



The Cliff Communiqué

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Coming up

8th April

**When Birds Sing - Saffron
Summerfield**

When do birds sing? How do they sing? Why do they sing? Do female birds sing?

All these questions Saffron promises to answer, and more.

It should prove to be a very interesting presentation.

13th May

After WW1 - Richard Pullen

Women proved themselves during WW1 and showed that they could do whatever the men could do. But what about when the war came to an end? They'd proved themselves as capable as the men but equality was a long way off. What happened when the men came home and wanted their jobs back and were the women happy to go back to being "just a housewife"? What a loaded statement that is in today's society, and rightly so, but what about back in 1918? Richard will tell us all about it.

Hi everyone and welcome to the Spring Newsletter.

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Alwyne Thorpe – Editor

Notes from the Chair

I hope you are all well and looking forward to longer days and more warmth in the sun. Seasonal groups are getting going with summer schedules - we have lots to look forward to.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Rita Bateman who has stepped down from Committee after over fifteen years as a member and treasurer then Chairman to our u3a. Thank you Rita you really have put in a lot of time to keep everything running smoothly.

Also, to Glynis Morris, thank you for your time on the committee sending cards to those when we hear of illness or loss. I hope the cards will have brought some cheer at difficult times.

There has been great progress with marking the 40th anniversary of the u3a movement. Alwyne and Brenda have written an update on the quilt – see further down. I have been liaising with Waddington, Coleby and Navenby Parish Councils to find little areas for tree and wildflower planting. I am hoping that Harmston Parish Council will also respond fairly soon.

A big thank you to Mike Willerton who is now 'in training' with Clive so that he can take over the Audio systems for our Main meetings at Navenby.

Please note that our meeting on **June 10th will be held at the Redwood Drive Hall**. It is a big space with all the facilities. (The big hall at The Venue, Navenby is booked out to the NHS on that date.)

Kay Parker

Bits and Pieces

A Bit more about what's coming up

June 10th at Redwood Drive

It's an L of a Drive - Steve Brown

Steve is a driving instructor and is going to tell us all about his experiences, funny and maybe otherwise, and probably make us recall a few experiences we had ourselves in those long ago days of learning to drive.

July 8th

From High Heels to Army Boots - Beverly Ballough-Hood

The story of Beverley's life, starting in public catering, then catering for The NAFFI, spending time in Germany and the Falklands, with reminiscences of people and places.

Last Month's Meeting

We were sadly let down at the final hour, literally, for our scheduled talk the Archaeology of the Lincoln Bypass and I know a lot of our members were disappointed as they had been looking forward to this particular presentation and for that I can only apologise but the good news is I have managed to re-book the talk, although not until next year.

May I take this opportunity to thank Ken Moore who stepped in at the last minute and gave us an entertaining talk on 'Animals in Uniform'. Thank you Ken for saving the day for us.

Vivienne

The Anniversary Quilt

What a wonderful response we have had to the request for designs and makers. Around 16 groups are now involved either with ideas, designs or fully fledged panels and we have a group of people turning those ideas into reality.

It is not too late for other groups to get involved just contact Brenda Williams or myself either at the meetings or phone me on 426346.

It is hoped the quilt will be unveiled at the Christmas party.

Alwyne Thorpe

The Jigsaw Library

To borrow a jigsaw outside of the monthly meetings please call

Alwyne on 01522 426346

News from the Groups

Parchment Craft

The parchment craft group, who meet on the first Wednesday on the month at 10 a.m., have a change of venue. They will now be meeting at The Hub on Waddington High Street.

Any queries please contact Jill Alder on 01522723038

The Gardening Group

At last, after two years in the wilderness, the gardening group have met to organize this year's programme. We will be visiting many member's gardens plus an extra trip to Clumber Park.

Happy planting.

Alan May

Long Walks (5 to 6 miles)

These have continued throughout the winter and numbers are beginning to return to the pre-pandemic figures. They have walked in Metheringham, Whisby, Hartsholme and Nocton and to reward ourselves for completing the walk we go to a pub or other such place for refreshments.

Short Walks (up to 3 miles)

These do not happen during the winter but are due to start again March or April. Please feel free to come and join. The walks are leisurely and friendly and always finish up with refreshments afterwards.

Industrial Heritage Report

Redwood Drive Community Centre, Brant Road.

3rd Friday of the Month. Coffee until 10.15am, meeting from 10.30 am until noon.

New members welcome.

Friday 15th April at Redwood Drive

‘Industrial Archaeology Projects in the Lincoln Area’

Talk by group member David Raines about studies in which he has been involved

Visits

At the time of writing only the May visit has been confirmed. Currently I am negotiating with several other venues and hope to have a full programme by the April Industrial meeting.

As the Covid situation remains variable it is essential that I have correct and up to date contact details of all group members so that I can keep everyone informed of any changes to meetings or visits. Email addresses and/or telephone numbers. Please.

Friday May 20th 10.15am for 10.30am start

Witham Group - Manufacturers and Suppliers of Oils and Paints
Outer Circle Road, Lincoln (Next door to Lincolnshire Flooring)

A family owned business that was established in 1921 on the Brayford as the Witham Oil and Candle Company, making bicycle oils, candles and carbide.

Signing on List at the April Industrial Meeting

Pat Thomas

Sugarcraft

These will continue once Pat is up and running after back surgery.

Food Glorious Food

This delightful group continues to meet once a month and produce interesting facts about all sorts of food related topics. We have even had allotments – now who would have thought of presenting that topic. It was so interesting and once again we learned lots of interesting facts.

Armchair Travel

This continues to be a popular group and we have visited many interesting places without having to get our passports out! In Feb. Tim Sands took us on a mystery tour, visiting 12 places, one for each month of the year. This week John Hope spoke of his experiences coping with

the Tsunami and the aftermath. Our next visit is to Spain and the one after that is either Madeira or Portugal.

Outing To Brodsworth Hall - 8th June - Now open to everyone

In June we have a coach outing to Brodsworth Hall and Gardens, which is an English Heritage Site.

Once a year the Armchair Travel group goes on a coach trip in June. Peggy had done all of the planning and research in 2020 so we are going to proceed with that trip. Our group is not large enough to fill a coach, so we are inviting any u3a member to join us. The cost of the coach trip is £15 each, cheques payable to Cliff Village (Lincoln) u3a. If you are an English Heritage member your entrance to the hall and gardens is free. If not, the cost is £11.60. payable on the day.



The gardens are really beautiful and very well kept. Seating in strategic places is useful for resting and taking in the beauty of the flower beds etc

Brodsworth is near Doncaster so not too far to travel. If you would like to join us, please phone me (Pat, 01522 874746) either for more details or to ask for a form to accompany your cheque. Details of the pick up points are on the form.

Goodbyes

Farewell to Shirley Burley, our thoughts are with her family.

Goodbye, also, to Barbara Wall, a former member who many of you will remember.

Many thanks to Clive Morrison for proofreading this newsletter and for all his help and advice.