



# The Cliff Newsletter

## Winter 2025, Issue 72



### Coming up



#### *December 2025 - Christmas Party*

##### 50s, 60s, 70s MUSIC

Melody Flyte was such a hit last year, we decided to invite her back to get us jigging in the isles again. going to take us back to our youth singing all the songs you will remember so well, 'It's My Party' and 'Bobby's Girl' to name just a couple. Dressed in a mini dress and white kinky boots she will be very pleasing on the eye and has a great voice. It will be a fabulous Christmas party and after a good sing-along with Melody there will be some lovely food on offer.

#### *January 2026 -*

##### *The Role of the Coroner, Richard Marshall*

What exactly is the role of the Coroner? We all know some of it but do we know it all? Richard is a retired assistant coroner so will be able to fill in the blanks for us and we might be surprised just how far the Coroner's role extends.

#### *February 2026 - AGM and Auction.*

Anything you think may be suitable (not rubbish) bring it along and it can be auctioned off. So sort out the loft, turf out the shed and see what you've got that you'll never use again. You may be surprised what you've put in the

**Hi everyone and welcome to the Winter Newsletter.**

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**Marion Coulson – Editor**

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#### **Notes from the Chair**

Let's Grow and Celebrate Together

Dear Cliff Villages Members,

As we approach the festive season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the vibrancy of our U3A community and share some exciting opportunities to make it even stronger.

Our U3A thrives on the enthusiasm and diversity of our members, but to keep our group dynamic and sustainable, we need to grow our membership. More members mean more ideas, more activities, and more opportunities to learn, laugh, and connect. I encourage each of you to spread the word about our U3A, invite a friend, neighbour, or family member to join one of our engaging sessions. Let's share the joy of lifelong learning and camaraderie with others in our community.

We also need fresh voices on our committee to help shape the future of our U3A group. Serving on the committee is a rewarding way to contribute your skills, ideas, and passion to ensure our group continues to flourish. Whether you're organised, creative, or simply eager to get involved, we'd love to have you. Please consider

pending tray. All proceeds to go to u3a and anything that doesn't sell you can take back home.

### ***March 2026 - Lincolnshire Wildlife Diary, Gill Walsh***

Gill's talk covers a wide variety of wildlife and her favourite nature reserves in and around Lincolnshire. It focuses on when and where the best places are to see wildlife, in particular our rarer species. I know lots of you are interested in wildlife so make sure you don't miss this one. You might be surprised at what can be found on your own doorstep. In this stressful world we live in, it can be very calming observing wildlife and exciting to find a new, rare species you've never seen before. You'll come home with that feel-good factor, planning your next outing, and for those of you who don't feel you want to make the effort and go out looking, Gill will bring some slides and, who knows, it might just pique your interest and find you a new hobby

stepping forward—your perspective could make a real difference. Reach out to me or any committee member to learn more about the roles available

Finally, mark your calendars for our Christmas Party on the 12th December, Join us for a festive celebration filled with music, food, and good company and an outstanding quiz. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow members and celebrate the season.

Let's work together to grow our U3A and make this Christmas party one to remember. Thank you for being part of our wonderful community

Kind Regards Rob  
Chairman



# News from the Groups

## Chess Club

### Convenor John Housego

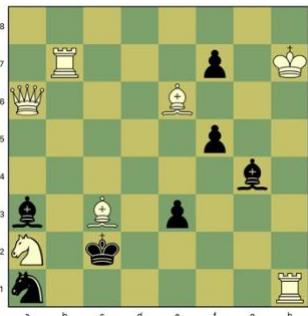
#### Chess Corner

By the time of this Newsletter the Chess Group will have been running for almost a year with 7 members belonging to the Group and is being regularly attended by 6.

All players are gaining confidence with moving pieces and are starting to look for discipline! and tactics in their games. We have also started to use clocks in some of our games ... (the '17<sup>th</sup> piece) which adds an additional dimension to the play.

A couple of the group have mentioned playing with family members having rediscovered the game and a couple have also ventured into playing me online in 'correspondence' games.

The solution to the puzzle featured in the last Newsletter is displayed below and is now revealed..

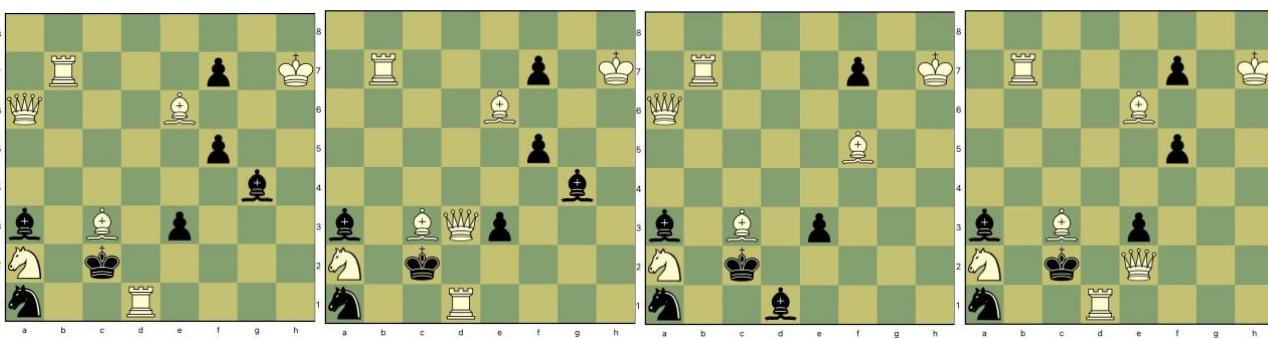


Black's King is completely pinned on c2 ...

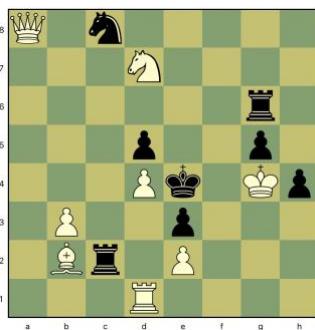
White is able to offer the sacrifice of a rook .. playing 1. Rd1... threatening mate with White's second move

2. Qd3# or

2. Bxf5# or 2. Qxe2# depending on any defence offered by Black as illustrated



We have recently examined another Winton challenge.. the claim is White to force a checkmate in 3 moves .. we could only actually find a checkmate for White in 4 moves !



The group continues to meet alternate Tuesday afternoons .. 2-4 pm. Anyone wishing to express an interest in joining the group or to request further information then please contact me (see my details below).

Seasonal best wishes to all, John (07806803085 or 01522 823583 or [john.housego@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:john.housego@yahoo.co.uk))

Sugarcraft

**Convenor – Pat Rampton**

Our little group has grown again and everyone is very keen "to have a go". Getting ready for Christmas we have been making gel flowers and foliage to go into a pine/bamboo ring. It will be similar to the one in the photo but will probably have more in it. (My sample is quite a few years old and I have removed pieces if I needed them!) The group will be working on their samples for a couple more weeks yet, hence my old sample!



Armchair Travel

**Convenor – Pat Rampton**

This time last year I thought we would have to fold because of lack of speakers but we have managed to continue throughout the year. Our speakers have taken us to Serbia, the Golden Triangle India, Norway on a Cruise, the Isle of Man, New England in the Fall, Northern France, Italy, Whitby and Ethiopia. We meet on the 2nd Wed each month at Redwood Community Centre, 10.30. to 12.00. Please come and join us. The charge at the moment is £1. and for that you get coffee and biscuits and a trip somewhere you may like to visit or have done already!

Short and Long Walks

**Convenor – Pat Rampton**

At the moment we are struggling. Hospital appointments and bad backs seem to be the main causes

If you feel you could receive a 3 mile or 5 mile walk, please contact me and I can help you out with maps and instructions to help you.

Pat Rampton 01522 874746 or 07807711418

## Parchment

### **Convenor – Jill Alder**

The Parchment Group have been busy doing some seasonal crafting. Below is a picture of some of the Christmas Tree decorations beautifully worked by the ladies.



## Church Visits Group

### **Convenor – Bob Alder**

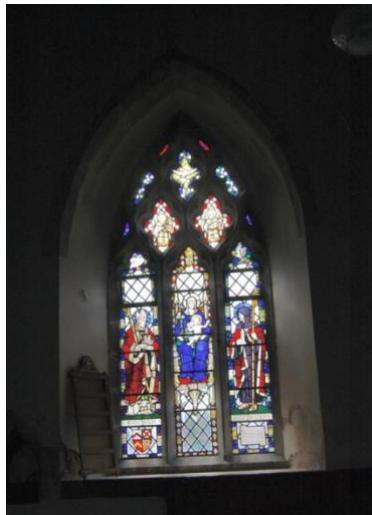
The last visit for this year, and may be for some time was a good visit to three of our churches in the diocese. There are numerous statistical difficulties in arranging these visits.

The day, Wednesday, is the day of chef choice, when all our group can meet, and it is not exclusive. The other problem is finding the availability of all the Churches in the chosen area open, and then finding a local hostelry open for lunch, an important end to the visit, to discuss the visit and enjoy a meal together.

I have been privileged to have a lovely group of Church lovers to arrange the visit for ten years now and we have made the decision to stop the visits, for a short time, as no one is prepared to take over from me to arrange them.

Below are some pictures from our last day out:





## Industrial Heritage Group

**Convenor – Pat Thomas**

### **Industrial Heritage Group Programme Spring 2026**

On the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month come and join this friendly group at the Redwood Drive Community Centre, off Brant Road in Lower Waddington. Although our special interest is in the past, present and future trends of Industry within the local area, our films and talks cover a multitude of topics from around the world.

In the past during the summer months we have been fortunate to visit numerous industrial and related venues in Lincoln and beyond. This is a friendly group and we can accommodate many more members. Coffee is served until 10.15am for a 10.30am start and the programme lasts for approximately one hour.

**Friday**

Jan 16       Talk by the Lindum Construction Group

Feb 20       Pre WWII German Aviation Industries

Mar 20       The World's Highest Railway Qinghai to Tibet

Apr 17       Building HMS Queen Elizabeth II Aircraft Carrier

May 15       Possible Lindum Construction Group Site Visit

Contact: Pat Thomas 01522 887546 / 07914 524261   email: [pat.m.thomas24@gmail.com](mailto:pat.m.thomas24@gmail.com)

## And finally...

The happy couple 60 years on.



Congratulations to Mike and Hilary Willerton – a beautiful photograph!

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## A Polite Reminder!

*Please remember that if you attend a group held in someone's home, there is a contribution of 30p for the host towards the costs (tea, coffee, biscuits etc). Any group gatherings elsewhere have this covered in the entrance price, which is for the hall and refreshments.*

*Thank you.*

## Monthly meeting @ The Venue - Navenby

On the second Friday of each month, at The Venue in Navenby, all members are welcomed to a meeting especially with them in mind. You can get a refreshment, meet up and have a chat with other members, some of whom you will know and others who will be new to you. You will be able to keep up with the latest news and information relating to your u3a and finally sit and enjoy a talk on topics as varied and interesting as you all are.

Come along and try it, you never know, you might enjoy it!

## **U3A WELFARE**

On the u3a committee we have Fran Housego who is responsible for Welfare. If any member of u3a happens to be ill for a time, or is either bereaved or trying to cope with bereavement, Fran would like to know. This will allow her to send a caring card to either the person, or their relatives from the u3a group.

Please contact Fran on: 01522 823583.

## **Goodbyes**

**In this issue we say a sad farewell to member Gill Lee. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.**

**For all of our members, a very happy Christmas and a joyful New Year to everyone.**

**Stay healthy and happy until next time.**

**Marion x**



# Cliff Villages U3A Groups Details 2025

**The times given are the times the meeting begins.**

Group	Convenor	Tel No	e-mail	Venue
Armchair Travel	Stan Leithhead & Pat Rampton	01522 722618 01522 874746	stanleithhead@googlemail.com prampton1803@gmail.com	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed @ 10:00 am. Redwood Community Centre
Art	David Raines	01522 810843	davidraines290@btinternet.com	Monday @ 10:00 am. The Hub Waddington.
Bird Watching	June Austin	07723 928110	june516@live.com	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed @ various times/places
Book Review	Judith Horsfall	01522 789485	Judithanhorsfall53@gmail.com	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue @ 2:00 pm. Various.
Bridge	Meg Norman	01522 410511	margaret-norman@sky.com	Wed @ 2:00pm. Various
Chess	John Housego	01522 823583	john.housego@yahoo.co.uk	Alternate Tue @ 2pm. 24 Station Rd, Waddington
Church Architecture	Bob Alder	01522 723038	robertjamesderekalder@hotmail.com	Various
Computer Security	Rob Hadfield	07858 606202	robert.1.hadfield@talk21.com	TBA
Craft Afternoon	Angela Sheasby	01522 853877	Angelasheasby55@virginmedia.com	4 <sup>th</sup> Fri @ 2:00 pm. Waddington.
Crochet	Annie Bird	0779 691 1450	normaabbird@hotmail.co.uk	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon @ 2:00 pm. 16 Rowan Road Waddington
Games/Social Afternoon	Kenny & Yvonne Moir	01522 720770	goldmoir@aol.com	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed @ 2pm. Harmston Village Hall
Gardening		TBA		1 <sup>st</sup> Tue @ 10:00 am. Various
Industrial Heritage	Pat Thomas	01522 887546	pat.m.thomas24@gmail.com	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday @9:45 am. Redwood Community Centre.
Kurling	Allen Lacey	07580 220330	Vivlacey11@gmail.com	Alternate Tue @ 10:00 am Wellington Village Hall.
Longer Walks	Pat Rampton	01522 874746	prampton1803@gmail.com	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu. Various @ 10:00 am
Mahjong	Rosemary King	01522 721187	rosemary82king@gmail.com	Thu @ 2@00 pm. Various.
Music	Arthur Hazeldine	01522 720387	arthurhazeldine@gmail.com	Monthly. Church Lane Waddington
Parchment	Jill Alder	01522 723038	jillalder@hotmail.co.uk	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed @ 10:00 am. 8 Loweswater, Waddington.
Play Reading	Meg Norman	01522 410511	margaret-norman@sky.com	TBA
Pub Lunches	Barbara York	01522 720633	Barbaray1939@gmail.com	4 <sup>th</sup> Thu @ various times/places.
Scrabble	Rosemary King	01522 721187	rosemary82king@gmail.com	1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed @ 10:00 am. Various
Short (Village) Walks	Pat Rampton	01522 874746	prampton1803@gmail.com	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. Various @ 10:00 am
Spanish	David Shaddick	01522 802128	david.shaddick@live.co.uk	Tue @ 10:30am. Waddington.
Sugar craft For Beginners	Pat Rampton	01522 874746	prampton1803@gmail.com	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed @ 10:00 am Waddington
Ten Pin Bowling	David Raines	07778 826082	davidraines290@btinternet.com	Alternate Tue @ 1:30 pm. Washington

