

WEST WOLDS



"Learn, Laugh and Live"

Website: www.westwoldsu3a.org

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

A group of u3a members have spent time working out how to hold u3a General Meetings in a Covid secure way. We have set out in detail how members will enter the building etc. and this has been accompanied by a Risk Assessment form for the Festival Hall. These are all in line with the present restrictions and since we do not know what will happen after 21st June we have planned for the July 8th meeting to only have a maximum of 70 people in the space sat at tables of six with no mingling.

It has been wonderful to meet up with family and friends and finally have my new granddaughter seen by her Essex based uncle, aunt and cousins. I hope you have been able to see family and friends again and that, restricted though it will be, our first u3a gathering will be enjoyable. I am aware that people have varying attitudes to being out and about and we may either have to disappoint some members on the 8th July or have a smaller gathering than we could.

Perhaps we will see you on the Market Place on July 3rd, when we have a stall promoting the u3a. Do come along and say hello.

Best wishes
Gail Dennis, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021/22

As explained in the last Newsletter, West Wolds u3a's membership year runs from 1st September to 31st August, so it's that time of the year again when we start to think about Membership Renewal for the next year. In September the new 2021/2022 Membership year starts and we will begin collecting the fee which we have managed to keep at £17 for Individual Membership, £31 for Dual Membership and £11 for Associate Membership. To this end we

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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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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.

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 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. We are also investigating the setting up of Direct Debits in the future where the u3a can change the amount at year end, but at present we cannot do this yet.

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. I am also looking at the possibility of using a contactless card reader in the future, but this depends on the WiFi or phone signal availability in the hall.

If you are unable to download the form and print it out to fill it in, we will have copies of the forms available at the meetings when we start again in July/August, or alternatively, if you contact me, I can send you a form in the post. All payments by cheque or Direct Debit etc. will require you to add your Membership number so that we can refer the payment back to you, we will also send you an email containing your number, please take note of this for the future.

If you are a tax payer, please also fill in the Gift Aid section and return with the form to Jane Guy.

Terry Francis, Treasurer

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'LIVE' MONTHLY MEETINGS RE-OPENING IN JULY

Government restrictions allowing, we plan to re-open our monthly meetings from Thursday 8th July at the Festival Hall at **10.00am**.

In order to comply with relevant guidelines, please note the following changes to the usual procedure:

Numbers will be limited by social distancing measures so pre-booking a place is essential. The preferred method is via an online booking system called Eventbrite and an invitation and link will be emailed to members nearer the time. It is very simple to use but if you are unable to access the link, please contact Steve McCarthy to book your place.

The doors will open at 10am so if you arrive early, please wait in the car park. Once open, you will be guided to a table where drinks will be served to you. Wearing of a mask is mandatory until you are seated and members will be unable to mingle or visit other tables once inside.

Only 2 people will be able to use the toilets at one time.

For this first meeting, there will be no interest tables or speaker but Gail (our chairman) will speak to you for a short time at 10.30.

We hope that these new (temporary) safety measures will give members the confidence to attend regular meetings this summer, and speakers have been booked from August onwards.

It is important that should anyone attending develop any covid symptoms within 14 days, then Jane Guy must be informed so that Track & Trace may be effected.

We do hope to see you again and thank you for supporting your local u3a.

Sharon Rupp

CALLING ALL REFRESHMENTS VOLUNTEERS

The monthly u3a meetings should be re-starting on Thursday July 8th, and I would be grateful if you could contact me if you are able to help with the serving of hot drinks or washing/drying the pots.

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Or email: racheltefler1@hotmail.co.uk

Rachel Telfer

CALLING ALL GREETERS

With the monthly u3a meetings restarting in July, I will be looking for greeters past and present to help with escorting members to their tables.

Contact - Caroline on 01673 844142

Or email: ginger.mike29@btinternet.com

Caroline Dale

CALLING ALL GROUP CONVENORS

Could group convenors help us to publicise the u3a? We hope to have a stall at the Gardeners' Market in Market Rasen on Saturday 3rd July. It would be lovely to have examples of your activities on display. We will have display boards and a table top area suitable for displaying objects. We hope to have a new banner and bunting to help us make an impact on the day.

If members could help man the stall on a rota and talk about their particular interests that would be very helpful and give prospective new members a real sense of what we do. We will be emphasising our friendly approach and that we welcome new members.

We propose to hold a Convenors' Meeting on 24th June, 10am-12 noon-details to follow. If you would like a particular item to be discussed please let us know.

Gail Dennis

PROPOSED SPEAKER PROGRAMME 2021/22

12th August - Nigel MacKnight 'Being an Author'

Nigel takes us through his interesting life as an author on everything that moves - cars, boats, planes etc. including experiences with the Red Arrows, and brings us up-to-date on his 20 year project to build and pilot the boat to beat **Donald Campbell's Water Speed Record**.

9th September - John Nowell 'A Day Above Lincolnshire'

John spent 19 years in the RAF and a further 25 flying in the Middle East. He and a friend entered the 'Dawn To Dusk' flying competition and flew 8 hours in a Cessna 150 all over Lincolnshire taking photographs between dawn and dusk to form a new book, 'A Day Above Lincolnshire'. They won an award from the patron of the competition, HRH The Prince Phillip who they were invited down to the Palace to meet.

14th 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.

11th November - AGM

Performances by two of our Groups: The Turkish Delight Desert Dancers combining dance with some fun appearances from Abdul the Slave with his camels, and the Sultan; and depending on Covid rules at the time, hopefully The West Wolds Warblers will sing along to a selection of songs from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's and invite you to join in.

9th 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'.

Sharon Rupp – Speaker Finder

WEST WOLDS FACEBOOK PAGE

Your u3a is determined to keep you informed of what's happening in the coming months and so we have developed a Facebook page. It is our intention to keep this updated with the latest news and events. It will duplicate some of the details contained on the website and we hope it might appeal to those members who prefer to use Facebook. We are hoping this entry into Social Media will help to bring in new members from the surrounding area who have not heard about us.

To visit our Facebook site, enter this URL into your browser

<https://www.facebook.com/WestWoldsu3a>

If you wish to make a comment on our Facebook Page please send an email to

webadmin@westwoldsu3a.org or, better still "Like" and leave a comment on the Page.

Steve McCarthy (Web administrator)

WHY I LIKE RETIREMENT!

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the sofa.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

And, my very favourite....

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING..... Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

Anon

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.

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