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## **WOODHALL SPA**

### **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT JUNE 2021**

Like many of you I am looking forward to my holiday in Britain. I am gradually acclimatising myself to swimming in the sea. I have researched those fashionable dry robes and I have dug out my shorts, warm fleece and anorak. I am determined to exhibit to the world that, despite the weather, I am enjoying myself.



We were disappointed with the delay in lifting current restrictions but are trying to find ways to renew activities within the current government Covid guidelines. Walking groups have continued throughout most of the lockdown. The Outings and Theatre Group has issued an invitation to visit Sledmeer House in September. Smaller groups are beginning meet in homes.

Members need to be innovative and flexible in restarting up interest groups. Some groups may have to splinter into groups of 6 so they can meet indoors. Some venues are opening up with restricted numbers. This will also require us to communicate more within the groups and with each other.

As part of this attempt to adapt to the new conditions, new interests have developed among members. There is an opportunity to form new interest groups. Do you have an interest not catered for by our current range of interest groups? Please get in touch with the Groups Coordinator to see if others are interested.

email: [wsu3agroups@yahoo.com](mailto:wsu3agroups@yahoo.com)

Some of the work of the Committee goes largely unnoticed by most members. We have improved the Complaints Policy. Members now have to show that they are prepared to resolve the complaint informally unless the nature of the complaint requires immediate referral. Complaints now have to be submitted to the Committee within one month and be investigated within three weeks. The Complaints Policy will be published on the new u3a website, which will be live shortly.

Malcolm Capps

## WOODHALL SPA u3a WEB SITE UPDATE

After some 8 years of service, we are about to move our current website over to a *new site* which hopefully offers the flexibility we need in the future.

Our new site has been built from a blank 'template' supplied by u3a themselves and in current use by over a thousand organisations like ours. Adding new pages, pictures, documents and even videos is straightforward.

By way of a taster, here is the Home Page - a shameless attempt to grab a passing potential member in the eye!



The screenshot shows the home page of the Woodhall Spa u3a website. At the top, there is a yellow navigation bar with links: Home, Welcome, Members, Newsletter, Groups, Events, Contact, and Links. Below this is a blue header with the text "Woodhall Spa" on the left and the u3a logo "u3a learn, laugh, live" on the right. A yellow banner below the header reads "Welcome to our new Website". Underneath, a small text line says "Please use the buttons or tabs above to explore our site". A blue banner below that reads "Just another busy day in Woodhall Spa". The main content area features a large photograph of a crowded street during the Woodhall Spa Forces Weekend, with many people and Union Jack flags. Below the photo, there is a small text notice: "Software notice: This site was created using the USA Site Builder, which is subject to the terms of the Apache license. It was last updated on 22/6/2011".

David Spratt - Web Master



## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. What is the highest number used in a Sudoku puzzle?
2. What is the term for a positive electrode?
3. Which swimming stroke is named after an insect?
4. Which English queen has the same name as a type of plum?
5. How many dots are used in each letter in the Braille system?
6. Which movie won the Oscar for best actor, director and cinematography in 2016?
7. What is a female deer called?
8. What unit is used to measure horses?
9. Who is Reg Dwight better known as?
10. Who provided Nick Wilde's voice in the 2016 movie of "Zootopia"?
11. How many tenpin bowling skittles need knocking down for a strike?
12. How is 77 represented in Roman numerals?
13. Who is the patron saint of music?
14. What are birds of a feather said to do?
15. "Kiss Me Kate" is a musical version of which play by Shakespeare?
16. The single "Papa Don't Preach" came from which Madonna album?
17. Betz cells are found in which part of the body?
18. What is the only bird that can hover in the air and also fly backwards?
19. Who earned the nickname "Slowhand"?
20. Which country does opera singer Pavarotti come from?

Editor

### WINE TASTER

At a wine merchant's warehouse the regular taster died, and the director started looking for a new one to hire.

A retired Old hairy Matelot drunk and with a ragged look, came to apply for the position.

The director wondered how to send him away.

They gave him a glass of wine to taste.

The old Matelot tried it and said, "It's a Muscat three years old, grown on a north slope, matured in steel containers. Low grade but acceptable."

"That's correct," said the boss. "Another glass, please."

"It's a cabernet, eight years old, south-western slope, oak barrels, matured at eight degrees. Requires three more years for finest results."

"Absolutely correct. A third glass."

"It's a pinot blanc champagne, high grade and exclusive," calmly said the drunk.

The director was astonished and winked at his secretary to suggest something. She left the room and came back in with a glass of urine.

The old sailor tried it.

"It's a blonde, 26 years old, three months pregnant, and if I don't get the job, I'll name the father."



Sailor Buoy

**GAME FOR A LAUGH** (no not the game show just some light humour to make you smile)



### **Four Worms:**

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon, thus four worms were placed in four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol; the second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm was dead

The second worm was ....dead

The third worm was....dead

The fourth worm was alive....

So, the Minister asked the congregation what was to be learnt from this demonstration.

There was silence, then one farmer at the back hazarded; “ As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won’t have worms..!

### **Door to Door:**

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their services. When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear that the woman was not pleased to see them, she told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message and slammed the door in their faces.

To her surprise however, the door did not close, in fact it bounced open. She tried again really putting her back into it and it slammed with the same result...the door bounced open again. Convinced that the two youths were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson... Just then one of them spoke and said quietly..”Ma’am, before you do that again, you need to move your cat...

### **Say it Slowly:**

On a beautiful late summer’s day, two American tourists were driving through Welsh Wales, they reached Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerchwyndrobwilllantsiliogogoch and stopped for lunch.

Still gazing in fascination at the place name on the sign outside, one of the tourists approached the waitress and said “Before we order, I wonder if you could settle an argument for us. Can you pronounce where we are very, very slowly?

“Sure, the girl shrugged. She leaned over the counter and said...”Buurrr gurrr king”..

S'all for now Folks  
Sailor Buoy ...AKA ...Andrew Zawada

## POETS NOOK

### WHERE DID I PUT ME GLASSES.?



Where did I put me glasses?  
I can't find 'em anywhere,  
I've looked in the kitchen, I've looked in the lounge,  
I've looked in the bedroom and they're nowhere to be found.

Where did I put me glasses?  
I'm gettin' in a tizzy,  
I can't see much without 'em,  
Did I leave 'em with ? Aunt Lizzy?

Where did I put me glasses?  
I'm cross now, I could swear,  
Will I really have to buy a chain that only oldies wear?

Where did I put me glasses?  
Did I leave 'em in the shed?  
My husband said "you silly moo, they're sittin' on yer 'ead.

Gill Galletly.

### THE SPELL CHEQUER OR THE POET TREE WITHOUT MIST ACHES

I have a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marks four my revue Miss steaks eye can knot  
sea

Each thyme when eye have struck the quays  
I weight four it to say  
If watt eye rote is wrong or right. It shows me strait a weigh  
As soon as a mist ache is maid it nose bee fore two late  
And eye can put the error rite. Now I shall fined it grate

A blackboard with white chalk text. The text reads: "Spelling is difficult ~~challenging~~ hard." The word "challenging" is crossed out with a horizontal line.

Spelling is  
difficult  
~~challenging~~  
hard.

I've run this poem threw it I'm shore yore policed too no. It's letter perfect in its weigh My chequer tolled me sew.

Editor

## **OUT OF THE MOUTHS' OF CHILDREN**

An Octopus has eight testicles.  
If you don't have sea all round you, you are Incontinent.  
A dolphin breathes through an arsehole on the top of its head.  
My dad goes out in his boat, and comes back with crabs.  
When you go swimming in the sea, it is very cold, and it makes my willy small.  
Electric eels live in caves under the sea and plug themselves into chargers

Editor

## **VAGARIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?  
Why is there's a d' in fridge ,but not in refrigerator?  
Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?  
Ironic that the word funeral starts with FUN?  
How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?  
If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?  
If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?  
How do you get off a non-stop Flight?  
Why is it called Rush Hour when traffic moves at its slowest then?

Editor

## **ALTERNATIVE DEFINITIONS**

Asunder - when your rear end hits the water first.  
Anemone - someone who doesn't like Ann.  
Banana - stop your grandmother from entering the house.  
Banjo - also stop Joseph.  
Baronet - string bag on pole used to catch titled gentlemen.  
Bumpkin - deliberately knock your brother over.  
Dialogue - an awful piece of wood.

Editor

## CROQUET



Thought it would be nice to see some of the Tuesday Morning u3a Croquet Group in action!

(1) L/R above. Ann Tissington, Anne Potter, Wendy and Lucille.

(2) Put me with the fellers. Joy with, John Cotton, John Woodward, Jeff.

(3) A keen player but who is it??

Bob Potter.

## BIRD WATCHING GROUP

9 members of the group met at Kirkby Gravel Pits on the 28<sup>th</sup> May. We saw many different birds such as Egret,



Swans, Greylag Geese, Heron, Oyster Catcher, Pochard, Shell Ducks with babies and Avocets (which caused much excitement).

We also heard, but didn't see, a Reed Warbler. Some of us finished the morning with coffee and/or lunch at the Tea House. Our next meet-up is at Gibraltar Point National Nature Reserve on the 25th June at 10am. New members are always welcome.

Ann Fletcher

## **OUTINGS AND THEATRE GROUP**

We are back!!

Following our recent announcement to all members, our coach trip to Sledmere House and Gardens on 21st September was quickly booked up. If you were allocated a place, you will have been contacted by Jackie Stevens to arrange for your payment, the deadline for which is 16th July. It's an early start – the coach will leave from the lay-by on Stixwoud Rd at 8am and return from the venue at 4pm.



We appreciate that a number of people will be disappointed at not getting a place this time. There is a reserve list in case of any cancellations. We hope to arrange another outing before Christmas. This will be announced by email when details are available, we are currently looking into visiting the Craft Fair at Sandringham House in November.

Hopefully, it won't be long before the Methodist Church allows us to recommence our monthly meeting and we can then hear your ideas and requests for outings in 2022.

The Outings and Theatre Group Committee

## **WOODHALL WANDERERS JUNE WALK**

Sixteen Wanderers turned up at The Three Horseshoes, Goulceby for the walk. The early birds arrived before 10am and were enjoying morning coffee when we arrived. However, we soon got ourselves organised and ten of us pre-ordered lunch for our return.



We set off through the village which was very quiet and were soon on a footpath crossing a stream. Back on the road and uphill to the next path through trees and out into fields. The farmer had thoughtfully marked the track with his tractor and we headed through beet and barley fields following the wheel marks to a kissing gate in the hedge.



Until a week or so ago this next field had been full full of flowers but now it was hay somewhere on the farm. On through another kissing gate, woodland and a meadow, this time still with flowers.

Luckily we had had no rain to for a few days and the water meadow that we had to cross was reasonably dry. A couple of weeks ago it had been a bit more of a paddle.

Now out onto the road for a short walk to a bridleway cutting a corner to another road. Again just a short stretch of road before we joined the Viking Way and started our return to Goulceby. To our left was woodland fenced off with fenceposts made from railway sleepers. Quite some task to cut railway sleepers lengthways.

From the woodland we were back out on to flower meadow again and a stop for coffee/tea and a chat. At this point the Lincolnshire Reds in the next field decided that the fence was in the way and a young calf came bounding over to take a closer look at us. He got within about 50 yards before he decided that he had seen enough and returned to mum.

On our way up the incline across the field we hit a marshy patch where a few Wanderers noticed a magnificent Marsh Orchid. Unfortunately nobody took a photo for us to share.

The way back after the meadow was via a well worn track and passed yet another herd of Lincolnshire Reds. These ladies were all huddled in a hole carved in to the hillside where they were getting a bit of relief scratching their bottoms against the side wall.

Another couple of fields and a short bit of road and we were back to The Three Horseshoes where we enjoyed a well deserved lunch.

John Cotton

## LIST OF COMING EVENTS

DATE	TOPIC/MEDIUM	SPEAKER
1st July	Picnic in the Park #2. <b>CANCELLED</b> Monthly meeting outdoors in Jubilee Park...details to follow.	Committee
1st July	<b>GONGOOZLING - LIFE ON THE CANALS</b>  Neil Sadler (ex-policeman) he retired and travelled over 2000 miles in a 58-foot canal narrowboat.  He covers history, humour a wet puppy, and a broken arm!	Neil Sadler
5th August	‘Another Opening, Another Show’ This is a unique, anecdotal account of Simon’s exciting career singing opposite Joan Sutherland and Luciano Pavarotti at The Edinburgh Festival. Cleo Lane in ‘Showboat’ at London’s The Adelphi Theatre and Ginger Rodgers in ‘Mame’ at the Drury Lane Theatre. Songs are included in this programme.	Simon Gilbert
21st Sept	Coach trip to Sledmere House & Gardens. Driffield. £35 cost includes coach fare, driver's tip, entrance fee and a guided tour. Coach departs 8am and returns from venue at 4pm Payment must be made by cheque by 16th July. <b>**FULLY BOOKED**</b> Reserve List Held	Outings and Theatre Group

# WANTED

## Programme Secretary

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are looking for one of our members to take on the role of Programme Secretary, and help WSPu3a move forward out of Lockdown with an interesting and varied programme of speakers for our monthly meetings.

The programme secretary's role is to research a list of richly varied and entertaining speakers for our monthly meetings throughout the year, liaise with them and negotiate fees and expenses within the terms set by the Committee.

They will also ensure that the speaker is looked after at the event and that there is someone competent available to assist in the setting up any equipment required by the speaker and give a vote of thanks at the end.

If any of you are interested in taking on this role in helping us move forward please email the Committee Chairman ,Malcolm Capps at .... [malcolmcapps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malcolmcapps@yahoo.co.uk)

Have a good evening

The Committee

**Your u3a needs You**



## **PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE**

Next year (2022) is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (70 years)

The Woodland Trust is promoting the idea of planting a tree in memory of this occasion.

It would be a tribute if Woodhall Spa planted trees on either side of the road between Martin Dales and Martin (Martin South Drive - B1191) - maybe rename the road *Jubilee Way*.

With the help of the Woodland Trust, LCC, ELDC and community groups we could achieve this by October 2022. The Woodland Trust could start supplying trees from October 2021.



It would be good for the members of Woodall Spa u3a to join in with this tribute to her Majesty.

If any members are interested in joining in this project, please let the Committee know

[Tree lined road](#)

[Plant a Tree for the Jubilee - Woodland Trust](#)

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/queens-green-canopy/>

Paul Membrey

## **JULY MONTHLY MEETING**

**Please note that due to the government delaying the lifting of all lockdown restrictions to the 19th July 2021, the Committee have decided to cancel the**

**social event “Picnic in the Park 2#” that was to be held on Thursday 1st July to comply with the Covid regulations as we would be more than the 30 permitted.**

We will try and organise a similar event later in the summer Covid regulations and weather permitting.

**In place of this we have been fortunate enough to get a very interesting speaker on a rather unusual topic, which will be held on zoom**

***“Gongoozling for beginners”***

Life on the canals of England and what happens when things don't go exactly to plan

Canal folk talk about Birmingham having more miles of canals than Venice and how the pace of life (max 4 mph) is "the fastest way to slow down".

After 30 years as a police officer in Sussex, Neil thought this sounded just the tonic for retirement; relaxing, stress free and with the chance to grow his beard and hair (and even get to wear a leather hat instead of a policeman's helmet !



This is a light hearted journey around some of the 2000 miles of navigable waterways with just a small dose of history, lots of humour, a rather wet puppy and only one broken arm .....so far !

And don't worry if you don't know what “gongoozling” is....all will be revealed on the day.

**FINALLY A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR.....**

This month so far has seen some very changeable weather. We thought summer had come with some beautiful hot, balmy days then, wham it was cold and wet enough to require the heating on sometimes, but the sun is here again.....for now.... Ahh...the idiosyncrasy of the British summer!!



I know we had all hoped to be moving well clear of the Covid lockdown by now and able to meet up in larger groups, sadly that's on hold until next month, fingers crossed all goes to plan.

There are more entries from other groups this month as we move forward out of lockdown which is lovely to see. If you are reopening your groups, please let the other members know.

So I look forward to hearing what you and your group have been up to, any suggestions for things you want see in the Newsletter, and also see your photos, poems, jokes, etc.

Closing deadline for items to be included in the next Newsletter must be received by 5.00 pm Tuesday the 27th July, 2021. Thank you.

Lastly enjoy the good weather when it's here, stay safe and have a great month.

Your Editor

Helen

## **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Nine
2. Anode
3. Butterfly
4. Victoria
5. Six
6. "The Revenant"
7. Doe
8. Hands
9. Elton John
10. Jason Bateman
11. Ten
12. LXXVII
13. Cecilia
14. Flock together
15. The Taming of the Shrew
16. True Blue
17. The brain
18. Hummingbird
19. Eric Clapton – contrary to popular belief, the name was not given to him due to playing the guitar slowly but rather due to the audiences giving him a slow hand clap while changing the guitar strings on the stage.
20. Italy

**She fell in love with an  
Electrician but there was no  
spark...**

**She fell in love with an  
Archeologist but he kept  
digging up her past ...**

**He fell in love with Doctor  
but he couldn't get an  
appointment to see her...**



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