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**West Wolds U3A**

**For Market Rasen and Surrounding Villages**

***Archives***

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# Karen demonstrates safety suit in enthusiastic talk about RNLI

THE SPEAKER was Karen Cartwright, Education presenter from the RNLI Mablethorpe.

Karen's regular job entails informing and educating the public and children in schools on the work of the RNLI. She is also in training to become a crew member of a RNLI rescue team.

All crew members are unpaid volunteers who undergo a course of rigorous and intensive training, which can be very demanding and exhausting. Twenty three recruits are at present in training at a cost of £1,000 per trainer. They also undergo a First Aid course.

Volunteers are all ages, with some members having done this work for 15 to 20 years and therefore have a lot to teach new

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members. At present four of the crew are women.

The audience was given a demonstration of the heavy, one-piece, waterproof safety suits worn by the crew members. The suits are fleece lined, as conditions on the open sea are often very cold. They are inflatable in order to support the weight of the rescuer and two people in the sea, and are fitted with a small light, two flares and an air canister for re-inflation. A helmet is also worn, the average time taken to don the suits is one and a half minutes.

The big rescue boats are rigorously maintained and kept as spotless as Navy vessels. Each

person on a rescue boat has a particular job to do, with the helmsman in charge of the crew.

A minimum of three crew members need to be on each rescue dinghy. When an emergency call is received, the Operations Manager tells the crew which boat to take. Other jobs include the radio operators and casualty carers.

Twenty one people per week are rescued and 70 children die every year around the coasts of England and Ireland.

Visitors to Mablethorpe are welcome to see the rescue boats and to attend a demonstration of RNLI operations.

Next U3A meeting is on Thursday September 14. Topic - Andalucia presented by Mr Young.

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## Mum joins lifeboat

MOTHER-OF-TWO Karen Cartwright is the latest recruit to the ranks of the Mablethorpe Lifeboat crew.

Karen, who is midway through her probationary year, will be undergoing an intensive five-day training course at the RNLI college in Poole, Dorset, later this month.

It will cover subjects including boat-handling skills, navigation, search patterns and first aid.

"It's proving a great challenge," said Karen, who is the third female member of the 23-strong team at the resort's lifeboat.

On dry land, the 33-year-old mostly divides her time between bringing up her two sons, Josh (eight) and Ben (six), and pursuing a career as a youth worker.

She also enjoys jogging and raised more than £250 towards the £1,000 cost of her training by taking part in Mablethorpe's 10K road run earlier this summer.

A very brave ANN POWER fits into Karen's heavy one piece waterproof safety suit in record time of ONE AND A HALF MINUTES! Well done Ann!

Karen's speaker fee was donated to the RNLI plus an "after meeting" collection took place and an extra amount of £120 was donated to this worthy cause.



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West Wolds U3A Team  
won the BOWL'S SHIELD  
in the Neighbourhood U3A  
Competition on the  
13 September 2006

L-R:  
Pat Hage, Diane Williams  
and Graham Wallace



2006

## VISIT TO ST PETERSBURG

On 21st September at 5am eleven intrepid thirdagers ably led by Colin and June Hare arrived at Humberside Airport bound for St Petersburg. Our KLM "City Hopper" whisked us off to Amsterdam for our onward connection to Russia where our guide Maria was waiting to greet us.



St Petersburg is an immense place and the road into the city spans four lanes in each direction, lined with extensive building and construction works on both sides. We passed monuments on a massive scale and travelling down Moscow Prospect the buildings towered above us. A large department store ran for hundreds of meters on both sides of the road and was typical of many more we were to see. Our hotel, the Dostoevsky, was very central, comfortable and close to where the writer Dostoevsky once lived.

### Day 1 - Peterhof Palace, Boat Trip and Russian Concert

Peter the Great founded the magnificent Peterhof Palace and park complex in 1705 on the shores of the Gulf of Finland. He employed many foreign architects, builders,

painters and sculptors and the palace was based on the principles of the Renaissance, Baroque and Classicism. A prominent feature is the vast array of fountains, all fed by gravity. The palace was largely reconstructed after being set on fire by the Germans at the conclusion of the siege of St Petersburg in WW2.

**Church on Spilled Blood**



Later that afternoon we enjoyed an extensive boat tour of the canal system which stretches for 34 km, and the River Neva, the principal river flowing through the city. The river and canals are flanked by a multitude of palaces and other prestigious buildings dating from the 19th century and earlier. The canals, rivers, buildings and bridges are magnificent and the city more than deserves the title of "The Venice of the North".

In the evening we went to see a folk concert by the Cossack Song and Dance Ensemble. This was a spirited and amusing display and the contortions they performed were well out of the range of any U3A member.

## **Day 2 - The Hermitage Museum and Ballet Romeo and Juliet**

The Hermitage, founded by Catherine the Great, is the largest repository of art in Russia with 3 million exhibits. To "do" the museum one would have to walk 14 miles and an examination of each exhibit for just one minute on 8 hours a day would take 15 years. Although up to the task our thirdagers opted for a more prudent agenda and with our wonderful guide Maria pointing out the "gems" we completed a multi-room tour of the impressionist paintings.

That evening we visited the Mussorgsky theatre to see the ballet Romeo and Juliet with music by Prokofiev. The theatre was beautiful and the performance absolutely stunning. Needless to say, we were all very fulsome with our "bravos" !

**Interior of St Nicholas' Cathedral**

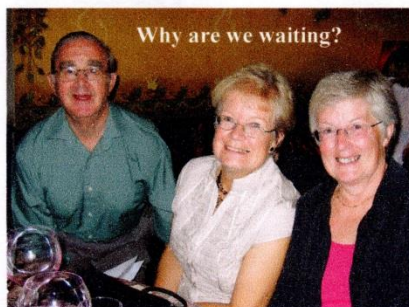




### Day 3 - Catherine Palace and meal in Russian Restaurant

Before visiting the Catherine Palace our guide Maria thought we would like to visit one of the many opulent cathedrals to experience a Russian Orthodox Sunday service which can take up to 3 hours. There are no seats and the congregation is free to walk about and pop in and out as they please. The most beautiful singing is provided by choirs without the accompaniment of any organ.

After this brief interlude our driver Jean took us to the town of Pushkin on the outskirts of St Petersburg to the Catherine Palace. Bypassing the long queues we were greeted by a small orchestra dressed in 18<sup>th</sup> century costumes and Colin and Jessica began waltzing. Not to be outdone, Jean promptly grabbed Don and they too were dancing in front of the palace. This was the palace of Catherine the Great and, like the Peterhof Palace, this too was almost destroyed by the Germans. It was restored over a period of 40 years. Its rooms are magnificent, with the most famous being the amber room which has walls lined with 40 tons of amber.

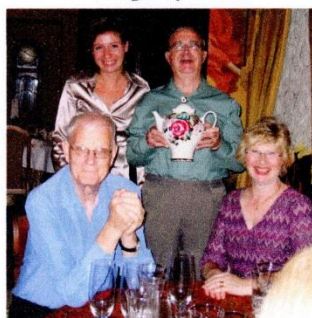


In the evening we visited a Russian restaurant on the banks of a canal. The rule is that the longer you have to wait for your food the better it is and Maria assured us that in this restaurant the food was marvellous. The menu was certainly comprehensive and our drinks arrived promptly, but where was our food? Two hours later, with our stomachs thinking our throats had been cut, the food at last appeared.

This was surely going to be a meal to remember. Everyone had ordered something different and the borsht, a traditional Russian soup based on beetroot, was thoroughly recommended by Joyce and Don. The stroganoff was fab too and the dish was created by Peter the Great. He didn't like using too much cutlery so the dish was developed to be eaten using only a fork.

A tradition in Russia is to have gypsies singing extremely loudly with musical accompaniment to entertain the diners. Thankfully the restaurant was multi roomed which allowed our hearing to recover, but they were very good and they wore very colourful costumes.

Maria joined us later in the evening and kindly presented us with a Russian teapot which is now safely in the care of June and Colin.



#### Day 4 - City Tour and back to the Airport

St Petersburg is a vast city containing "hundreds ?" of massive cathedrals, 34 kms of rivers and canals, 60 museums, 20 theatres and a vast range of pubs, clubs, pop dance venues and many libraries and art galleries, not to mention the fantastic shops. It is a cosmopolitan city par excellence. This morning we visited Paul's Castle. Paul was the son of Catherine the Great and was murdered by strangulation - like most murders of the time it was political.

After a taste of Russian vodka or the option of cranberry liqueur there was an opportunity to buy some amber as well as other souvenirs. We also visited the cemetery where five great classical composers are buried, the grave of Tchaikovsky being especially prominent.



After lunch and a little more free time, Maria and Jean drove us to the airport. On the way we saw President Putin's entourage speeding in the opposite direction towards the city for a private visit. After lengthy security checks we finally boarded the plane for home having had a fantastic few days in that most beautiful city of St Petersburg. It is very difficult to describe the wonders and beauty in this brief account - you'll just have to go and see it for yourselves !

We must pay tribute to Maria our guide and Jean our driver. They got us to the most fantastic sites, through heavy traffic and crowded parking, and Maria was an expert at bypassing the long queues of visitors. They both did us proud.

Our thanks also to Colin. He did an incredible job of organising the tour, keeping us all informed and was particularly successful in getting Maria as our guide. We all thought that we had the best "team" for our visit.

Joyce and Don Harrison.  
Photos courtesy of Colin Hare.

[Editor:- Apologies to Joyce and Don for leaving out some of the fascinating historical background due to limitations on space. If anyone would like a full copy of the text, including historical notes, please contact Steve Field]



## Harrington Hall talk for U3A

MARKET Rasen U3A meets tomorrow, Thursday, when Phillip Maddison will be speaking on The Ups and Downs of Harrington Hall.

Previously, through a series of excellent slides, Peter Young took the group meeting in the Festival Hall, on a coach trip through Andalucia in Spain.

He told and showed pictures of his travel including visits to some of the country's most beautiful and historic cities, all of which had a spectacular cathedral.

Most had previously been mosques dating back to the period of the Moorish occupation and these were converted from the Muslim to Catholic faith by the simple means of a sprinkle of Holy Water!

The Alhambra Palace in Granada was a breath-taking sight and the tour continued with visits to the huge Cadiz street market, spotless beaches of Chipiona and the double city of Ronda, with its massive bullring, said to be the largest in Spain.

And it all ended at Jerez, with a glass of their famous sherry.

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September '06  
Speaker: Mr. Peter Young  
Subject: Highlights of ANDALUCIA

## Learning the ups and downs of Harrington Hall

### U3A

PHILIP Maddison told of the Ups and Downs of Harrington Hall at the October meeting of the U3A.

Philip left school in 1976 and started working at the Hall, at that time owned by Sir John and Lady Maitland. He has been there ever since and has seen many changes over the years. Philip is now Head Gardener.

The first written records date back to 1212, although more is known about its history after 1400.

The hall was rebuilt in 1535 and again in 1678-1681, after which it was run on a low budget and the state of the building declined.

After the death of Lady Maitland in 1988, the family put the hall on

the market and it was sold in 1991 to Mr and Mrs Price.

The Prices were determined to restore the hall and its gardens to their original splendour and no expense was spared in this ambitious enterprise.

The cottage was done up first and the family lived there when work started on the hall.

Harrington Hall hit the headlines when a huge fire virtually destroyed the building as a result of an explosion which occurred when painters and decorators were using blowtorches to burn off old paint.

Twenty fire engines and 150 firemen attended the fire, the catchment pond was drained of water and despite a rainy drizzle, the wind caused devastating damage, with 95 per cent of the hall destroyed.

Despite this huge setback, and the massive costs involved, the Prices decided to carry on and work was duly started to rebuild the hall.

A complete photographic record was kept of the work and old photographs and sales brochures were consulted for the refurbishment of the house. Where possible, surviving materials - floor tiles and oak timbers - were used in the restoration.

In the garden, new walls were built, together with new steps for the Victorian viewing terrace. The drained pond was cleaned up and refilled; new greenhouses and potting sheds were installed.

A swimming pool and tennis court have also been built, enhanced by an historic pavilion bought from the Eastgate Tennis Club in Lincoln.

The work is still ongoing and members will be visiting the hall next year to see the result of the hard work for themselves.

The next meeting of the U3A will be the AGM on November 9 at 10am in the Festival Hall, followed by a talk on The Architecture of Almshouses by Linda Crust.

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006  
Speaker: Mr. Phillip MADDISON  
Subject: The Ups and Downs of HARRINGTON HALL



# The Lincolnshire Potato Railways

by Stewart E. Squires



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This much enlarged New Edition features more railways, plans, and photographs than before. Lincolnshire and South Humberside is an area not noted for its narrow gauge railways. It is not generally appreciated that over 140 route miles of track were laid on farms in at least 50 separate locations, from Alkborough on the banks of the River Humber to Crowland in the south. They were a phenomenon of the Fenland, and, it must be said, not confined to Lincolnshire. However, their use in other counties may not have been as widespread. In agricultural terms, they were also used to serve bulb fields in the Spalding area, but this book is confined to their use

mainly for the planting and the harvest of probably one of the County's best known products of the 20th century, the humble potato. It is because the railways are so little known, and because time will naturally take its toll of those who knew and worked on them, that it is appropriate that this book should be devoted to them. Many were of very short length, and used horses as their motive power. Others were longer, long enough in fact to employ the use of internal combustion engines, and even small steam engines.

The book is to A5 format, 160 pages with more than 150 illustrations, including newly prepared location maps.



Local History Group - Tuesday 10th October 2006  
 Speaker: Mr. Stewart Squires  
 Subject: "The Lincolnshire Potato Railway"



Thursday, 9 November 2006

AGM

followed by a talk by

Linda Crust

### Linda speaks on architecture of almshouses

AFTER completing the business of the AGM, members welcomed Linda Crust as speaker to West Wold U3A.

Linda's subject, the architecture of almshouses in Lincolnshire, was meticulously researched and full of interesting historical facts and amusing anecdotes.

Almshouses and Bedehouses were generally very well built, as they were often commissioned by wealthy benefactors to ensure

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the salvation of their souls.

They were built in many different styles and some very well-known architects, such as James Fowler and A W N Pugin, were appointed to design them at different periods in history.

Various buildings were shown; many of them still in use today and these buildings form an attractive feature to a number

of towns and villages.

Almshouses started off as medieval hospitals and were often attached to a monastery.

There were a number of rules and regulations governing the inhabitants of the almshouses, including being of good character, free of leprosy, lunacy and French pox (Stamford Bedehouses), together with restrictions on swearing, brawling, drunkenness and lost keys.

## West Wolds U3A

Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at the Festival Hall, Market Rasen on November 12<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 10.30 am.

Colin Hare, Chairman of the West Wolds U3A, chaired the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Linda Crust, Zoe Dawson, Bryan and Audrey Storey, Judy Gelsthorpe, Vera Relton, Roy Pollock, Mary Etchell, Liz Codd, Helen Hansard, Barbara and John Bartlett.

**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> AGM** were read and were approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Chairman's Report.** Colin commenced by commending the whole committee for their hard work and enthusiasm during the year. He praised particularly those members of West Wold U3A committee who took a particular risk when they financed the purchases of many items of equipment before any grants were received. He expressed the thanks of the meeting for the sterling work done by the Interest Group Leaders. He also expressed his appreciation of those members who looked after specialist equipment particularly Gerald Robinson. He reported that the Neighbourhood Day had received great praise from all the participating groups.

Colin announced that he was looking into the possibility of a Group Holiday to St. Petersburg.

Membership had now reached the magnificent total of 165.

Colin closed his report by thanking everyone for their support and many kindnesses during his time as chairman.

**Treasurer's Report.** Jacqueline reported that the Current/Reserve Account had increased by a commendable £300. She drew attention to the fact that the cost of Speakers and Printing were greater this year.

**Election of Committee.** There had been nine nominations for the Committee and the Chairman asked members to approve their election en bloc. This was approved and **Jean Childs, Zoe Dawson, Brian Gelsthorpe, Jacqueline Reid, Jo Howard, David Power, Colin Hare, Keith Flunder and Cynthia Burke** were duly elected.

**Election of Examiner of the Accounts.** Bryan Storey was elected to the post of Examiner of Accounts.

**Any Other Business.** David Power expressed the heartfelt thanks of the West Wolds U3A to the retiring chairman, Colin Hare. His service to the Group had been exemplary.

**Date of the Next AGM.** The eighth Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 10.30 am.



**Eighth Annual General Meeting of the West Wolds U3A**  
**Thursday 9th November 2006**

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting 10th November 2005
- 3 Adoption of Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of Committee
- 7 Election of Examiner of the Accounts
- 8 Any Other Business
- 9 Date of Next AGM - 8th November 2007

**Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year Ending 31st August 2006**

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	2006	2005		2006	2005
Cash at Bank - Current A/c	700.32	230.82			
Reserve A/c	989.26	1,160.28			
	1,689.58	1,391.10			
Fees	1,896.00	1,893.00	Speakers	329.00	411.25
Admission	485.93	425.40	Hall Hire	265.50	320.75
			Refreshments	73.54	43.94
			Capitation	412.50	375.00
			Insurance	135.00	135.00
			Printing & Stationery	331.46	654.26
			Equipment	18.22	84.33
			Affiliation Fees	5.00	19.00
			Administration	35.63	31.93
			Travel	127.80	110.20
			Direct Mailing	121.00	
Diaries	81.40	58.75	Diaries	92.50	55.50
Visits	2,523.00	1,927.40	Visits	2,432.00	1,919.80
Christmas Lunch	564.00	517.50	Christmas Lunch	588.00	517.50
Local History	315.00		Local History	348.12	
Ballroom Dancing	37.50	188.26	Ballroom Dancing	80.42	124.21
Raffle		85.45	Sundries	49.81	31.59
Badges		8.00			
Bank Interest	29.06	28.98			
	5,931.89	5,132.74		5,445.50	4,834.26
			Cash at Bank		
			Current Account	107.65	700.32
			Reserve Account	2,068.32	989.26
	7,621.47	6,523.84		7,621.47	6,523.84

I certify the above accounts correct according to the records examined

B Storey(Auditor)

B Storey

C Hare(Treasurer)

C Hare



## Thousands flock to Donna Nook to see a natural wonder



● This sequence of pictures taken from our video at Donna Nook show a baby seal being born. Above, the baby appears from its mother.



● The new mother turning around to inspect her offspring.



● An exploratory sniff from mum as the pair begin to bond.



● The new-born seal pup takes its first looks around at the beach.

Pictures: Filmed by NEIL PRESTON.

# Film seals an image in time

**THEY call it puppy love – and thousands of people have been to experience it.**

The famous Donna Nook seals have flocked to the popular wildlife spot.

And last weekend, 7,000 people went to get a glimpse – those who were lucky enough even saw a pup being born.

A total of 344 babies have so far been born at the reserve and there are still more to come because seal numbers are expected to peak at the end of the month.

By the new year, most will have moved on to pastures new, leaving only a handful behind.

Rob Lidstone-Scott, coastal warden for the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, said: "In terms of wildlife spectacles

that folk in this country can see, I think it compares with anything else."

To preserve the wonderful sight, Mr Lidstone-Scott had some important advice for visitors thinking about paying the seals a visit.

"Please leave the dog behind," he said.

"The weekends get very busy. They are very small roads through a small village. It causes congestion so if you can come in the week, it is a lot less busy and is a much more pleasant experience."

"When you get here, do as directed by the signs. The seals have very sharp teeth and they will defend their pups very vigorously. People have been bitten in the past. So stay behind the fence and do not touch the animals."

The Telegraph has filmed the sea-

sonal visitors as part of our new website video facility.

Assistant news editor Neil Preston has been leading the project, which is in the early stages and not yet fully implemented.

He said: "This is a fantastic example of how video journalism can add to the services the Telegraph already offers. It complements pictures and stories carried in the paper and gives us another platform to cover local news."

"It is a really exciting project which is already proving a huge success – more than 2,000 people have already viewed the Alan Buckley press conference which we captured on video."

**See for yourself**

To view the video, go to [www.thisisgrimsby.co.uk](http://www.thisisgrimsby.co.uk)

Tuesday,  
21 Nov '06  
Walking  
Group  
Visited the  
Seals at  
Donna Nook  
Lunch at the  
"Jug + Bottle"  
Hilton-le-Clay



# Seals return to East Coast nature reserve

NEW born seal pups – the first of the season – have arrived at Donna Nook national nature reserve near North Somercotes.

According to Rob Lidstone-Scott, a warden from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, there were 2,000 visitors to Donna Nook at the weekend and he has counted 18 pups so far.

Last year a total of 995 pups were born on the reserve and about 40,000 people visited.

Volunteers from LWT, which manages the reserve, keep an eye on the seals and also help answer visitors' questions.

An LWT spokeswoman said it is

**By Sean Topham**

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important visitors keep their distance from the seals and stay behind the fence at the top of the beach.

She said: "Remember, these are wild animals and they are predators. They have sharp teeth."

The spokeswoman said even though the seals look like they are dozing they could attack if someone finds themselves between a mother and her pup.

She advised people to visit on a weekday when the area is not as busy.

Chris Ashmore, a Donna Nook Coastguard, said visitors need to take extra care when visiting the beach.

He said: "Donna Nook has one of the fastest incoming tides in the country – never walk out on an incoming tide."

"Keep a close eye on the time and make sure you are back well before dark, and always check the weather forecast and watch for changing weather conditions, fog or heavy snow or rain can all reduce visibility and make finding your way back to the shore difficult."

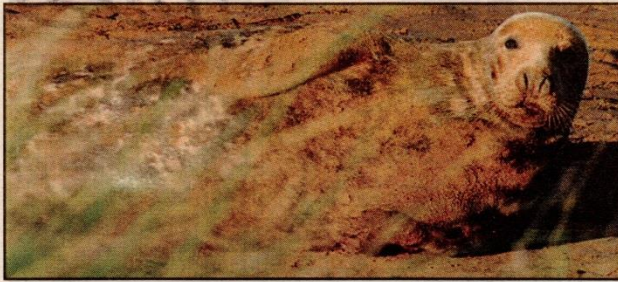
Visitors are also warned RAF Donna Nook is an active bombing range and they should not enter the range when the danger signals are shown.

To find out more visit: [www.lincstrust.org.uk](http://www.lincstrust.org.uk)

\* Send us your mobile phone pictures of the seals. Compose a picture message starting with RASEN then attach your photo and send it to 07843 500911. Cost is 25p plus standard network charge.

Remember to end your message with the word EXIT if you don't want to receive promotional messages.

LEFT: Seals and their pups at Donna Nook. Photos: Ian Holmes.



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## More than a thousand seal pups born at reserve

READERS are still sending in stunning photos of the grey seals at Donna Nook National Nature Reserve.

1,036 grey seal pups have now appeared at the reserve near North Somercotes.

Reserve warden Rob Lidstone-Scott, from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, said there were about 4,000 visitors over the weekend.

Last year a total of 995 pups were born on the reserve and about 40,000 people visited.

● Visitors to the reserve are

reminded to stay behind the fence and remember grey seals are predators with sharp teeth. Remember, RAF Donna Nook is an active bombing range and visitors should not enter the range when the danger signals are shown.

To find out more visit [www.lincstrust.org.uk](http://www.lincstrust.org.uk)

● Have you taken photos of the seals? Why not send them to the Leader? Email them to [sean.topham@jpress.co.uk](mailto:sean.topham@jpress.co.uk).



Paul Dumpleton sent in this fantastic photo of a seal pup at Donna Nook – it might look cute but grey seals have sharp teeth and will use them.

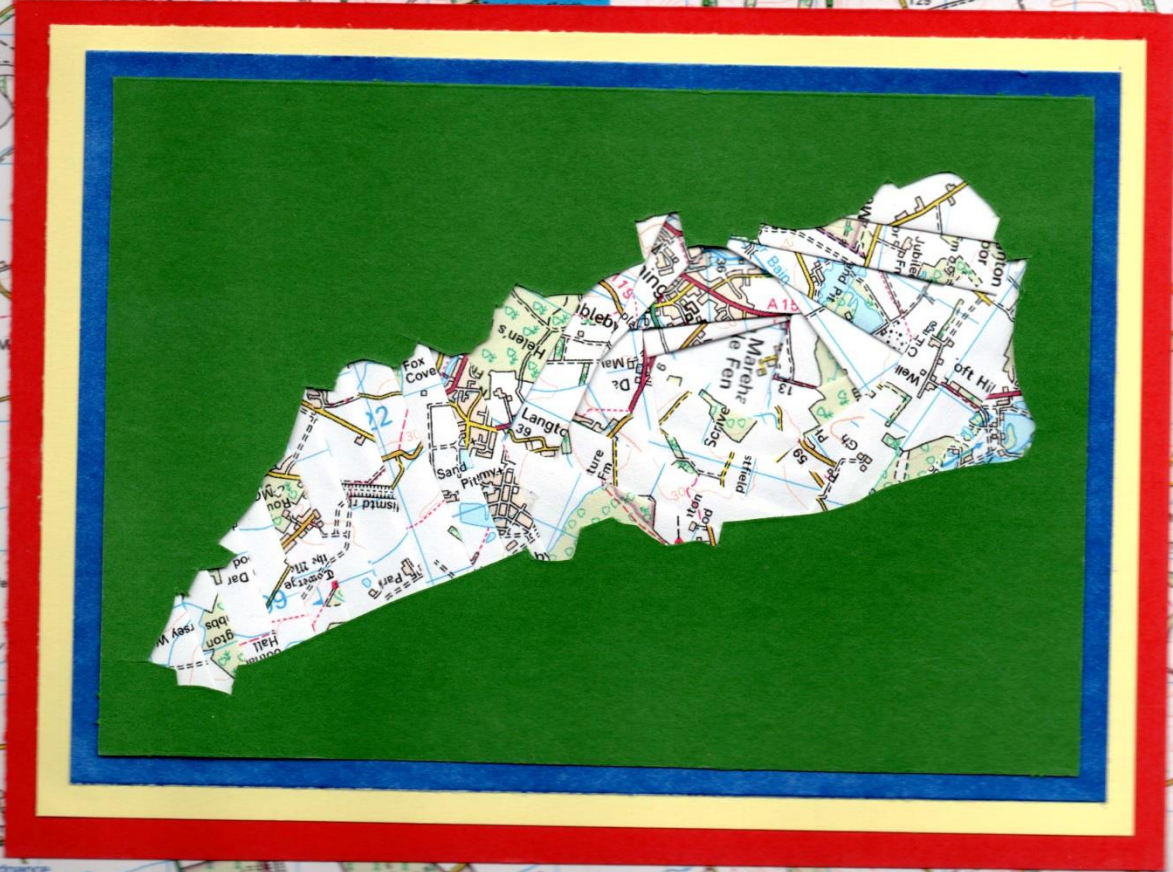
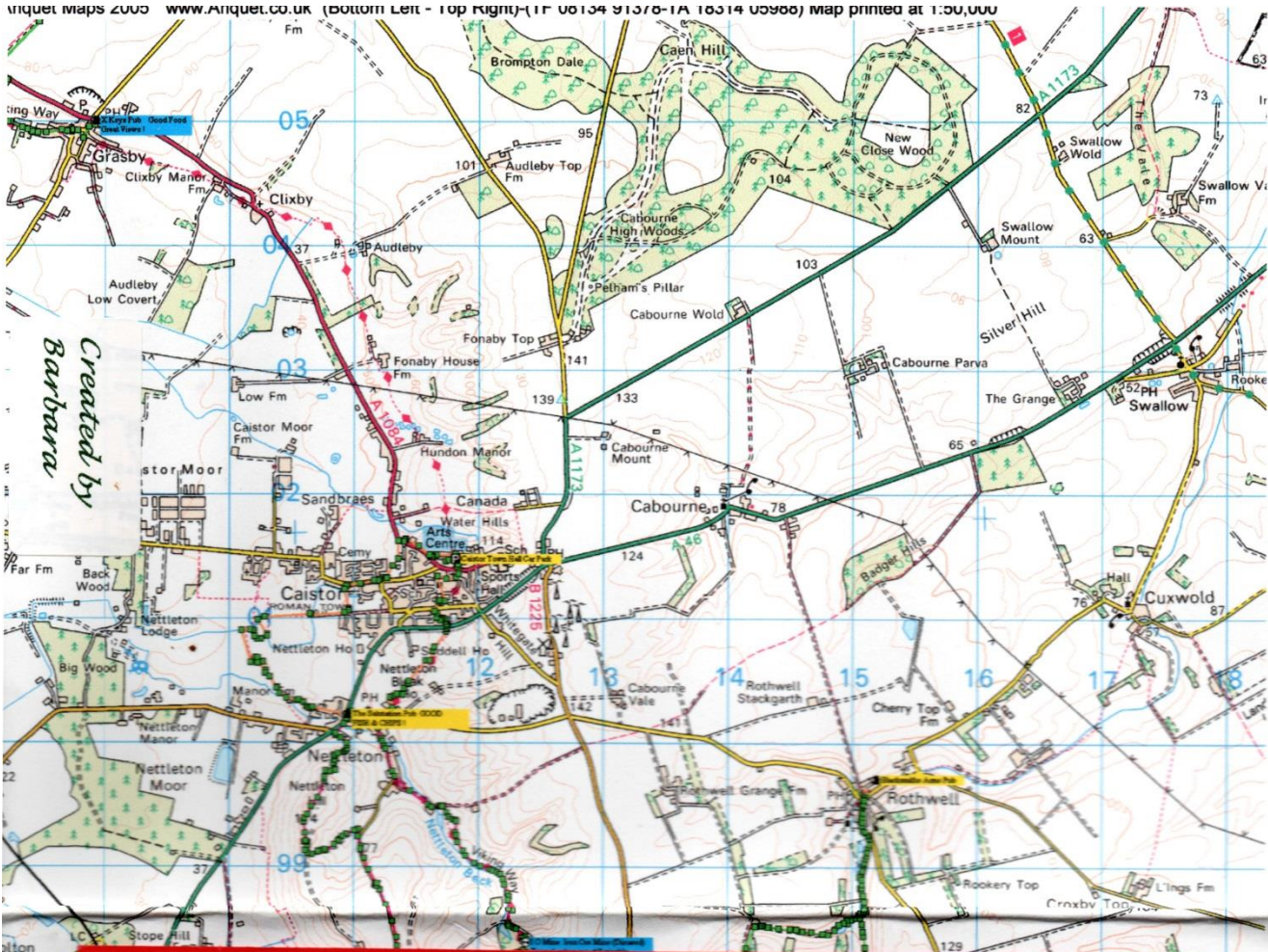




5 December 2006 - the Walking Group Lunch at Pyewipe, Lincoln  
Doreen + Peter hand over "the Baton" to Mary + Liz after leading the walks for six years !!









Celia Smith

David Robinson

Muriel Roberts

Thanks so much for  
introducing us to walking  
Chris Dand  
(Wonderful, enjoyable  
1st year)

John Hare  
June Hare



So well  
done  
Love from  
Kate & Paul

Marian

Hi Frank -  
Thanks for all your  
hard work!

Love from  
Ala

Ann & David  
L.B.

Love from  
Joan  
Jo Howard  
Thanks for all  
your hard work!

Many thanks for all your hard work  
Hazel Jones

Christine Hattellwell  
Barbara &  
John

Heather Harker  
Doreen

Thank you Doreen  
For  
Six years dedication  
To walking the Lincolnshire  
Wolds and beyond

Thanks a lot  
Cynthia & Mick

Love from  
Chris D.

Keith & Eileen  
XX

Peter & Renee  
Don & Joyce  
+ big thank you!  
Love XX

Marion & Leslie  
X

Thanks  
Sue & Peter

Paul



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006  
Christmas Meeting.....

## Joanna's slice of **EXOTICA!**

MEMBERS of the U3A are in for an exotic treat at their annual Christmas dinner of next week.

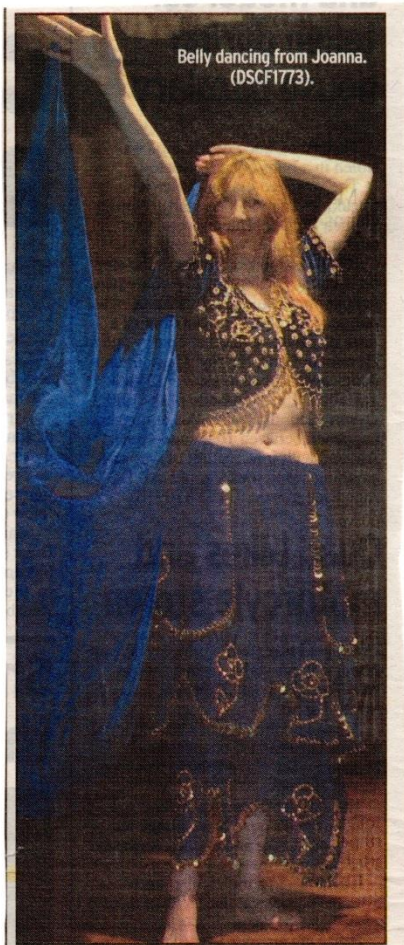
The members of the 'older persons' educational and social group will be entertained by Joanna Hunter - a flamenco and Egyptian belly dancer.

Joanna, from Nottingham, has been dancing the flamenco since 1998, after she was taken to a performance by a friend and fell in love with the dance. Belly dancing came later - about four years ago - and Joanna started lessons with a Syrian teacher living in Lincoln after seeing a performance.

Joanna, combines her performance with explaining the history of the dances involved, together with a display of the various costumes used and a dance inspired poetry reading between the two dances. Her performance on Thursday December 14, on the theme Dances in the Sun will be at the Festival Hall.



Ole! Joanna in the flamenco. (DSCF1765)



Belly dancing from Joanna. (DSCF1773).



## Dances in the Sun

U3A Programme for 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006

- Desert Walk: Our journey begins in the Sahara Desert...
- Egyptian Veil Dance: oriental mystery
- Drum Dance: rhythms for the hips
- Talk: Egyptian Belly Dancing:  
origins, costumes and techniques
- Walk Like an Egyptian –  
audience participation – snakey arms & camel walking

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### Dancing Poetry:

Readings by Ann, Linda, Peter and Betty

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Our dancing journey continues across the  
Mediterranean to Southern Spain ....

- Zorongo: introduction to Flamenco music
- Sevillanas: a celebration dance from Seville
- Garrotin: a fiesta dance – here comes the sun!
- Talk: Spanish Flamenco Dancing  
origins, costumes and techniques
- Viva Espana – audience participation por favor!

Gracias y Adios!

Joanna

Thanks to Mick for operating the music, David for continuity and all  
the splendid poetry readers! Merry Christmas all!