

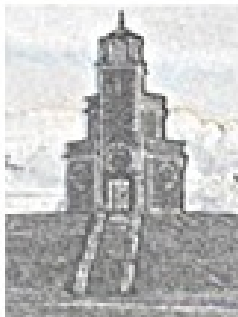


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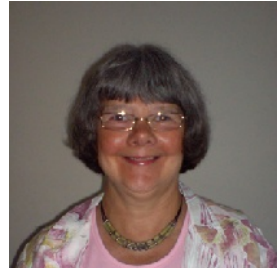
HEATH U3A

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**KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT
FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS
EVENTS AND OUTINGS ETC.
GROUPS AND CONVENORS
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Josie Moreton As Chairperson my role is to conduct monthly meetings and committee meetings. To represent Heath U3A by attending other meetings as required. To help in any other way possible in assisting the U3A members.



John Gillespie : I am new to BBH and have really enjoyed being a part of a new organisation in the village As Treasurer I put the money in the bank, pay the bills and keep the committee informed of our financial state. I also help our U3A groups with their finances.



Beth Willett. In my job as Vice-Chairperson I assist the Chairperson where necessary, take the committee meeting and lead the branch meeting in the Chairperson's absence. Also in conjunction with Joan Wright I help to arrange speakers for our monthly meetings in which we try to cover a broad area of interest throughout the year. We need to be aware of the needs of our guest speakers, including the fees or donations they require and prepare the room appropriately for the meeting.



Third edition, how time flies! I am writing this in October and Christmas seems quite a way off but by the time you read it we shall be almost there and hopefully I shall have done my shopping and written my cards. Heath U3A is going from strength to strength and the groups seem to be doing very well. Membership is increasing so it all looks good for 2010. In this edition we have profiles and pictures of three of the committee and some extra pages so that Tom can put in extra pictures.

I shall need more material to put in the Newsletters if it is to continue with the extra pages, so please send me things of interest either to do with your group or anything else that you think will be of interest to members. The next edition will be out in March 2010.

Stella Postlethwaite.

Clifford Southgate died on 12th October. A very interesting man.

I only met Cliff a few times at Heath U3A. After the monthly branch meetings a group of us go out for lunch and on one of these occasions Cliff was telling us about his time in the forces during World War II - we could have listened all afternoon. He had a very brave and varied life in the forces and was very nice to know. I'm sure he will be sadly missed by all who knew him and our sympathies go to Jean at this sad time

Stella Postlethwaite

Branch notes

Heath U3A Subscriptions for 2010

Subscriptions for 2010 are due on January 1st. The 2010 capitation fees, which we pass on to the 3rd Age Trust, have been increased by £1 to £3.50 per member but our committee have agreed to keep our subs. at £12 for the year. Members who can show that they already pay capitation via another U3A branch are encouraged not to pay it twice and therefore pay just £8.50 subs. to Heath branch.

The Spanish Group has been put on hold to be reviewed in January

To members who are concerned about the uncertainty of booking outings with Sandra Gray the following is a message from Sandra.

“I never send out confirmations or tickets, this would be expensive and time consuming. If you wish to make sure that your cheque has been received then you are more than welcome to send a stamped addressed envelope and I will be pleased to post it back to you with confirmation. I am also happy for you to phone and check. You are also welcome to phone first to see if places are available of course. If there is a problem when I receive your booking I will definitely telephone to discuss it. I hope this helps clarify the situation.
Thank you. Sandra Gray.”

The speakers for the next three months are:

11th January – Windmills of Lincolnshire – Ken Lidbetter

8th February – Peru, Land of the Inca - John Robinson.

8th March – You Never Know Who You Might Meet – Dinah Smedley.

There will be another 'U3A in Action' Day on 15th May, 2010 at the Grandstand, Lincoln. The theme will be 'U3A Learning Through Enjoyment'.

Heath U3A Walking Group

The walking group was started as one of the first groups of Heath U3A branch. Over 20 people attended the inaugural meeting in early August 2008 and it became apparent that there was a half and half split between attendees who preferred shorter walks and the rest who were in favour of walks of 6 miles or more; so from this point we have had the



Dunston Fen - Sept 08

Strolling Group (shorter walks) and our Walking Group. Since then, we have walked once every month, summer and winter, sunny or wet; walks have varied from just under 6 miles to almost 8; most have been on level ground (we are in Lincolnshire after all) but there have been a few hilly excursions. Most walks have been in our home county, but we have walked in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire and with one exception we have finished in time for lunch at a pub (in that instance, for our anniversary walk, Liz Allen provided lunch for 12 of us in her Derbyshire caravan). In fact, in researching each walking event, selecting and trying out the pub and it's food has been a great plus for



Skellingthorpe woods - Nov 08

the leader and his wife. Talking of leaders, it's worth noting that the 'leader' of the walking group does not organise every walk - we do have members who have proved to be excellent as deputies taking on the full role for an event to include leading the walk, booking the pub, informing the walkers of the arrangements and organising the transport (although John is not very good at organising the weather) Car sharing, including cost sharing, is an

important part of every outing not least because the non-drivers can rest their eyes on the way home!

Our group is now full with 20 members and the small waiting list is growing - although so far we've always had spaces and have been able to invite those on the waiting list to join us. There is, however, a need for another group to be formed - it just needs a volunteer leader!

The picture shows the guards enjoying coffee break at our private prison where we keep those walkers who can't keep up!



Alan Mayo

Digital Photography Group

The photography group has been running for around 9 months now and has grown into something that all its members can look forward to each month. We look at all aspects of photography but currently are engaged in learning to manipulate our images for better results than straight from the camera. Other activities will take place as and when the members come up with suitable ideas. You do not need to have any particular equipment or abilities, just willingness to have a go. We meet every third Monday from 2 till 4pm in Waddington. We have sufficient facilities to enable some “hands on” activity and discussion. We have several members and places will soon be limited, so if you are interested in joining us please contact me or Alan Mayo. We look forward to hearing from you.

At right are a before and after picture to give you a “taster”.

Tom Mowbray



Just for Fun

We take english for granted but think about it: Quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed Grandma
Yes, it's very, very true,
She pressed 'Control' and 'Enter'
Then disappeared from view.

It swallowed her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm,
Perhaps she's caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the Recycle Bin
and files of every kind,
I've even used the internet
But nothing did I find.

In desperation I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine
The reply came back as negative
Not a thing was found 'On Line'

So, if inside your 'In Box'
Our Grandma you should see
Please 'scan', 'copy' and 'paste' her
In an e-mail back to me.

Links:

See <http://heathu3a.org.uk/groups.htm> for group information.

See <http://heathu3a.org.uk/ctee.htm> for committee members.