

WEST WOLDS

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"Learn , Laugh and Live"

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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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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

First of all I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have said goodbye to Steve as a committee member but he will continue to support us in a variety of computer technical ways for which we are very grateful. We welcome Shirley to the committee and to the role of Secretary of our Neighbourhood Meetings which Sharon has been doing for several years. Thank you Sharon and thank you for continuing your work with our u3a.

The new committee have taken on their previous roles so our u3a can continue to function. This is not the case in several of our neighbourhood u3as. One is probably going to close and its remaining members can join the nearest u3a, if they can drive there. Another is struggling to get a committee together and another has this coming year to get members to take on committee roles or it is in danger of closing. For the members by the members seems a hard concept for many people to grasp.

With over 300 members our u3a seems to be one of the thriving u3as in the area. Thank you to all of you who volunteer in which ever capacity and I look forward to seeing many of you at General Meetings and Group Meetings.

Best wishes
Gail Dennis, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021/22 REMINDER

Thanks to the people who came to renew their membership at the November and December meetings, 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.

We are now assuming that anyone who has not renewed, no longer wishes to do so. If you haven't renewed you will no longer be able to take part in any group activities. The conveners for the groups will be checking to ensure that all attendees are valid members.

Terry Francis

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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.

HELP REQUIRED!



Due to a re-organisation of the refreshments rota help is needed for the following months.

February: One person to serve the drinks

March: One person to serve drinks and one to wash/dry in the kitchen.

If serving drinks please arrive by 9:15

Please contact Rachel Telfer on 01673. 844244 or e mail on rachelterfer1@hotmail.co.uk.
Many thanks in anticipation.

Caroline Dale 01673 844142

Catering Helpers Rota

January

Serving:: Keith Grayburn
Liz Fairborn
Kitchen: Vera Brisban
Christine Pearce

February

Serving:: Suzanne Barker
Kitchen: Rosemary Bowyen
Anna Etteridge.

Greeters Rota

January

Brian Ward
Lena Turner
Lucie Kew

February

Eunice Hughes
TBA
TBA

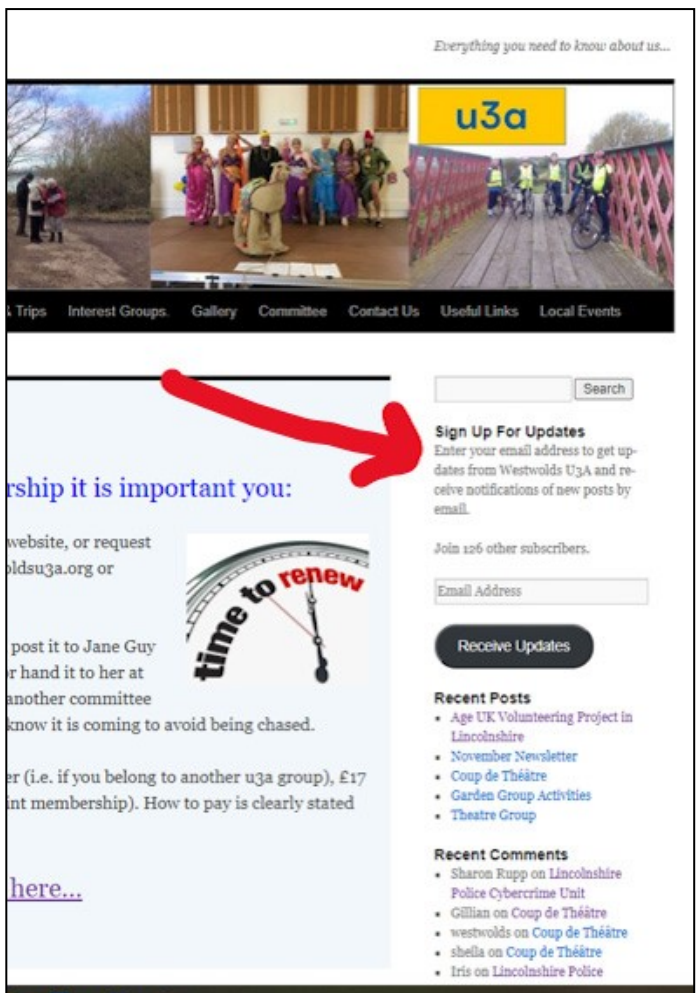
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GARDENING GROUP PROGRAMME

- 19th January:** Ben Preston from Perennial the Gardener's charity "York Gate through a Head Gardener's Eye"
- 16th February:** Monthly Meeting. Neil Timm from the Fern Nursery in Binbrook
- 19th February:** Meet at Brightwater Gardens, Saxby to see the snowdrops. (see below)

Jane is still taking deposits for the Gardening Group Holiday to the Lakes in June 2022. She has booked the hotel and coach.

She is happy to open up the coach excursions to non-garden group members before offering them to Welton u3a.

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
Please Note Jane is away until the 19th December



Gardening Group Christmas Lunch

MUSIC APPRECIATION.

This group is being restarted in the New Year. We shall be catering for all types of music by playing recorded discs once a month at our gatherings. We shall be meeting as before on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10AM starting in January 2022.

Meetings will initially be at Lindum Wold,
Moortown Road, Nettleton, LN7 6HX.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



Ever feel you are losing the ability to keep up with modern technology and it is making life more difficult. Don't fret, you are not alone and help is at hand. If you would like assistance with some technical issue please contact one of the Committee or complete the form on the West Wolds website and someone will be in touch.

Keep Fit Group Christmas Lunch



Do you have some time to spare?



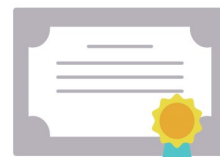
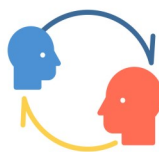
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BJO123 (Beejo)



I used to be a member of the classic car club, at least I went on two or three trips with them in our respective 'Classic cars.' Mine was a 1935 Morris 8 tourer which in recent years i.e. the last 45 or so, had a yellow body with maroon wings: you may well have seen it when I occasionally took her into town. I used to take great pride in keeping her looking smart and running well.

However, in recent years I began to find this more and more difficult. The car developed a few problems that I failed to fix and I came to the conclusion that I had become unwilling and unable to keep her in good condition so I reluctantly decided to sell her. I placed an advert in the Morris register and waited. I got three calls, one from Morecambe and two from Devon. Once I admitted to them that she was not in the condition to be driven any considerable distance they all realised that they would need to hire a trailer or a truck to move her and that would be expensive, so they all withdrew. I now realised the same thing and concluded that I would not be able to sell her.

But a week later I got another call from a man near Mablethorpe who said that he was the brother of one of the earlier callers and would like to come and look at the car on behalf of his brother. The upshot of that was that he decided to buy her himself and towards the end of August he came with a friend and a low loader truck and took her away. It was an emotional moment as I took a picture of her sitting

forlornly on the truck and disappearing into the distance. She had been my first car and I had owned her for 58 years. The end of an era.

About four weeks later I drove down to his address with some more spares I had found and asked him what progress he had made with her. "I haven't done anything yet," he replied, "I'm thinking of taking the engine out."

I said that I didn't think that was necessary as I thought all that was needed was a new head gasket. But actually, the way he was talking made me think that he was not capable of doing such a job, if indeed he ever had been. Now I'm afraid that my old Morris will sit in his garage till the day he dies (he is 80) and then what? I don't know.

Normally, when you sell a car, you couldn't care less what happens to it. But in this case I can't help hoping that she will be put back on the road for a few more years. I guess I should stop worrying. After all, it's only a carisn't it?

Mike Robinson

HOW TO COOK A TURKEY

- Step 1. Buy a turkey
- Step 2. Have a glass of wine
- Step 3. Stuff turkey
- Step 4. Have a glass of wine
- Step 5. Put turkey in oven
- Step 6. Relax and have a glass of wine
- Step 7. Turk the bastey
- Step 8. Wine of glass another get
- Step 9. Hunt for meat thermometer
- Step 10. Glass yourself another pour of wine
- Step 11. Bake the wine for 4 hours
- Step 12. Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 13. Tet the sable
- Step 14. Grab another wottle of bine
- Step 15. Turk the carvey!

Sent in by Sheila Robinson

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 4-MILERS

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THE STROLLERS – Suspended

TBA – New Convener required

THE 9-MILE HIKERS – Suspended

TBA – New convener required