

WEST WOLDS



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Thanks for all contributions, these are very well received, I will endeavour to get them in if possible. *Terry Francis (Editor)*

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

We had a delightful end of year meeting when we were entertained by Mark Walsh. He is an excellent speaker and musician. His talk covered some history of the music hall as well, which was fascinating. (See article on page 3)

I hope those of you who could, logged on to the online talk from Great Ormond Street. When they cancelled coming in person it seemed sensible to cancel January's General meeting in the Festival Hall. Then we got the Festival Hall's new regulations which talks about distance between other households, mask wearing, ventilation, cleaning touch points etc. Most of these we have always done since we started meeting up again. There is also a bit about extra care for over 70 year olds which always gives me a jolt and not a positive reaction.

We are intending to hold the next General Meeting in the Festival Hall on the 10th February. We hope you are prepared to come to the meeting and abide by the 'come in and sit down and only remove your mask when drinking' latest rules for community indoor spaces?

And what do you think you will do with your Interest Groups?

Best wishes
Gail Dennis, Chairman

SPEAKER PROGRAMME 2022

10th February - 'Vicky Wilkinson - Glass Artist'



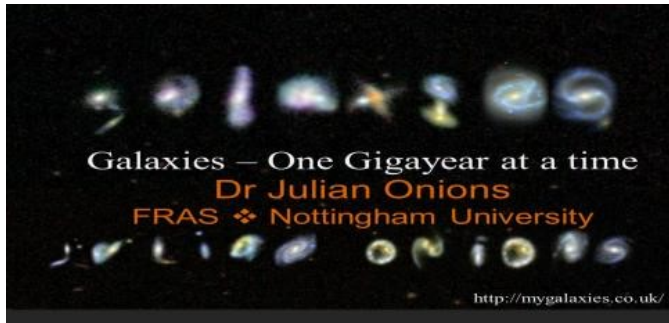
Vicky is a glass artist based in rural Lincolnshire. She will talk us through the unique properties of glass and the specialist ways of working with it, her personal experiences training and working in fused glass and where she draws inspiration.

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 one talk.

Catering Helpers Rota

February

Serving:: Suzanne Barker
Stephanie Fox
Kitchen: Rosemary Bowyen
Anna Ettridge.

March

Serving:: Gillian Anderton
Suzanne Barker
Kitchen: Mary Orphanoudakis
Anita Handford

Greeters Rota

February

Eunice Hughes
Barry Dukes
Gillian Anderton

March

Anna Ettridge
Alison Laing
Mike Newton

GARDEN GROUP

The Garden Group are going on a coach excursion on the 22nd February to see one of the best displays of snowdrops in England and Wales! We are visiting Anglesey Abbey, a National Trust property in Cambridgeshire. The coach is picking us up in Tesco's car park. If, as a non-member of this group you would like to join us, there are a few places left on the coach. The cost is £35 for the journey with free entry to the garden for NT members. Others pay a further £9.50 for group entry. For a copy of the information leaflet and a booking form please contact **Jane on 0797 1277 482**

or gardening@westwoldsu3a.org

The group is also going on holiday in June for four days to the Lake District and again there are still some seats available on the coach. If you would like more information please contact Jane as above.

GARDENING GROUP PROGRAMME

16th February: Monthly Meeting. Neil Timm from the Fern Nursery in Binbrook

19th February: Meet at Brightwater Gardens, Saxby to see the snowdrops.

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**

INDOOR BOWLING

The indoor bowlers have been enjoying regular bowling at Dunholme Indoor Bowls Club for over a year now and numbers are steadily growing. They meet on a Thursday afternoon for a two hour session. All were new to bowling when they first joined the group, but now most are joining Fun Leagues and playing in other sessions too. One said recently "It is a wonderful new experience giving me an opportunity to do some regular gentle exercise, have some fun, and good company too." If you would like to give this a go the first three sessions are free with tuition included and you can borrow shoes and bowls.

For more details please contact **Jane Guy on 0797 1277 482**



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A Christmas Blowout

The roasted bird is carved and eaten,
The sprouts have been digested,
And Aunty's special Christmas pud
in full tummies now is rested.

The food just keeps on coming,
As I stare at the Yuletide telly,
My buttons are starting to show the strain
And my belt won't fit my belly.

Could it be that last cheese wedge,
or the chocs I ate last night,
That makes my waistband feel so small
And my shirt feel way too tight.

I think a diet is on the cards,
In 2022,
But until then, just pass me please,
another mince pie or two.

Julia Francis

'Here's a Funny Thing' by Mark Walsh

At the December General Meeting, we gave a very warm welcome to the multi-talented Mark Walsh who returned for a second visit. His subject this time was, "Here's a funny thing," which covered the rise of Music Hall and its artistes.

Sometime back in the 1830's, a very discerning landlord in London decided to devote a room at the back of his spit and sawdust pub in order to employ a variety of acts to entertain his customers. The landlord would take on the role of 'chairman' and the artistes would dance, sing songs and/or tell jokes. If they proved to be very good, they would attract the drinkers (known as the house) away from the bar and down to the stage; this went on to coin the phrase we know today as 'bringing the house down.'



The idea of variety acts soon caught on and it wasn't long before over 400 London pubs also had a 'Music Hall' where an Act would 'play' for about ten minutes; they might then move on to another pub to perform again and were often able to fit in nine shows in different venues in one evening as they didn't have to travel far. The Music Hall became synonymous with providing affordable entertainment for the new urban working class. Here the public were treated to a wide range of performances, from gymnastic acrobatics to singing and dancing routines. As the Music Halls rose in popularity, so did some of the artistes and the likes of Marie Lloyd and later Arthur Askey were soon recognised by their 'signature' tunes of 'My Old Man' and 'The Bee Song'.



Marie Lloyd

By the turn of the 20th century, the music halls had grown into variety theatres with a compere rather than a chairman, and there were an increasing number of excellent comedians appearing, such as Arthur Askey and Max Miller, who later became the highest paid stand-up comic at that time. Max Miller was renowned for working his audience with his rhymes and often leaving the last line for them to complete; he also influenced some of the best-known comedians of the 1950s and 1960s including

Frankie Howerd, Bob Monkhouse, Roy Hudd and Ken Dodd. Sadly, the increasing popularity of the cinema and then TV resulted in the demise of variety theatres, and many were demolished in the 60s nevertheless, variety continued in a different way with the rise in popularity of 'the summer season', followed by 'the pantomime season' where the audiences were still able to interact with the performers.

Mark is regarded as one of the finest ukulele players in the world and interspersed his most interesting talk by playing several well-known tunes on either his ukulele or banjolele. Both of these instruments were given to him by the famous Billy 'Uke' Scott and remain Mark's favourite instruments; they are also eventually destined for the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Nadia Dawson

A KNEELER CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

This year a kneeler created by Sheila Robinson will be celebrating its' 21st Birthday, it is still in St. Thomas's Church in Market Rasen, so next time you are there, have a look for it.

Here are some photos of the kneeler during its' manufacture and after being completed.



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 2022 PROGRAMME.

January - 11th. "The next Chapter"- Joe Willisch.

February - 8th. "Public houses in Market Rasen" - Brain Ward

March - 8th. "What Grandma did in the war" - Women's role in the WW1.- Richard Pullen

April - 12th. "Lincolnshire Dialects" - June Barton (Queen of the Salt Marshes).

May - 10th. "The Falklands and Operation Blackleg" - David Oliver.

June - 14th. "Railways of East Lincolnshire" - Mike Fowler.

July - 12th. Visit to Lincoln Cathedral, guided by David Oliver.

August - 9th. Visit to the Joe Nickerson's Gallery at Rothwell - Paddy Schilling.

September - 13th. **Visit - Awaiting confirmation from Guide.**

October - 11th. "The Louth Industrial Trail" - Stuart Sizer.

November - 8th. **Awaiting confirmation from Speaker.**

December - 8th. Christmas Quiz - Paul Ettridge.

For information about any of these talks or visits contact Paul Ettridge

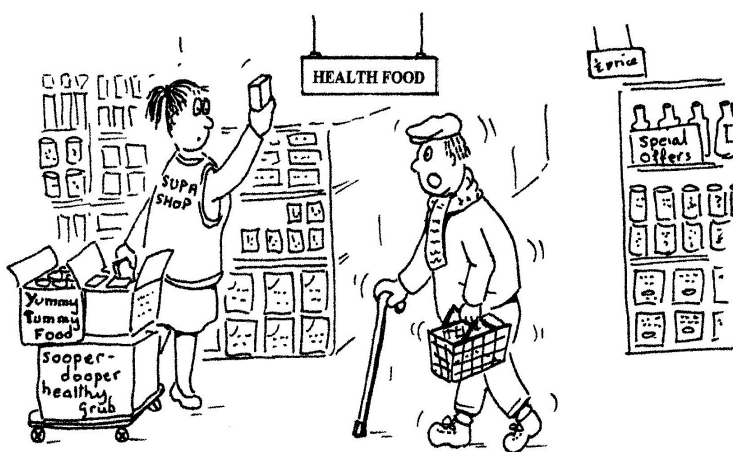
NEW YEAR QUIZ 2022.

1. What is produced by the Joule effect?
2. Where was Dame Vera Lynne born (1924)?
3. Name the producer of 'A Few Dollars More'?
4. Which male tennis player has spent the most weeks at No 1 (310wks) ?
5. 'good night, good night, parting is such sweet sorrow' is a line in which Shakespeare tragedy?
6. How long did Queen Victoria reign in years and months (Jun 22 1837 - Jan22 1901)?
7. Who remains the only person to set both world land and water speed records in the same year (1964)?
8. How tall is Grimsby dock tower?
9. What was the title of Anita Ward's only No1 single (1979)?
10. Which American born poet won the 1948 Nobel prize for literature?
11. Which was the only country to defeat West Germany (the eventual winners) during the 1974 FIFA World Cup tournament?
12. What does proscribe mean?
13. In the shipping forecast what are Cromarty, Forth, Tyne, Humber, Thames and Shannon named after?
14. What is the smallest native bird in the U K ?
15. Rhotacism is difficulty in pronouncing which letter of the English alphabet?
16. Which Norwegian beat Scott to the South Pole?
17. How many countries are there in the world today?
18. How many brains does an octopus have?
19. Where are the islets of Langerhans?
20. What was the name of the main character in 'No Offence'?

Created by Paul Ettridge - Answers next month



Some of Committee Members & Helpers at Xmas



'You can forget health food, I need all the preservatives I can get.'

Cartoon by Gillian Anderton

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 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 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 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 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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