inspector and best-selling author – drawing on his wide-ranging experience of life in the Yorkshire Dales, and school life and visits.

*(Please note that this lecture is scheduled one week earlier than usual and is just after the Easter weekend)*

## **The Discussion Group**

The Discussion Group has continued to go from strength to strength throughout the autumn and spring. We regularly have between 12 and 15 members in attendance and earlier in March we attracted 18 members- are largest gathering for the year! We have discussed a variety of topics including the amalgamation of secondary schools in Whitby, the changing role of the family, the lack of an environmental perspective on new housing developments in Whitby, our role in helping the victims of crises in Turkey and Syria, the sponsorship of football by gambling companies, offences committed by the Met. on women, and the proposal to make voting at General Elections compulsory. Our meetings in May and April will be curtailed by Bank Holidays but our last meetings of the year will be at 2.30pm at the St. John Ambulance Hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. There will be no meetings of this group in June, July and August. The Discussion Group will reconvene in September 2023. David Bradley (Leader).

## **Philosophy Group**

We meet at 2:30pm on the 1st and 3rd (but \*not\* the 5th) Monday of each month at St John Ambulance Hall.

Following the Turkey/Syria earthquake and the anniversary of the invasion of Eastern Ukraine... We continue to look at the "problem of evil/suffering".

Future sessions will be led by the interests of the group.

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## **Sequence Dancing**

Why not come and join us on a Friday morning 10 to 12 in the St Johns Ambulance Hall, have some easy exercise, lots of fun and laughter and meet new friends? This will only cost you £1.00. You can also have a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit for 20p.

## **Wine with Friends**

At our March meeting we tasted wines made from the same grape variety but produced in different areas - one in the old world and one in the new world of wine production. We sampled 2 Rieslings, 2 Pinot Noirs and 2 Grenache Syrah blends plus a Cava to get the evening off to a fizzy start! It was interesting to compare the wines from different areas and discover how much variation there can be between them. Mike and Clair Stones generously let us use their house again for the meeting and the wines were presented by Liz & David Farmilo

## **TOAST**

Eleven of the Group enjoyed a very nice lunch at the Kaskane restaurant in Skinningrove on 11<sup>th</sup> March. We all had a stroll down to the seashore and most went

on to the more secluded beach beyond the bridge. We had a fairly nice day for the walk – quite cold and breezy but thankfully not rainy.

Unfortunately a planned outing to the Murder Mystery event at St Matthews church in Grosmont, due to take place 18<sup>th</sup> March, was cancelled at the last minute because they had no heating. I have been told they are hoping to rearrange this and I will let everyone know when they provide a new date.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 16 of the Group thoroughly enjoyed the Indian Banquet night put on by the Victoria Hotel in Robin Hoods Bay. Staff were dressed in Indian attire and the room nicely decorated. The food was ‘all you can eat’ and everyone went home very full indeed. The dhal and the lamb curry for me were superb and the poppadoms the biggest I’ve ever had.

Our forthcoming trips are to the Grainary restaurant for Sunday lunch on 30<sup>th</sup> April and a return visit to the tapas restaurant in Robin Hoods Bay in May. May will also see us visit the Engine Shed in Pickering, with time to look around the garden centre there and plan your summer displays. In April quite a number from our Group will be going on the trip to Beamish on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, which had been started off by TOAST and then widened to the Whitby U3A. I will be the lead U3A member for that trip.

If anyone wants to go on any of these please let me know. We will meet as usual on the first Saturday of the month, 1<sup>st</sup> April, at the Penny Hedge at 10am, so come along if you’d like to join us.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO monthly TOAST coffee morning in May as the first Saturday clashes with the Coronation.

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Skinningrove Beach

## Play Reading

We have just started to read ‘Absurd Person Singular’ by Alan Ayckbourn. Our next play will be ‘Death of a Salesman’ by Arthur Miller. As you can see, two very different genres. We continue to include selections of poetry after we have completed the play reading for that afternoon and now also include the occasional discussion about favourite books. If anyone would like to join this Group we meet every Thursday at 2pm at Whitby Cricket Club where there is ample parking.

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## From Helen Leech

### To mark the forthcoming Coronation

Following a wonderful suggestion from a member on how to mark the forthcoming Coronation in May - we are launching a new initiative - ‘Cook for the King’ We would like you to create a dish that celebrates and reflects Britain in 2023.

We would love the u3a movement to find the dish of the 2023 Coronation - one to become as famous as Coronation Chicken.

There are no hard and fast rules - be creative - but please consider the guidelines and themes below.

**Good luck with your creations! We look forward to seeing your delicious recipes.**

### Guidelines for submitting:

We suggest the dish could reflect either or both of the following themes:

- Sustainability and environmental impact. Consider agricultural and welfare best practices in your selected produce.
- Representative of the UK's partnership with the Commonwealth, celebrating the diversity of British cuisine in 2023.

The dish must be your own creation, an original recipe to the best of your knowledge. You should have made the dish yourself at least once, following your recipe. We recommend keeping the dish as simple as possible. All submissions must include at least one image of the dish; up to four images can be included. You may submit multiple recipes.

#### Please complete the form to submit your recipes

Dishes will be judged based on the recipe and images only - the judges will not make the dishes.

#### **The deadline for submissions is 11 pm on Monday 10th April 2023**

The winner will be announced ahead of the Coronation, and the winning recipe will be showcased on our website.

A shortlist of recipes will be sent to the Palace so they can see just how talented we are in the u3a movement.

## Dates for your Diary

The Rifle Club will be closed on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April.  
 Coffee Morning Rifle Club Saturday 10am on 15<sup>th</sup> April  
 Committee Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April Rifle Club 14.00 - 16.00  
 Leader's Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July St John Ambulance 11.0 - 14.00  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 AGM Rifle Club. 10.00 - 13.00

The next newsletter will be produced on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.  
 Deadline for copy (which should be sent to: [sheilasloan@btinternet.com](mailto:sheilasloan@btinternet.com)) is 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022.