

WEST WOLDS

u3a

"Learn , Laugh and Live"

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

I hope some of you have been able to meet up with your groups and start to enjoy u3a activities again. The Upholstery Group has been able to meet up for a few weeks now, in a very spacious garage with the front fully open, so plenty of ventilation. It has been lovely to meet up and encourage each other to continue with our projects again. Working on your own is not so much fun and we need the expertise of others to guide us or to have someone to bounce ideas off of.

Drama plans to start face-to-face again in the middle of August so the play sets are ready and if the weather is kind to us we can meet in the garden. We have been using Zoom for over a year now so have been very fortunate we could "see" each other and read plays.

I hope the fact we had a speaker booked for August encouraged members to come to the General Meeting, and that by the time you read this I will have seen many of you again. We still have to be cautious and keep using sanitiser and opening windows and minimising contact and many of us will still be wearing masks for others' benefit.

Best wishes
Gail Dennis, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021/22 REMINDER

I am repeating this information as we are now halfway through August, West Wolds u3a's membership year runs from 1st September to 31st August, so we need you to think hard about Membership Renewal for the next year and make the payment during August. In September the new 2021/2022 Membership year starts and we are beginning to collect the fees which we have managed to keep at £17 for Individual Membership, £31.50 for Dual Membership and £11 for Associate Membership.

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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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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.

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.

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.

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 August meeting, or alternatively, if you can't get to a meeting especially as we are having to limit the numbers, 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

PROPOSED SPEAKER PROGRAMME **2021**

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'.

PROPOSED SPEAKER PROGRAMME **2022**

13th 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.

10th February - 'Vicky Wilkinson - Glass Artist'



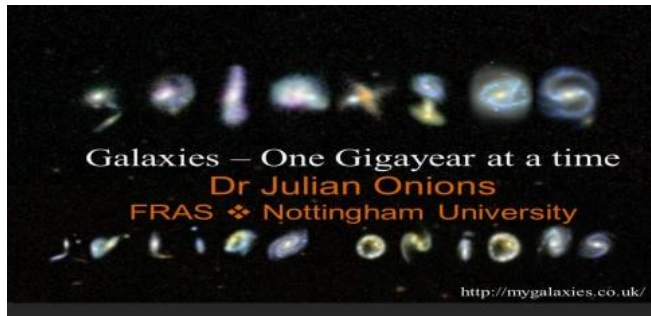
Vicky is a glass artist based in rural Lincolnshire. She will talk us through the unique properties of glass and the specialist ways of working with it, her personal experiences training and working in fused glass and where she draws inspiration.

10th 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.

14th 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.

12th 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.

9th 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.

14th July Celia Lord ‘So You Think You Know Lincoln Cathedral’



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

11th 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.

8th September – Karen Crow – Lincoln Town Crier

13th 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.

10th November AGM

8th December TBA

Garden Group to start meeting again

We are inviting any West Wolds u3a member to join our garden group. Most of us are fortunate enough to have a garden, however small, and this group will have something for everyone; from regular monthly meetings, to visits to member's gardens and other gardens both local and occasionally further away when we will hire a coach. We also hope to invite our members to come away for a short staycation to visit some very special gardens next Spring.

Our first coach excursion is on Tuesday 21st September when we are visiting the new RHS garden, near Manchester, called Bridgewater. You might have seen this recently featured on TV? We still have a few places left if you would like to join us. £40 including entrance. Depart Tesco's in Market Rasen.

We also have a garden visit planned for an NGS garden in Sturton-by-Stow on 10th September 2 p.m/4 p.m. £6.00



The venue for our monthly meetings has changed. It will now be on the third Wednesday at 2pm at the New Life Church in Serpentine Street, Market Rasen, LN8 3AR. We have the large meeting room where we can easily socially distance and it is light and airy. Refreshments will be served. There is an entrance fee of £3.00 which includes tea or coffee. This is to cover the cost of our speakers' fees and travel. There will be regular raffles and also occasional plants for swap or sale. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month.

For our group members please put the following dates in your diary.

Forthcoming programme

15th September: Pam Tatam "Starting from Scratch".

20th October: Gail and John Summerfield "Spring bulbs" with wide variety for sale

17th November: Christmas wreath-making workshop.

7th December: **CHANGE OF DATE.** Christmas afternoon tea party

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

To join the group, book for RHS Bridgewater or the garden visit to Sturton on Stow, or for any other garden enquiry please contact me by phone
Jane Guy: telephone 0797 1277 482,
email gardening@westwoldsu3a.org

Jane Guy

Visit to Middle Rasen garden on 13th and 20th July



In July we opened our first member's garden in Middle Rasen on two consecutive Tuesdays to 11 group members. The garden looked wonderful and Jackie and Derek, also u3a members, were pleased to share their garden knowledge and helped us identify their plants. There were many pathways for you to explore with summer colourful beds, a pond, a shaded woodland area, a Japanese reflective area and lots of pots full of glorious dahlias and agapanthas. We were treated to tea and cake and very much enjoyed meeting each other again after such a long break.

Comments sent by our members afterwards:-

"What a beautiful garden and so tranquil".

"A hidden gem on our doorstep."

"The tea and cakes was a lovely surprise. It was just like old times again."



VISIT TO CLAXBY, AUGUST 3RD, 2021



In August, 16 of our members visited the second of our open gardens which was in Claxby, the home of Pat and David, another of our members. Wold Haven garden is around three quarters of an acre consisting of various areas of interest. At the front there is a steep bank with a selection of spring flowers and shrubs planted under two mature ash trees. Bordering the drive there are two gravel gardens with various grasses, heathers and conifers. By the wall in summer is a collection of

aeoniums. At the rear of the house there are herbaceous borders and beds, a rose garden, fruit and vegetable plots and a tropical garden. They can all be viewed from lawns or paths. There are three greenhouses with the largest containing the summer tender fruits and vegetables. Pat and David made everyone very welcome.



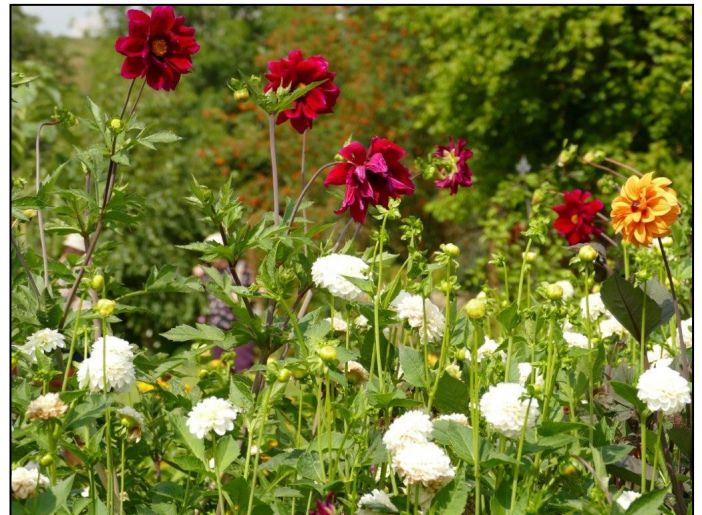
Comments sent by our members afterwards:-

"The garden in Claxby was stunning."

"Thanks for arranging the Claxby visit. Delightful."

"The garden was inspirational. It was so lovely to meet the hosts who readily shared their gardening experiences."

"It was lovely to see so many old friends again."



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.

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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 Desert 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	09:45 GENERAL MEETING Festival Hall Market Rasen 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 Rasen Book Group 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* <i>(*And 5th Friday of the month, if there is one)</i>
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 * <i>(*Last Wednesday of month)</i> 10:00 Cycling (Short Rides)	10:00 Cross Stitch 10:00 Keep Fit* <i>(* And 5th Thursday, if there is one)</i> 14:00 Indoor Bowls 14:30 Drama	10:00 Latin 10:00 Line Dancing* 10:00 Biblical Hebrew 10:00 Cycling (Longer Rides)* <i>(*And 5th Friday of the month, if there is one)</i> 14:00 Mah Jong

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