



The Cliff Newsletter

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Coming up

August 2025 - Science Talk – Dr D, aka Vicki Dennison

Was Science your best and most interesting lesson at school? Well maybe not but this speaker may change your mind about science in general and make you realise what a fascinating and magical subject it really is. Dr D will conduct some experiments which, I am told, will leave us all saying “how did that happen?” This is not a magic show, this is pure science with no trickery involved but you will wonder at times, so don’t miss this one.

September 2025 - Tales of a Dyslexic Author, Nigel Macknight

Nigel found out he was dyslexic after he had written a book and realised an author was not really something he should have strived to be. He also had an involvement with Donald Campbell and the current water speed record which I’m told makes fascinating listening.

October 2025 - A Little Bit of Borneo, Geoff Evans

If you like stunning wildlife photographs, including gorillas, then this is the meeting for you. Geoff and his wife travel the world taking photographs of animals, scenery, breathtaking views and exotic plants.

Hi everyone and welcome to the Summer Newsletter.

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Marion Coulson – Editor

Notes from the Chair

Dear Cliff Villages U3A members,

Welcome to another instalment of ‘Notes from the Chair’.

The committee has continued to focus on increasing our member numbers and our ‘recruitment stall’ at the (very hot) Waddington summer fair was a great success. I’m pleased to say that we did have quite a lot of interest and we are still following up on several enquiries.

We are still working hard on the issue of membership numbers and will be asking everyone to ‘bring a friend’ to our September meeting at Navenby. We will be having a small exhibition of our groups around the room, so that our visitors can get a flavour of what we are about. If you can make the meeting, great, and if you can bring a friend then please do so.

Planning for the Christmas Party is now underway and we are expecting a bigger and better event than last year, we hope you can come along and join the fun.

And finally, if anyone is interested in joining the committee or starting a new group, please don’t hesitate to give us a shout.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and hopefully we will see you at our September meeting along with some guests.

Regards Rob, your Chairman

Coming up cont'd...

If you've never been to Borneo then this is your chance to see what this country has to offer and if you have visited it before, you can sit back and re-live the dream.

November 2025 - The Sleaford Rail Crash, Mark Bamford.

Who has heard of the Sleaford rail crash of 1937? 15 February 1937, accident at Sleaford North Junction. Four people died but none of them were passengers on the train. The train was full of passengers but what happened on that fateful day? You'll have to attend the meeting to find out. Mark weaves a very interesting story.

December 2025 - Christmas Party

David St Paul is a singer and musician and will entertain us at our Christmas Party. I've had some very good reports on David's singing and he is particularly suited to u3a's and similar organisations where the members are, shall we say, of a more sensible age, ie not head-banging teenagers. He knows exactly the sort of music we like so make sure you don't miss out on the Christmas celebrations. There'll be party food as well! What's not to like?

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 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.

News from the Group

Chess Club

Convenor John Housego

By the time of this Newsletter the Chess Group will have had 12 sessions with 7 members belonging to the Group and 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 '17th piece' ! This 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.

We have examined the puzzle below and some others also.

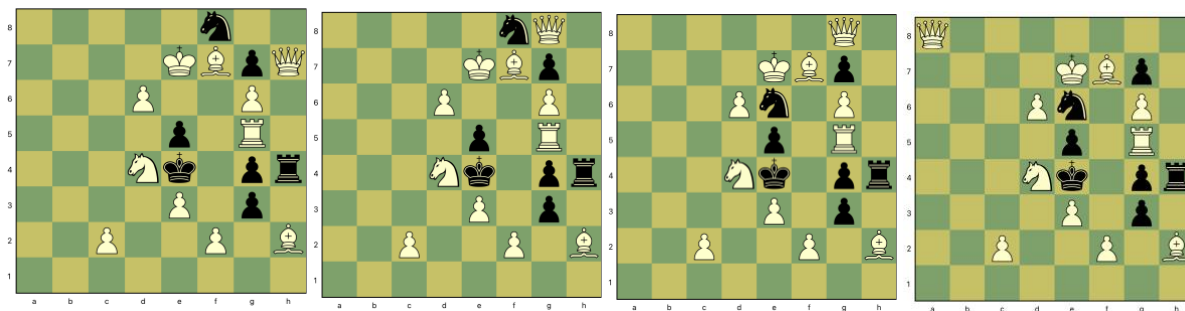
The solution to the puzzle featured in the last Newsletter is now revealed..

Checkmate in 2 for white being achieved by 2 moves of the Queen..

1 Queen-g8 (threatening Bishop-d5 checkmate)

.... Black has to respond to this threat with the only blocking move available .. Knight- e6

2 Queen-a8 checkmate... simple, but very difficult to spot !!



The group continues to meet alternate Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 pm. Anyone wishing to express an interest in joining the group or requesting further information, please contact me (details below). In the meantime, any U3a members might like to try a further puzzle; White to move, (White plays up the board as

usual) and forces a checkmate in **two moves** against any defence offered by Black.

This puzzle was in a stage of the Winton British Chess Solving Championship (postal round) 2023 ... an event organised by the British Chess Problem Society.

Best wishes to all, John.

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Scrabble group
Convenor Rosemary King

Some photographs from an enjoyable morning playing a game or two...



with the end results!



7 Letter words from late December 2024 to July 2025

ALARMING 76 R h	LEATHERS 95 J	LUMBARS 83 D h	RETIRED 64 J
SILENTER 74 R h	UNTRIED 90 J.	INLANDS 75 R	RESPITE 87 R
PORTALS 86 D	LEGGING 67 D h.	QUEENIE 68 R	WEARING 87 D
BLUSHED 74 J	RETAINED 65 B	DAUNTING 66 D	TRANNIE 75 R
EARLIER 74 R	FUDGINGS 86 R.	RAGINGS 58 D	BOWLERS 71 B
REAPING 64 R h	SIDELINE 89 R	CARDIES 77 D	SEANING 87 J
LOONIER 65 D h	SEIZING 72 R	SHAGREEN 89 RAY	SOLDIER 79 H
EARLESS 68 D h	UNISONS 76 R h	TRICKED 97 R h	INBOUND 79 R
HOUSIER 76 J	ENSUITE 71 R	JITTERED 84 J	SHATTERS 70 J
GROMETS 83 J	INROADS 70 D	SQUIRES 73 J	PIRANAS 78 R
TREASON 64 R h	WORRIER 80 J	SOUPING 64 D h	UNTURFS 75 R
GALLEON 80 D h	POUNDER 83 R	GREENED. 74 D	STUDENT 76. B

These are just some of the seven letter words that were played between the end of December '24 and beginning of July '25. That is roughly 27 days of play with two games per day.

So over 54 games, 67 seven letter words were made.

The ones with h after them were private games David and I played and will not count in the following total of 67.

RAY = 2; HOWARD = 4; BARBARA = 8; DAVID = 11; JULIE = 17; ROSEMARY = 2

A picture of Rosemary and David's lovely garden, in the rain!



Sugarcraft Group

Convenor – Pat Rampton

This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month and at the moment there are three regular members. If anyone would like to come along and spend a relaxing morning once a month, gradually making something beautiful, whilst chatting, drinking coffee and nibbling on biscuits, please let me know.

The project that we have just finished involved making wired flowers. A mix of sweet peas, carnations, filler flowers and leaves. Once made, we put them all together in a small spray. They turned out beautifully.



Short Walks

Convenor – Pat Rampton

These walks are approx.. 2.5 – 3 miles in length and finish with refreshments at a café or pub. These are not challenging walks – no hills or fields. If you feel like joining us, please let me know. They take place on the third Wednesday morning of each month.

Long Walks

Convenor – Pat Rampton

These walks are on the first Thursday morning each month and are usually 5.5 – 6 miles in length with refreshments at a village pub afterwards. Each walk is vetted by a leader from the group, so you don't have to worry whether it is safe to walk or not.

Armchair Travel

Convenor – Pat Rampton

We now meet in the community centre in Redwood Drive, from 10.30 – 12.00 on the second Wednesday morning of each month.

We enjoy taking part in hassle free travel to different parts of the world by watching a presentation given by someone who did the travelling for us. It is a good way to 'sample' different parts of the world and get a feel of where you would like to visit, or not. The presentations usually last an hour.

Please come and join us, we are a very friendly group.

If you would like to know more about any of Pat Rampton's groups, please contact Pat on:

01522 874746

Parchment Group
Convenor – Jill Alder

I am still running a small group of 6 for the Parchment classes. They are now run from my home and therefore unable to take on anyone else. I am still able to pass on a free pattern to each of the ladies that attend, on a monthly basis and these pictures represent a finished article and one in progress. Each person's own interpretation.



Church Visits Group
Convenor – Bob Alder

Three months and 3 visits.

We enjoyed the first group, Reepham, Fiskerton, and Cherry Willingham, and a lunch after the visit.

The second group, Baumber, Gautby, and Minting, were very good, and a lunch after the visit.

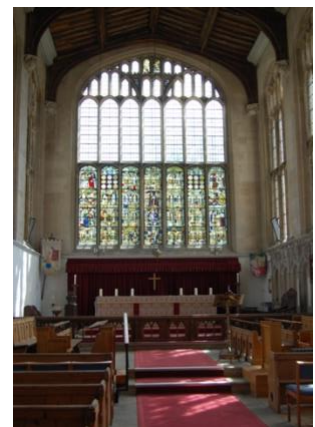
The third group, Coningsby, a very large Church for a small village, Tattershall, a Cathedral size Church in a small village, and Kirkby on Bain, a delightful Church, and of course lunch after.

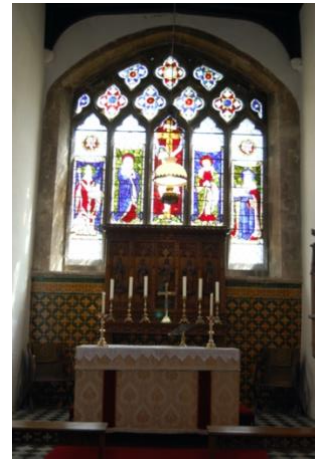
You get the theme here.

We are a friendly group who enjoy visiting the Churches, which have been very good so far this year, and the lunches are a very sociable affair, and the gossip is worth every penny.

We look forward to some more in the coming months.

A selection of photos of the church visits:





Industrial Heritage Group
Convenor – Pat Thomas

After a break over the summer months the group will resume in September. To date I have not had the opportunity to arrange visits during the remainder of 2025. A programme of films is planned; however, if a visit becomes possible members will be advised.

We meet on the morning of the 3rd Friday of the month at Redwood Drive Community Centre (off Brant Road) in Lower Waddington. The No. 13 Waddington to Lincoln bus stops adjacent to the hall.

Coffee is served until 10.15am. The meeting commences at 10.30am and normally lasts for around an hour.

There is plenty of level parking. This is a friendly group and new members are very welcome to join us.

Friday 19th September Monster Moves - The Canberra Bomber

Friday 17th October Mega Structures - The Nazi V1 Rocket

Friday 21st November The Story of the Fire Service

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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. Any group gatherings 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!



Two pictures taken by Pam Huggett of the lady who gave the last talk (about canals) at The Venue. She looked splendid dressed in her canal finery.



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

For everyone out there, please take care and enjoy what is left of what has already been a lovely summer (as long as you like the sun and heat).

Stay healthy and happy until next time.

Marion



The times given are the times the meeting begins.

Cliff Villages U3A Groups Details 2025

Group	Convenor	Tel No	e-mail	Venue
Armchair Travel	Stan Leithead & Pat Rampton	01522 722618 01522 874746	stanleithead@googlemail.com prampton1803@gmail.com	2 nd 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 rd Wed @ various times/places
Book Review	Judith Horsfall	01522 789485	Judithannhorsfall53@gmail.com	2 nd 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 th Fri @ 2:00 pm. Waddington.
Crochet	Annie Bird	0779 691 1450	normaabird@hotmail.co.uk	2 nd Mon @ 2:00 pm. 16 Rowan Road Waddington
Games/Social Afternoon	Kenny & Yvonne Moir	01522 720770	goldmoir@aol.com	3 rd Wed @ 2pm. Harmston Village Hall
Gardening	TBA			1 st Tue @ 10:00 am. Various
Industrial Heritage	Pat Thomas	01522 887546	pat.m.thomas24@gmail.com	3 rd Friday @9:45 am. Redwood Community Centre.
Kurling	Allen Lacey	07580 220330	Vivlacey11@gmail.com	Alternate Tue @ 10:00 am Wellingore Village Hall.
Longer Walks	Pat Rampton	01522 874746	prampton1803@gmail.com	1 st 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 st 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 th Thu @ various times/places.
Scrabble	Rosemary King	01522 721187	rosemary82king@gmail.com	1 st & 4 th Wed @ 10:00 am. Various
Short (Village) Walks	Pat Rampton	01522 874746	prampton1803@gmail.com	3 rd 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 st Wed @ 10:00 am Waddington
Ten Pin Bowling	David Raines	07778 826082	davidraines290@btinternet.com	Alternate Tue @ 1:30 pm. Washingborough