



SEPTEMBER 2023 !

CHAIRPERSON'S CHAT -

Linda Porter

Welcome to our monthly chat, I really hope this finds you all well.

Another busy month. Your committee have made great headway with two particularly important policies, the financial policy and the safeguarding policy. If anyone wants to look, these will soon be on the website, and thank you to all who had an input with the above.

I am in the process of creating a WhatsApp group for the new members who attended the coffee morning to enable you to keep in touch with the friends you met that day.

I know a small group of you are interested in getting a photography group going...to do this I need your mobile phone number if you have one and, you need to have the WhatsApp app downloaded. I can help you with this if needed.

There has been a little flurry of new members so, once the numbers get to about sixteen, Sue and I will hold another coffee morning.

Coming up is a volunteers/group leaders gathering which I am sure Jennifer and Diane will give you all the information about that in due course.

What a concert the live music group gave last Thursday, a real mixed bag. There was a lot of love and friendship in the room, along with good food and the odd glass of wine/gin and tonic, a very enjoyable evening. I have had some fabulous feedback, thank you for your support.

I must let you know I will be on holiday for the month of September, so missing the next meeting, my deputy will hold the fort very well I am sure. Also for those who come to the

GENTLE MOVEMENT GROUP, this is also on holiday until Monday, 2nd October. I am sorry about this, I did try to get someone to take the group, but it proved too difficult.

Well, I think that is all I have at this moment, other than I am very much ready for my holiday in the sun. I will miss you !!!!!!! "I'll be back".

SPEAKERS' SECRETARY-

Diane M. Whitworth

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there has been a change of Speaker from the one previously advertised.

See 'Dates for your Diary' on page two.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY -

Susan Cox

I am still holding a number of membership cards. Please arrange to collect these so you can continue to attend our groups.

If you are not receiving a newsletter by email, please contact me.

GROUPS' CO-ORDINATOR -

Diane M. Whitworth

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Jen Machell has decided to resign her role as Joint Groups' Co-ordinator due to personal reasons. I wish to thank her for her valuable assistance over the last few months.

I would like to thank all the Group Leaders for their continual dedication and enthusiasm with their respective groups.

I am pleased to announce that, at the beginning of next year, Stephen Fewster has kindly offered to take over the role of Group Leader of The Science and Technology Group.

Christine Cutts, Group Leader of the Watercolour Painting Group has decided to stand down. It is hoped that a willing volunteer will take over the role in November.

I would like to thank Christine for her commitment over the last five years.

Could I please remind all Group Leaders that if they are not using their venue for a group meeting they must notify both the relevant person and the Wyre u3a Treasurer as it is unreasonable to pay for venues which are not being used.

The Wyre u3a Facebook Page is a Private Group for Wyre u3a members only. It provides a forum, where our members are invited to express their views, share information, photographs and funny stories.

Diane can be contacted at:

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monthly Meetings are held at 2.00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Thornton Little Theatre.

Thursday, 14th September

(A change of previously advertised Speaker due to unforeseen circumstances.)

Speaker: Peter Frankish

Subject: "In the Frame."

Peter will be sharing his own personal journey of readjustment and give a visual and interactive presentation of how he and other talented individuals combined with recycled materials to help the worthy cause of St. Catherine's Hospice.

Products will be available for purchase.

Thursday, 12th October

Speaker: Geoffrey Cowell

Subject: "Where did we all come from?"

An interesting and informative insight into the process of human evolution.

SOCIAL EVENTS ORGANISERS -

Diane M. Whitworth, Helen Kehoe and Norma Culshaw

THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER

Coach Trip to Hawes in The Yorkshire Dales to visit The Wensleydale Creamery and the Dales Countryside Museum.

Hawes is a magical little market town in the heart of The Yorkshire Dales National Park. The award-winning Wensleydale Creamery is home to the world-famous Yorkshire Wensleydale cheese.

The creamery has a lot to thank Wallace and Gromit for. The animated duo helped to increase production when sales were slowing. Nowadays, the creamery sells a cheese named after them. An interactive experience takes you on a journey through the art of cheese making where you can watch Wensleydale cheese being crafted through a Viewing Gallery. The gift shop is well stocked with locally sourced products including biscuits, sweets, crockery and other gifts. There is also a separate cheese shop, where lots of award-winning cheeses may be sampled.

Enjoy a delicious lunch in either Calverts Restaurant, which incorporates The Cheese Bar or the 1897 Coffee Shop and garden. The Dales Countryside Museum is housed in a contemporary version of the former Hawes Railway Station. The permanent collections and temporary exhibitions are set amongst the stunning architecture of the unique gallery spaces. The displays tell the fascinating story of the Yorkshire Dales and the people who lived and worked there. It explores the social and spiritual lives of this community, which has shaped the local landscape for thousands of years.

Names and a payment of £23.00 per person, which includes entrance fees, will be taken at the Monthly Meeting in September at Thornton Little Theatre.

The coach will leave the bus stop on Fleetwood Road South, Thornton at 8.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 7.00-11.00 p.m. at
The Ashley Club, Victoria Road East,
Thornton Cleveleys.

There will be a Hotpot Supper, Quiz, Games and a Raffle.

(Donations of Raffle Prizes are required please).

Music will be provided by a local DJ playing an eclectic range of 50's, 60's and 70's music.

Tickets will be available to purchase at the Monthly Meetings in September, October and November.

Your support for all the Wyre u3a social events is always very much appreciated.

If you require further detailed information about any of the above events, please contact the Social Events' Organisers by email:

social.wyreu3a@gmail.com

Trip to Ness Gardens and Chester on 27th July

Despite a very wet journey to the Wirral, the sun came out when the group of twenty-seven arrived and visited the coffee shop.

We were then able to explore the sixty-four acre Ness garden site which is now used by the University of Liverpool for plant research.



There is a wide variety of mature trees, bedding, vegetable plots, fruit trees and bushes and plenty of open spaces.

After a good length of time admiring the gardens, we set off for Chester city centre. We had about four hours to have a good look around the famous "Rows" (double decker shops) and other excellent shops.

The city walls are always worth a visit including the beautiful Eastgate clock.



Some of the group went down to the river whilst others visited the splendid cathedral where there was a model railway exhibition with lots of experts there to answer questions. The most vociferous was Pete Waterman of Scott, Aitken and Waterman fame! There was plenty of room for quiet contemplation.

We had plenty of cafes and restaurants to choose from and the new covered Street Food market was in full swing with various types of food and drink which we had to sample.

All too quickly our time was up and we returned to the coach. We do believe there were a few people snoozing on the way home.

Many thanks to the trip organisers for an excellent day and of course to our coach driver.

- Alan and Jean Steele

UNSOLVED MURDER CASES **- ADVANCED NOTICE**

This year marks the ten-year anniversary of my Unsolved Murder Cases for the u3a. On the mornings of Thursday, 26th October and Thursday, 2nd November I will be offering sessions at The Methodist Church, Queensway in Poulton.

The case under investigation will be The Murder of Julia Wallace. LIVERPOOL, 1931.

About this case Raymond Chandler wrote, "The Wallace case is unbeatable. It will always be unbeatable".

Indeed, this is the classic English "Who done it".

Session one will involve a presentation on this complex case. Before leaving, members will be given a very detailed handout which will contain all the main points discussed at the trial of Herbert Wallace .

When they get home and after studying the handout, members can decide whether, on return for the second session, to join the defence team the prosecution team or to be members of the jury as we embark on our own trial of Herbert Wallace.

More information, including the cost of the sessions and handout and how to join will be included in the October newsletter.

- *Neil Hendrie*

A reminder from the Committee
Please note that, unfortunately, dogs are not allowed on any walks.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

The Amblers - Jim Swain

Our August Amble started at 10.15 a.m. along the side of the Cartford Inn, Little Eccleston ably led by Des and Vera Stevenson, then along the River Wyre flood bank to the steel footbridge. After a little road walking we took to the fields past Crane Hall and Millfield wood then country lanes past Rawcliffe Hall and back to the Cartford Bridge. The weather turned fine, and comments on our Amblers WhatsApp page indicate it was enjoyed by all.

Despite our numbers exceeding their booking, the Courtyard Cafe managed to squeeze us in and a good meal of choice was consumed by all present.

Our September 28th Amble will be an easy Myerscough Circular Walk of approximately 4.5 miles led by Ann Smedley, taking in a colourful section of the Lancaster Canal, the River Brock, pleasant farmland and the historic village of Bilsborrow where we will eat at Old Nell's.

Suggested meeting time 9.40 a.m. to start walking at 10.00 a.m.

DO NOT PARK on the Garden Centre car park (Patrons only) BUT AT THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE of the Myerscough College car park near the bus stop/ shelter.

Also, I suggest that Thornton Amblers meet at the Little Theatre car park at 9.00 a.m. to car share?

Keep up to date by joining the Amblers WhatsApp group.

Crown Green Bowling - Kenneth Speakman

Another active month over, with a few spots of rain. A brave few managed to get some time on the green earlier this month even though it rained most of the morning of the 14th, but the seven of us that did turn up at least had a good chat and a brew. With the schools on holiday, it was not too surprising that numbers were down on previous months but time with grandchildren is to be enjoyed even at the expense of bowling.

I am sure that September will see numbers rise again and I look forward to another great month on the green.

Creative Writing - Ann Fewson

Not surprisingly most of the group had not been at all enthusiastic about the subject of this month's writing, which demanded the inclusion of Koi Carp! In spite of this everyone rose to the challenge and produced imaginative and unexpected stories, some humorous, some inclining to farce and even the horror genre. Great Fun!

Next meeting: 11th September

Subject: Where's my pencil* now?
(*substitute noun of your choosing)

Dining Group - Irene Evans

Our meal for September will be at the Venue, on Cleveleys promenade, on Tuesday, 12th September 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Please text me if you wish to attend.

No preordering this time. Order at the table and pay on departure at the bar.

See you all then.

Family History - Shaun O'Hara and Joanne Mathews

At the August meeting, Graham Lougher led the group while Shaun was away.

Church records (i.e. Parish Registers) were discussed, demonstrating how to find Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, and where they are found on-line, at local public main libraries and at County Record Offices/Archives, etc..

At the meeting on Monday, 4th September, Geoffrey Cowell will give a talk on DNA and how it can be used in Family History research.

This talk is not to be missed.

French Conversation - Clive Jones

The group attendance has, understandably, been slightly lower in the holiday period but encouragingly is still at a good level. Meetings were held on the 7th and 21st August and the next two meetings are scheduled for the 4th and 18th September and from then onwards at intervals of two weeks until the 4th December when we'll break for Christmas and New Year.

We have continued with audio podcast articles, this time on the very interesting topic of exactly what happens in France every year during the Summer Holidays (Les Grandes Vacances), particularly during the months of July and August when the holiday season reaches its peak. This gives us good practise in listening, translation and discussion. As you can imagine, this is an extremely busy time for the French holiday season. There are visits by international travellers, with a phenomenal selection of regions, landscapes, and seascapes to visit and the many types of holiday to choose from.

We discussed the concept of a national holiday period and where it all stems from, the travel opportunities for people visiting the country, the endless list of holiday and

recreational activities and what French people actually choose to do for their holidays, by and large.

So, there was a lot of really good information in there to inform potential holiday makers on what to look out for and how to plan. New members are always most welcome to join.

French Improvers - Christine Holt

No meeting was held in August, the next one will be on 7th September.

Gardening - Kathleen Smith (Pat Mason)

I assume you all know by now that Kath is indisposed. I have taken over as group leader on a temporary basis, until she is recovered and ready to rejoin us, which we all hope is soon.

The August meeting was at Janet's, which was well attended, problems discussed, some solved, seeds and plants exchanged. Our next meeting is on 20th September at 2.00 p.m. at Carol's.

If you need the address, please contact me.

The topic will be the success/failure of the summer garden.

Don't forget to collect seeds, deadhead, take cuttings and nurture new plants. Please bring any spares and 50p to next meeting.

"Keep Gardening"

A message from Kath

I would just like to say, "Thanks for all the nice messages". Also, I won't be away long so be prepared for more trouble soon.

Gentle Movement to Music - Linda Porter

The next meeting will be on Monday, 2nd October.

History - Susan Cox

The September meeting on Monday, 11th will be a silent film entitled Echoes of the North, complete with brass band.

Those who showed interest in a tour of the Winter Gardens can find this during heritage week, 9th-18th September.

Italian Group - Clive Jones

Despite it being the holiday season, the group attendance has been laudably high in August. Meetings were held on the 8th and 22nd August and the next two meetings are scheduled for the 5th and 19th September and from then, at intervals of two weeks until the 5th December when we'll break for Christmas and New Year.

From the prepositions and pronouns grammatical work the concept of time section has been completed and we now move onto purpose, company and agency.

We have continued with articles from a book of short stories in Italian which gives us good practise in reading, listening, translation and discussion. Two of which were again on the subject of 'scratch cards', on this occasion with an article on actually winning the jackpot. We also had some very good general conversation and presentations and discussions on a strike by actors and screenwriters in Hollywood and exactly what brought this on, and, an overview on what it's like to go to hospital for an operation these days, with a look at the vocabulary and terminology involved in this vital branch of medicine, health and care - which was designed to be informative, reflective and anecdotal.

New members are always most welcome to join.

Line Dancing - Kathleen Smith

Line Dancing will re-start on Friday, 8th September.

Live Music - Pauline Powell



OH, WHAT A NIGHT !
IN MID-AUGUST 2023
WHAT A VERY SPECIAL TIME FOR ME
OUR SUMMER CONCERT
I WILL REMEMBER
WHAT A NIGHT!

The photo is the group singing 'Piano Man' to open the concert. They weren't drunk - just acting (that's what they told me). A night to remember.



Please join us every first and third Thursday in the month at Tee Tine Golf Centre, Fleetwood Road, Thornton Cleveleys, FY5 1RN at 2.00 p.m., where you can enjoy Live Music with friends relaxing with a drink. You'll be most welcome.

Thank you those who came along to our Summer Concert - great music, great friends, great fun.

Philosophy - Linda Parkins

As the composition of the group has changed over the years we think it is time to revisit an introduction to Philosophy.

We will discuss what the subject encompasses and the main branches with examples of topics to discuss.

Everyone welcome, no previous knowledge needed just an interest.

Date: Tuesday, 26th September at Carleton Memorial Hall.

Play Reading - Graham Bannister

The Group completed the reading of Tom Stoppard's play "Rock 'N Roll". The play has twenty characters, so proved to be a challenge, requiring the readers to take on two or more roles. This not only proved to be interesting from the individual's perspective but also for everyone in terms of keeping track of the play. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th September, at Carleton Memorial Hall when we will start to read Shakespeare's play "Twelfth Night".

Anyone wishing to join the Group will be welcome.

Poetry for Pleasure - Ann Fewson

The few of us who were able to attend enjoyed a wide range of Poems from Other Cultures, including poetry by Caribbean, French, Italian and Russian writers. Some were written fairly recently, whilst others were centuries old, such as Caedmon's Hymn believed to be the first poem written in Old English by an illiterate cowherd. Its simple message was in stark contrast to the extracts from Pushkin's satirical verse novel, Eugene Onegin.

Next meeting: 7th September

Subject: Modern Poems

If anyone is interested in joining this group there is a place available.

Quiz and Games - Cindy Potter and Jean and Alan Steele

A reminder that our next group meeting, on Monday, 25th September will be a table games session. This is due to the cancellation of the August Bank Holiday meeting which clashed with the outing to Cartmel Races. We will be introducing the game of Rummikub alongside the usual favourites.

Newcomers always welcome.

Walking - Graham and Susan Essex-Crosby

On a beautiful late summer morning, twenty-eight members of the Walking Group set off from Conder Green towards Glasson Dock and on to the coastal path.



The route took us south towards Cockerham Abbey, meandering through fields and on to the Glasson Spur of the Lancaster Canal. We made our way back to The Stork and enjoyed some late sun and well-earned refreshments in the garden.



A lovely 8+ mile walk ably led by Sue Wolstenholme. Sue also provided commentary on the history of the area and its wildlife.

As ever, we are indebted to the walk leaders. The next walk on Wednesday, 27th September will be led by April and Bob Wilby around Downham. Full details will be circulated to the Group nearer the date.

Watercolours - Christine Cutts

Our theme for August was 'My Garden' and here are some of our Group's paintings.





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Risk Assessment Advice

Members are reminded that, when participating in Wyre u3a activities, they do so at their own risk.

This is particularly relevant when undertaking any physical activity.

Carleton Memorial Hall

Bookings should be addressed to Peter Farrell

Peter must be notified, in advance if the hall is not going to be used otherwise a charge will be made for the room.

Wyre u3a Newsletter

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Schedule of Group Meetings and Venues

If unsure about any aspect of a Group meeting, always check with the Co-ordinator

Activity	Regular Meeting	Co-ordinator Contact	Venue
Amblers Walking Group	4 th Thursday Time to be arranged	Jim Swain	Various Check with Co-ordinator
Artists and Paintings in the 19 th and 20 th Centuries	3 rd Monday at 1.00 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	Barbra Cropper	Check with Co-ordinator
Badminton	Weekly on Wednesdays 10.00 a.m.-12 noon	Alison Hamer Pauline Ronson	All Hallows Church Hall Bispham.
Book Group (Monday)	1 st Monday at 2.00 p.m.	Helen Scarborough	Thornton Library
Book Group (Wednesday)	2 nd Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.	Brenda Ormrod	Poulton Library
Card Making	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays at 2.00 p.m.	Carla Clark	Carleton Memorial Hall
Creative Writing	2 nd Monday at 10.00 a.m.	Ann Fewson	Lodge Cottage
Crown Green Bowling	Weekly on Mondays 9.50 a.m. for 10.00 a.m.	Ken Speakman	HASSRA Green
The Dining Group	See Newsletter	Irene Evans	See Newsletter
Family History	1 st Monday at 2.00 p.m.	Shaun O'Hara and Joanne Mathews	Carleton Memorial Hall
French Refreshers	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays at 3.00 p.m.	Ann Burley	Fleetwood Golf Club
French for Improvers	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays At 1.30 p.m.	Christine Holt	Fleetwood Golf Club
French Conversation	See report in "News from the Activity Groups"	Clive Jones	Thornton Library
Gardening	3 rd Wednesday at 1.30 p.m.	Kathleen Smith	Various. Check with Co-ordinator
Gentle Movement to Music	Every Monday 1.00-2.00 p.m.	Linda Porter	St. Hilda's, Carleton
History	2 nd Monday at 2.00 p.m.	Susan Cox	Carleton Memorial Hall
Italian Group	See report in "News from the Activity Groups"	Clive Jones	Poulton Library
History of Art	2 nd Tuesday at 10.30 a.m.	Martin Johnson	Check with Co-ordinator
Line Dancing	Every Friday from 1.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. 1 st hour beginners.	Kathleen Smith	Carleton Memorial Hall

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Live Music	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays 2.00 pm to 4.00 p.m.	Pauline Powell	Tee Time Golf Centre Fleetwood Rd Thornton FY5 1RN
Philosophy	4 th Tuesday at 2.00 p.m.	Linda Parkins	Carleton Memorial Hall
Play Reading	3 rd Tuesday at 2.00 p.m.	Graham Bannister	Carleton Memorial Hall
Poetry for Pleasure	1 st Thursday at 10.30 a.m.	Ann Fewson	Various. Check with Co-ordinator
Quiz and Games	4 th Monday 2.00 p.m.to 4.00 p.m.	Cindy Potter Jean & Alan Steele	Carleton Memorial Hall
Science and Technology	3 rd Monday at 2.00 p.m.	Geoffrey Cowell	Carleton Memorial Hall
Spanish Conversation	Fortnightly on Monday at 2.00 p.m.	Enid Vindel	Various. Check with Co-ordinator
Travel	3 rd Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.	Mick Carey	Carleton Memorial Hall
Walking	Last Wednesday of each month.	Graham and Susan Essex-Crosby	Various. Check with Co-ordinator
Watercolour Painting	1 st Tuesday at 1.30 p.m.	Christine Cutts	Carleton Memorial Hall





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