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From the Chair

I hope you all enjoyed the Jubilee week-end celebrations and were able to meet up with family and friends.

It does not seem possible that we re-commenced our Tuesday speaker meetings almost a year ago, time has gone by so quickly. It has been great to see so many of you at the meetings and hopefully even more of you will join us over the next few months. Wendy does an excellent job booking very interesting speakers and you will find details of the June one in her report.

I recently spent a few days in Shropshire and on the way home decided to visit Wightwick Manor and Gardens near Wolverhampton. It was originally the home of Geoffrey Mander who gave it to the National Trust in 1937 mainly due to the many rooms decorated with William Morris wallpaper. I would thoroughly recommend this as a visit if you are in the area.

Now more local to home, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the picnic on 2nd July on the Great Meadow, Kedington to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the u3a.

Barbara Lavender

Speaker's Corner

Our speaker in May was Jan Brownfoot who is a retired, Anglo-Australian, professional historian who specialises in the Asia-Pacific area of the British Empire, especially the roles of white women in Australia, Malayasia and Singapore, during the 19th and 20th Centuries. Jan

gave us a very interesting and comprehensive talk about the influence several women had to the British Empire.

At our June meeting we will welcome Alison Giles who is the Learning Coordinator at the Whipple Museum of the History of Science. An escaped primary school teacher who has been working in museums since 2009, she is also the administrator, education officer and doer-of-things-that-nobody-else-wants-to-do at Burwell Museum and Windmill.

Alison will be talking to us about some of the exhibits at the Whipple and hopefully encourage some of you to visit. I have been a couple of times and it is suitable for all ages so perhaps a good idea to take your children or grandchildren during the summer holidays?

The meeting will start at 10.30am. Entrance to the Arts Centre will be via the front or rear doors which open at 10am.

Wendy Foster

Picnic in the Meadow

Last call! Tickets still available for the "Picnic in the Meadow" – Saturday, 2nd July between 11.30am and 3.30pm.

The Haverhill u3a Committee is delighted to see that many members have already purchased their tickets to attend our special event – a "Picnic in the Meadow", to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the u3a on Saturday, 2nd July

Please note that Members and their guests must bring their tickets for inspection at the entrance.

On the day of the picnic, the gates to the Meadow car park will open at 11.00am. This should give people sufficient time to set up and layout their picnics before the arrival of the Mayor of Haverhill at 11.30am.

Chairs and tables will be available, although some may feel more “at home” bringing their own picnic furniture. Refreshments will be available from the Hall throughout the event, and an ice cream van will be on site, too. Just remember to bring your own picnic!

The Haverhill u3a Chair, Barbara Lavender, and the Mayor of Haverhill, Councillor Bruce Davidson, will officially welcome everyone at 11.45am.

Live entertainment kicks off at 12.00 noon with local musicians, David Rinaldi and The Rinaldi Express, playing a medley of all-time favourites. The Reunion Barbershop Quartet will then serenade picnickers for the last hour between 2.00 – 3.00pm.

The final part of the programme before it concludes at 3.30pm will be the Grand Draw, with a selection of great prizes, which takes place at 3.00pm. Sale of raffle tickets will be available from 11.30am – 2.30pm. Keep an eye out for Wendy and her team who will be selling tickets in the Hall and on the Meadow.

Picnic Tickets are still available and can now be purchased by BACS Transfer. For further details, please visit our website at www.haverhillu3a.com.

With regards to Health and Safety issues, please kindly note that BBQs or any other means of cooking is strictly forbidden on the Meadow. The Great Meadow is uneven meadowland, with a few potholes, so due care and attention is required.

Whilst u3a Members are covered under the general u3a Public Liability Insurance Policy, invited family and friends are not, and should be made aware that they attend entirely at their own risk.

The Haverhill u3a Committee look forward to welcoming Members to our summer event and hopes that everyone will have a pleasant and relaxing afternoon.

PROGRAMME

11.00 Gates Open

11.30 Picnic in the Meadow commences

Arrival of the Mayor of Haverhill, Councillor Bruce Davidson, and his consort, Councillor Elaine McManus.

Refreshments available

Raffle Tickets on Sale

11.45 Welcome by the Chair, Haverhill u3a – Barbara Lavender and The Mayor of Haverhill, Councillor Bruce Davidson

12.00 Rinaldi Express Band (Part 1)

13.00 – 13.10 Reunion Quartet Interlude

13.15 Rinaldi Express Band (Part 2)

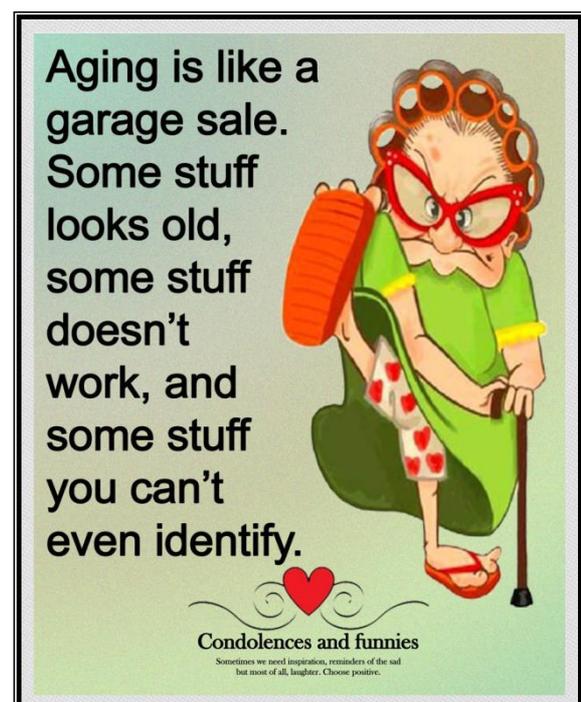
13.30 Ice Cream Van arrives

14.00 Reunion Barbershop Quartet

14.30 Raffle Ticket sales close

15.00 Grand Raffle Drawn by Hu3a Chair

15.30 Picnic in the Great Meadow concludes



Creative Writing Group

Haverhill u3a and its Creative Writing Group 2 were saddened this week with the news that one of its members David Waller died from pneumonia in Addenbrookes on Sunday 22nd May. David was a well respected and liked member of the writing group and contributed many fine pieces of work that never failed to engross the reader. Being widely travelled he had many tales of exotic places and unusual happenings all of which added zest and interest to his work. He had recently written and published a book on his life with Jane, his wife, and their many travels in the course of his work. David was a man of many talents and varied interests all carried out with a twinkle in his eye. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him. A poem of his captures his outlook and nature perfectly.

The Spectator

"I can still do it, of course I can.
The winning hit, the crucial catch,
The pivotal innings that saved the match.
That unforgettable spark of pride
In a ball well struck, a run denied.
Yes, I can still do it, of course I can.

I remember, on many a field of play
the glorious deeds, the memorable scores
The touch of the cap to acknowledge
applause.

And sometimes the humbler, second
string game,
While others more talented made their
name.
Yes I remember those fields of play.

Oh for the chance to do it once more;
But now I just watch from behind the line,
Applauding the skills that once were mine.
Memories falsely urging me on
To believe in abilities now, sadly gone.
But Oh for the chance to try, just once
more."

Ken Hainsby

Art Appreciation Group

The Art Appreciation Group recently had an outing to see the David Hockney exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum and

Heong Gallery at Downing College in Cambridge.

In summary, the exhibition shows a selection of Hockney's artwork next to other artists' paintings with very interesting comparisons, connections and discussion of Hockney's approach and ideas of how we view images.

The extra trip to the Heong is definitely worthwhile to round off the exhibition.



Neil Dickinson

Cycling Group

Six electrified members of the Cycling Group met for a fully charged ride on the last Thursday of May. Without any pedal power only members in attendance, the group took the positive step of heading further afield. Clare became the objective and with no negative responses the group followed the route of the old Stour Valley Railway, latterly Great Eastern Railway, from what would have been Haverhill North Station through Sturmer, Stoke and finally Clare.

Sturmer and Clare station platforms still survive, the former now a private house and the latter part of Clare Country Park. The riders alighted at Platform 1 in Clare which is now a railway themed cafe and an almost perfect replica of the set for Brief Encounter. With bikes and stomachs recharged the group followed the same route back. A cheap day return ticket in fact.

Ken Hainsby

Singing for Pleasure

The Women's Fellowship has invited us to give a concert performance on Tuesday 5th July at 2.30 pm at St. Mary's Church Hall and wish to invite any members, family and friends that might like to come along to support the group.

All would be very welcome and tea and cake will be available after the performance. This is our first performance since Covid so we are looking forward to it.

Aldine Horrigan

Patchwork and Quilting Group

Our lovely ladies put together six lap quilts for the Cleves Place Care Home in Haverhill. The ladies meet at the Haverhill Bowls Club on the 4th Thursday of the month to sew, share ideas and make quilts for charity.



Janet Berriman

How did he know?

Bubba and Billy Joe were on vacation, walking downtown, window shopping, and they see a sign on a store which reads, "Suits \$5.99 each, shirts \$1.99 each, trousers \$2.49 each.

Bubba says to his pal, "Billy Joe, Lookee here! We could buy a whole gob o' these, take 'em back to Georgia, sell 'em and make a fortune. Just let me do the talkin', 'cause if they hear your accent, they might think we're ignorant, and not wanna sell that stuff to us."

Now, I'll talk in a slow Texas drawl so's they don't know we is from Georgia."

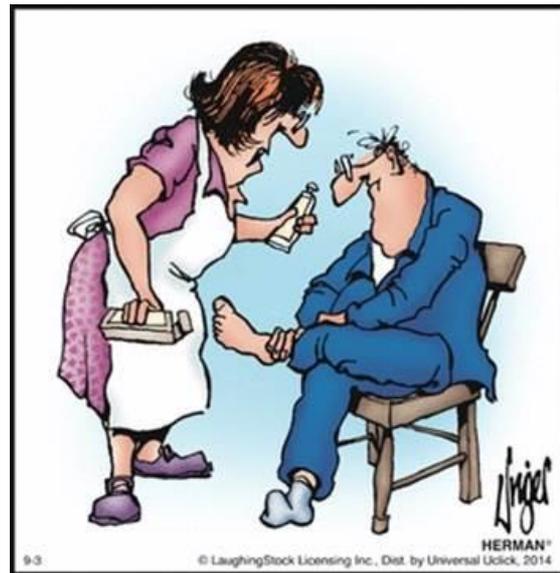
They go in and Bubba says with his best fake Texas drawl, "I'll take 50 of them suits at \$5.99, 100 of them there shirts at \$1.99, 50 pairs of them there trousers at \$2.39. I'll back up my pickup and...."

"The owner of the shop interrupts, "Y'all from Georgia, ain't ya?"

"Well...yeah," says a surprised Bubba. "How come y'all knowed that?"

"Because this is a Dry-Cleaners."

Sent in by Jan Frindall



"You getting athlete's foot is about as ridiculous as a coal miner with sunstroke!"

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