



Cliff Villages U3A (Lincoln)

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Waddington



Harmston



Coleby



**Boothby
Graffoe**



Navenby



Wellingore



Leadenham

Notes from the Chair

We have had another successful and lively few months with new groups gaining members and expanding their numbers. Speakers have ensured the usual high attendance at the monthly meetings.

Rosemary King and Ruth Broughton in their new roles as Educational and Development Officers have been instrumental in forming a new U3A at Woodhall Spa. This is significant in view of our own waiting list.

There are now 21 U3As in Lincolnshire alone (excluding North Lincolnshire) and it is the view of the U3A that National membership, which at this moment stands at 250,000, will possibly rise to 500,000 over the next few years. Creating new U3As in more areas is seen as a solution. Apparently in some large cities the U3A may have several thousand members.

Whilst on National affairs I have to report that recently Alan Morris, our East Midlands Representative, failed to be elected as National Chairman of the Third Age Trust. The post went to the then current Vice Chairman from Cornwall.

By the time you read this we shall no doubt have had our Christmas Party in its new format of entertainment, which we hope will meet with everyone's approval.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

Gordon McIntyre

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Current Committee To Serve until the AGM 12th February 2010

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Normally the Committee meets
on the afternoon of the first Friday of the month

Let us Not Forget....

Beryl Hawthorn

A Cliff Villages Member

To suddenly lose Beryl was an enormous shock. She had been unwell for about a month but gamely made it to the November Meeting. She was welcomed by everyone and despite looking frail she enjoyed the morning being back with much missed friends. Beryl had a sense of humour and was game for anything! In the Art Group she demonstrated her talent, in Discussion Group aired her frustrations, in Creative Writing wrote her own interesting social history, and joined other groups because she loved being with people. We will miss her as she was an inspiration to all of us of how to grow older gracefully.

Rosemary King

A Good Friend

Beryl moved to Lincolnshire when she was well into her seventies; knowing only her immediate family she had the courage to go out and meet other people 'before it was too late.' She was an intelligent, articulate, dependable, smart, and cheery lady. We were members of a prestigious Luncheon Club, she was a WI Committee Member and a very good soprano in the Basingham Choir.

She would have been 87 on the 27th of December.

Irene Roddam

John Gage

Carpenter, Sailor, Cyclist, Artist but above all, friend to all who knew him. Courageous to the end. After a long illness he died on December the 2nd in Hospital. Since their move to Waddington John and Glenys, during their 'long wait' on the Provisional Members List and as Full Members, threw themselves into the world of Cliff Villages U3A and proved to be a very loyal members of numerous groups. He will be very sadly missed.

Arthur Hazeldine

Monthly Meetings - Recent Speakers

Judging by attendances at the monthly meetings since the last Newsletter Mary Cook, our Speaker Finder, is doing a grand job! September's audience must have been disappointed when Yvonne Franklin was prevented by a bout of shingles from telling us of her wartime experiences as a Jewish child in Occupied France. Yvonne has promised to tell her tales next September. All was not lost as Gerry Burrows, the last min-ute substitute, kept us laughing with his reminiscences of the 60s and 70s. In October John Ivory told us of his apprenticeship as a stone mason at Lincoln Cathedral and his subsequent career in Cathedrals around the country. Even our knowledgeable Cathedral Guides had something to learn about his carvings! Crafts again in November, this time the 'Arts and Crafts Movement' presented by Robert Wand attracted our largest ever attendance at a Monthly Meeting with 89 in the audience.

Speakers for 2010

Jan 8th	<i>What is REMAP</i>	Ted Paddison
Feb 12th	Annual General Meeting	
Mar 12th	<i>Mayor's Officer for Lincoln</i>	Joe Cooke
Apr 9th	<i>The Story of Two Lancasters</i>	Fl. Lt. Mike Chatterton
May 14th	<i>Neighbourhood Policing</i>	Ch. Insp. Darryl Pearce
Jun 11th	<i>My Life in Show Business</i>	Sue Cadman
Jul 9th	<i>Life & Times of Samuel Pepys</i>	Dr Robin Gain
Aug 13th	<i>Tales from a Coach Driver</i>	Ken Burton
	<i>Gerry and the Pacemakers</i>	George Hollingsworth
Sep 10th	<i>My Childhood in Occupied France</i>	Yvonne Franklin
Oct 8th	<i>Waddington goes to Belarus 2009</i>	Peter Carlsson
Nov 12th	<i>Exp;oring the Amazon</i>	Marianne Overton
Dec 10th	Christmas Party	
2011		
Jan 14th	<i>The "3 Ds"</i>	Alan Gilman

2010 Monthly Meetings Tea Rota

8 Jan	R. King	G.Lee	D. Hazeldine	J. Cooke
12 Feb	F. Healey	M. McClelland	B. Hollingsworth	A Houghton
12 Mar	L. Morgan	L. Belchamber	P. Thomas	G. Thomas
9 Apr	S. McLean	D. Blanchard	M. Birch	A. Morrison
14 May	I. Roddam	S. McMahon	R. Fairweather	R. Lester
11 June	P. Rampton	M. Rampton	M.Cook	J.Cook
9 July	R.Raines	V.Perry	M.Burton	K.Burton
13 Aug	E.Rogers	M.Myatt	A.Mitcham	B.Wall
10 Sep	S.Hellen	D.Smejka	B.Smejka	<u>Vacancy</u>
8 Oct	M.. Nolan	J.Stockdale	R.Pritchard	M.Smith
12 Nov	R.Broughton	B.Broughton	W.Adams	W.Kennett
10Dec	Help required from everyone because it's Christmas			

If you can fill one of the vacancies please contact Yvonne Moir on 01522 720770. If you cannot attend on the specified day please inform Yvonne in time for her to find a replacement.

The Waiting List

There are currently 69 on the waiting list, of whom 32 are Provisional Members. The size of waiting lists is a frequent topic at County and Regional meetings and at every Cliff Villages committee meeting an inordinate amount of time is spent discussing the issue. All Neighbourhood U3As are full. Some urban U3As have thousands of members who simply visit the 'office' to sign up for courses and groups and, as a result, members have no sense of unity. Others practice an Open Door Policy; an example of this is Stamford which now has over 600 members and three separate Monthly Meetings in different halls - not exactly a sense of togetherness.

Although we were beaten to publicity in the U3A News, we believe that Cliff Villages was the first U3A to introduce Provisional Members. This did not relieve our waiting list, nor did starting neighbourhood U3As. Our popularity continues to flourish! Harmston Hall is the heart of Cliff Villages and, as November's Meeting demonstrated, is not large enough for us to extend the membership. In consequence, a new level of membership is offered.

Changes to Membership Conditions

To comply with fire regulations there is a register of attendees at monthly meetings. It is obvious that there are members who, active or dormant, never attend. These members are offered the opportunity of becoming Provisional Members with the right of reinstatement to Full Membership when invited. Hopefully this could relieve some pressure on the waiting list.

Subscriptions

Full Members

Several years ago the subscription was reduced from £12 to £10. Next year the capitation paid to headquarters will be increased by £1. Rents, insurances, postage, speakers fees, newsletter costs etc. keep going up. Committee members are very frugal when claiming expenses but cannot be expected to finance their responsibilities. Consequently, the committee found that full membership subscriptions should be increased to £12.

Full membership subscription are due 8th January (day of the monthly meeting).

Provisional Membership (No access to monthly meetings) The same capitation has to be paid and the subscription will rise to £8. Subscriptions are due in March, by which date those advancing to full membership will have been informed.

New U3A at Woodhall Spa

Last year, after Sandra Hardman's untimely death, Ruth Broughtort and I as newly appointed EDC's! (Education and Development Contacts) felt that Woodhall Spa would be a good place to start a USA. We located the newly refurbished Corona-tion Hall and boldly booked a date. Clive Morrison produced flyers and posters and one very chilly day Ruth, Tony and I bombarded Woodhall with our literature. On Thursday 15th October we nervously set out 50 chairs and waited. Luckily about 40 people turned up. To our great relief 9 people offered to form a steering committee and there were dozens of ideas for interest groups from the people present.

As guests Ruth and I attended the inaugural meeting on 27th November. Approximately 50 turned up for what proved to be a good meeting. Woodhall Spa USA is up and running!

Rosemary King

New U3As for 2010

Ruth and Rosemary are considering the possibility of starting a further two U3As within our Neighbourhood.

L.I.V.E.S.

Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service

The L.I.V.E.S. organised charity has four trustees who are legally responsible for the affairs of L.I.V.E.S., and in addition there is an annually elected Executive Council that deals with administration and finance. Locally based L.I.V.E.S. members are spare-time volunteers who are directed to 999 calls by the Ambulance Service. They are trained in Basic Life Support, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, and the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator. They cover a 6 mile area which allows them to reach anyone within 8 minutes of call-out. Volunteers attend over 10,000 emergency calls per year. Currently there are 86 Groups within Lincolnshire with more scheduled to go live in the next few months.

In the early 1970s two Lincolnshire doctors, responding to a request for voluntary expertise to assist Emergency Services, called a meeting attended by 100 local doctors and L.I.V.E.S. was born. Initially doctors had to buy their own equipment and communication was by seven land line transmitters connected to the County A&E. Later L.I.V.E.S. was based within Ambulance Control. In 1999 the Ambulance Trust invited L.I.V.E.S. to extend their existing services and to establish a First Responder Scheme for suspected heart attack victims. First Responders are located in rural areas throughout Lincolnshire, thus allowing for medical assistance within the crucial few minutes after a cardiac arrest.

At Cliff Villages we are fortunate to have L.I.V.E.S. Groups in Bracebridge Heath, Waddington, Brant Road, Navenby, Branston, and Witham St Hugh's. A Group between Harmston and Navenby is planned. Call-outs are varied: road traffic and in-home accidents, sudden respiratory difficulties, choking, collapse, heart attacks, strokes and particularly chest pain - and even delivering a baby in a car on the A607.

With their dedicated team of volunteers the Rookes, Shirley with advanced qualifications and Colin as administrator and local co-ordinator, work relentlessly for Waddington L.I.V.E.S., both in providing emergency services during anti-social evening, night and weekend hours and in constant fund-raising to finance the Group. Each year £1,450 has to be paid towards County L.I.V.E.S. administration; clothing has to be purchased, training costs from £25 for Basic to £150 for Enhanced Intermediate, Entonox gas/air pain relief cost over £600 plus refills, oxygen is paid for monthly. The more money raised the wider and more advanced the Responder training, and the more equipment obtained. Support from the Community is generous. The RAF occasionally sponsors equipment, Car Boot sales are permitted at the Village Hall and the recent Craft Fair raised £521. L.I.V.E.S. has a stall at Waddington Air Show. In addition to call-outs by other Waddington Responders, in the last 4¹/₂ years Shirley herself has attended 277 incidents with an age range from 7 weeks to 100 years - and most are elderly or very elderly.

We are the patients and L.I.V.E.S. needs our support
If you have a medical emergency ALWAYS DIAL 999
L.I.V.E.S. will be called out if required

From the Co-ordinator of Groups

As Christmas approaches our groups are preparing for the festive season. Most groups are performing very well. If Armchair Travel continues to grow we will soon have to consider the O2 arena as a venue. The newer groups are becoming established and membership is growing. Dancing for Pleasure is viable but does need more support. This is a social group and it is not compulsory to dance. Just come along for a cup of tea and a chat, and watch our members giving Strictly a run for their money.

Thanks to Pat Rampton for re-starting her cake icing class, I am sure they will produce true masterpieces ready for Christmas.

We are still experiencing problems with members joining groups and not attending very often. If you do join a group please make every effort to support them on a regular basis, as it is important we cover the cost of the hall where necessary. Convenors put a lot of time and effort into running groups and appreciate a loyal following; they are always there for you.

WISHING ALL CONVENORS AND MEMBERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Kenny Moir

Group	Convenor	Tel	Day	Time	Venue
Armchair Travel	Peggy Marshall	01522 720641	2nd Wednesday	10am	Harmston Hall
Art	D.Raines/A.Hazeldine	810843/720387	Every Monday	10am	Redwood Centre
Bird Watching	Ross Thompson	01522 720590	3rd Wednesday		Various
Book Review	Ruth Broughton	01522 813637	2nd Tuesday	2pm	Various
Classical Music	Annie Manners	01522 791174	2nd Thursday	2pm	Various
Creative Writing	R.King/ B.Goodman	721187/811325	4th Thursday	10am	Various
Dancing for Pleasure	R. King	01522 721187	3rd Wednesday	2pm	Harmston Hall
Discussion Group	Rosemary King	01522 721187	3rd Monday	2pm	Various
Exploring Churches	D.Oldfield	01522 853124	Ask for dates		Various
Food, Glorious Food	Rosemary King	01522 721187	1st Friday/Winter	10am	Harmston
Historical Topics	Bob Goodman	01522 811325	4th Friday	10am	Harmston Hall
Industrial Heritage	P.Thomas/D.Raines	887546/810843	3rd Friday	10am	Redwood Centre
Mahjong	Tony King	01522 721187	Every Thursday	2pm	Various
Needlework	Pat Thomas	01522 887546	4th Friday	2pm	Various
Parchment	Freda Howe	01526 320024	1st Wednesday	10am	Metheringham
Poetry for Pleasure	J. Elliott	01522 522778	2nd Monday	2pm	Various
Pub Lunches	Barbara York	01522 720633	Monthly Tue/Thur		Local Pubs
Shakespeare	Keith Ramsay	01522 801560	When announced		Waddington
Singing for Fun	Norman Watson	01522 521059	3rd Thursday	10am	Waddington Ch.
Sugarcraft	Pat Rampton	01522 874746	1st Wednesday	2pm	
Ten Pin Bowling	R. & D. Raines	01522 810843	Every other Tue.	2pm	Lincoln Bowl
The Way We Were	Ruth Broughton	01522 813637	4th Wednesday	2pm	Various
Walks - Longer	Alice Robson/K&Y Moir	01522 720770	1st Thursday	am/pm	Various
Walks - Village	Val Green	01522 720731	3rd Wednesday	10am	Local Area
Who Do U Think UR?	Jill Alder	01522 810093	2nd Wednesday	2pm	Coleby

Monthly Timetable from December 2009

Details may change, please check with group convenor

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	am	<i>Art</i>		<i>Parchment Craft</i>	<i>Longer Walks</i>	<i>Food, Glorious Food</i>
	pm		<i>Tenpin Bowling</i>	<i>Sugarcraft</i>	<i>Mahjong Longer Walks</i>	
Week 2	am	<i>Art</i>		<i>Armchair Travel</i>		<i>Monthly Meeting</i>
	pm	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Tenpin Bowling Book Review</i>	<i>Who Do You Think You Are</i>	<i>Mahjong Classical Music</i>	
Week 3	am	<i>Art</i>		<i>Village Walks Bird Watching</i>	<i>Singing for Fun</i>	<i>Industrial Heritage</i>
	pm	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Tenpin Bowling Pub Lunches</i>	<i>Dancing for Pleasure</i>	<i>Mahjong Pub Lunches</i>	
Week 4	am	<i>Art</i>			<i>Creative Writing</i>	<i>History</i>
	pm		<i>Tenpin Bowling</i>	<i>The Way We Were</i>	<i>Mahjong</i>	<i>Needle Craft</i>

Irregular Meetings

Tenpin Bowling

Every other week including five Tuesday months.
Phone for dates and details

Bird Watching

Phone for visit arrangements

Exploring Churches

According to access to churches, Announcements at monthly meetings

Pub Lunches

May vary Tuesday/Thursday, list at monthly meetings

Visual Culture

Occasional visits to Museums etc. Announcements at monthly meetings

Longer Walks

Evenings in summer, mornings in winter. Phone for dates and routes

News From the Groups

Armchair Travel



Rockingham Castle

2009 ended with an excellent visit to Rockingham Castle near Corby. After a sociable lunch members were conducted by the 'Butler' or 'Governess' on a tour of Christmas preparations in 1849.

Thank you Arthur for yet another of your 'gems.'

2010 Programme

Jan	13	<i>Audrey Stanley</i>	Bhutan
Feb	10	<i>Pat and Mick</i>	Alaska
Mar	10	<i>John Healey</i>	Cuba
Apr	14	<i>Pete Skipworth</i>	Walk in the Lincolnshire Wolds
May	12	OUTING WITH ARTHUR	
Jun	9	<i>Patsy and Keith</i>	Israel and Jordan
July	14	<i>Pat and Gerry</i>	Ethiopia
Aug		NO MEETING	
Sept	8	<i>June Mundy</i>	Bahrain
Oct	13	<i>Dr M McGreggor</i>	Historic English Canals
Nov	10	<i>Cliff Knowles</i>	To Be Decided
Dec	8	CHRISTMAS MEETING	

Birds Group

To avoid predicted rain, instead of making for our planned venue we headed in the opposite direction for Frampton Marsh. However, at some considerable distance out on the Marsh the Force 6 wind dropped and down came the rain. After a quick dash to shelter in the nearest hide the rain eased and we could return to the centre. Initial sightings were interesting rather than startling; Mallards, Lapwings for some reason dive-bombing the water, Golden Plovers in winter plumage, Brent Geese dramatically rising from the beach and swirling in the wind, Shelduck and Shovelers. After the rain we finally decided (later confirmed) that a beautiful ruddy breasted little bird was a Stonechat. Its mournful cry drew our attention to a Curlew, a Wren was searching in the short grass, when not resting on a post a Barn Owl was quartering in search of food. With several other familiar birds sighted this was not such a bad day after all!

John Healey

2010 Programme

Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am

In addition there will be a 2 day trip to Norfolk in May - details to be announced later.

Jan	20	Welney W F T, Wisbeach	June	16	Bempton Cliffs or Far Ings
Feb	17	Woodhall Spa & Kirkby Moor	July	21	Frampton Marsh
Mar	17	Far Ings (Lincs W F T)	Aug	18	Far Ings (again)
Apr	21	Rutland Water (Leics W F T)	Sept	15	Gibraltar Point
May	19	Blacktoft Sands (RSPB Reserve)	Oct	20	PLANNING

For meeting points, possible sightings and refreshments contact **Ross Thompson 01522 720590**

Book Review Group

Convener Ruth Broughton 01522 813617

<u>2010</u>		<u>TITLE</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Chosen By</u>
Jan	12	MARCH	<i>Geraldine Brooks</i>	Janet
Feb	9	ON CHESIL BEACH	<i>Ian McEwan</i>	Rosemary
Mar	9	THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF RACHEL DuPREE	<i>Ann Weisgarber</i>	Ann(M)
Apr	13	THE ROAD HOME	<i>Rose Tremain</i>	Patsy
May	11	NO EXPENSES SPARED	<i>Robert Winnet</i>	
			<i>Gordon Rayner</i>	Barbara
June	8	HIDDEN LIVES	<i>Margaret Forster</i>	Tony
July	13	THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES	<i>Sue Monk Kidd</i>	Ann
Aug	10	A STAR CALLED HENRY	<i>Roddy Doyle</i>	Keith
Sept	9	THE WILD PLACES - (Chapters 1,2,3,6,7,8,12,14,15)	<i>Robert McFarlane</i>	Carol
Oct	12	THE PATHS OF GLORY	<i>Jeffrey Archer</i>	Lilian
Nov	14	T.B.A.		Alice
Dec	14	THE KITE RUNNER	<i>Khaled Hosseini</i>	Ruth

It would be quite possible to start a second Book Review Group. Many members live in small houses so it could be a small group. For those who cannot manage a book a month it could, for example, meet every second or even third month. Once the group is formed it would require little organization. Even two members could start a group. Are you interested? Contact Ruth Broughton or Kenny Moir 01522 720770

Classical Music

We spent a delightful afternoon this month when Maggie Weston from Sleaford U3A came to play us a selection of her 2,000 (YES 2,000) Recordings. The programme was varied and exciting and included works by Galuppi (unknown to us) Bellini, Schubert, Sibelius, Bach and Beethoven as well as traditional Turkish music and a performance of 'A Fairy went a Marketing' sung by Dame Clara Butt. We enjoyed ourselves hugely and the meeting finally broke up around 5.30pm. The members are already suggesting that we invite Maggi again next year.

The programme for 2010 remains to be finalised but will include someone's Desert Island Discs and an afternoon with Henry Purcell. We also intend to hear concerts at the Drill Hall and are hoping that the Royal Opera House will be transmitting directly to the Lincoln Odeon so that we can enjoy superb performances of opera and ballet.

Annie Manners

Parchment Group

*Meets at 10am on the 1st Wednesday of the Month at Metheringham.
There is one vacancy. Contact Freda Howe 01526 320024*

Exploring Churches

Past Visits

September Freda Paddison arranged a fascinating talk at Thurbly with lots of historical interest both within St Germain's church and the churchyard. The more recent connection with RAF Swinderby was also explained. We then toured St. Mary the Virgin Church at Carlton-le-Moorland with its interesting memorials.

October's visit organised by Doreen Hazeldine was a tribute to Alfred Lord Tennyson. First at Somersby then at Bag Enderby Arthur gave us a potted history of the poet's life and we were enthralled by poems recited in Lincolnshire dialect by Brian Dawson. This really was the highlight of the year for me.

November also featured Doreen as we witnessed her record in the baptismal register in Swinderby Church. Des Underwood gave a personal view of the church where he has been churchwarden for over 50 years. From here Pat Thomas had cleverly arranged for us to arrive at All Saints' Church, Eagle for their weekly coffee morning. Anyone who missed these venues would be most welcome for coffee at Swinderby on Mondays and Eagle on Tuesdays from 10 to 12.

Diana Oldfield

Future Visits

Jan 20th 7.30pm Cheese and Wine party at 9 Robertson Close, Waddington to reminisce and consider next years events. £2.50 to cover costs please, offers of mince pies etc. gratefully received.

Feb15th 10.15am Nocton Church, coffee provided
11.15am Dunston Church followed by lunch at the Red Lion

Glenys Gage has organised this Monday event and would like an idea of people going to lunch as she is liaising re. menus.

Poetry

An interesting year has again passed by in the poetry group. Our aim is to have an enjoyable time, looking at poems old and new and finding out more about the poets who wrote them. This being the bi-centenary year of Alfred Lord Tennyson, we had a special afternoon where we enjoyed a meal of Lincolnshire traditional food, then read Tennyson poetry. Before this we had also visited places in Lincolnshire where Tennyson had lived, and had been inspirational for his poetry.

Mid-summer a 'Cream Tea' at the Devon Dumpling was enjoyed by all! In December we plan to go to Doddington Hall Café to finish the year's sessions with afternoon tea.

Next year we are all choosing a poet we want to look at and learn more about. Already names such as Thomas Hardy, Betjamin, Wordsworth and John Clare have been chosen to study, so we look forward to another good year for 2010.

June Elliott

Dancing for Pleasure

To pay the rent and remain viable this group could do with more members. Clive provides a range of music for old favourites and introduces new dances that we have forgotten by the next meeting. There is plenty of sitting-out time for recovery. You do not need to be an expert; indeed some of us might well take lessons from John Sergeant. Don't dance, can no longer dance - don't worry! Come and join us for a carefree afternoon and a cup of tea in agreeable company. Come and try us out.

Longer Walks

As we approach the winter months our numbers are decreasing. But for the hardy few we have had some lovely walks. September we were at Aubourn; October, starting at Coggesford Mill, we did The Riverside Walk at Sleaford; November it was Martin and Metherringham. We get around! On a 'damp' December day we walked Welbourn Low Fields and afterwards enjoyed the hospitality of Yvonne and Kenny. Thank you. Most walks are about 6 miles.

January - no walk.

February 4th - Bracebridge Heath to the Cathedral via Witham Riverside, possibly with lunch on the Brayford Barge. Come and join us, new faces are always welcome.

Contact Yvonne and Kenny Moir 01522 720770

Industrial Heritage

'At Home' Redwood Drive Community Centre Brant Road. 10am.

Jan	15	Members' Cameos	Living and Working Abroad as an Ex-Pat
Feb	19	T.B.A.	
Mar	19	Changing Industries Along Lincoln Waterside	
Apr	16	Robey's of Lincoln	speaker Mike Willerton

Member Profile



'Through my life with all the usual highs and lows, one thing has been a consistent source of strength and that is my faith. I was blessed as a child to be part of a loving Christian family and Church played a large part in our life. It was a very happy and secure environment in which to grow and develop.'

Margaret Hardy

In October Margaret Hardy (left) was Licensed as a Reader by the Bishop in Lincoln Cathedral.

Margaret attended college and trained as a teacher and started working in Lincoln before marrying, having two children and moving to Sheffield where she stayed and worked for nearly thirty years. As a regular church attender she felt called to become more involved in more ways such as the intercession and visiting teams, serving on the PCC and maintaining services during the interregnum. In Sheffield and Lincoln, the clergy encouraged her to consider further training. However, as the result of a family accident, she needed to move quickly back to Lincoln and it was a further two years before she could start to train as a Reader. The Course is a three year Diploma in Theology and Ministry, organised by the Lincoln Diocese in conjunction with Lincoln University. The course was very intense and at times Margaret doubted if she could manage the work. To quote Margaret, 'I was given strength to go deeper in my spiritual journey valuing regular retreats. I also gained more understanding of the Church of England with all its joys and faults!'

She has now opted to continue further training to take funerals to assist in her Benefice of Canwick, Heighington and Washingborough.

Lines FM Phone In Competition

Presenter What is the name of the largest Spanish speaking country in the world?
Contestant Barcelona
Presenter I was really after the name of a country
Contestant I don't know the names of any countries in Spain



Benefit Cheats Under Investigation

Food for Thought!

Is the U3A really a University?

There are no dedicated tutors, there are no set and mandatory lectures. Essays do not have to be handed in by deadlines. Students drop out before completing the course. We receive no valid degrees. "There is an active social life and friendships are formed. We must be a university!

But....
Tuition fees are minimal and we have no student debt. We can't be a university!
Or
Is the U3A just the University of Life?

The Power of a Woman

Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater.

If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby.

If you give her a house, she'll give you a home.

If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal.

If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart.

She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her.

So, if you give her any crap,

Duck!!!

My grateful thanks to all who have contributed to the Newsletter - Pat

The next Newsletter is scheduled for April 2010.

Personal experiences/anecdotes and group news items will be welcomed for this edition.

Contributions please by 20th March to

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Word for today

Nostalgia:

The condition where the sufferer can fall asleep at any time