

# Wellingore & District u3a

**APRIL 2026**

## **Notes from the chair.**

What a difference a week makes at this time of year.

We've gone from brown to green hedges and from bare trees to full blossom. William Wordsworth's poem comes to mind as we see "...hosts of golden daffodils..." and the rape fields already have a yellow hue. It must make us all feel better.

More good news, even though prices seem to be rising all around, our annual subscription for u3a members remains the same.

The membership fees are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April for the coming year.

£17 for annual membership: if you wish to receive the Third Age magazine then add £4 to make a total of £21.

Please make cheques payable to Wellingore & District u3a and send to Barbara Martin, 34, High Street, Welbourne. LN5 0NH.

You can also pay online:

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Please ensure your surname is listed as a reference so that we can track it.

Here's to the beautiful Spring weather continuing.

**Brenda**

## **Monthly Meeting**

**Place: Wellingore Memorial Hall.**

**Date: Wednesday 8th April**

**Speaker: Neil Hansen - "Inn and out at the Top" (a talk about his time running the highest inn in Britain back in the 1980s)**

**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.

**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

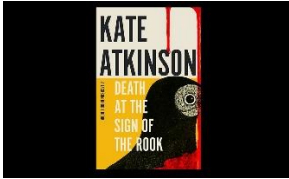
## Board Games Group

The meeting dates for April are Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-4pm at 3, Bronze Henge, Navenby. I realise we are meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March but I'm aware we would clash with the Garden Group on the 28<sup>th</sup> if I didn't change the timing.

New members welcome.

Contact Brenda Dandy if you require any information.

## Book Group 1

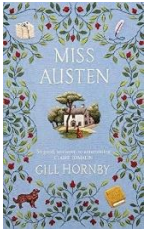


Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at The King's Head, Navenby at our regular time, 6 pm.

We'll be discussing "Death at the Sign of the Rook" by Kate Atkinson.

Contact: Helen Gibb

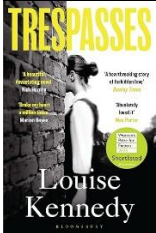
## Book Group 2



We will meet as usual at 3.15 pm on Monday 20th April in Navenby Methodist Hall to discuss our thoughts on the latest book: "Miss Austen".

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

## Book Group 3



For the April meeting we are reading: "Trespases" Louise Kennedy.

For the May meeting we will be reading: "Tears of Amber" by Sofia Sergovia.

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 at members' homes. Our next meeting is: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at Jean Salmon's home.

If you wish to know more details, please contact Celia Goldberg.

## **Craft Group**

The next meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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 take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.  
The venue is to be confirmed.

The topic for discussion will be, "Should we bring back a form of national service? If so, what age group?"

**Heads up** for the May topic, "What would you change if you were Prime Minister?"

For further details contact Corrine Morris.

New members welcome.

## **Film Group**

This month we have seen "Mothers Pride" at the Kinema which was a lovely, funny British film. Made a change to leave the cinema smiling rather than in tears!

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

## **All Things Gardening**

As Downtown are opening their new garden centre in April, our April meeting will be there on the 28th at our new start time of 2:30 pm. Let me know if you are attending and if you are willing to drive or need a lift.

Further info from Denise Amps.

## **Kurling**

Wellingore Memorial Hall - Fridays 10am - 12noon.

Kurling dates for April are 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<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 15th April at The Hare and Hounds, The Green, Fulbeck NG32 3JJ.

Meet from 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm.

We will need to pre-order from any of the weekday menus.

Please let me have your choices by Wednesday 8th April.

New members are welcome.

Please contact Lynne Murdoch.

## **History Group**

History group trip to Nottingham Castle and Caves Thursday 21st May 2026.

The tour starts at 11.00 am and we are advised to arrive between 10.00-10.30 in order to process to the cave tour waiting room.

The cost is £15.00 castle admission plus £8.00 for the tour.

There are restaurants on site and an ancient cave pub nearby adjacent to the site.

The underground tour is not suitable for people with disabilities. (There are many steps but fortunately going only downhill!) The castle building museum and restaurants are accessible.

The cave tours allow you to hear the tales beneath the depths of Nottingham Castle.

This cave tour allows you to see Mortimer's hole or King David's Dungeon.

Travel is available by train direct line from Newark or Collingham with a ten minute walk to the castle along the canal side.

We have just 20 places available and at present there are six left following the last group meeting.

If you are interested please contact Ingrid or Liz for further information.

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

## **Leg Stretchers**

The **Legstretcher** on Wednesday April 29th will start from the Carpenters' Arms at Fiskerton, LN3 4HE. Not far from Lincoln and to the east of the city. The route takes us on a variety of paths, tracks and minor roads and goes partly next to the Witham. Food at the pub has been good on previous visits.

If you wish to take part, please let Liz Carless know by the end of Sunday April 26th at the latest, saying if you wish to have lunch.

## **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

## **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

## **Ramblers**

The ramble on April 1st will start from the New Inn at Folkingham at 10am, NG34 0SW. The route is different to previous rambles at Folkingham.

There are 2 stiles. Most of the route is on minor roads or tracks where mud should not be a problem. However, if it has rained recently, a few short stretches could be somewhat muddy and walking poles could be helpful. We do have to cross a small field where there will probably be a few horses, which have not been a problem on recent occasions, except they may have churned up the grass and created an uneven surface. There are fine views to be seen on clear days. The pub is very welcoming and serves good food.

If you wish to take part, please let Jean Salmon know by the end of **Monday 30th March**, stating if you want lunch at the pub.

## **Proposed new group**

We are planning a new group – Tuition for British Sign Language.

I would like to hear from anyone who is interested so that I can assess whether it's likely to be worthwhile.

Please email Brenda.

## **Holidays**

A group of 27 Bailgate, 1 Lincoln and 3 Wellingore u3a members set off on a week's holiday to Bridlington in early March.

Corrine, Judith and Sue had a thoroughly enjoyable time visiting Whitby, York, Rievaulx Abbey and Helmsley with the added bonus of someone else doing all the driving. The hotel and staff were very pleasant and the sea views glorious in the sunshine.

Each day trip left us with wonderful memories - delicious fish and chips on a galleon in Whitby, sailing tranquilly on the Ouse in York, discovering Olde Bridlington. Rievaulx Abbey was so full of history – the whole area - inspirational. Helmsley, with its boutique shops and eateries was charming. Even the dichotomy all left us with food for thought AND to all of that mix the very best was the friendship's rekindled and meeting new people from our group and the u3a from Bolton in Lancashire.

The glorious sunshine visits were certainly an added bonus. We found our group to be truly inspirational having true grit and determination not letting physical issues of old age spoil an enjoyable week. Pleasant mealtimes, card games and boogying afterwards was great fun. Memories to savour until next year's trip.

Thank you to Angela for all your hard work and to the members of the group for lively discussions, sharing thoughts, philosophies and personal experiences. We felt totally included.

## **Breakfast Group**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30am at Down the Road in Navenby.

I know it's Easter Monday but for those with no plans please join us for a snack or just a drink.

Under new ownership, come and give it a try.

## **Easter Wreath Making**

Many thanks to Therese Swain and Marion Wilcox for running this group.

All the wreaths were wonderful creations, some photos below.



## **Heads - Up : Wine Walk Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**



We have now firmed up the evening as follows:

We will start at 5:30pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

There will be 3 venues within close proximity, see the map above. Please note that if you park at The Venue there is a path shown on the map that takes you through to Doncaster Gardens.

We are limiting the number to 30 max., and we shall need to know if there are any dietary requirements.

The countries represented are France and Chile, providing food and wine typical of that country.

We will split into groups to visit each of the 2 venues in turn. Then we will all congregate at venue 3 for desserts for the finale.

It may be that you can park cars at The VENUE as it's fairly handy for all 3 venues. Be aware that they may have an event on and limited spaces.

The cost will be £18 per person to include food and a glass of wine at each house. Additional wine can be purchased at £3 per glass.

The finer details will be emailed to you nearer the time.

Please bring your own glass.

Please email Heather Ostacchini if you are wanting to join us.

## **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 April 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 April meeting.