

WEST WOLDS

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"Learn, Laugh and Live"

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

March 8th will have been a big day for our school age grandchildren. I hope everything goes well and then the next stage is the beginning of various things starting to open. We will begin to be able to meet with people outdoors and that might mean some of our group activities can resume. Indoor activities will have quite a few months to wait. When we know when we can think of resuming small, then large indoor group meetings we will let you know. The over 70's should all be fully vaccinated by the middle of May and then the over 60's will be a few weeks later. It is not often being older is advantageous but vaccination is one of those.

I have chatted to a few members and all indications are that you are more than keen to resume as many activities as possible as soon as it is safe to do so. I know some groups have been able to meet online and continue with their language learning, exercise, singing and play reading.

The committee will discuss a plan for resuming face-to-face activities and when the earliest date could be. We all know such plans are conditional but we cannot stay at home for ever. Enjoy the spring sunshine and continue to explore your local area. Today on a walk I learnt that there was a Priory on North Street in Middle Rasen. The friend who told me and I have known each other for thirty six years and that was the first I heard of it. All because we were on a walk, saw some stones piled up on a drive way and she said where they were from on the other side of the road. How many Local History facts have you found out on your daily walks I wonder? Something to research and bring to our Local History Group perhaps.

Best wishes

Gail Dennis, Chairman

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

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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.

Our next Online Speaker - Thursday 8th April at 10.30am

Mad, Bad & Dangerous Pt.1

This entertaining talk is about military ideas, inventions and operations that in one way or another, failed to make the grade. Incompetence, haste and wishful thinking have all played their part, in some of the most scandalous failures in military history.

Given by Tim Barney and talk length is 37 minutes.

The registration link will be sent in due course.

Sharon Rupp

The online talk you may have missed - watch out for more collaborations

On February 26th Scunthorpe & District u3a invited West Wolds to join them for their latest Speaker, Stephen Wells whose presentation was entitled 'BUTLINS. The Rise and Fall of an Empire'.

Stephen Wells began his career as a Butlin's Redcoat and went on to become the Entertainment Executive responsible for booking some of the biggest stars in Show Business, such as Cliff Richard, Josef Locke, Jimmy Tarbuck, Des O'Connor, Cannon & Ball, Ringo Starr, Les Dennis, Tommy Trinder, Max Wall and many more.

The talk was fully illustrated with pictures and videos and was enjoyed by the 20+ West Wolds members who attended.

Sharon Rupp

A Treasurer's life

Having recently taken over as the Treasurer of the West Wolds u3a, after having my arm twisted behind my back, or because I wasn't quick enough to take one step back, I am starting to get to grips with the complexities of the job. It is not so difficult at present as we are not doing much in the current situation, but I hope it will not become overwhelming when we get to later in the year and we have to start taking payments for the membership and groups start to meet again.

I must say thank you to Shelley Franklin who did a great job not only as Treasurer but also the Membership Secretary's role at the same time, she and her husband Barry have left the finances in a good state and have provided me with a calendar of tasks/tick list that I can follow as I get to grips with the job in hand. All I can ask is that you bear with me as I learn the role .

As you may be aware the Lloyds bank, with which we have our accounts, is closing the branch in Market Rasen on the 15th March, so we will have to use the Post Office for local transactions, although Lloyds say they will be providing a mobile banking van in the Market Square every other Friday, but I can envisage the queues that may build up if everyone needs to get access. The first visit of the mobile branch was on Friday, February 26th. The van will then visit the town on a fortnightly basis, something the town's councillors are keen to support.

Because of this change I am in the process of getting our accounts online access which in the future should make our business transactions easier and, once we get it sorted, may make it possible to do online membership payments for those that are tech savvy, but don't worry we will still be able to do cheque payments or cash for those who prefer these methods.

Terry Francis, Treasurer

Wordsworth in Lockdown

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
Two metres from the madding crowd,
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose' hallowed hall.
This was the pensioners' special hour
I'd gone to get a bag of flour,

But I forgot – when through the door -
What I had gone to Waitrose for ?
The Waitrose staff are extra kind
I told them it had slipped my mind,

They asked what else I had forgot
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.
I phoned my wife again to ask
She reminded me of this special task

"I need some flour to bake a cake
With all that cream you made me take!"
"Ah yes, I recall" I had to lie,
I dared not ask what flower to buy,
But then I saw them at the tills

A bunch of golden daffodils

David Oliver

The cry of an invisible online chat member using Google Meet

I AM A PURPLE CIRCLE.

I am a purple circle,
just a little blob.
My friends cannot see me,
but they know I'm on the job.

They hear my faceless voice,
but see not what I wear.
Oh woe is me, a simple blob,
when all my friends are there.

What have I done to vent the wrath
of Google or its helpers?
Did I offend some IT God,
or just press b****y enters?

I click and hover, swear and cuss,
press everything in sight.
But access to my camera's denied,
a simple human right!

There is no hope, all is lost,
my future's in a fog;
I remain, Sir, yours for ever
- a simple purple blob.

Brian Ward

Planting Your Spring Garden

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Row of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

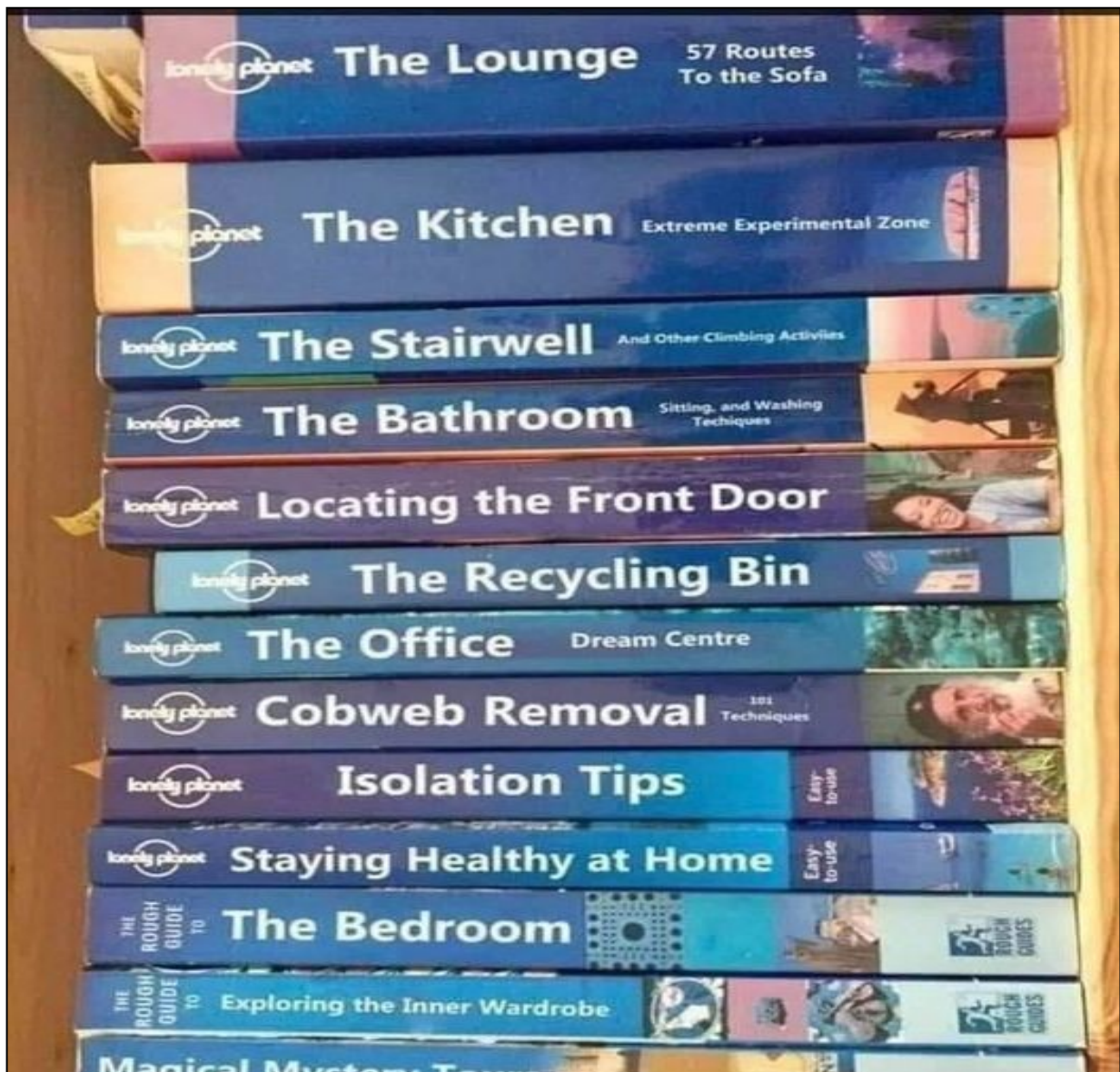
To conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience and Cultivate with Love.

There is Much Fruit in Your Garden Because You Reap what You Sow.

Submitted by Dawn Stopper



Pandemic Outings—submitted by Sheila Robinson

The Digital Photography Group gets Frosty

For the first two month of the year we haven't been able to get out and about too much so we decided our challenge would be to use the cold snap to show frost and snow in all its beauty. These are some of the photos taken by members of the group. See more of our photo challenges on the West Wolds website group pages.. Why not join our group to learn how to take better photos.

Terry Francis





Spring



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 F T U L Y I J B E P Q N O P A S D X
 S J N I B O R H L V M C S U T L E K
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BIRDS

BLOSSOM

BUGS

BUNNY

BUTTERFLY

CALF

CATERPILLAR

CHICKS

FLOWERS

FROG

GARDEN

GRASS

HATCH

INSECTS

LADYBUG

LAMB

NATURE

NEST

RABBIT

ROBIN

SNAIL

SPRING

SPROUT

TULIP

WORM



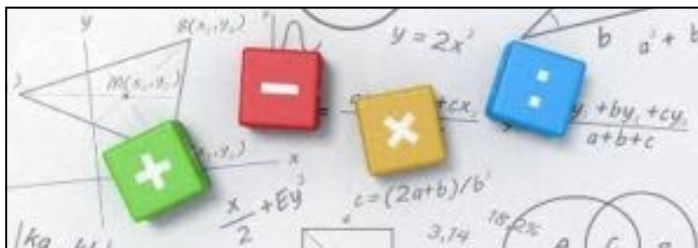
FREE ONLINE TALKS FROM THE NATIONAL U3A

The National u3a run talks and courses all year for members to access. Below is the link to view what is coming up that you can register for, type this into your search engine :

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

Current topics include subjects on Japan, Geology, beginners Genealogy, Maths, Cooking, History of the Fire Brigade, Egypt, and Nature.

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