

WEST WOLDS

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"Learn, Laugh and Live"

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

By the time you read this we will have had our AGM and we will have said goodbye to one committee member and hopefully hello to someone else. There will come a time when more than one person stands down and more of you will have to take over for West Wolds u3a to be able to continue. Please think about next year now so you can take time to learn what is needed and realise it would not be as difficult as you might think.

I am pleased to be able to say that we have had several new members join our u3a and some have started new interest groups. Some interest groups are still looking for new leaders so they can continue but many have been able to restart in person or continue as online groups.

The committee had to make a decision about a Christmas meal some time ago and thought rather than perhaps have to cancel it we would not organise one this year. Some interest groups have made plans for their own smaller gatherings with people they usually meet up with, see below.

Best wishes
Gail Dennis, Chairman

AN INVITATION FROM THE GARDEN GROUP

At the request of the members of the garden group we have booked a Christmas lunch at Pennells Garden Centre on the A46 at the last turn-off for Lincoln. This is on the 1st December at 1 p.m. We are happy to invite any member of West Wolds u3a to join the garden group for this festive occasion. There is a choice of 3 starters, 4 mains plus a vegan option and 4 desserts. The cost is £16.95 for two courses and £19.95 for three courses. An area at Pennells for our sole use will be set aside and we will be served with our choices.

Contact Jane Guy for further information.

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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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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021/22 REMINDER

Thanks to the people who came to renew their membership at the October meeting, sorry if there were any delays, but we have to ensure that we have the correct date on your cheque and cheques are signed etc.

I have decided to stop giving the details of how to renew in the Newsletter as it must be getting very boring for you, if you need any details go to the website to see the Membership form and what you need to do.

Our Membership Secretary, Jane Guy, is contacting the remaining few to find out whether they are going to do so in the next month, anyone who is having difficulty with the Membership Form or getting to a meeting to complete their renewal and pay their fee should contact Jane or myself.

Terry Francis
treasurer@westwoldsu3a.org

MESSAGE FROM JANE GUY

I am delighted to report that the majority of our members have chosen to renew their membership and we also have some new members too which is rather wonderful, given the times we are living in at the moment.

Can I just put out an appeal to wear your u3a badges please. So many of us are of an age when we cannot remember names of people we have not met for some considerable time and nothing is worse than asking for each other's name. Your new name badges are awaiting collection provided you have paid your new membership fee and also completed the relevant form. Please come to see me at my table at the back of the hall to collect your badge.

Jane Guy
membership@westwoldsu3a.org

SPEAKER PROGRAMME 2021

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'.

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.

GARDENING GROUP PROGRAMME

1st December: Christmas lunch at Pennells

19th 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**

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

HELP REQUIRED!



**THE REFRESHMENTS AND GREETERS TEAM
NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER AND
BEYOND.**

**CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR SO TO HELP
AT ONE OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS
PLEASE?**

**NO ONGOING COMMITMENT REQUIRED,
MAYBE ONCE A YEAR.**

PLEASE SEE **RACHEL OR CAROLINE FOR
INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP.**

**ALL HELP GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. THANK
YOU.**

*Rachel Telfer 01673 844244 / Caroline Dale 01673
844142*

**Caroline and Rachel would like to express their
thanks to the members who have volunteered as
Greeters and Catering Helpers at earlier meetings.**

Catering Helpers Rota

December 9th

Keith Grayburn
TBA
Linda Grayburn
Yvonne Heathershaw

January

Keith Grayburn
Liz Fairborn
Linda Grayburn
Christine Pearce

Greeters Rota

December 9th

Pam John
Gillian Anderton
Kate Roberts

January

TBA
TBA
TBA

CYCLING GROUP

On Friday 8th October the cycling group took their first official trip out after an absence which commenced with lockdown..... and that was an age ago.....

Gordon led a ride from the leisure centre in Brigg along the Ancholme Valley Way to Ferriby Sluice, and return, in memory of our dear friend Martin Hickling. Martin sadly passed during the period adjacent to lockdown: it was Martin who planned our original route and first scenic ride along the river bank from Brigg to South Ferriby.



Unlike Martin's planned route and the one published in advance, we didn't leave the cycle path at Saxby All Saints to take the road to South Ferriby. Gordon, having asked a passing cyclist "can we continue on the cycle path at Saxby", a positive response meant the planned route was ignored in favour of an off-road option, which proved a real challenge. That was because we missed the well-used path on one side of a stand of elephant grass, in favour of a less-used path through what proved to be "a Jungle".



Much agony allegedly suffered by two male riders ... note the photograph which exhibits their injured parts (which may need microscopic viewing) . The so called "injuries", plus an enduring and persistent insult of the event organiser, was later offset by a good lunch at the Hope & Anchor.



The picture from The Hope & Anchor's rear elevated deck shows the clear blue sky with a lovely view across the Humber at the mouth of the Ancholme and into the nature reserve at Farr Ings. With a total of 3 punctures, all repaired en-route ... we were pleased to have such beautiful weather! The day's riders were..... Gordon, Paul, Angela M, Gill, Wilf and Chris.



After that trip away from our usual haunts, the next was on the following Wednesday when Angela Murtagh led 6 cyclists on a local ride from Market Rasen to the Beehive Café (works restaurant) in Rand. We are pleased to report it was both more normal and less eventful, should you be thinking of joining us!

Gordon Jennings

DISCUSSION GROUP



A new Discussion Group is to meet every third Thursday in the month in the White Swan, Market Rasen in the dining area.

The group discusses a topic of the day chosen at the previous meeting.

A group member will introduce things and lead the meeting into the discussion. Topics discussed for example could be the latest fuel crisis, why did it happen, how could it have been avoided, whose fault was it, how did it affect you.

The group will be informal and friendly and we will take the opportunity to have plenty of tea and coffee or, if fancied, something stronger. It is not a debating society. Numbers are limited to 10 to maintain the conviviality of the group.

The Group meets on the 3rd Thursday in the month at 2-4pm in the White Swan, Market Rasen

Please contact Angela Wilson for further details and to sign up angewilson55@gmail.com

THEATRE GROUP

The next theatre trip will be to the performance of Christmas with Steptoe and Son at the Louth Riverhead Theatre on Friday 3rd December.

We will meet in the foyer at 7.10pm and the tickets cost £10 each.

If you would like to attend please contact Jane Lloyd on 01673 843078 or janez.lloyd@hotmail.co.uk by the 11th November.

GERMAN LANGUAGE GROUP LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.



Would you like to brush up your German language skills, or maybe you did German at school and would like to get back into it? Then maybe our German language group is just what you need. Classes are very informal. There are no exams or tests and what we do is largely guided by the group itself. At the moment we are reading a lovely little novel designed for German learners. Also, there is a lot of material on-line, so there is no shortage of things we can read or grammar exercises to do. We encourage members to bring along material or things they have written themselves. Luckily we have a German speaker in our group which is a great resource.

Unfortunately we can't accommodate absolute beginners, but there is a wide range of abilities so do feel free to come and join us for a session to see if we are at the right level for you.

At the moment we are meeting on Tuesday afternoons at members' homes, but we may be able to be flexible about timing and venue so if you are interested but the timing is inconvenient please get in touch.

To find out more please contact [Gary Beighton](#) - 07582 227856

A GARDEN GROUP HOLIDAY TO THE LAKE DISTRICT

For u3a members who enjoy visiting gardens the garden group is planning to visit the Lake District next year from the 24th/27th June. We will be staying at the Riverside Hotel in Kendal which has lovely riverside views and is in the centre of Kendal so you will be able to explore the town too. We have booked on a Bed, Breakfast and evening meal basis.

We have arranged to visit some of the most beautiful gardens in Britain which includes Gresgarth which was featured on one of Carol Klein's four different seasons in famous gardens



quite recently. The garden is owned by a well known garden designer. We will also be visiting Holehird which is on the side of Lake Windermere and run by the Lake District Horticulture Society and holds several national collections of plants. Another garden, called Yewbarrow, is tropical and overlooks the beautiful Morecambe Bay.

The holiday price includes two lunches, 3 nights' accommodation, executive coach travel and all garden entrances. The cost is £498 per person sharing a twin or double room. A single room supplement is £70 and insurance which includes covid cover is £25. The holiday is dependent on a minimum of 31 persons.

If you are interested in joining us, please request a booking form from Jane Guy at jane.m.guy@gmail.com and if not on e-mail then telephone 0797 1277 482.

Jane Guy

Have a look at our Facebook page for interesting information, share it to all your friends, to increase our membership.



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TWO UNHOLY ALLIANCES

For several weeks now, all our media channels have been portraying the plight of the Afghan men and women who helped and served with the British soldiers fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan. Now they are trying to flee from the revenge and wrath of those victorious Taliban fighters in Kabul. There is an old saying: "History repeats itself"!

I was witnessing similar events on the Russian front during World War 2. Russian prisoners of War, men and women, were volunteering to serve in the German army. Some because they hated Bolshevism, but most were fearing and trying to avoid the barbaric German prisoner of war camps. "HIWI", the full name is "Hilfsfreiwilliger" = (auxiliary volunteer), they were accepted and treated as unarmed German soldiers with full rights. They wore German uniform, were allowed their original rank with badges and insignias. They got equal pay and leave, just like ordinary soldiers. They did guard duties, served as drivers, cooks, hospital attendants, front line medics, ammunition carriers, messengers, sappers etc. Some did police duties in the occupied lands and many worked as guards in the German concentration camps. Historians tell us, that HIWIS may have constituted one quarter of the front-line strength of the German army fighting in Russia.

After the war had ended, some of those unfortunate people attempted to return to their homes in the USSR. Most were captured, prosecuted, charged with treason and shot. A few lucky ones were sent to the Gulags for life.

However, the majority found refuge and safety in Western Germany; some were given shelter as refugees in other western countries.

The Allied occupation forces in Germany would not allow any prisoner of war or refugee to return to their homes in the Russian occupied eastern lands.

Joe Willisch

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 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) 14:00 Readers Group 1 14:00 Gardening Group	10:00 Italian 10:00 Keep Fit 10:00 Patchwork * 14:00 Indoor Bowls 14:00 I.T. Workshop 14:30 Drama	10:00 Latin 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Biblical Hebrew 10:00 Cycling (Longer Rides) 14:00 Scrabble* (*And 5th Friday of the month, if there is one)
4th	14:00 Bridge 14:00 Daytime Ukulele 14:30 Table Tennis	10:30 3 Mile Walkers 14:30 Spanish 14:30 German	10:00 Embroidery (*Last Wednesday of month) 10:00 Cycling (Short Rides) 14:00 Rasen Book Group	10:00 Cross Stitch 10:00 Keep Fit* (* And 5th Thursday, if there is one) 14:00 Indoor Bowls 14:30 Drama	10:00 Latin 10:00 Line Dancing* 10:00 Biblical Hebrew 10:00 Cycling (Longer Rides)* (*And 5th Friday of the month, if there is one) 14:00 Mah Jong

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TBA – New convener required

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THE STROLLERS

TBA – New Convener required