

# Wellingore & District u3a

**MARCH 2026**

## **Notes from the chair.**

Many thanks to all members for spreading the word about our u3a and bringing friends to our monthly meeting.

The 3 month offer to attend our meetings FOC has paid dividends. We have attracted several new members with more joining from the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

At the last meeting of our year on March 11<sup>th</sup>, the speaker will be Horace Liberty. We had this talk about 5 years ago. If you haven't heard it before, you'll enjoy it, if you have, it's worth hearing again,

Jean Townsend who was to have been the speaker postponed and hopefully we'll hear her later in the year talking about the Royal Family.

This meeting would be a good one to bring friends to experience what we have to offer. This might boost our numbers for the coming year beginning in April.

The membership fee will continue at £17pa.

See our website listed below for more details.

**Brenda**

## **Monthly Meeting**

**Place: Wellingore Memorial Hall.**

**Date: Wednesday March 11th.**

**Speaker: Horace Liberty – Libertys Family, Firm and Fashion.**

**Tea & Coffee available from 10am.**

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## SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2026

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Wellingore Memorial Hall.

**March** – Horace Liberty – LIBERTYS Family, Firm & Fashion – An illustrated talk on the history of Libertys of London.

**April** - Neil Hansen - “Inn and out at the Top” (talk about his time running the highest inn in Britain back in the 1980s)

**May** - Philip Caine - “Barrow to Baghdad”

**June** - Kenneth Moore - “You’ll Fly Laughing”

**July** - Pete Welbourne - “The Traditional Baker”

**August** - Kathy Powys - “The Mary Rose: One Moment in Time”

# Interest Group News

## Board Games Group

The meeting dates for March are 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 3, Bronze Henge, Navenby. We'll revert to 2-4pm.

New members welcome.

Contact Brenda Dandy if you require any information.

## Book Group 1

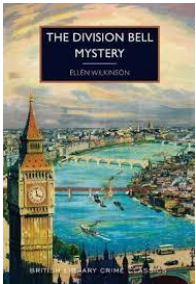
In March we'll discuss "Falling Angels" by Tracy Chevalier.



Contact: Helen Gibb

## Book Group 2

We continue to meet in Navenby Methodist Hall at 3.15pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month reading books provided by Lincolnshire Library Readers' Group Service.

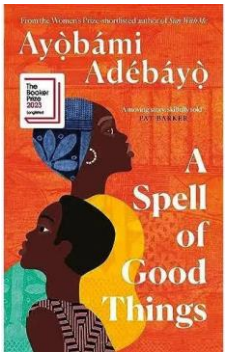


Our next meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> March when we will share our thoughts on "The Division Bell Mystery" - a much lighter read than several recent ones.

If you would like to know more, please contact Liz Carless.

## Book Group 3

For the March meeting we are reading: "Spell of Good Things" - Ayobami Adebayo.



We are choosing our own books from members suggestions, which means that each person has to source their own copy i.e. either buy them – on kindle/physical (new or second hand) or order them from the library.

We normally meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month 2-4pm for the time being at some members homes.

Our next meeting is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Richard Walker's home.

If you wish to know more details, please contact me.

Celia Goldberg

## **Craft Group**

The next meeting will now be on 12th March from 2-4 pm at Coddington.  
New members are most welcome.

Contact Gloria Hill if more information is required.

## **Discussion Group**

The Discussion Group will meet on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm, with the kind permission of Jean Salmon at Oslo House, Wellingore.

The topic for discussion will be: -

**“P.F.A.S - Forever Chemicals - What do we know about them? What are they in and how do they affect us and the rest of the world?”** New members welcome.

## **Heads-up April Discussion.**

Should we bring back a form of National Service? If so what age group?

For further details contact Corrine Morris.

## **Film Group**

The last couple of weeks in January we saw lots of films. "Song Sung Blue" at the Kinema based on a true story about a Neil Diamond tribute act - great film with everyone in tears at the end. "H is for Hawk" at Lincoln Odeon another great film based on a true story - both to be recommended.

We also saw "Is this thing on" at the Kinema, a film based on John Bishop's story of how he got into stand up, this was OK, but I wouldn't rush to see it!

If you wish to join the Film Club email list, please contact Celia Goldberg.

## **All Things Gardening**

The March meeting will be on the 24th at Mrs Smith's cottage from 2-4 pm.

Further info from Denise Amps

## **History Group**

No news this month.

Please contact Liz or Ingrid if you would like to join the group on future visits.

## **Kurling**

Wellingore Memorial Hall - Fridays 10am - 12noon.

Kurling dates for March are the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

We enjoy 2 hours on a Friday morning. It is good exercise and we're all friendly.

Please contact Maureen Pike for more details.

## **Luncheon Group**

The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 18th March at The Duck, Duck Lane, Sedgebrook Road, Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir NG32 1NY.

Meet from 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm.

We will need to pre-order from either the à la carte or set menu.

However, these menus will not be updated on the website until early March.

Please let me have your choices by Wednesday 11th March.

New members are welcome.

Please contact Lynne Murdoch

## **Leg Stretchers**

The **Legstretcher** on Wednesday 25 March will start from The Green Man at Ropsley, **NG33 4BE**. This is a very pleasant walk with fine views over the surrounding countryside. About a third of the walk will be on or beside a minor road, the majority will be on field tracks and paths likely to be mud free even after rain. There will be some gentle inclines, but no stiles. As usual with Legstretchers, the duration of the walk will be 80 - 90 minutes.

The pub is welcoming and the food very good. There is plenty of space to park at the kerbside by the pub. We will meet at 11am to place our orders for lunch.

If you wish to take part, please email Liz Carless by the close of Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please let her know if you would like to stay for lunch so the pub can be informed of numbers.

## **Ukulele aka "Cool Hand Ukes**

Cool Hand Ukes continue to meet to play and "sing" at the Lion and Royal, Navenby, every Monday afternoon from 2pm until 4pm.

For further details please contact Pat Gibson

## **Ramblers**

### **Ramble Wednesday March 4th**

Meet at the Royal Oak, Royal Oak Lane, Aubourn LN5 9DT at 10.00am for a five mile walk along pretty tracks and through open fields. There are no stiles and there is minimal road walking, but there are muddy patches due to recent weather conditions and therefore wellies are advisable!

**Please let Carolyn know A.S.A.P.** if you will be coming on the ramble and if you will be staying for lunch. I shall then forward the menu as pre-orders have been requested.

## **Table Tennis**

We meet at Brant Broughton Village Hall every Thursday from 1:30 - 4pm, all equipment provided. All welcome and we range from beginners to Olympic standard, but you can find your own level.

We make a charge of £2 to cover the cost of the hall + tea/coffee and biscuits.

Contact: Brenda Dandy

We are fortunate to have David Arnold as a member, pictured below. Each Thursday he sets up the 4 tables with safety in mind. He is there for advice and coaching if required.

We all congratulate you David on you receiving, last year, the Maurice Goldstein Merit Award by Pride of Table Tennis, England, for Services to the Lincolnshire Table Tennis Association.



## **Breakfast Group**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 9:30am at Down the Road in Navenby.

Under new ownership, come and give it a try.

## **Easter Wreath Making**

Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Brant Broughton Village Hall.

As this has been popular we are repeating it this year. If you wish you can make a table arrangement instead.

Please email Brenda Dandy if you wish to join us.

## **Heads - Up: Wine Walk**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 4pm start.

There will be 3 venues within close proximity.

We are limiting the number to 30 max.

Venues 1 and 2 will cope with 15 each and then all of us will congregate at venue 3 for the finale.

If you are interested, please email Heather Ostacchini.

## **Out & About Group**

### **National Memorial Arboretum**

We're planning a visit to the Arboretum on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The address is National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas. Staffordshire DE13 7AR. Tel: 01283 245100

They have a good web site with plenty of information. The staff on site are very helpful. It is free entry, but we do have to pay for car parking. Book your space on-line which is £5 or £8 on the day.

10am – 5pm daily.

You can hire mobility scooters and there is a mini train that circulates the grounds, which are extensive. (**Advisory**: Map, Compass, K Rations etc. etc.)

Distance from Navenby 78 miles.

Please ring/email Brenda if you are interested. There will be a list for names at the March meeting.

### **Bempton Cliffs, Bridlington** – voyage to see the birds, life rafts provided.

The provisional date is 26<sup>th</sup> June. We will travel to Bridlington by car.

Email/ring Brenda if you wish to join us.

There will also be a list for names at the March meeting.