

The Newsletter of Anlaby, Willerby and Kirk Ella u3a
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CHAIR'S CHAT!



Hello everyone. It's September, goodness how this year is passing. It certainly goes faster as you get older, or is it my imagination?

A little bit of a mix up with the newsletter this time, because there was no meeting in August and it would have been a problem getting the newsletters to you all. We hope to be back on course by November as there will be only two

months in between this one, just in time for Christmas. As most of you will know, Steve Roberts our editor for the newsletter has been ill, and with rest and quiet prescribed, we hope that this will do the trick and soon he will be back bright eyed and bushy tailed.

It seems a long while since our AGM in June and all of you members giving suggestions for new groups and social activities. Chris Watson is looking into the most popular. Belly dancing and hang gliding came quite high on the list!! (only joking) Please keep making your suggestions and we will try to make them happen.

Since I last spoke to you, we have had a quiz walk round Anlaby. This proved popular with 46 people taking part. I do wonder what the residents of Anlaby thought with all these people wandering round their village with sheets of paper in their hands. All those who took part enjoyed the evening - the weather was perfect and the fish and chips after was the icing on the cake.

I hope that you have had some lovely holidays to make memories and if not, that you have enjoyed the summer weather.

Take care, Sue

Latest News/Events & Dates for your Diary

General Monthly Meeting

All AWAKE u3a members are invited to our general monthly meetings which are held at St Andrew's Memorial Hall, HU10 7QA at 1.50pm for 2.00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The venue is on Beverley Road at the corner of Redlands Drive, opposite the large Willerby car park. The remainder of our 2025 programme can be found below:

17th September	Colin Bradshaw – “Beckside”
15th October	Tim Linkens – “Mission to Seafarers”
19th November	Mike Smith – “Rhythm and Rhyme”
17th December	Christmas Special!



Calling all NEW MEMBERS! Many of you have joined AWAKE u3a for the first time during the past 6-9 months. You are all invited to a Welcome Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 1st October from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at The Beech

Tree, South Ella Way, Anlaby. Members of the committee will be on hand for a chat and to answer any questions or hear any suggestions you may have. Please do come along and enjoy a free coffee and meet other new members of our wonderful u3a!

All members are invited to an AWAKE u3a Bingo session on Tuesday, 14th October at the Club House, Springhead Park Golf Club, Willerby Road, starting at 2 p.m. Join us for an hour or two of fun and entertainment and meet new friends. All members welcome - we're hoping for a full house!! More details from Sue McPhee, 652766



Your AWAKE u3a Committee

You will find a list of AWAKE u3a committee members on the enclosed "Useful Information" sheet. Please feel free to approach any committee member with your questions or any suggestions you may have about the running of AWAKE u3a or the wider u3a organisation.

Minutes of our monthly committee meetings can be found at: <https://awake.u3asite.uk/awake-u3a-committee-meeting-minutes/> There is a link on the 'Latest News' page of our website.

Newsletter Distribution – Help needed!

We are grateful to all our members who help to hand deliver our quarterly newsletter in the HU10 and HU5 postcode areas. This keeps our postage costs to a minimum. However, we are always on the lookout for more members willing to help in this respect. It would involve delivering no more than 10 newsletters in a small geographic area, but as it may not be near your home, you may need a car – unless you are an enthusiastic walker! If you feel you might be able to help, please contact Michael Ebeling (653964) or Mel Woods (07999 506299). Any help would be much appreciated especially in the HU5 postcode area.

Interest Group News

General Interest Group Information

No action has been taken in relation to new groups over the summer break but watch out for developments on our website, via e-mails, at our monthly meeting and in the next edition of AWAKEN.

Chris Watson

Art for Everyone

Hi everyone! The Art Group are beginning the Autumn term on Monday 15th September at 1.30pm. We meet at the Guide Hut, Main Street, Willerby, on the first and third Monday of each month. We are a friendly bunch who enjoy drawing and painting together under the guidance of Mary Randell. If you want to join the group please feel free to come along and see if we are what you are looking for. We have places to fill at the moment. More information from Denise Roberts, 659816.

Book Groups

We've read several recommendable books over the last few months. 'The Lost Lights of St Kilda' by Elisabeth Gifford is a fictional love story but based on the actual event of the population of St Kilda having to vacate the island. Another fact/fiction story was 'Precipice' by Robert Harris, telling the story of PM Asquith's affair, where he was revealing state war secrets to his mistress. We did try a couple of classics 'Far from the Madding Crowd' by Thomas Hardy and 'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Very mixed responses were made to both of these. One final book 'Ask Not' by Maureen Callaghan initiated a lot of discussion. The book looked at the women involved in the lives of all the Kennedy men and the damage done by the relationships with the men. An interesting read!

If you're interested in joining one of the groups give me a ring (Chris Watson – 07530 256560) and I can give you more details.

Chess Group

We meet as part of the Games group every other week at the Willerby Methodist Church on a Monday from 10am to 12 noon. As a result of our plea for more players we now have around 8 members but still have room for more. if you are interested, please ring Peter Taylor on 501808 for details.

Coffee and a Stroll

We offer a leisurely 2-mile (approx.) footpath stroll, locally or within a 10-mile radius of Willerby, fortnightly on Sundays at 10.00am from a designated parking area. This is followed by coffee and chat in a nearby venue. Give it a try. You will be more than welcome.

The next scheduled walks are:

September 21st – Little Weighton. Parking and Coffee at 'Croft Park' tea rooms, Rowley Rd.

October 5th – Hull. Parking & Coffee at 'The Peleton' within 'Warners Health Club', Pickering Rd.

October 19th – Anlaby. Parking and Coffee at 'Haltemprice Leisure Centre', Gorton Rd.

November 2nd – Cottingham. Parking in Co-op car park and Coffee at 'Kristoffs', Hallgate.

November 16th – Hull. Parking in 'Princes Quay' or locally and meet at exit to Princes Dock St and Coffee at 'Coffee Delight' within the Quay.

For any further information or issues regarding location or transport etc. please contact me, Les McPhee, on 652766 or 07855 235766



Coffee and Stroll Group: A recent walk near the Humber Bridge

Computer Group

The computer club is about much more than just computers. We meet at The Beech Tree from 11.00 – 13.00 every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, with 2 or 3 resident 'experts' willing to help and advise on individual problems. This Group is open to all AWAKE members – you don't have to be a member of the Group to make use of it. If you have an IT problem, please just drop into one of our regular meetings for help. New members are welcome. Contact Chris Moody, 653027, for information.

Darts, Dominoes & Cards Group

This group meets every other Tuesday, 7 – 9 at the Willerby Institute/Library on Main Street. We play Dominoes and Darts with cards seeming to be taking a rest at the moment, but if you feel like coming to play any card games, you'll be more than welcome. Our next dates are September 23rd, October 7th and 21st, November 4th and 18th and December 2nd and 16th. If you're interested in joining the Group or you have any queries, please contact Les Holmes (07530 103 482)

Digital Photography

The digital photography group has been in limbo for some time and Stewart Mawer (previous leader) is keen for it to start again but for this to happen we need someone to volunteer to run the group. Stewart is willing to offer his expertise in both photography and running the group to anyone willing to take on the role. If any ex-members of the group or any new AWAKE members would like to join the group or be willing to be the leader, please contact Stewart on 655642.

Family History Group

The Family History Group now meets at The Beech Tree from 11.00 – 13.00 every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We are a small friendly Group, each working on our own projects, but sharing research hints, tips and pointers with other members. New members are welcome, so if you have an interest in Family History, either as a beginner or an expert, do come along and join us. You may prefer to work quietly on your own, or you may wish to discuss your family tree problems with other members over a cup of coffee – either way, you will be made very welcome. New members are always welcome.

Chris Moody 653027 for information.

Flex and Stretch

This group meets every Monday 12.25-1.10pm and 1.25-2.10pm at St Luke's Church Hall. If you would like to join us, please get in touch as this is a popular group with limited spaces.
Sue 652766

French Conversation Group

We have continued to meet throughout the summer, and in future we shall meet at 2.30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays in the month. We begin by translating into English a text which has been previously distributed. We then give our news in French, followed by a general chat in French and English. We now have two spaces, so please contact me on 653964 if you might be interested in joining this friendly group.

Michael Ebeling

Guitar Group

The Guitar group meets every Wednesday 10am to 12am. The group has now changed venues and now meet at St Mark's Church Hall, Anlaby Common, near the junction of Hull Road and Springfield Way.

We play a wide range of music and have chosen the name 'AWAKE to the Beat' to reflect our u3a.

We already have twelve members, and if you are interested in coming to see us and what we do you will be welcome.

For more information text me on 07707129786 and I will get back to you, or call me, Paul Kirk, on 650259.

Games Group

The Games Group meet at Willerby Methodist Church every Monday morning from 10am -12. There are about 20 of us who enjoy playing Scrabble, Rummikub, Sequence & Upwards. We do have other games too. We welcome new members to join and expand our games base. We now have to charge £2.50p as the room hire has increased but the 50p for a tea/coffee/biscuit remains. For the Games Group, as usual, contact Jackie Kitchen on 07731893435

Local History

The Local History Group is one of the most popular in AWAKE u3a with a regular attendance of around 40 members. The venue is St. Luke's Church Hall, so there's plenty of room for more! Our monthly meeting is on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1.30). Every meeting features an illustrated talk by an experienced speaker covering a range of diverse topics, all related to the local history of Hull and East Yorkshire. Our programme for the next few months:

18th September "The Rise and Decline of the Furniture Industry in Hull in the 19th Century"
by David Dixey

16th October "Bethel Jacobs and Sons of Hull: Jewellers, Architects and Engineers" by Francis Davies

20th November "How We Got About: Transport 2000BC to 2025" by Harvey Barker

December No meeting

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Our meetings are open to all members of AWAKE u3a and their guests. Admission is usually £2 to cover hall hire costs, speaker fee, refreshments and a 4-page newsletter. Often the price is less and sometimes it's Free!

If local history is your thing, then this is definitely for you!

New to local history? Then come along and catch the bug – it's highly infectious!! So, if you've not been before why not give us a try! It's a great afternoon out! Everyone is welcome!

More information from the group leader, Francis Davies, on 650449 or at francisvdavies@live.co.uk – or take a look at our webpage: https://awake.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/local-history/

NatureWatch

The NatureWatch Group arranges fortnightly visits for members, to various natural locations, as detailed in the Forthcoming Events list below. All the meetings start on Friday mornings at 9.30am at Willerby Square car park (down by the side of Sainsbury's). We welcome prospective new members, with or without their own transport, and are happy for them to try out a visit to see what they are letting themselves in for. Pictures from previous outings are on the next pages to give you an idea.

Forthcoming Events

19th September 2025 Flamborough Cliffs + Thornwick Bay

3rd October 2025 Tickton Pulfin Bog ***tbc***

17th October 2025 North Cave Wetlands

31st October 2025 Top Hill Low

14th November 2025 Beverley Westwood, Burton Bushes

28th November 2025 Donna Nook

12th December 2025 Christmas meal at The Sloop+Far Ings

Please let us know by email (mark@1dragon.karoo.co.uk) if you are intending to come with us and whether you need transport.

Urgent request! We would also welcome any current or prospective member to take over the running of the Group as the two current "Leaders" are both developing mobility problems, hardly helpful for an Outdoor Group!

For any further information please contact Mark Beaumont on mark@1dragon.karoo.co.uk

Mark and Celia Beaumont



Nature Group at Skerne Wetlands



NatureWatch Group at Skipworth Common

Pickleball Group

Over the past year or so our Pickleball Group has grown and we now have over thirty members keen and eager to have fun, as well as keep fit, in this enjoyable sport. The Tuesday Group, our original day, had no more availability so a Monday Group was added for additional players. This group is now almost full!

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We hire courts between 1pm-3pm on a Monday and Tuesday down at Haltemprice Leisure Centre. We generally play four to a court.

For more information, please see our Pickleball page on the AWAKE u3a website:

https://awake.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/pickleball-monday/
or email Alison Ward at alisonward8815@gmail.com for more details and to register your interest.



Pickleball Group: We're just waiting for you to join us!

Play Reading

Play Reading Groups - 4th Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

Group 1 In May, we read, Key for Two, by David Freeman and John Chapman. This classic farce is based on the infidelity of divorcee, Harriet, and her juggling to keep her two married lovers apart whilst allowing them to solve her financial problems. Of course, it falls dramatically apart before the final curtain.

July's reading was, Ghost on Tiptoe, by Robert Morley and Rosemary Anne Sissons. Set in the hippy times of the 1970s, a member of the establishment, Cuthbert Constable has been told, mistakenly, that he has only a short time to live. When he attempts to divulge his secret, his family's response is disappointing. He decides to make the most of his time, enjoying life and attempting amateur bull fighting, painting and cookery, becoming a free-spirited hippy.

Both plays required good timing and we're getting better at that. In August, we enjoyed our summer lunch together. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 24th September. Pauline Park

Group 2 The June play-reading was Spring and Port Wine by Bill Naughton. This is a comedy and features a father who tries to rule his family with an iron fist. Rafe Crompton is a self-made man who values discipline and tradition. Daughter Hilda triggers a series of arguments when she refuses to eat a herring and this reveals underlying tensions in the family. The play concludes with Rafe softening his stance and the family finding new ways to navigate their relationships. The Hull actor John Alderton appeared in the 1965 production of this play at the Mermaid Theatre in London.

Christine Trever

Quizzing Group

We continue to get up to 40 members to our Quizzes and everybody seems to be enjoying all the different types of question rounds included. If you fancy turning up and seeing if it's for you, give me a ring (Chris Watson, 07530 256 560) and you'll be made more than welcome. You don't need to be in a team as these are sorted out each Quiz, so anybody on their own can just arrive and be warmly welcomed. Our next dates are Thursdays, September 18th, October 2nd, and 30th, November 13th, 27th and December 11th & 18th (tbc). The Quiz is held at Anlaby Village Hall and starts promptly at 7.30pm with everybody arriving any time after 7 o'clock.

Short Walks

Our walks start at 10.30am, are about 3 miles long and take place on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. All are welcome to join us at a local hostelry afterwards for a bite to eat, or just a drink and a chat. All members of AWAKE, or any local u3a group, are welcome to join us. No need to book, just turn up, but if you have any questions or would like more information, contact details are below.

8th September – Willerby/Kirkella Womble. Slight inclines, pavements and paths, muddy if wet. Park at the Star Inn, Main Street, Willerby (HU10 6BY) where we will socialise.

22nd September – Willerby Old Railway Line. Flat, except steps up to/down from old railway line (muddy if wet), pavements and paths. Park at the far end of the Haltemprice Sport Centre car park (HU10 6QJ) and socialise at the sport centre café.

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13th October – Beverley Beck. Generally flat, pavements and paths, muddy if wet. Park at the Riverview Café (HU17 0LD) at the bottom end of Grovehill Road, Beverley, where we will socialise.

17th October – Cottingham/Snuff Mill Lane. Flat, pavements and paths, muddy if wet. Park at King George V Playing Fields, North Gate, Cottingham (HU16 5QW). Socialise at King William IV pub, Hallgate.

10th November – Anlaby Common/Calvert Lane. Flat, pavements and paths, muddy if wet. Park tidily in Springhead Lane past the Hullensians Rugby Football Club (HU4 7RU) and socialise at the Haltemprice Sport Centre café (HU10 6QJ).

24th November – Swanland Figure of 8. Park on West End Road in Swanland near Oliver's Coffee Shop (HU14 3PE) where we will socialise.

8th December – Willerby Low Road. Slight inclines, pavements and roads. Park at the Star Inn, Main Street, Willerby (HU10 6BY) where we will have our Christmas meal.

If you have any questions or want further details, please contact Paul Newman 01482 655318.



The Short Walkers taking a short break

Singing for Fun

We meet every other Tuesday evening at the Anlaby Village Hall, 6.30-8pm. Ladies and more Men are very welcome. If you like to sing but do not want the discipline of a choir why not give us a try. Sue 652766

Spanish

We now have a two new AWAKE u3a Spanish language groups! One is suitable for beginners and the other for improvers, so if you feel you would like to learn some Spanish or improve your skills (or both), then do come along and join in. The groups meet in the Alf Kersh Room at the Willerby and Kirk Ella Parish Institute (aka Willerby Library), Main Street, Willerby, on Monday mornings at 10.30am for an hour. There's a nominal charge to cover the cost of room hire and work sheets. Actual dates depend on the availability of the leader. Current upcoming dates are:

Beginners

29th September
27th October
10th November
24th November

Improvers

22nd September
20th October
3rd November
17th November

For more information, please contact the group leader: Hazel Ward - hazelwardhull@hotmail.co.uk

Stately Homes

The beginning of July saw 34 of our group members enjoy our yearly 4-day break down in Rutland. You can read more details of our adventures below!!! At our August session we found out information about Beningbrough Hall, near York prior to our visit there in September. October will again see us out on a visit to Scampston Hall, near Malton so the next meeting at St. Luke's Church Hall will be on Thursday, November 6th. If you would like more general information about the group, please do not hesitate to get in touch. (Chris Watson, on 07530 256 560)

AWAKE u3a Stately Homes Holiday 2025

There was a chilly breeze on the morning of Monday 7th July as we boarded our Acklam's luxury coach to take us on our annual Stately Homes Group holiday. Each day the weather was warmer. By Thursday we were in the third heatwave of the summer, desperately seeking shade (and ice cream).

Graham, our driver, took us to Nostell Priory, a National Trust property near Wakefield. A Palladian house largely designed by Robert Adam and filled with furniture by Thomas Chippendale, it was full of interesting items, including clocks by John 'Longitude' Harrison.

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On to our hotel for the three nights. The Rockingham Forest Hotel near Corby in Northamptonshire was in the process of changing ownership and undergoing radical alterations. We all had freshly redecorated ground-floor rooms, although we had breakfast in a different room each morning. The food and service were excellent as were the enormous beds.

On Tuesday we visited a couple of properties close to the hotel. Deere Park had been in a dreadful state after being used to house soldiers during World War 2, but the sale of an unexpectedly discovered copy of the Magna Carta led to funding for repairs. Overflowing with historical items including paintings, textiles and embroideries, it has been owned by the Brudenell family for 14 generations.

A short drive took us to Rockingham Castle, owned by the Watson family (no relation to Chris, unfortunately!). Started as a motte and bailey castle by William the Conqueror and built on regularly since, it has been visited by 14 different English monarchs. It has stunning views over miles of rolling countryside.

Back at our hotel we had a quiz after dinner. It proved rather tricky for those who don't like anagrams.

Wednesday morning was spent cruising. The Rutland Belle took us on a guided tour around Rutland Water, the largest English reservoir by surface area. A haven for birdwatchers, especially after a successful reintroduction of ospreys.



Stately Homes Group cruising on board the Rutland Belle

Nearby Lamport Hall, where we lunched and spent the afternoon, featured a number of large and varied gardens, including a rockery housing what is believed to be the oldest garden gnome in the world.

Our evening entertainment was a series of riddles posed by Chris which caused much light-hearted debate.

On Thursday we packed up for home, stopping at Belvoir Castle near Grantham on the way. Named by the French conquerors after its beautiful view (looking towards Lincoln Cathedral), the English locals weren't impressed and took to pronouncing it "beaver". Rebuilt three times on the original footprint, its magnificently sumptuous rooms are filled with artworks by such as Gainsborough, Stubbs, Constable and Hans Holbein. The wonderfully restored ceilings were a delight throughout and I would unreservedly recommend a visit.

Like us, after our four days of exploration, the air conditioning on the coach was struggling in the afternoon heat, but it kept going as did we - keener than ever for next year's adventures.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this a stunningly successful holiday, especially Chris Watson for her painstaking work in organising it all. David Newman

Supper Club

This is a group of like-minded people who enjoy meeting new people and eating out. We have been meeting at Kristoff's in Cottingham, the reason being we can have a room to ourselves which is nice. We try to meet every third Friday of the month. Space is limited so please get in touch if you are interested. The next evening will be Friday 26th September. Sue 652766

Table Tennis

Sue McPhee and Mel Woods are leading this group for the time being as Steve Roberts is unwell. We would like to be able to run this group every week depending on the response. We need to have at least ten people every week to cover costs. We meet on a Thursday at the Men in Sheds, First Lane, Anlaby 2pm until 3-30pm. Table tennis bats can be provided. You can attend this group every week or every other week depending on how you feel. We are hoping to try this group every week from October but new members are needed for this to happen so if you fancy giving it a go please come along. All welcome! For more information, please get in touch. Sue 652766

Tai Chi

It's all change for the two Tai Chi groups as Mike our instructor retires. Mike has been teaching the sessions for 10+ years now and is going to be missed so much, especially his weekly anecdotes - always a tale to tell has Mike.



Don't they all look relaxed and healthy following their Tai Chi session?!

The two groups will continue, though closed to new members currently, until after the transition to the new class instructor. I will give a further update in the next Newsletter.

To end by saying a big thank you to Mike from all his pupils, past and present.

Angela Dixon 07815 312264

Ten Pin Bowling Group

The Monday group meets at 10am at The Hollywood Bowl Kingswood Retail Park, Gibraltar Road, Hull HU7 3DB Bowling costs £7 for two games, car parking is free. New members are always welcome no experience required come and learn a new skill and have fun. Lifts maybe available if required please contact me if you need a lift or any further information. Tel. 07811719843 - Steve Clark

Friday Group The AWAKE u3a tenpin bowling group meets on Friday mornings, together with bowlers from Cottingham u3a. We play at the Superbowl on the lowest level of Princes Quay Shopping Centre, and start playing at 10.15 to allow bus passengers to use their passes after 9.30. We only bowl during school term times and two games cost £7. Shoe hire is free, although most of us use our own flat-soled shoes or trainers.

You don't need to bowl every week, just turn up and we will be delighted to see you whenever you can make it. For further information please contact David Newman on 659870.

Ukulele Groups

Barely Awake

We continue to practice our strumming at St. Luke's Church Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. Not only do we seek to broaden our repertoire but also we are always on the look out for new members wishing to develop their musical talent. We regularly perform at local events and our collective talents are in great demand! Really, we are just a Baby Boomer group of ageing rockers LIVING THE DREAM! So, whatever your ability, you are invited to join our happy space! For more information, please contact Peter Taylor on 501808

Sunshine Strummers

It's been a very busy summer for the Sunshine Strummers Ukulele Band playing at two Festivals, Summer Fairs, one playing alongside alpacas, and a range of concerts across Hull and East Yorkshire.

We also recently celebrated a very special birthday for Bill Coop. It was Bill's 95th Birthday and he is the elder of our group. Bill cannot get to practice sessions at the moment, so a group of us played at his home and enjoyed a super Strum Along. Bill is a fabulous musician and singer and has been with the band from the start.



The alpacas were rocking to the beat at the Magnolia House Summer Fair

Concert requests keep coming in and we are totally booked up over the Christmas period. To help the band progress their ukulele skills two workshops are planned in the autumn and will be led by musicians including Chris McShane and Ralph Shaw who have played recently at the Walkington Music Festival.

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The next big event planned is the annual Christmas Charity event One Amazing Christmas Strum on Saturday 6th December at the Albemarle Music Centre. This has both u3a bands playing - Sunshine Strummers and Barely Awake.



Strumming in the sunshine at Kirk Ella Mansions Residential Home

The group meets every Monday at Men in Sheds, First Lane, Anlaby, 2pm - 4pm. A short beginner programme is available for new players seeking to take up the ukulele.

Gary and Hazel Hughes

Did you know?..... AWAKE u3a is part of the local u3a ACCORD, an association of all the u3as in our area. This includes Swanland, Cottingham, Hessle and Beverley. We have a reciprocal agreement with all these u3as enabling members to join each other's interest groups, if their home u3a does not run one with their particular interest. There is no obligation to join the neighbouring u3a as a member.

So, just type in the other u3a's name in your internet search engine and see what else is on offer out there!

AWAKE u3a Website

You can find lots more information on our all our AWAKE u3a interest groups on our website.

Just type awake.u3asite.uk/groups/ into the search engine of your choice and you will find a wealth of information about our interest groups and much more at your fingertips! Get clicking!!

It's the Culture and FUN Section

Yorkshire Day

Yorkshire Day, on 1st August, has been and gone. However, this contribution by Sue is well worth inclusion here!

Ey up there, did tha knows there is a Yorkshire Day,
And we should celebrate it in our own way.
We all know that Yorkshire is the best,
It's much better than all the rest.
Yorkshire puddings, Yorkshire curd tarts,
That's just two good things for a start.
Beautiful views when walking the Wolds.
With plenty of history we are told.
Miles of coastline for us to enjoy,
Remember the trips when we were girl and boy.
The beauty of the wonderful Dales,
See different sights each time, it never fails.
Quaint pretty villages tucked away,
With strange sounding names that are hard to say.
Visit the open moors with lots of streams,
Yorkshire has got it, it's not in your dreams.
While out in the villages having a walk.
Friendly folk will stop to have a talk,
How's 'tha doin', ist tha' al reet,'
With this sort of greeting whenever you meet.
It's God's own county beautiful and green,
Should we keep it to ourselves or let it be seen.
I'm singing the praises being a true Yorkshire lass,
Let the world come to see us, but please not en masse!
Sue McPhee

In My Own Write

Why not write an article for *AWAKEN* and win £20! Your article will appear under the title 'IN MY OWN WRITE.' What we are looking for is a reflective, interesting, amusing or opinion piece, rather than a purely informative article. The content can be lighthearted or serious, but it must be suitable for the *AWAKEN* readership. Your article must be approximately 450 words long (one side of A5). Avoid religion, politics and too many exclamation marks!!! Please include your Name and Membership Number. Contributions should be sent to Steve Roberts, preferably by email: sadrob@outlook.com

Time for a laugh!

Hopefully, these one-liners will make you smile (or groan)!!

Why don't skeletons fight each other?

They don't have the guts!

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between you and me, something smells!

I've just lost an electron.

You really must keep an ion them!

Why did the trampoline factory in Prague go out of business?

Because the owner's Czechs kept bouncing!

And now, back to something a little more sensible.....



A great photo of a Broad Bodied Chaser taken by one of our NatureWatch members.

Next *AWAKEN*

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is Friday 7th November 2025

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