

Whitby Whaler

June 2023



Message from the Chair

Hi all on this bright and sunny day, but it may be raining when you get this. Just a few thoughts ... the art group is having an exhibition in the Coliseum on Thursday 8th June so please support them, come and have a look. Also, we have booked a stall for Whitby community day at Whitby Rugby Club on Sunday 25th June from 12 noon, so need some volunteers. Please help if you can. Don't forget the social coffee morning on the 10th June at St John Ambulance Hall 10am and the business one the week after on 17th June at 10am in the Rifle Club. See you there.

From Sandra Goodrich (Business Secretary)

National Volunteers Week takes place from 1st - 7th June every year, and is a chance to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities and say thank you. As with all local u3a's, volunteers are the absolute lifeblood of Whitby Whalers, giving freely of their time, energy and skills, and without them we simply couldn't function. So whether it be leading groups, making tea and coffee at our coffee mornings, setting out chairs and tables or serving on the committee, thank you one and all.

u3a Theatre Visits Group

SISTER ACT Thursday 22nd June at 2pm, Newcastle. Fully booked. A few tickets still to be collected.

SIX Wednesday 5th July 5.30pm Newcastle. £52 Leave Whitby 11am. PLEASE NOTE LATER TIME (2 places available. Get in touch asap if you would like to go.) All Tickets ready to collect at coffee morning or when I see you.

THE BODYGUARD Thursday 17th August at 2pm, Newcastle. Fully booked. **Payment now due £63**

42nd STREET Thursday 12th October Newcastle £63. Fully booked. Payment when convenient.

We are receiving information for shows in 2024 and must arrange early to get good seats. 50 places booked for **PRETTY WOMAN** on Wednesday 5th June 2024, 2pm at Newcastle. I am taking a deposit of £40 each on signing up. This payment as soon as possible. Balance to pay next year. List already half full! 25 places still available. It is a very long way ahead, but all theatre seats get booked very quickly these days. Payment by Cash or cheque (Whitby Whaler u3a) in an envelope with your name on. Please contact me with any queries. Thank you.

Rose Corner Theatre Group Organiser

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Gardening Group

The final trips for this year are as follows:

Mon. 3rd 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.

Collection times/points are: 8.50am - Eskdale Road End, 9.00am - Harrison's Garage, 9.05am - Castle Park & 9.10am - Salmon Leap.

Mon 7th/Tues 8th (STBC) August: Tour of Whitby's Walled Garden & Cream Tea £10.00. Check with Joyce either on the Kiplin Hall trip or at July's Coffee Mornings.

Any queries please contact Joyce Stangoe.

Family History Group

The Family History Groups have now closed down for the summer break but will be back in September.

The Whaler Band

May has been a busy month for The Whaler Band. We spent an afternoon at Church House, Sleights, entertaining the Revival group. An organisation helping to promote social interaction amongst elderly residents in the local area. Later the same week we performed for "The Dalesfolk" at Glaisdale. Another organisation promoting social interaction in the Esk Valley area. Later the same day, some of The Whaler Band performed a short spot at the Rifle Club as part of a musical evening raising funds for the British Heart Foundation. Next month, we are performing at Peregrine House, to entertain the residents and then taking part in the Yorkshire & Humberside Region U3A Music Festival in York.

Music Festival

The management team of the Yorkshire and Humber Region are organising a music festival in June 2023.

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 13th 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 is £15 per head. The cost is 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; if you have any questions, please contact Trevor Barrowcliffe on 01947 600963 or twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk

Travels from your Armchair

The next meeting (and the last before the summer break) will be on Tuesday 6th June, Hopkinson Suite at the Coliseum, when Peter Bolton will give his second presentation on Bulgaria - "Bulgaria Past and Present", which will include photos taken in May this year.

Please note that the time of the meetings has been changed (in response to changes in the bus timetable) and is now 10.30 for a 10.45 start. All welcome.

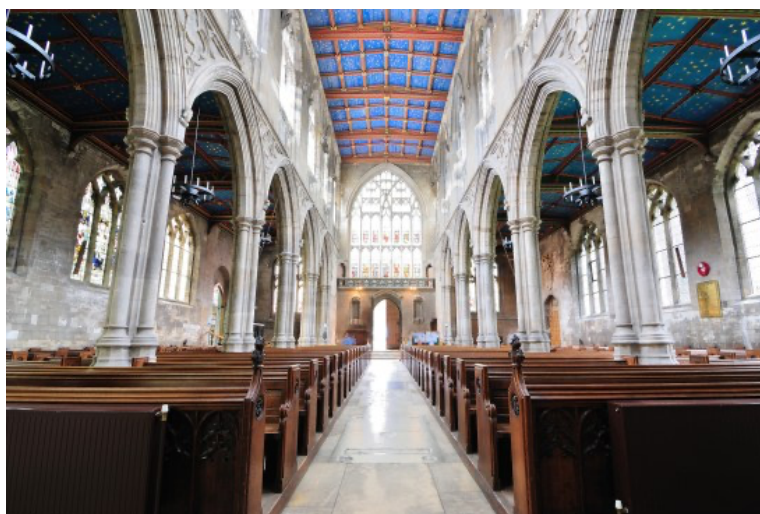
History Group St. John Ambulance Hall Thursdays (weekly). 2 – 4 pm



Our activities for this year finished with an excellent presentation on Catherine the Great and the development of Russia's status and political influence which interspersed our two external visits of the year.

Portrait of Catherine the Great

The visit to Beverley was marked by a short walking tour of the historic features of the town centre and a particularly interesting visit to St. Mary's Church adjacent to the North Gate of the town. We were treated to an impressive talk by one of the church members who extolled not just the architectural importance of the church but also its current life and the renovations taking place.



Interior of St. Mary's, Beverley

Our second visit was to the impressive Royal Armouries in Leeds. The presentation of the displays and the sequence of demonstrative talks during the day made this visit particularly memorable. Our particular thanks go to Marian Brockway and Frances Hilson for setting up these visits.

We still have in mind a possible visit in July to the Headland at Hartlepool to see the departure of the Tall Ships but we are still waiting for the official guidance on bus parking for that. We will get in touch with all who have expressed interest once we know of the feasibility of this trip.

The programme for the autumn sessions has now been distributed and will be published on the website shortly. We do thank everyone who has attended our sessions and really appreciate your continued support.

Lecture Group

St. John Ambulance Hall Tuesdays (3rd monthly). 10 – 12 noon



Our presentation in May – by Clair Stones - was an enlightening and informative one on the importance of the two Scoresbys, father and son, to the whaling history of Whitby; not only that, however, as they also influenced and developed many other aspects of the town. The son contributed significantly to scientific developments of the time as well. This talk, and the recent one by Christiane Kroebel to the History group, served to remind us of the historic importance of Whitby as a port.

William Scoresby (the son)

Our presentation in June will be on the work of the Yorkshire air ambulance:

Tuesday, June 20th

‘The work of the Yorkshire Air ambulance team’ Keiron Hardwick

We trust you will come along to hear of this important work and thank you for your continued support over the past months. The programme for the autumn will be published at this meeting and on the website.

Philosophy Group

We will reconvene the first Monday 5th June. We would welcome new members. Drop me an email. graham.c.robinson@gmail.com
Many thanks Graham Robinson

TOAST

We have had only one TOAST outing during May, mainly because of so many people being busy with a certain Coronation and all the Bank Holidays. We went to the Engine Shed restaurant at Pickering for a lunch. This was very pleasant indeed and had an extensive lunchtime menu to choose from. We all took the opportunity for a look around the very nice shop they have there and to select a few things from their garden centre too.

Our next outing is on Sunday 4th June to the Wilson Arms at Sneaton (near Whitby) for Sunday Lunch. Their prices are very reasonable and they also do smaller portion options which many of us find more than enough. I have heard many good reports and so it is now being put the test!

Our next meeting is on Saturday 3rd June at the Penny Hedge at 10am. All welcome.
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Play Reading

We only met twice during May because of the various Bank Holidays. We finished one play – Top Girls by Caryl Churchill – and have just started another called Hand Over Fist by Richard Everett. We had never heard of this latest one but it is proving very well written. It is both funny and dramatic.

We aim to be continuing this class as much as possible throughout May, June and July. If anyone would like to join us please just get in touch. We regularly meet at the Whitby Cricket Club at 2pm on Thursdays.

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Urgent care experiences wanted

Have you used Whitby Hospital's GP Out of Hours and/or the Urgent Treatment Centre services?

Healthwatch York and Healthwatch North Yorkshire are working together to find out people's experiences of urgent care across York, Ryedale, Scarborough, Whitby and Selby. This is part of the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership (HNYHCP) project to improve people's experiences of urgent care. The Partnership wants to understand what is working and what isn't about urgent treatment options across the area. (Urgent treatment includes GP out of hours services and Urgent Treatment Centres, but not A&E or 999 services.)

People can feedback through a survey or by talking to volunteers in Urgent Treatment Centres throughout June and early July.

The surveys are available in a number of formats

at: https://padlet.com/Healthwatch_York/healthwatch-york-vr8twe4jxv8zvoal. The online survey is available at: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/VXVZ5O/> The closing date is 14 July. Copies of the survey in any other format can be requested by contacting the Healthwatch York office: by email at healthwatch@yorkcvs.org.uk or by phone 01904 621133. People can also call to talk through the questions with a member of the team if they would prefer to do this.

Dates for your Diary

3rd June at 10am TOAST coffee morning at the Penny Hedge

Committee Meeting Thursday 8th June Rifle Club 14.00 - 16.00

Social coffee morning Saturday 10th June St John Ambulance 10.00 - 11.30

Business coffee morning Saturday 17th June Rifle Club 10.00 - 11.30

Stall at Whitby Community Day (Rugby Club) Sunday 25th June from 12 noon

Leader's Meeting 10th July St John Ambulance 11.00 - 14.00

Saturday 14th October 2023 AGM Rifle Club. 10.00 - 13.00

The next newsletter will be produced on 1st July 2023.

Deadline for copy (which should be sent to: sheilasloan@btinternet.com) is 28th June 2023.