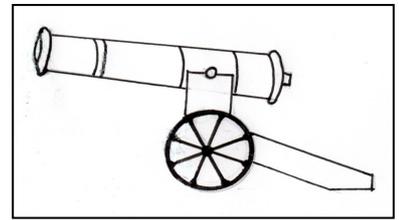




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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and early spring days. However, perhaps you are thinking, like me, that 'The Beast from the East' might be lurking around to cause havoc in March like it did last year. It is almost time to renew our membership and I know Paul, our Membership Secretary, is gearing up to visit various groups and will also be there to catch up with us all at general meetings so please have your cheque book with you.

Roy Evans is intending to restart Family History in June. If you are interested and want to attend please see details on page 2.

Most of you will have received an email from Paul on behalf of the Committee reminding everyone of the need for new Committee members. We need positions filling to continue. We now have just over 600 members which proves the popularity of our U3A. We are one of the largest U3A's in our region and we need members to come forward to continue this success story.

Looking forward to seeing you at the General Meeting on Thursday the 28th February

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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Web Administrator needed. For personal reasons, I will be resigning both from the committee and as Web Administrator from the AGM. I have enjoyed carrying out the role but currently find I have increasing demands on my time and need to drop some of my various activities. The work entails keeping the website up to date, which isn't especially time consuming, and can be carried out by anyone with a moderate degree of IT 'intelligence'. I myself am far from being an IT expert but picked up the necessary knowledge relatively quickly, given guidance from the previous web administrator, Geoff Evans. In addition, he produced an immensely helpful 'Webmaster Guide' which adequately covers all the tasks to be carried out. I will also be very happy to provide advice and guidance should this be necessary. I have served on the committee as this was helpful both to me and to U3A officers in enabling us to discuss web related issues. However, committee membership is not essential to the role.

Please email webmaster@retford-u3a.org.uk for further details or ring me on 01777 817148.

Carol Woodward

Nominations needed for the following officer roles on the committee; Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Other roles which are vacant and need filling are; Webmaster and Group Coordinator.

In Retford we have an active and thriving U3A and many people over the years, have committed time and effort to making it the success it is today. Please would you take a moment to consider whether you or someone you know could commit to helping us move forward over the next few years. Nomination forms are available at General Meetings or from committee members.

Other than the Treasurer, committee members can only serve for a maximum of three years and thus we find ourselves needing new committee members. One of the advantages of serving on the committee is that support is always available from other committee members to assist you in your role.

Committee meetings are held once a month, typically lasting between one and two hours.

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FUN WITH FLOWERS GROUP

This month's theme was 'The Colours of Spring'. Fortunately, we had spring weather to complement the theme. 11 attended our group this month with some super designs produced.



FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

After a year's leave, Kate and Roy Evans will be starting the Family History Group again from June this year. How the Family History Group works, is you are allocated one hour a month, one to one, with either Kate or Roy at their house in Clarborough.

Fairly easily they can usually trace your own family tree back to 1800, sometimes earlier. By using Census records, we can find what your relatives did for a living, and where they lived.

Roy will be taking names of anyone who is interested at his table at the next general meeting.

WORKSOP U3A CINEMA GROUP

NO BOOKING NEEDED - OPEN TO ALL U3A MEMBERS
Our film at the Savoy Worksop on the 14th March is COLD PURSUIT

A snowplough driver seeks revenge against the drug dealers he thinks killed his son. Based on the 2014 Norwegian film 'In Order of Disappearance'.

Stars: Liam Neeson, Laura Dern, Micheál Richardson.

Price £4 pp (complimentary tea/coffee) parking fee refunded against ticket price on receipt of voucher attached to parking ticket.

MILITARY HISTORY GROUP

Join us on a five day trip to Scotland from the 13th to the 17th May. We will be staying in a 3 to 4 star hotel in Stirling and going on a number of included excursions to the Falkirk Wheel, Bannockburn, Balmoral, Glen Coe, and the Royal Yacht Britannia. You will have a free afternoon in Edinburgh and

the hotel are putting on a Scottish Evening. We are staying at the King Robert Hotel in Stirling, with dinner, bed and breakfast. The cost is £335 per person inclusive. More details available at the general meeting or to reserve a seat contact me roy@rowansfhs.com or call 01777 702097.

WALKING GROUPS

Strollers:- 19th March. It is a walk around Everton, leaving Everton Church at 10.30 am; led by Judith and Marjorie. Not decided yet where we will be having lunch, but it will be somewhere nearby.

Moderate:- Monday 4th March at 10.00 am, meeting in the car park at the Angel Inn, Bawtry Road, Blyth S81 8HG, walking to Carlton in Lindrick, via Hodsock, food at the Angel Inn, orders taken prior to start of walk which will be led by Tom

Striders:- The next version of the Usual Suspects walk is on Monday, 18th March at 10.00.

However, prior to that there's a recce, led by Paul and Rod, which will take place next Friday, 1st March at 10.00.am. Meeting place is Creswell Crags Visitor Centre, S80 3LH.

They have a few spare seats if you wish to

book early, so feel free to let me know if you're interested in going with them please ring me on 07879 519220. If you choose to travel independently, please be mindful there is a £3 charge for all-day parking, payable at a ticket machine that requires the exact change but change is available from the centre. Write-up from last Monday's walk will be published in the near future

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