

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 if possible. *Terry Francis (Editor)*

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

It was lovely to see the groups who set up displays at the May Meeting. Some of them, I know, had several people sign up to join the group, which was the aim of the exercise. Thank you to all who worked hard to make that meeting a success and to the excellent speaker we had that day.

July 16th is when we hope to have a stall at the Pop-Up Market where we can publicise our u3a to the general public again. I will have appealed at the June Meeting for volunteers to man the stall for an hour or two that Saturday. If you can help please let me know by phoning my home number and leaving a message. We will have publicity materials to hand out and displays on the stall to catch the eye but, as with many publicity things in Lincolnshire, it is having someone speaking to someone that is very effective.

Best wishes

Gail Dennis, Chairman

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEE

Due to increasing costs, particularly for hire of venues for monthly meetings and an increase in capitation fees to the National office, it has been necessary for the Committee to consider increasing the Membership Fee for the next financial year. It has therefore been decided that from September the Membership fee will increase to £18 for Individual membership, £34 for Joint Membership, and £12 for Associate Membership.

We hope you continue to support the West Wolds u3a next year with all that we can offer.

The Committee

SPEAKER PROGRAMME 2022

14th July 'The discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun' by Eric Jackson



This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the opening of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter. The talk describes the discovery of the tomb, its layout and the principal items found; and also what happened afterwards including the so-called 'Mummy's Curse'.

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 Jeff Jacklin – 'Life in the NHS - It Only Hurts When I Laugh'



Experiences of a Hospital Doctor with some background history of the NHS and comedy video sketches from Tony Hancock and Ronnie Barker.

GARDENING GROUP PROGRAMME 2022 PROGRAMME



21st June: Visit to Overbeck, Scothern. Private garden of John & Joyce Good –
see next column

24th/27th June: A four-day holiday to The Lakes, visiting gardens and staying in the Riverside Hotel in Kendal.

19th October: Monthly meeting. Peter Williams
People, Plants, Places.

20th December: Monthly meeting. Janette Merillion,
garden designer "The sensual garden".

The holiday in June is for four days to the Lake District and again there are still some seats available on the coach, but the closing date for bookings is 19th June. If you would like more information, please contact Jane as below.

Visit to "Overbeck", Scothern. John & Joyce Good's garden on Tuesday, 21st June at 2.30 p.m. "Overbeck" is at 46 Main Street, Scothern, LN2 2UW.

John and Joyce have one of the most colourful and well-kept gardens I know. They are opening just for us! Situated in this attractive village this 2/3 acre garden is jam-packed with flowers everywhere but also a large hidden vegetable plot which is John's pride and joy. There are very large herbaceous borders, some in themed colours, with many unusual plants. There is a hosta bed, gravel bed with grasses, fernery, stumpery, interesting range of trees and many lovely climbers. I highly recommend this garden.

Please let me know if you intend to go as I want to give numbers to John and Joyce. Meet at 2 p.m. Entry fee is £5.00 which includes a cuppa and biscuit or cake.

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**

KEEP FIT GROUP CANCELLED

For all members of Dawn Stopper's Keep Fit Group at the Festival Hall, please note that the session on 23rd June is cancelled as Dawn Stopper is not available.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 2022 PROGRAMME.

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. "Discovering Cleethorpes" A guided walk around Cleethorpes by Emma Lingard

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

November - 8th. "The Effects of the railway coming to Market Rasen" - Hazel Barnard.

December - 13th. Christmas Quiz - Paul Ettridge.

For information about any of these talks or visits contact **Paul Ettridge telephone 01472 398921**
Email groupcoordinator@westwoldsu3a.org

GERMAN GROUP

Please note that the German Group is suspended for the Summer. Hopefully the group will be restarting in September. Contact Gary Beighton for further details.

GROUPS SHOWCASE

At the May General Meeting we showcased some of the groups to show what each group was about and drum up new interest and new members. The following groups took part, as shown here in the photos of the stands.



Turkish Dancing



Card Craft



Digital Photography



German



Spanish Group



Gardening Group



There was also a stand for the Line Dancing Group, manned by Margaret White. who needs new members to join her start up again.

A NEW HAT FOR AN OLD LADY

I have had the great pleasure to live in this lovely old house for many years. However, there are responsibilities that come with an old property and tasks that need to be carried out that may not trouble those who live in a more modern building. For me the maintenance of the thatched roof is something I must bear in mind.

A few years ago it became apparent that something needed to be done so I had to find a thatcher to advise me. This is not as straightforward as you might think. There are apparently only about 100 of these skilled craftsmen left working in England today, but we are lucky here in Lincolnshire as we have our own Master Thatcher and, therefore, I contacted Stewart Alexander.

He came and looked at the roof and after much chin stroking and teeth sucking he decided that a mere repair was not enough but that the whole thatch needed to be replaced. I was then put on his list. As you may imagine he is a very busy young man and he told me that it would probably be about 3 years before he would be able to do the work.



Most of the time he did this work on his own. Occasionally his Dad came to give a hand but most days Stewart was up on the roof doing it all by himself. Luckily the weather was good and there was only one day when he had to leave early, not because of the heavy rain but because of the strong winds that accompanied it. This meant that the whole job took exactly the 8 weeks he said it would.



In March of this year the day dawned when he arrived to begin the work. The first task, of course, was to take off all the old thatch. This he took away to a 40 foot long skip which he filled more than once. To my great relief he confirmed that the wooden supports were in good order so he was able to begin remaking the roof with straw.



Now my house looks out onto the roadside with her lovely new hat. Stewart has done a splendid job and the roof will last for many years to come.

Jane Lloyd

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP-
MAY PICTURES OF THE MONTH

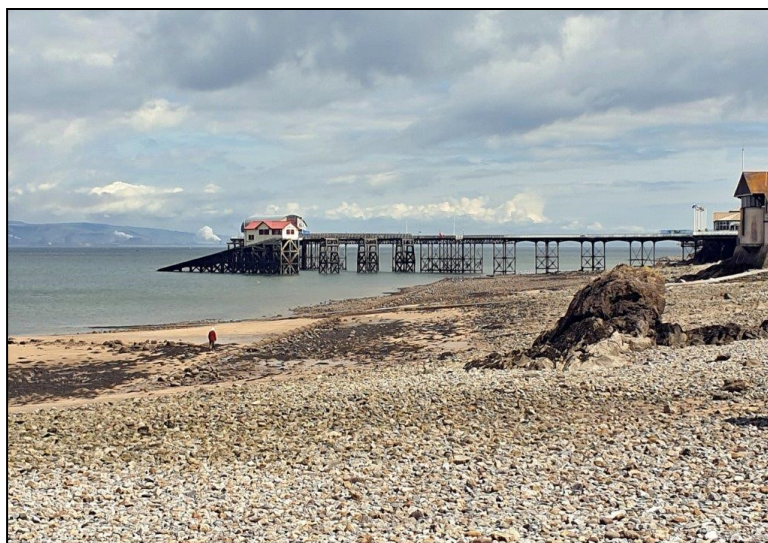
Best Photo of the month
taken by Angela Wilson



Frame Within A Frame
Taken by Brian Ward



My Favourite Place
Taken by Suzanne Barker



YOUR COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR ASSISTANTS!

To ensure the efficient operation of your u3, the Committee would like to invite members to assist with small tasks.

There will be no requirement to join the Committee but it would be helpful if interested members could attend the monthly Committee meetings on some occasions.

If you can spare an hour a month to help, or to find out more information please get in touch with Sharon: secretary@westwoldsu3a.org.

SUMMER FUN QUIZ



1. 'The First Day of Summer' is an annual public holiday celebrated in which European country in April?
2. Can you give the first line of Grease's 'Summer Nights' lyrics?
3. Which feast day falls on July 15 every year?
4. Who was credited with saving 77 lives during seven summers working as a lifeguard at Lowell Park, Illinois, starting in 1926?
5. Which singer was known as the 'Queen of Disco'?
6. Who met and fell in love with Marge Bouvier in a 1974 summer camp?
7. Which novel is told partly by its heroine Esther Summerson?
8. The "dog days of summer" are named after the Dog Star; what is the better known name of this star?
1. What term is often given to a period of dry hot weather that occurs in the autumn?
2. 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day' is the first line of which William Shakespeare sonnet?
3. What was the first name of Clegg in the sitcom *Last of the Summer Wine*?
4. The summer solstice occurs in the Southern Hemisphere during which month?
5. 'In the Summertime' was a debut single and big hit for which British rock band?
6. Name the fictional seaside town in the Australian sitcom *Home and Away*?
7. By what two names is the character Puck also known in the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
8. Who sang the song 'Summer', which received nominations for British Single of the Year at the 2015 Brit Awards?
9. *One Summer*, a 1983 British TV drama by Willy Russell, gave which English actor his first break as sixteen-year-old Billy Rizley?
10. Castel Gandolfo is famous for being whose summer residence?
11. London have hosted the Summer Olympic Games three times, can you name the years?
12. Name the cities which hosted the following Summer Olympics: (a)1952, (b)1960, (c)1972, and (d) 1988?
13. As of 2017, who is the current Chief Executive of Ann Summers?
14. What is the Italian word for Summer?
15. The Summer Palace is a vast ensemble of palaces, gardens and lakes in which world city?
16. In the famous nursery rhyme what did the Queen of Hearts make 'all on a summer's day'?
17. What are the summer signs of the Zodiac? (three answers needed)
18. British Summer Time begins and ends on the last Sundays of which months? (two answers)



Answers in next month's newsletter



Catering Helpers Rota

July

Serving:: Keith Grayburn
Anita Handford
Kitchen: Yvonne Heathershaw
Bernadette Heald.

August

Serving:: Keith Grayburn
Liz Eastburn
Kitchen: Dallas Stubbings
Bess Scott-Gunn

Greeters Rota

July

Pauline Wellings
Val Walsh
Margaret Foster

August

Anna Etteridge
Lucie Kew
TBA

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - DO YOU READ THE THIRD AGE MATTERS MAGAZINE?

Those eagle eyes among you will be well aware that times are getting tougher, and of course our u3a is no exception. Your committee have spent some considerable time thinking how we might save money rather than put up the fees, and one of our largest expenses is the cost of our National magazine which is £3.35 per annum per household to cover the postage on five issues. This is called Third Age Matters (TAM).

We are aware that these are not widely read by our members, though there are some who enjoy receiving and reading them. Other local u3a's charge their members extra to receive TAM. We don't want to go down that road at this time but

instead we have decided to ask you to let me know if you want to continue to receive this. Therefore will you please let me know by the **end of July** if you want to continue to receive the magazine.

If I don't hear from you, I will assume you do not want TAM.

If you are still taking TAM and don't want to keep it after you have read it, why not bring it to the monthly meeting to recycle for another member to take it away and benefit too?

Jane Guy, Membership Secretary

HEALTH ISSUES

If you have a hearing or sight issue, or any other health issue that you feel we may be able to help you with whilst attending a group or the general meeting, please speak in complete confidence to a committee member.

CHANGES TO OUR GENERAL MEETINGS FROM APRIL 2022

Due to increasing costs, particularly for the hire of the Festival Hall for our monthly meetings, it has been necessary for the committee to consider how best to meet a potential shortfall in our funds. It has therefore been decided to increase our door fee to £1 from our April meeting onwards.

We hope that you will continue to support the monthly meetings where you can find out 'what's on', have a cuppa and a chat and hear a different subject speaker each month.

The Committee

GROUPS DISCLAIMER

Please be aware that now groups or activities have recommenced, 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 Upholstery 14:30 Spanish 14:30 German – Suspended until September | 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 14:30 Recorder Group | 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 14:30 Table Tennis | 10:00 Local History 10:00 Beginners Family History 14:00 Upholstery 14:30 Spanish 14:30 German – Suspended until September | 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) 14:00 Scrabble* (*And 5th Friday of the month, if there is one) |
| 3rd | 14:00 Bridge 14:00 Digital Photography 14:30 Table Tennis | 10:00 Country Walks 10:30 Strollers 14:00 Embroidery 2 14:00 Upholstery 14:30 Spanish 14:30 German – Suspended until September | 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 14:00 Discussion Group 14:30 Drama 14:30 Recorder Group | 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 14:30 Table Tennis | 10:30 3 Mile Walkers 14:00 Upholstery 14:30 Spanish 14:30 German – Suspended until September | 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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THE STROLLERS – New Convener required

TBA – New Convener required

THE 9-MILE HIKERS – New Convener required

TBA – New convener required

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