

# WEST WOLDS



"Learn, Laugh and Live"

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## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Life definitely feels as if it is getting back to busy normal with lots of entries in my diary. I hope you have all had an interesting, if cool, month. We already have to start planning for the AGM in November, in person, rather than online as it was last year. The stall at the Gardeners' Fayre introduced several people to our u3a and we were very pleased to welcome several new members at our August General Meeting as well as seeing many of our existing members at our first talk. I hope September's General Meeting will have been as enjoyable for even more people.

At Upholstery we had many laughs as well as doing some work. We talked about Baby Boomers after we explored the uses of baby wipes and antibacterial wipes. They bring the dirt off old leather / leatherette chairs as does saddle soap. We had one member receiving various phone calls about her granddaughter viewing houses to buy which lead on to discussions about a report I had heard that landlines might be a thing of the past in five years time and how could people with reduced finger function cope with the little buttons. We were then introduced to talking to google etc. on iPhones. Not upholstery but definitely learning opportunities for several of us. Then another day someone brought along some lovely soft, new, unwanted vests, one of which was pressed into service straight away for applying saddle soap. The Repair Shop and Swap Shop and Information Hub all in one little group.

Best wishes

*Gail Dennis, Chairman*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021/22 REMINDER

I am repeating this information again as we are now well into September, West Wolds u3a's membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August, so we need you to make the payment as soon as possible and **ensure you complete and return the form to**

## September 2021 Newsletter

### Issue 97

Thanks for all contributions, these are very well received, I will endeavour to get them in within the limited space available. *Terry Francis (Editor)*

[newsletter@westwoldsu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@westwoldsu3a.org)

**Jane Guy so she can update our systems..** We are now collecting the fees which we have managed to keep at £17 for Individual Membership, £31.50 for Dual Membership and £11 for Associate Membership.

To this end we have modified the Membership Renewal form which can be downloaded from the West Wolds website to allow you to select how you wish to pay. For those of you that use online banking and are able to pay by setting up an online payment (BACS), sometimes called Faster Payments, you can pay into the Lloyds account using the account number and Sort Code shown on the form. When paying online, please ensure you use the full title "**The West Wolds University of the Third Age**" as it will not accept just the "West Wolds U3A" title which is OK on cheques.

We are still able to accept cheques if you do not have online banking capabilities, and will accept cash at the General Meetings, although this is much harder to deal with now that the Lloyds branch in Market Rasen has closed for good.

Alternatively you can set up a Standing Order with your bank to pay the same amount into our Lloyds account every year, but if we have to change the Membership Fee in the next year then you will have to change your Standing Order. The Standing Order Mandate is at the bottom of the third page of the form, you will need to cut this off and send it to your bank. You do not need to fill this in if paying online by BACs.

If you are unable to download the membership renewal form and print it out to fill it in, we will have some copies of the forms available at the September meeting, or alternatively, if you can't get to a meeting, please contact me, I can send you a form in the post. All payments by cheque or online banking etc. will require you to add your Membership number so that we can refer the payment back to you, we are including your

membership number on all emails sent from the Beacon system, please take note of this for the future.

If you are a tax payer, please also fill in the Gift Aid section on the third page and return with the form to Jane Guy at the address shown on the Membership form.

Terry Francis [treasurer@westwoldsu3a.org](mailto:treasurer@westwoldsu3a.org)

### WEST WOLDS U3A AGM

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the West Wolds U3A will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Market Rasen Festival Hall at 10.30am.

Members are invited to submit proposed and seconded motions for the Agenda by 30<sup>th</sup> September to the Business Secretary on [secretary@westwoldsu3a.org](mailto:secretary@westwoldsu3a.org)

There will be entertainment,, final details to be confirmed.

### PROPOSED SPEAKER PROGRAMME 2021/22

#### 14<sup>th</sup> October - Staying Safe Online - Lincs Police Cybercrime Unit

Cyber crime is an 'umbrella' term for lots of different types of crimes which either take place online or where technology is a means and/or target for the attack. It is one of the fastest growing criminal activities across the world, and can affect both individuals and businesses. PC Harry Lancaster will show us how to spot it and how to keep safe.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> November - AGM

A quiz will be held plus a performance by one of our Groups: The Turkish Delight Desert Dancers combining dance with some fun appearances from Abdul the Slave with his camels, and the Sultan.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> December - Mark Walsh 'Here's a Funny Thing'

A return visit from Mark Walsh and his ukulele giving a talk on the history of Music Hall and Variety. Music Hall started in London in the late 1830's and evolved into Variety in the 1920's. Variety continued as a main form of entertainment until the early 1960's. Mark is very proud to have

been one of the 'Chairman' at the World Famous City Varieties Music Hall in Leeds, home of 'The Good Old days'.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> January - 'Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity'



GOSH Children's Charity supports the hospital and its patients by funding four key areas: Rebuilding & Refurbishment, Support for families and children, Research and Life-saving medical equipment.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> February - 'Vicky Wilkinson - Glass Artist'



Vicky is a glass artist based in rural Lincolnshire. She will talk us through the unique properties of glass and the specialist ways of working with it, her personal experiences training and working in fused glass and where she draws inspiration.

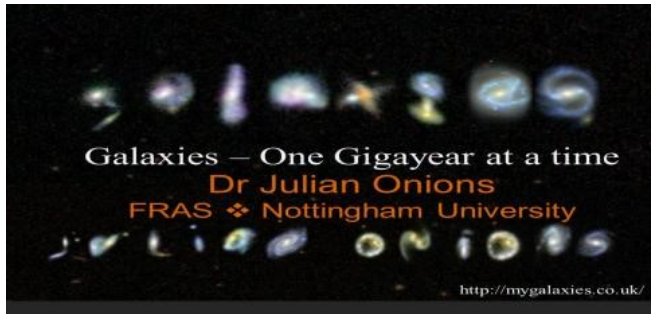
#### 10<sup>th</sup> March - Squadron Leader Mark Sugden 'RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight'



The RAF BBMF operates out of RAF Coningsby and maintains and operates 6 spitfires, 2 Hurricanes, a

Lancaster, a C47 Dakota and 2 Chipmunks. They are flown to celebrate and commemorate public and military events.

**14<sup>th</sup> April – Dr Julian Onions ‘Galaxies-One Gigayear at a time’**



What are galaxies, how are they classified, how are they formed, what do we understand about their lives, and how many pretty pictures can Julian fit in to one talk.

**12<sup>th</sup> May - Martyn Fuller ‘Recycling Facts & Fictions- How Your Bin can Save The World’**



Veolia are innovators committed to focusing on carbon reduction by preventing pollution, preserving natural resources, protecting biodiversity, combating climate change and raising environmental awareness.

**9<sup>th</sup> June – Colin Deeley ‘Life & Times of The Workhouse’**

Built in 1824, Southwell Workhouse is the best preserved example of the hundreds of workhouses built across the country. Learn about the Workhouse’s role and how it evolved through time.



**14<sup>th</sup> July Celia Lord ‘So You Think You Know Lincoln Cathedral’**



Find out what you don’t know about our best known landmark.

**11<sup>th</sup> August – Trevor Rogers ‘Gardening in The North’**



What are the key adaptations we gardeners must make to succeed in a less than perfect climate? Trevor is a fruit growing consultant and horticultural speaker, as well as finding time to be a volunteer gardener at Gunby Hall.

**8<sup>th</sup> September – Karen Crow – Lincoln Town Crier**

**13<sup>th</sup> October - David Ingleby ‘We Are The Commonwealth War Graves Commission’**



The Battlefields of two World Wars are largely gone but the graves, cemeteries and memorials remain moving reminders of the events that took place there. David will give us an introduction to the history and on-going work of the CWGC.

**10<sup>th</sup> November AGM**

**8<sup>th</sup> December TBA**

## GARDENING GROUP

### Forthcoming programme

**20<sup>th</sup> October:** Gail and John Summerfield

"Spring bulbs" with wide variety for sale

**17<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas wreath-making workshop.

**7<sup>th</sup> December:** **CHANGE OF DATE.** Christmas afternoon tea party

**19<sup>th</sup> January:** Ben Preston from Perennial the Gardener's charity "York Gate through a Head Gardener's Eye"

To join the group, or for any other garden enquiry please contact me by phone

Jane Guy: telephone 0797 1277 482,  
email [gardening@westwoldsu3a.org](mailto:gardening@westwoldsu3a.org)

Jane is now producing a monthly newsletter just for the Gardening Group with all the details of meetings and visits and interesting information about gardening. To receive a copy of this contact her as above and she will email it to you.

*Jane Guy*

## GROUPS RECOMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER

- 1) The Patchwork Group are meeting again but now only on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.
- 2) The Book Reading Group has moved its meeting to the 4th Wednesday of the month.
- 3) The Ladies Luncheon Group has started meeting again (meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month).
- 4) The Poetry Group has started meeting again (it also meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month).
- 5) The Bowls Group are restarting their meetings on the 23rd September at Dunholme.
- 6) Also restarting in September are The Readers Group (on the 3rd Wednesday), The Scrabble group (on the 1st & 3rd Friday) and The Cross Stitch Group (on the 4th Thursday of each month).
- 7) The Line Dancing Group is in danger of folding as there are now too few members to make it viable (currently only 5). So if any members have thought of joining or just giving it a try they should do so now before its too late!
- 8) The future of the Bridge Group is now also in jeopardy as Bryan is unable to continue as the Group Convener at the moment. Whilst one of

the existing members is willing to act as Convener he is unable to do so on a regular basis. The Group are therefore looking for either an existing member to step into the role (on an ad-hoc basis) or for a new member to do so. HELP!

- 9) Virginia Beard has recently joined the West Wolds u3a and is very keen to start a Card Group. It's a craft that she is very accomplished in and passionate about. If anyone is interested and/or wants further information please contact Virginia on 01673 844432.
- 10) The Gardening Group has restarted with monthly meetings commencing on 15th September and a coach trip planned for the 21st September. Members will be encouraged to wear masks and respect social distancing.

*Paul Ettridge*

## WEST WOLDS WARBLERS



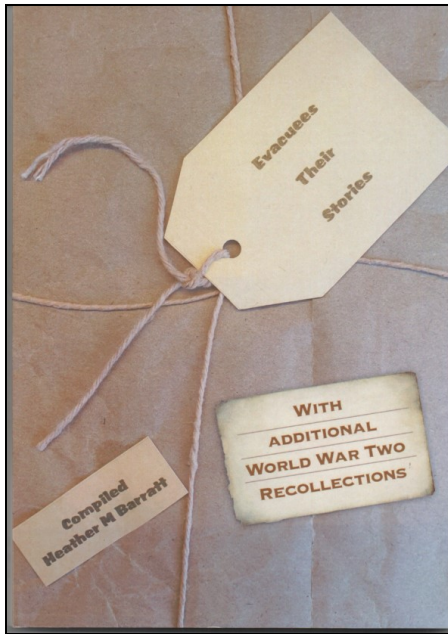
Having carried on running the West Wolds Warblers singing group weekly online using Zoom for the last 18 months during the lockdown, it hasn't always been easy with difficulties in the vagaries of the internet and a half second delay between playing the music out and everyone online trying to sing in time, we finally got back to singing together at the New Life Church on the 1st September. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month.

All the members of the group couldn't wait for this, as they have had to put up with hearing other members' voices with varying delays.

If you want to join us for a singalong to songs from the 40-50s-60s-70s, please contact Terry & Julia Francis on 01673 842088

## EVACUEES THEIR STORIES

U3a member Heather M Barratt reveals her newly published book



A most interesting book of fascinating real-life stories either from evacuees themselves, or their living families, whose memories must be treasured. These heart throbbing and vibrant stories about 1940 evacuees, together with World War Two Recollections, will stir your memory.

You will come to realise the heartache and devastation of evacuees, some were happy in their new homes, others were ill-treated having lifelong resounding effects.

This book will bring back memories galore to many evacuees in every respect. It spells out in full unvarnished English what exactly happened. Immerse yourself in the history of those years long past which feels like yesterday to many.

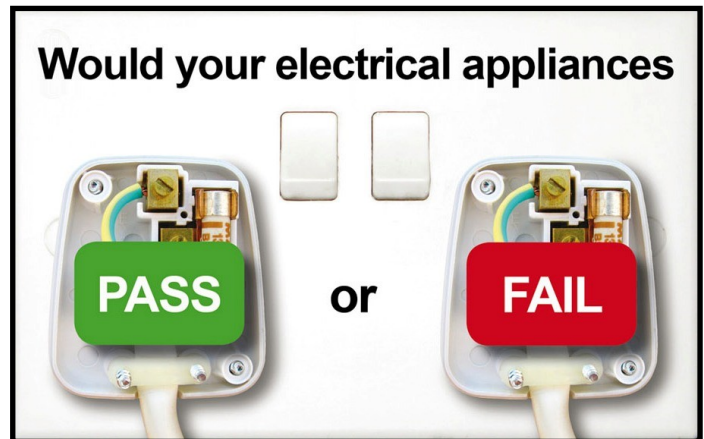
"Inevitable home sickness  
Crying as mum turns away  
I made my own way home but nobody was in  
A dead man crashed on top of me  
They started to machine gun us  
Knocking on doors to find someone to take me in

When I returned my home was bombed out  
My parents never came back for me  
We were traumatised"

If you would like a copy priced at £14.00 kindly see below

www.evacueestheirstories.uk  
01673 84 9393 or 0774 686 44 67

## PORTABLE APPLIANCE TESTING



This is an advance warning of the date we have arranged for Pat Testing any electrical equipment that Conveners use for their groups in venues such as the Festival Hall or New Life Church etc.

We have pencilled in the date of **Tuesday 16th November at the Festival hall between 09:30 and 12:00**. Because the Committee Room which we usually use is booked for the Covid Testing, we will be in the main hall, near the Storage room at the back of the hall.

Please ensure you arrange to either bring any electrical equipment that you use in community venues for your groups on that morning between 09:30 and 12:00, or arrange to get it to me to take to the session. It will be tested and a label affixed to show that it is safe to use.

If anyone needs any further information, please contact me, Terry Francis on 01673 842088 or email [treasurer@westwoldsu3a.org](mailto:treasurer@westwoldsu3a.org) .

## GROUPS DISCLAIMER

Please be aware that when groups or activities recommence, it is your responsibility to take care of your own health and safety when participating in any u3a activities, and ensure that any current Government guidelines around Covid are adhered to.

The Committee

## Changes of Circumstance

If you have any changes of circumstance, e.g. change of address, telephone or email, or a death of a member, please let the Groups Co-ordinator and Membership Secretary know by phone or email.

## COMMITTEE & MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES 2021

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Here is the Interest Groups Monthly Timetable as shown before the Lockdowns, please contact the relevant Group Convener shown overleaf to ascertain if the group is running, and times and where they meet.  
 Conveners, please check the days and times for your group are correct and let me know if any changes are needed. *Terry Francis (Editor)*

**INTEREST GROUPS MONTHLY TIMETABLE (excludes short run groups)**

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st	14:00 Bridge 14:00 Digital Photography 14:00 Turkish Delight Dessert Dancers 14:30 Table Tennis	10:00 Family History  14:00 Backgammon 14:00 Film 14:30 Spanish 14:30 German	10:00 Country Walks 10:00 Cycling (Short Rides) 10:30 Strollers  14:00 West Wolds Warblers 14:00 Canasta	10:00 Beginners Italian 10:00 Patchwork * 10:00 Keep Fit  14:00 Indoor Bowls 14:30 Drama	10:00 Latin 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Biblical Hebrew 10:00 Cycling (Longer Rides)  14:00 Scrabble 14:00 Discovery Group
2nd	14:00 Bridge 14:00 Recorders 14:00 Daytime Ukulele 14:30 Table Tennis	10:00 Local History  14:30 Spanish 14:30 German	10:00 Embroidery 10:00 4 Mile Walkers 10:00 Cycling (Short Rides)  12:00 Luncheon Group  14:00 Poetry	<b>09:45 GENERAL MEETING Festival Hall Market Rasen</b>  14:00 Indoor Bowls 14:30 Drama	10:00 Family History 10:00 Latin 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Biblical Hebrew 10:00 Cycling (Longer Rides)
3rd	14:00 Bridge 14:00 Digital Photography  14:30 Table Tennis	10:00 Beginners Family History 10:00 Country Walks 10:30 Strollers  14:00 Embroidery 2 14:30 Spanish 14:30 German	10:00 Telling our Stories 10:00 Cycling (Short Rides) 10:00 9 Mile Hikers  14:00 Readers Group 1 14:00 Gardening Group	10:00 Italian 10:00 Keep Fit 10:00 Patchwork *  14:00 Indoor Bowls 14:30 Drama	10:00 Latin 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Biblical Hebrew 10:00 Cycling (Longer Rides) 14:00 Scrabble* <b>(*And 5th Friday of the month, if there is one)</b>
4th	14:00 Bridge 14:00 Daytime Ukulele  14:30 Table Tennis	10:00 IT Workshops 10:30 3 Mile Walkers  14:30 Spanish 14:30 German	10:00 Embroidery 1 * <b>(*Last Wednesday of month)</b> 10:00 Cycling (Short Rides)  14:00 Rasen Book Group	10:00 Cross Stitch 10:00 Keep Fit* <b>(* And 5th Thursday, if there is one)</b>  14:00 Indoor Bowls 14:30 Drama	10:00 Latin 10:00 Line Dancing* 10:00 Biblical Hebrew 10:00 Cycling (Longer Rides)* <b>(*And 5th Friday of the month, if there is one)</b> 14:00 Mah Jong

## INTEREST GROUP CONVENERS

### **BACKGAMMON**

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