



Hucknall

NEWSLETTER

Issue December 2016

Web Address: www.hucknallu3a.org.uk

The meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 1.30pm at the Hucknall Leisure Centre.

Message from our Chair

Welcome to the December Newsletter. This maybe the final Newsletter of 2016 and it reflects another active year for Hucknall U3A.

New Interest Groups have started and established groups continue to flourish and maintain high levels of interest and enthusiasm.

There have been holidays in the UK and Europe each with their own cultural highlights.

We have had the pleasure of some successful social events including an enjoyable Race Night and the recent Hog Roast complete with marvellous musical entertainment from Acoustic Union who got lots of lovely ladies and some gyrating gents upon their feet and dancing. We still have the Christmas Party on the 5th December with professional entertainers and the Christmas Monthly Meeting on the 14th December which will include entertainment from our very own Ukulele Band, choir, drama group, creative writers and displays of arts and crafts from within our U3A.

Please come along and support your friends and colleagues on the 14th who have been very busy preparing and practicing. You might even get a mince pie!

This wide range of opportunities and activities is a credit to the whole membership who take part and contribute. It is of significant credit to all those members who for example volunteer to lead groups, assist with groups, organise holidays and visits, help preparing events, coordinate the monthly newsletter, assist at the monthly meeting or sit on the Social Committee and Main Committee.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

December 2016 - Christmas Social

11th January 2017 - Peter Hammond - "So you think you know Nottingham"

8th February 2017 - Vince Eager - "My Life as a Musician"

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Thanks to you all.

Finally when I was younger I always anticipated the Beano Annual each Christmas.

It kept me occupied and out of the way for a while and my particular favourites (who said role models?) were Dennis the Menace and The Bash Street Kids.

On page 1 it always had a message which we extend to you all:



to all our readers.

David Rose - Chairman

COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee

The committee meeting this month is after publication. A report will be included in the January edition.

NEW GROUPS

FUN WITH LANGUAGES

This group will start Thursday 12th January 2017, 10:30am -12:30pm in the downstairs bar of the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street. Please contact Ann Murray rockin.rev@ntlworld.com or Liz Attenborough e.attenborough@sky.com if you have not already put your name down.

LATE BREAKFAST GROUP 2

Following the success of the first Late Breakfast Group some members are looking to set up Late Breakfast Group 2. Initially contact Siobhan Lee gimlilee@yahoo.co.uk if interested in the group.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On Saturday 11 March 2017 we are holding a fun '40's Night' at the John Godber Centre. This will feature the band 'Chequers' who will be playing music from the era. You are invited to enter into the spirit of the evening by dressing up in a 40's style outfit if you wish and there will be a competition for the best outfit.

Friends and family are welcome to attend this event. Tickets will be on sale at the January and February monthly meetings priced at £6.00. You are welcome to bring your own food but not drinks as a bar is available. We hope to see you there.

Dates for your Diary 2017

Saturday 3rd June – Quiz Night and Supper – Brush up on your general Knowledge and supper too!

Saturday 21st October – Jazz Night with the great "Phoenix Jazz Group".

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Monday 4th December – U3A Christmas Social. Entertainment and meal, Fun Friends and FOOD (again)

Wednesday 14th December 2pm to 4pm at the Leisure Centre Monthly Meeting with musical and dramatic entertainment. Light festive refreshments.

U3A Diaries on sale at £2.00 – they also make a useful seasonal gift.

Hucknall Christmas Tree Festival 2016

The festival runs from Wednesday 7th pm to Saturday 10th December at 11.30am in the Parish Church. It is a community event in which we are proud to be a part.

This year we have not got one of these:



As we are trying something different.

Coordinated by the Cycle group and thanks to the welding skills of John Gibson, the decorative skills of Sue Gibson and the creative skills of many group members we are submitting our entry called : **'The Cycle of Life'**.

We have had an amazing and wonderful response from the Interest Groups.

The ideas and creativity of the decorations have to be seen in 3 dimensions to be really appreciated. The photograph of the almost complete tree does not do it justice but conveys the idea.

More group decorations have been received since the photograph was taken and it is enhanced by white decorative lights.

Please take the time to visit the festival and if you think it deserves it vote for the Hucknall U3A Cycle of Life Tree.

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

THE ARTS GROUP

For the latest information on cultural activities in our area including Films, Concerts and Plays etc please let me add your e mail address to our ever growing list so that I can send you an up-to-date calendar and weekly bulletins. Contact alansnape@hotmail.co.uk or tel./text 07940146542

CRAFT GROUP 2

There is no meeting in December 2016 or January 2017. Our next meeting is on February 14th 2017.

HISTORY GROUP

Please remember that we have no meeting in December but we start the new year 2017 with a flourish on January 18th when Jodie from Mansfield Museum is coming to talk to us. I am sure those of you who went on the museum tour will remember how brilliantly Jodie showed us round the building. I look forward to seeing everyone on Jan 18th at 2pm at our venue Central Methodist Church.

HISTORY GROUP (FAMILY)

The Family History Group is not meeting in December so we are looking forward to resuming on January 13th 2017. Under One Roof is a good venue where we have access to computers and light refreshments are provided. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Xmas get together but will miss the usual main meeting on 14th December. Doreen Werle has kindly volunteered to man the History Group table

LUNCH GROUP

The Lunch Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 12 noon (unless otherwise stated) at a different restaurant each month. The menus vary in price and content but hopefully average out over the year at a reasonable cost. It is an opportunity for members to meet together socially and try out different restaurants which, as individuals, they may not have had the chance to try before. We always have a quiz which is usually related to the venue or its theme. We hope you will find something of interesting to your "taste" and look forward to meeting up with you each month.

We are always grateful when members can offer lifts to non-drivers but could members contact the drivers directly please where possible, as it is getting to be a big job phoning round! Of course, I should be happy to find lifts for new Lunch Group members and I would also be grateful if drivers could indicate to me that they are willing to offer lifts. And please offer a contribution towards the cost of petrol if possible. When putting your name down, if the menu is available, could you please indicate your menu choices at that time.

On November 23rd we found our way to The Embankment at Trent Bridge; this is a very interesting building which was originally Boots The Chemists' No. 2 shop until it became the Boots Social Institute. You can still view Jesse Boot's office if you ask the staff. The quiz on this occasion was a Films Quiz and was won by Stephanie Ferrington and June Williamson. On December 22nd (Thursday not Wednesday) we go to the Albert Hall, Nottingham for our Christmas Lunch.

Our first lunch in the New Year will be on 25th January at the Griffin's Head, Papplewick. A £5 deposit is needed for this lunch. The menu will be available on the website soon. On February 22nd we are hopefully returning to Mr. Man's Chinese Restaurant at Wollaton Park but this is yet to be confirmed.

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PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP

Once again there was a good turnout of twenty eight U3A members for our Pub Quiz Lunch on Monday, 14th November at the Nabb Inn. The "book titles" Dingbats flummoxed one or two people but although some of the General Knowledge questions were a bit on the hard side, the winners with 22 points out of 25 was the "Plus One" Team with the "Newbies" coming second with 19 points. Some of the spelling was rather suspect, especially when the answer was Abu Dhabi and it's a good job I don't deduct points for spelling. Just as a matter of interest, one of the staff members (Nicky) does knitting for the City Hospital Neonatal Unit and if anyone has any spare double knitting wool suitable for babies, please feel free to drop it in at The Nabb Inn or let me have it at the next U3A event.

The subscription is £1 per person which covers each team's Quiz sheet and a raffle ticket for each member. There is a cash prize for the first and second team, with a £5 pub voucher for the raffle, along with a Bumper Bag containing donated items, for which our thanks are given to those who donated.

The next Pub Quiz Lunch will be on Monday, 12th December at 12 noon. Donations of "Christmassy" raffle prizes and Bumper Bag items will be gratefully accepted. Just pay the subscription on arrival, then order your lunch at the bar and put your thinking caps on. There is a Dingbats quiz just for fun, followed by the Quiz itself and then lunch, followed by the answers and the raffle. We are limited to 36 seats so please come early as it's first come, first served for seats in the alcove area.

For any information about the Lunch Group, the Weekenders Group, the Reading Group, or the Pub Quiz & Lunch, please contact Sandra Green (sandra.green80@ntlworld.com or tel. 0115 8408132) or check out the Hucknall U3A website.

Science Groups 1 and 2

Feel the force of two heavenly bodies coming together - there is a joint end of year 'Science of Christmas Quiz' on Friday 16th December 10am to 12.30 in the main hall at the John Godber Centre. Please remember your 'fuddle' contribution.

THEATRE GROUP

The Red Shoes, Theatre Royal, 9th March 2017, 2pm, Tickets £29.50

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night, Theatre Royal, 5th April 2017, 2pm, Tickets £28.50

War Horse, Royal Concert Hall, 21st March 2018, 2pm, Tickets £52.50 to be paid by August 2016

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WEEKENDERS' GROUP

A copy of the programme will be on the Hucknall U3A website. All events organised by either the Lunch Group or the Weekenders Group are open to all U3A members, regardless of whether they are regulars or not. Obviously places are sometimes limited so it's first come, first served; I should be grateful if you could let me know if you are interested in these events as soon as possible so that I can let other members know if I have places left.

The weather was kind for our visit to the Southwell Minster Winter Craft Fayre and lunch on 5th November. Then we had a Pizza and Film Night on 12th November at Doreen Newton's when we watched "The Lady in the Van" - very interesting. Our trip to Melton Mowbray Victorian Christmas Market is planned for Sunday, 4th December and our Christmas Lunch will be on 17th December, along with a Christmas Fuddle at my house on 10th December. Our Coffee Club and Programme Planning will be on 31st December. So it looks pretty busy for the Weekenders to finish the year off!.

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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS December 2016

For further details contact Siobahn Lee, 0115-9550119 or check the website at www.hucknallu3a.org.uk from there you can email the respective Group Leader

ARTS

CHOIR	1st Wednesday 13:30 3rd Wednesday 11:30
CREATIVE WRITING	4 th Tuesday 13:00
DISCUSSION	1st Monday 13:45
DRAMA	4th Friday 10:00
FILM CLUB	Thursday 10:30 & 13:00 Friday 19:15
FAMILY HISTORY	2nd Friday 14:00
HISTORY	3rd Wednesday 14:00
MUSIC FOR PLEASURE	4th Tuesday 19:00
NATIONAL TRUST	Various dates & times
READING (BOOKS)*	1st Wednesday 14:00
THEATRE	various dates
UKULELE	2nd & 4th Monday 10:00

ACTIVE WELLBEING

CYCLING	Every Wednesday 9:00
GRUMPY OLD MEN	Various Dates
NOT SO GRUMPY OLD MEN	Various dates
KURLING	As Arranged
WALKING (LONG)	1st Tuesday 10:00
WALKING (MID)	3rd Monday 10:00
WALKING (SHORT)	3rd Thursday 10:00

FOOD & DRINK

DINING IN	1st Tuesday
INTERNATIONAL DINING	As Arranged
LATE BREAKFAST	1st Friday 09:15

LUNCH GROUP	4th Wednesday 12:00
PUB QUIZ & LUNCH	2nd Monday 12:00
WINE APPRECIATION*	As Arranged
WINE TASTING *	3rd Wednesday 19:30

HOBBIES & PASTIMES

CANASTA	1st Friday 19:00
CRAFT 1 *	3rd Monday 13.45
CRAFT 2	2nd Tuesday 14:00
GARDENING	3rd Tuesday 14:00
HOLIDAYS	various dates
KNITTING & CROCHET	4th Tuesday 14:00
MAH JONG	2nd Friday 19:00
POT LUCK *	1st Wednesday 19:30
RUMMIKUB	1st Monday 2:00pm
SCRABBLE	4th Thursday 14:00
SPORT SPECTATOR	various dates
TABLE GAMES	3rd Friday 19:00
WATER COLOUR	1st Monday 14:00
WEEKENDERS	various Sat & Sun.

LANGUAGES

FRENCH CONVERSATION*	3rd Tuesday 10:00
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SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

BIRD WATCHING	2nd Tuesday 10:30
SCIENCE 1*	4th Thursday 10:00
SCIENCE 2	3rd Friday 10:00
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	Tuesday and Thursday at 10am. Wednesday at 2pm.

*Indicates group full. If you are interested then contact Siobhan who will happy to help you set up a further group.

Please be aware that some Interest Groups have a limited number of places due to activity, venue etc.

Group Leaders are normally available in the Board Room at the monthly U3A meetings to answer any questions that you may have about their group. Their contact details are displayed on the Interest Group Information Board.

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