

HELLO & WELCOME TO APRIL

Spring has well and truly sprung and we're all looking forward to spending more time out of doors. The wonderful displays of spring flowers are spectacular raising smiles and hope for a warm, maybe even, hot summer.

Being outside is like being given your freedom. And it is great to feel the shackles of winter gone; together with the extra warm clothing. Although we are told : *ne'er cast a clout till May is out.* (A traditional proverb warning against discarding clothing (clout) too early; advising to wait until May is out or the Hawthorn blossom appears)



But whether the weather is going to be kind to us or not maybe it's time to be brave and get outdoors in the garden, with new ideas, between the showers! A change of ideas to the usual planting out. Maybe even go for some wild planting - which doesn't mean you garden in the nude!, rather sow some wild flowers in the borders for a completely different arrangement and for the benefit of the bees and butterflies etc. We've recently bought a box of wild seed for only £1.99, so quite affordable!

Of course there is also something about Spring which makes you want to sort things out. Tidy drawers and cupboards; sort through the tinned goods and see if anything is out of date; I always manage to find something! Maybe even the garage, although I know you men are notoriously reluctant to rearrange your space.

April is also the time to make the annual renewal of your membership at the April meeting (7th). There will be lots of things on offer with the various hubs and also a showing of the VE80/Garden Party video. And also an animated video about u3a from Third Age Trust.

Do you have any funny stories that our membership would find funny even hilarious? Or what about some tips, that people might find useful. Let me know so that I can share them. Please use the Suggestion Box, or give to me personally at the monthly meeting in the Floral Hall.

A positive attitude: is to remember you retire from work not life: keeping the mind and body active is essential for a fuller and meaningful life.

Have a wonderful Easter, I hope the sun shines and you get lots of whatever it is you are hoping for!

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Outings information

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Outing to Stamford Bridge Tapestry also calling at Langlands Garden Centre

Tuesday 19 May 2026; £25 which includes transport and admission to the Stamford Bridge Tapestry including a talk, and refreshments.

The Stamford Bridge Tapestry commemorates the Battle of Stamford Bridge (September 25, 1066) comprising of 15 panels. The intention is for it to become a national heirloom for Britain, in the same way as the Bayeux Tapestry is for France.

Pick up Morrow Avenue 09.30 and Rose & Crown 09.35

Tickets on sale Tuesday 7 April at the Floral Hall meeting or contact Kath Connor at hornseau3a.outings@gmail.com or 07419730809

Feedback on Rhubarb Trip by John Eldret

Coach Trip to Wakefield Rhubarb Festival 21 February 2026

We had an early start of 7.30am from the Rose & Crown and proceeded to Beverley for our next pick-up point. We thought we would then go direct to Wakefield, but took the road to Hull and had further stops in Bransholme, Holderness Road, Ferensway, Boothferry Road, and Darleys Roundabout. After 1 ½ hours from starting off in Hornsea we were still in Hull! We had more passengers from Elloughton and a final one in Goole. We finally arrived in Wakefield city centre at 10.30am.

This was the only downside of the whole trip.

The weather was sunny and fine for most of the day, although a bit cool, spoiling itself at about 3.00pm with light rain. Wakefield city centre is very nice with a mix of national and local shops all centred around the Cathedral. The festival was also in the mainly pedestrianised streets around this area and comprised of extensive chalet type stalls similar to the ones you get in typical Christmas Markets, but instead of the plastic Santa's and gluhwein the theme was, of course, rhubarb.

The streets were thronged with people, sometimes making it difficult to access some stalls. As well as stalls selling forced pink rhubarb, there were ones selling many different products made from rhubarb (Jam, Gin, Scones etc, etc,) as well as the usual food stalls and vans associated with this type of event. In the Wakefield Exchange there were events throughout the day with demonstrations by chefs, face painting, and a food hall. We left Wakefield Bus Station at 4.45pm retracing our outward journey, finally arriving in Hornsea just before 8.00pm. Despite being long, we thoroughly enjoyed the day. Although our being ready for home about 3.00pm may have been influenced by the turn in the weather.

Poetry Group Update

Due to the normal date for the Poetry group being just before Easter, it has been changed and the new date for the April meeting is 9th April at Pat's home.; and the topic is 'clothing'.

More Group News

Despite what was written in the Hornsea Community News, it appears that Darts & Dominos is in abeyance at the moment. Please see Adam for any more information.

Groups requiring more members are : Strollers; Musical Instruments; Dog Walking; Focus on Faith. If you are interested please contact the relevant Group leader or have a word at the monthly meeting in the Floral Hall.

Potential New Groups are Speakers Group (discussion) and a Quiz Team. Please see Rosemary for more information

Third Age Trust (TAT) Update

In the latest update from TAT was the following member survey, and I thought 'what a good idea'. So if you could spare a moment to write about what u3a means to you, I will put you in print for the next newsletter.

"u3a is about more than just activities. It's about the connections we make and the difference u3a brings to our lives." TAT want to know, from members, what you enjoy, what you get from u3a, what makes involvement easier or harder, and how u3a fits into your life right now.



“By doing so, you can help raise the profile of u3a and show the benefits it has on society. Your feedback will help ensure u3a remains welcoming, flexible and sustainable for years to come.”

So tell us your stories. And I will pass them on.

Live later life to the full - a new u3a film

The new [animated film](#) from TAT showcases the wider u3a community. Please do share far and wide with friends and family to get the message out about how wonderful u3a is.

This short film will be shown at the Renewals Meeting on the 7th April 2026

Don't forget the Bra-Box! Bring any old bras you have finished with and help us raise some money for your u3a.

So far we haven't had much feedback on volunteers for the Buddy system!

Alert regarding parking at Floral Hall

We recently had an issue with the Number Plate Recognition in the Floral Hall carpark.

A numberplate had been entered but obviously incorrectly (the machine accepts what has been inputted). A fine was issued and in panic the person paid the fine before we could look into it.

So please ensure that you put your registration in correctly. Elaine is there to assist, should you have any problems, but she cannot do it for you.

Lastly but certainly not least, we have a new committee member: Simon Stagg, and he will be taking over the role of Speaker Seeker.

Have a great Easter and see you at the Membership Renewal meeting on the 7th April'26 in the Floral Hall. 10am for 10.30am

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