



The Cliff Communiqué

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The Committee 2018/19

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Notes from the Chair

I am honoured to have been elected as your Chairman for the 2018/19 session and hope to justify your confidence in me. I am looking forward to my year in office and will do my best to live up to the high standards achieved by previous holders of the post.

The newly formed committee and I are looking forward to welcoming members, both old and new, to our monthly meetings at The Venue, Navenby, which has plenty of room, ample car parking, with a bus stop right near to the entrance.

In the past year we have had a diverse range of excellent speakers at the monthly meetings, ranging from *Royal Cakes* to *Tank Warfare*. Speakers to look out for this year include the *Lincoln Music and Drama Festival* and *Weird and Wonderful*; you can't get more varied than that.

New members, some of whom will be joining us on April 13th, may bring fresh ideas for interest groups, which will complement our already wide range of groups that members support.

You will have noticed that Clive Morrison has stepped down from the Committee, but I am pleased to be able to tell you that he is continuing to act as our Technical Advisor.

Best wishes to you all.

Rita Bateman

Group News, compiled by the convenor unless stated otherwise.

Bird Watching

Convenor: Ross Thomson 01522 720590 chris.noboys@virgin.net

February and March visits

A cold February morning and cloudy but dry, as we headed off for Old Moor, in Yorkshire. We were expecting to meet up with a guide there, but one wasn't available. Nevertheless, a young volunteer explained that although he was not an expert on birds, he would show us round and explain the site to us. He was very good and ensured that we had an enjoyable visit.

There were Bitterns on site, but they hid quite successfully, although Malcolm thought he heard a faint boom. Bearded Tits are often seen there, but we had no success.

A good lunch was had by all and afterwards we resumed our bird watching, logging the following:

Coot, Goldeneye, Goosander, Grebe, Mallard, Pochard, Shelduck, Shoveler, Teal, Tufted Duck, Wigeon.

Canada Goose, Gadwall, Pinkfoot, Swan, Black backed Gull.

Blackcap, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Heron, Lapwing, Long-tailed Tit, Oyster Catcher, Reed Bunting, Robin, Pheasant.

Finally, we spotted a Kestrel who was hunting and a Peregrine Falcon on a pylon, preening itself. There were many birds on the scrapes, often in full colour, so even though we had seen many of them before, it was a pleasure seeing so many together.

A lovely spring day in March, with plenty of sunshine and quite mild, was ideal for another good birdwatching day. Our first site was Frieston shore where a large scrape had many birds in full breeding colours and all were quite active. Next was Frampton Marsh where a variety of habitats promised much. Nothing we hadn't seen before; but one problem arose and a lengthy discussion took place as to whether we were looking at a Knot. As the spotting was of an isolated bird, and Knots are usually seen in groups, it was decided that it was probably a Ruff, a similar looking bird. A similar discussion took place later before we agreed we had seen a Grey Plover. The best sighting was of a Spoonbill, as we were able to watch it moving rapidly along in front of us, sieving for its food in the shallows. It was fascinating to see it in action. We had hoped to see some Bearded Tits, but we were unsuccessful. It was lovely day and we all had a lot of pleasure seeing so many birds.

John Healey



Spotted during our
March outing.....any
guesses?

Garden Group

Convenor: Rosemary King 01522 721187 aking4@toucansurf.com

Programme for 2018

April 3rd Trip to Nettleham to see the spring flower display. Meet at 10.30am outside the home of Patsy Pate, Holly Cottage, The Green, Nettleham, LN2 2NR. Tel: 751795. House is opposite the Co-op car park.

May 1st Meet at 10.30am at the home of Terry Gilmore, 79a Grantham Rd, Waddington, LN5 9NT. Tel: 729074. Please research a herb of your choice and prepare to share the properties of that herb with the group.

June 5th We will gather at 10.30am, in the garden of Stewart and Trish Belman, 10 Thorold Way, Harmston Park, Harmston, LN5 9GJ. Tel: 729192. The subject for research will be Medicinal /Poisonous Plants. Prepare to relate something of interest about a plant/tree/weed of your choice.

July 3rd A coach trip will be arranged to the Botanical Gardens in Sheffield with a possible short stopover at another place of interest?? Kenny and Yvonne Moir have offered to fill the coach. Details later.

August 7th A trip to the Boultham Allotments will be arranged by Howard Martin. Details later.

September 4th We will gather for a visit to the autumn garden of David and Stephanie Close at 10.30am at The Old House, Welbourn, LN5 0NJ. The topic will be autumn colour combinations, with an emphasis on foliage.

Prior to each visit I will send out more details re parking facilities but please share lifts if possible. If hosts offer refreshments please remember to put in a donation (30p or if a charity is requested, it is up to you). If it rains, we are GARDENERS, so we still meet with umbrellas aloft.

(NB. As mentioned at the planning meeting, there will be a "Spring Walk Through Harmston and Going on a Bear Hunt" on May 6th 2.00pm-5.00pm. Refreshments and Teddy Bears' Picnic at the Hall.



The Orangerie, Sheffield
Botanical Gardens

Historical and Personal Research

Convenor: Bob Goodman 01522 811325 goodman628@btinternet.com

Programme for 2018/19

2018

- March 23rd** A group discussion "The World before Plastic."
- April 27th** No meeting this month.
- May 25th** Pat Thomas "Ladybird Books"
- June 22nd** Rosemary King "Floral Christmases around the World"
- July 27th** Peggy Marshall "Boston and the Hanseatic League"
- August 24th** Bob Goodman "Tom Crean – A forgotten explorer"
- September 28th** Peggy Marshall "A foundling hospital."
- October 26th** John Healey "Railways and the people of Waddington."
- November 23rd** Mary Cook "The Bayeux Tapestry."
- December 28th** No meeting this month.

2019

- January 25th** Mary Cook "History of a Circus"
- February 22nd** Programme planning meeting for 2019-2020

Meetings are held at Harmston Memorial Hall on the fourth Friday of the month, at 10.15am. Light refreshments are available. Variable admission fee, usually £1.50.

Spanish Conversation

Convenor: David Shaddick 01522 802128 david.shaddick@live.co.uk

We are a growing group of stalwarts who are all keen to improve our Spanish. We meet at two separate skill levels. On the second and fourth Tuesday morning of each month people with a basic grasp of Spanish come to practise and improve their knowledge. On the first and third Tuesday morning a more confident group meets and we speak a bit faster, using a more extensive range of vocabulary and tenses. Both groups meet in my house in Waddington and average about six people in each group (some people come to both).

New group members would be more than welcome with the only qualification being a basic working knowledge of Spanish. Most meetings have a previously agreed theme, so that people can prepare relevant vocabulary and relate personal experiences (e.g. food, travel, medical appointments, weather). In addition to our regular meetings we have taken our class to a local tapas restaurant – an experience that we are happy to repeat.

Industrial Heritage

**Convenors: Pat Thomas 01522 887546 pat.thomas1@ntlworld.com
David Raines 01522 810843 davidraines290@btinternet.com**

This large and very friendly group meets on the morning of the third Friday of the month in the Redwood Drive Community Centre, off Brant Road, Lower Waddington. This is on the 13 bus route and there is ample level parking outside the hall. Coffee is served until 10.15am, the meeting is from 10.30am until noon. During the winter months we have a programme of talks and films; in the summer we visit venues in Lincoln and further afield. There are no meetings in August and December.

The group was started in 2008 with an almost all male membership, then their wives and other ladies came to find out what they were missing. All Cliff Villages U3A members are invited, those who have joined recently will be especially welcomed.

At the beginning of 2018 there were changes from the advertised programme. In January Stan Leithead was in hospital and his talk was postponed. In March Mike Willerton presented an extremely interesting film made by Ruston's in the mid 20th century. He also showed the construction of the new railway bridge over the Lincoln Eastern Bypass.

Redwood Drive Community Centre

Friday April 18th Group Member Stan Leithead - 22 RB Built in Lincoln

Visits - Lists will be at the April Meeting

Friday May 18th Lincolnshire Roadworks Laboratory. Two groups 10.30am and 2.00pm, postponed from 2017

Friday June 15th Lincoln University Social Care and Psychology Department
New Sarah Swift Building, Waterside East by the Railway Crossing
Timing TBA

Friday July 20th The Lawn, Lincoln – 10.30am start
Guided tour of Stokes Coffee headquarters
There is no charge but visitors are requested to patronise the café.

August No Meeting

September Visit to Destec Engineering at Washingborough.
The factory is re-equipping during the summer and visit details will be announced later. Please ensure that I have the most up to date email addresses and/or phone numbers.

After April 17th I may be contacted on 01522 887546 / 07914 524261
pat.thomas1@ntlworld.com

Church Architecture

Convenor: Bob Alder 01522 810093 robertjamesderekalder@hotmail.com

Following a break last year due to unforeseen circumstances, I am beginning a series of church visits on the third Thursday of the month, starting on April 19th at Nettleham, followed by Riseholme and Hackthorn.

We meet at 10.00am at the first church and progress to the others, usually finishing at a hostelry for a deserved lunch and a chat.

We are very informal, try to be informative, sometimes more so than others, but you do not need a working knowledge of the religion or the architectural style and detail. You are most welcome to join us; let me know and we can car share as necessary.

Armchair Travel

Convenor: Peggy Marshall 01522 720641 peggymarshall264@gmail.com

Programme 2018

Meetings in Harmston Memorial Hall, 10.00am start.

April 11th	The Silk Road.
May 9th	China
June 13th	No meeting in the hall - Outing to Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire. Check with Peggy Marshall if any seats left.
July 11th	Easter Island.
August	No meeting
September 12th	Family Favourites.
October 10th	Madeira
November 14th	Hurtigruten, Norway
December 12th	Christmas Party !!

Cliff Villages (Lincoln) U3A Programme for Monthly Meetings 2018/2019

Many thanks to Pat Ingall for producing such a varied programme with something for everyone.

2018

March 9th	Confident Driving	Roger Hicks
April 13th	The Bee Keeping Year	Simon Croson
May 11th	The Making of a Medieval Manuscript	Toni Watts
June 8th	No Meeting	
July 13th	Birds in Your Garden	Chris Andrews
August 10th	Weird and Wonderful	Ruth Andrews
September 14th	Tastes of Lincolnshire	Neil Curtis
October 12th	Lincoln Music & Drama Festival	Paul Hill
November 9th	Simple Words Hidden Meanings History of Nursery Rhymes	Jill Collinge
December 8th	Christmas Party "When I were a lad"	John Hall

2019

January 11th	Masters of Mirth	Mike Storr
February 8th	The Life of an Auctioneer	David Palmer

Group	Convenor	Tel	Email	Day	Time	Venue
Armchair Travel	Peggy Marshall	01522720641	peggymarshall264@gmail.com	2 nd Wed	10.00am	Harmston MH
Art	David Raines, Arthur Hazeldine	01522810843 01522720387	davidrains290@btinternet.com arthurhazeldine@gmail.com	Every Mon	10.00am	Redwood CC
Bird Watching	Ross Thomson	01522720590	chris.noboy@gmail.com	2 nd Wed	Various	Various
Book Review	Judith Horsfall	01522751795	judithanhorsfall@btinternet.com	2 nd Tues	Various	Various
Bridge	David Shaddick	01522802128	david.shaddick@live.co.uk	Every Wednesday	2.00pm	Various
Church Architecture	Bob Alder	01522810093	robertjamesderekalder@hotmail.com	Various	Various	Various
Circle Dancing	Terry Gilmore	01522729074	terryg935@gmail.com	1 st Tues	1.45pm	Redwood CC
Music Appreciation	Glenys Gage	01522880179	glenysgage@hotmail.com	2 nd Thurs	2.00pm	Waddington
Computer Security	Rob Hadfield	07858606202	robert.1.hadfield@talk21.com	2 nd Thurs	10.00am	Redwood CC
Flower Arranging	Rosemary King	01522721187	aking4@toucansurf.com	3 rd Tues	2.00pm	Harmston
Food	Pat Rampton	01522874746	prampton1803@gmail.com	1 st Fri	10.00am	Various
French (Heath U3A)	Adrian Peill	01522821729		Every Tues	10.00am	Waddington
Games/Social Afternoon	Yvonne & Kenny Moir	01522720770	goldmoir@aol.com	3 rd Wed	2.00pm	Harmston MH
Gardening	Rosemary King	01522721187	aking4@toucansurf.com	1 st Tues	10.30am	Various
Historical Research	Bob Goodman	01522811325	goodman628@btinternet.com	4 th Fri	10.00am	Harmston MH
Idle Scribblers	Rosemary King	01522721187	aking4@toucansurf.com	Monday monthly	2.00pm	6 Walled Gdn Harmston
Industrial Heritage	Pat Thomas David Raines	01522887546 01522810843	pat.thomas1@ntlworld.com davidrains290@btinternet.com	3 rd Fri	10.00am	Redwood CC
Kurling	Howard Martin	01522827576	howardmartin@ntlworld.com	Alt Tues	10.00am	Wellingore VH
Quiz Group (Lincoln U3A)	Keith Stocks	01522682489		1 st Mon	10.00am	Bracebridge Community Centre
Long Walks	Mick Rampton	01522874746	m.rampton35@yahoo.com	1 st Thurs	10.00am	Various
Mahjong	Rosemary King	01522721187	aking4@toucansurf.com	Every Thurs	2.00pm	Various
Massage Workshop	Mick Rampton	01522874746	m.rampton35@yahoo.com	Alt Mon	2.00pm	Redwood CC
Needlecraft	Pat Thomas	01522887546	pat.thomas1@ntlworld.com	4 th Fri	2.00pm	Waddington
Parchment	Jill Alder	01522810093	alder.jandb7@btinternet.com	1 st Wed	10.00am	Metheringham
Pub Lunches	Barbara York	01522720633		4thThurs	Various	Various
Scrabble	Rosemary King	01522721187	aking4@toucansurf.com	1 st Wed 4 th Wed	10.00am 2.00pm	Various
Short Walks	Yvonne & Kenny Moir	01522720770	goldmoir@aol.com	3 rd Wed	10.00am	Various
Spanish	David Shaddick	01522802128	david.shaddick@live.co.uk	2 nd & 4 th Tues	10.30am	Waddington
Sugarcraft	Pat Rampton	01522874746	prampton1803@gmail.com	1 st Wed	2.00pm	Waddington
Sugarcraft for Beginners	Pat Rampton	01522874746	prampton1803@gnmail.com	1 st Wed	10.00am	Waddington
Ten Pin Bowling	David Raines	01522810843	davidrains290@btinternet.com	Alt Tues	1.30pm	Lincoln Bowl Washingborough Road, Lincoln

More from our in-house poet.

SEASONS by Mick Rampton

As spring breaks through cold winter's door
Daffodils point to the sky.
Bright sun dapples the woodland floor
Excited birds on high.

When summer comes, it's time to go
To places far and near
For picnics held in leafy glades
The shushing sea to hear.

September's end brings falling leaves
Their golden carpet laid
From every garden smoke one sees
Autumn's magic made.

Winter roars through high bare elms
Its icy rain beats down.
Cosy nights round warming fires
Snow blankets on the ground.



Tea and Coffee Rota

May 11th Glenys Gage, Irene Roddam, Pam Bilboa,
June 8th Anne Cant, Janet Rawlinson, Margaret Norton, Bette Reid
July 13th Hilary Willerton, Michael Willerton, Isabelle Paterson
August 10th Mary Mills, June Mundy, Yvonne Moir, Gill Lee

Please contact Valerie Perry if you are unable to fulfil this undertaking on 01522 826108.

Many thanks to all our regular contributors to this edition of "The Cliff Communiqué" and to Clive Morrison, as ever, for his diligent proof reading and who leaves us with this rather appropriate anecdote to round things off.

Food for Thought

Two elderly couples were having dinner together and after the meal the wives went into the kitchen to clear up, leaving their husbands, George and Charlie, sipping a glass of port by the fire. "That was a super meal" said George, "and talking about food, we went to a new restaurant last week and had a great meal, certainly worth going again". "Oh, where was that then?" said Charlie. After a long pause and lots of frowning of brows, George said "What do you call that flower that people give to one another to show love and affection – it's red and has thorns?" "Do you mean a rose?" said Charlie. "That's it!" said George, who turned around in his chair and shouted towards the kitchen, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last week?"

Items for the next edition in August are welcome at any time. Please send as a Word Document to Lis Ross: m.l.ross.uk@gmail.com It would be nice hear from some of our other groups too, or from any of our members with something to say.