



Hucknall

# NEWSLETTER

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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 July Newsletter

2016 continues to fly by, the longest day was on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and now the 'nights are drawing in'.

A rather depressing thought especially as we missed 'flaming June' and instead had mainly 'raining June'.

The Byron Festival takes place this month. One of the events is an exhibition of art in the John Godber Centre until 10<sup>th</sup> July and the U3A Watercolour Group has spent a lot of time producing pieces that will be on show. See the article later in this newsletter and please support them simply by dropping in to have a look.

Nottinghamshire has produced other literary figures including D H Lawrence, Alan Sillitoe, Stanley Middleton and more recently thriller writer Stephen Booth.

According to Lady Caroline Lamb Byron was 'mad, bad and dangerous to know'

He had one legitimate child, a daughter Ada Lovelace born on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1815.

She did not follow in her father's footsteps but in her own way went against convention studying maths and the sciences which was unheard of for women at that time.

She was gifted in the language of maths and wrote the world's first computer program long before the advent of the computer.

The USA Department of Defence named the computer language 'ADA' after her and 'The Ada Lovelace House' in Kirkby was established initially to train local people in IT skills.

Many thanks to all members who contributed to our display at the 'The Royal Revelry' both on the day and in preparation.

## **FUTURE SPEAKERS**

**10th August** - Colin Bower - "My farcical career as the liaison officer on a cruise ship"

**14th September** - Ray & Sonja Kelly - "Volunteering in the South Sudan"

**12th October** - Jennie Storr - "And Another Thing"

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It is by volunteering that things get done, please consider helping with the interval refreshments and the book stall at the main meeting –sign up on the 13<sup>th</sup> 'every little helps'.

Best Wishes

**David Rose - Chairman**

## **OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH**

### **Steve Short - "The Life of Tommy Cooper"**

Steve is a full-time professional magician and entertainer. For 30 years he has worked on Cruise ships, TV and Radio.

I went to the doctor; he said "I'd like you to lie on the couch" I said "What for?" He said "I want to sweep the floor"

Tommy Cooper was the master of daft jokes and only he could get away with humour of this kind. In this highly thought provoking illustrated talk, Steve revives some of Coopers own unique brand of artistry and tells the life story of a true clown prince of comedy and magic.

## **COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee**

This month we met on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We had the usual updates from committee members with specific roles. There was some discussion about the upcoming ten year celebration and the development items included the format of the main monthly meeting and the Newsletter.

We would like to gather members views on the Newsletter, monthly meeting and Interest Groups. Please see the attached survey which can be completed and sent back by email or handed in at the July and August main group meetings. Your views will be appreciated and the committee will feed back the analysis of member's observations.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **Royal Revelry**

After all the rain of the previous days, the 7th June turned out to be a very warm sunny day. The event organized by the NNG for all members made for a very enjoyable day socialising with friends old and new. The entertainment by a group from Forest Town U3A and the Combo Group, made up of Ashfield U3A Ukulele Group and Ravenshead U3A Guitar Group got your foot tapping and singing along.

The displays with a royal theme were stunning, a complete 'Tea' of sandwiches, cakes, scones etc that had been knitted. A floral display of knitted flowers and selections of royal memorabilia festooned the tables in red, white and blue. There were plenty of members ready to don a crown having joined in the fun of making their own.

Hucknall & District U3A's display had to be assembled rather last minute, but presented Hucknall as a U3A active within the community, showing the Choir performing for other Groups, members mentoring and receiving computer training in a local school and supporting the Hucknall Carnival by decorating a Christmas tree for the church. Also the display showed how the male members of Hucknall are getting involved with many belonging to Science Groups, Ukulele Group and of course the GOM and now the Not So Grumpy old Men Groups. If you didn't go, you missed an enjoyable day!.

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## **Musical Evening with a Hog Roast - Friday 7th October 2016**

The social subcommittee are pleased to announce a new event to our calendar of social evenings. This will be held on Friday 7 October in the main hall at the John Godber Centre. The evening will begin with a 'Hog Roast' followed by an evening of music and dancing to 'Acoustic Union', a local group with a wide variety of music including classic pop, rock, folk and bluegrass. More information will be available at the July monthly meeting.

## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

### **THE ARTS GROUP**

The Arts Calendar

The Broadway Cinema are now taking bookings for the following live transmissions. Your chance to see West End productions on the screen for a fraction of the cost. If told fully booked ask for encore details.

Royal Shakespeare Company -CYMBELINE -Sept 28th  
 Royal Shakespeare Company- KING LEAR - Monday Oct 12th  
 Royal Shakespeare Company - HAMLET - Thursday Oct 15th  
 Royal Opera - La Nozzi di Figaro - Sunday Oct 18th  
 English National Opera - Barber of Seville -Tuesday Oct 20th  
 Shakespeare - Henry 5 th - Wednesday Oct 21st.  
 Royal Ballet - Info to follow- Thursday Nov 12th  
 Royal Ballet - Info to follow - Sunday Nov 15th

### **CANASTA GROUP**

If you would like to learn to play Canasta, join us on the 1st Friday of each month In the Hucknall Tesco cafe, 7.00-9.30. No fees plus free tea and coffee.

### **CHOIR GROUP**

The Choirs last practice before the Summer break is July 13th 1.30-3.30pm. But, on the 20th July ,we are entertaining the residents of the Annesley Lodge in the afternoon.

### **CREATIVE WRITING GROUP**

Our group will meet at 'Titchfield Court' on Tuesday, 26th July, 2016 1.00 - 3.00pm. We will be sharing our thoughts on 'a place which means a lot to me' ... could be a holiday destination or a wonderful memory of a special place you have visited!. Looking forward to seeing you.

We do not meet in August, but resume in September 2016. Janet Gibson, group leader.

### **CYCLING GROUP**

Several members of the group took part in the Great Notts Cycle event on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Together with about one thousand other riders we rode the 50 mile 'Robin Hood' circuit from the Trent Bridge Embankment out to Cotgrave, Langar, Sibthorpe, Car Colston, Radcliffe -On- Trent and back to the start via the Nottingham Forest Stadium.

It was a wet start to the day but the weather fortunately turned pleasantly breezy with some sunshine.

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There were four first timers on the ride who deserve a special mention:

Brian Stanley, John Gibson, James (Jim) Spray and Sue Gibson

For each of them it was a personal challenge to ride that distance and they were ably supported by the grizzled veterans John Saunders and our 'Queen of the Hills' Val Gant.

John kept energy levels up by sharing his special recipe flapjacks . Fortunately none of us were called in for a random drugs test after eating them...

We rode under the banner of 'The Easy Wheelers' which was the original name of the U3A cycling group started by Alan Snape about 8 years ago.



## **DISCUSSION GROUP**

To the meeting on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> our members were invited to bring a Newspaper and open a discussion on a topic that drew their attention. This was a new way of letting folks choose the topic. We had some interesting discussions beginning with 'Holiday Insurance'. It was concluded that holiday insurance was something that required in depth consideration in order to make sure that all eventualities and costs are covered by any policy taken out. There were those of us who valued the points raised in this discussion. Other more light hearted topics were introduced such as, those things we had and did as kids that our present youngsters don't enjoy.

Our membership has been extended now to the extent that we can all only just be seated around a table so unfortunately we have a waiting list. If you were thinking of joining us you will need to keep an eye on our notice board in the 'Activities room' for further news of vacancies.

Christine Beer. Coordinator

## **FILM CLUB GROUP**

The following are the screenings at the BONINGTON Theatre, High St, Arnold. Asda Car Park free. All films start at 7.30 unless otherwise stated.

Friday 15th July - A Hologram for the King starring Tom Hanks, also 19th.

Wednesday 20th July - Love in Friendship, starring Kate Beckinsale

Friday 22nd And Monday 25th - Sing Street

Friday 5th Aug and Sat 6th Aug - Elvis and Nixon with Kevin Spacey

Sat 6th Aug and Tue 9th - Alice Through the Looking Glass

Frid 12th Aug - Jason Bourne

Alan Snape 079406542

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## **GARDENING GROUP**

Tuesday July 19th A visit to National Garden Scheme at Repton (Burton on Trent) via Little Eaton Garden Centre and Willington Marina. Leaving Ogle Street at 10.00 and returning at 4.45. 50 seater coach with 2 or 3 places still vacant. Please see JUDITH at July U3A meeting.

Tuesday August 16th visit Felley Gardens at 11.30 then on to Sycamore House at Annesley at 2.00 p.m. No coach on this one so own transport with lifts required from generous members for those with no transport. Felley is £4.50 admission with food available to purchase (own food to be eaten in car park) Sycamore House admission £5 including tea and cake.

If you can only attend one please advise JUDITH on desk or contact Alan as numbers will have to be advised. Sycamore House belongs to Ashfield U3A members.

## **HISTORY GROUP**

The group trip to Bilsthorpe Museum was marvellous. There were two separate walks one industrial and one clerical. It was interesting to look round the exhibits and chat to the very knowledgeable volunteers who run the museum. A surprising and memorable visit.

The Group is having a summer break now until September 21st when we return to Central Methodist at 2pm. Would members like to get thinking caps on to consider the topics and visits for next season?.

## **HISTORY GROUP (FAMILY HISTORY)**

The Family History Group is having the usual summer break until meeting again on Friday September 9th but visits may be arranged. Under One Roof is a good venue where we have access to computers and light refreshments are provided. I am usually available at the main meeting for a chat about research.

Looking further ahead check your diaries for Saturday 17th September when there will be another U3A Peak District Network Family History Conference at Buxton. The cost is £20 for the day including lunch. This network of U3As covers a vast area including areas of Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs., Yorks., Derbys. and Notts. of course. It is great to check out what other U3As are doing, chat to contemporaries and discover where their families came from. Speakers already booked are: Nick Barratt (researcher on Who Do You Think You Are and well known magazine article writer); Maurice Clarke (Heir Hunters Association). More news to follow later.

## **KURLING GROUP**

The next Kurling event will be on Sunday 31 July 2016, 3pm to 5pm at the John Godber Centre. I will be taking names and £5.00 per player fee at the July monthly meeting.

If you would like to join the Group going to Moda restaurant at 5.30pm please let me know. Vivian

## **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 interest to your "taste" and look forward to meeting up with you each month.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> saw twenty of us at Sprinters on High Street, Arnold, which is part of the Stadium Leisure chain of pubs. This was the old snooker hall in Arnold and is still in the process of being extended but when finished it will be a very large venue. We had an excellent meal and many of us plan to return for shopping in Arnold (much more choice than Hucknall) and a handy lunch. The "Partners" quiz was won

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by Beryl Poxon and Joan Cook.

The next three lunches will be as follows:

On July 27<sup>th</sup> – 281 Mansfield Road, Mansfield – No deposit needed

On August 24<sup>th</sup> – The Waggon at Halam – No deposit needed

On September 28<sup>th</sup> – Broad Oak at Strelley (not yet confirmed)

Places are limited at some venues so make sure you get your name down as soon as possible. The menus are on the U3A website so if you have your name down please let me know your menu choices as soon as possible.

## **MUSIC FOR PLEASURE GROUP**

The Music for Pleasure group enjoyed another varied musical evening at the home of John Peters on Tuesday 31st May.

As ever, the choice of music was wide-ranging. The first half of the evening was devoted to a selection of harp music by Rupert Parker followed by the superb guitar playing of John Williams with his group Sky. His take on both classical and popular music themes amply displayed musicianship and his mastery of the guitar.

After a short break for refreshments with coffee, tea and home-made cake, the second half of the evening's programme consisted of a lively selection of standards by Jools Holland and his orchestra with guest vocalists. This provided plenty of entertainment in the form of memory exercise to guess the name of the singer.

The evening finished with some golden oldies - Whispering Grass by the Ink Spots, some humour in the form of the Goodies' Funky Gibbon and finally a rendition of the folk classic Black Velvet Band.

The next session will be devoted to piano music in its various forms, ranging from classical to jazz.

For anyone who is interested in joining this lively social group, please contact John Peters on 0115 9634990.

## **PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP**

John Peters, our Quizmaster, took us back to our schooldays in June with a "Numbers" Quiz. It almost felt that we were re-sitting our 11 Plus! (eg. What is the value of Pi in trigonometry to three decimal places? 3.142!) But still, we all had fun and we were shocked by the "Baffled" team who won with 22 points out of 27. Second were "Whatever" with 11 points, whilst the rest of us trailed miserably, all with points under ten. We also had a Dingbats quiz just for fun. Hopefully the questions may be *slightly* easier next time so why not join us for our July Pub Quiz on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon at The Nabb Inn, Nabbs Lane – but you have to get there early as places are limited to 36. Good luck!

## **SCIENCE GROUP 2**

Our next meeting is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> , 10am to 11.45 The John Godber Centre

First of all thanks to members and our guest contributor Mr Terry Hill for their well received and interesting contributions at our June meeting.

**This month we have a guest presenter Mrs Jill Pullan from Ashfield U3A.**

The topic is GMO – Genetically Modified Organisms- there will a presentation followed by questions and discussion.

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In the second half we will have contributions from 2 or 3 members who have yet to feed back on their piece of personal research 'homework'.

Finally we will share some ideas about future topics for inclusion in our next season which will start in September.

We will not be meeting in August but will reconvene on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **THEATRE GROUP**

Chicago - Royal Concert Hall, Friday 19th August, 5pm, Tickets £28.00

The Glen Miller Story with Tommy Steele, Theatre Royal, 2pm, Tickets £29.50

The Full Monty , Theatre Royal, Wednesday 28th September 2016, 2pm, Tickets £28.00

Ballet Beauty & The Beast, Theatre Royal, 3rd November, 2pm, Tickets £27.50

Nine to Five, Derby Theatre, 5th November, 2pm, Tickets £17.00

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

## **Live at Lunch**

Free lunch time performances at the Theatre Royal Dress Circle Friday 1st July, at 1pm. and Thursday 7th July Stand up Comedy.

## **UKULELE**

The Group meet on the second and fourth Monday of the month at the John Godber Centre, 10am in the Byron Suite. If you would like to come along to give it a try there are ukuleles to borrow. The songs are ones I am sure you will know, you do not need to know how to play an instrument, there is no audition, and you just have to enjoy joining in with a group of people who 'try.' For contact details see the board in the Information room, check the Information leaflet you received with your membership or check the web page for contact details. Vivian

## **WATERCOLOUR GROUP**

As we go to press with this article our members of the watercolour group will be finishing their watercolour entries for the 'Byron Festival' the subject 'Byron the Traveller'. The subject has sparked great interest and investigation into Byron's life. Entries will be available for viewing at the John Godber Centre during the morning of Thursday 7 July and judged later during that afternoon, results of the competition will be announced during the evening. We wish all the entrants good luck.

The next meeting for the watercolour group will be on Monday 1 August 2016. This will be the annual outdoor session at Felley Priory. If you are interested in joining the group for the day, please contact Rose either via the website or at the July monthly meeting.

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## WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH)

June's medium walk, led by Paul and Steph Haigh, started from The Grouse Inn near Froggatt Edge. Sadly the weather was quite wet and dull for the first half of the walk but 12 brave souls joined in and had a most enjoyable time. We had coffee at Longshaw Lodge, great views, we then walked through The Longshaw Estate, then slipped and slid down the lovely Padley Gorge. Finally we ascended back to The Grouse Inn for a congratulatory drink!



Our next walk is on Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> – a 6 mile walk to Burton Joyce.

## WEEKENDERS' GROUP

The Weekenders have planned a series of events up until August and there is an information slip available at the July meeting with all the details so please collect one and come and join us. A copy of the programme will also 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 there are places left.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> we widened our historical knowledge with a trip to the wonderful Richard III Exhibition in Leicester; some of us followed it up with listening to a short organ recital in the Cathedral, followed by a bit of shopping (of course) and lunch and ice cream as it was an extremely hot day. (any excuse.ed)

Our Social Evening on June 18<sup>th</sup> didn't go to plan however. We were going to watch the DVD "Woman in a Van" at my house, followed by a pizza supper. Not being technical, I asked my son in law to check my DVD player. "OK" he said "Where is it?". "There" I said, pointing to under the TV stand. "That's your Virgin box" he said. "Oh" I said "Well what's that then" pointing to underneath the Virgin box. "That's a VHS cassette player". Oh dear! Then I vaguely remembered I had given the DVD player to my son as I didn't use it (the last time was when my grand-daughter put a Mamma Mia! DVD in when she was five and she is now twelve! Told you I was not technical! But we managed to have a good supper and many laughs.

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

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## **HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS**

### **July 2016**

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

BIRD WATCHING	2nd Tuesday 10:30	LUNCH	4th Wednesday 12:00
CANASTA	1st Friday 19:00	MAH JONG	2nd Friday 19:00
CHOIR	1st Wednesday 13:30 3rd Wednesday 11:30	MUSIC FOR PLEASURE	4th Tuesday 19:00
CRAFT 1	3rd Monday 13.45	NATIONAL TRUST	Various dates & times
CRAFT 2	2nd Tuesday 14:00	POT LUCK	1st Wednesday 19:30
CREATIVE WRITING	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 13.00	PUB QUIZ & LUNCH	2nd Monday 12:00
DISCUSSION	1st Monday 13:45	READING GROUP	1st Wednesday 14:00
DINING IN	1st Tuesday	RUMMIKUB	1st Monday 2:00pm
DRAMA	4th Friday 10:00	SCIENCE	4th Thursday 10:00
CYCLING	Every Wednesday 9:00	SCIENCE 2	3rd Friday 10:00
FAMILY HISTORY	2nd Friday 14:00	SCRABBLE	4th Thursday 14:00
FILM CLUB	Thursday 10:30 & 13:00, Friday 7:15	SPORT SPECTATOR	various dates
FRENCH CONVERSATION	3rd Tuesday 10:00	SQUARE DANCING	every Monday 19:30
GARDENING	3rd Tuesday 14:00	TECHNOLOGY	every Thursday 10:00
GRUMPY OLD MEN	various dates	TABLE GAMES	3rd Friday 19:00
HOLIDAYS	various dates	THEATRE	various dates
HISTORY	3rd Wednesday 14:00	UKULELE	2nd & 4th Monday 10:00am
INTERNATIONAL DINING	Thursday	WALKING (LONG)	1st Tuesday 10:00
KNITTING & CROCHET	4th Tuesday 14:00	WALKING (MID)	3rd Monday 10:00
KURLING	As Arranged	WALKING (SHORT)	3rd Thursday 10:00
LATE BREAKFAST	1st Friday 09:15	WATER COLOUR	1st Monday 14:00
		WEEKENDERS	various Sat & Sun.
		WINE TASTING	3rd Wednesday 19:30

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

Should the group you are interested in be full or not available to you due to date etc. and you would like there to be an alternative group set up , please contact the groups coordinator, Siobahn Lee as a starting point.

**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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