



# NEWSLETTER

Issue January 2019

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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**

May I begin this message by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year and for the Hucknall U3A in general another successful year.

January will see our groups restart with members ready to take up their activities after the Christmas break. Hopefully, we will see several new groups begin over the course of the next few weeks.

Looking back to December the Showcase was very successful, despite a last minute change of venue which caused some minor problems. A big thank you should go to our Interest Group Co-ordinator, the various groups who put on performances, our Equipment Manager for ensuring the necessary equipment was in place in the new venue and to all the members who attended.

Following very positive feedback and the offer by some other groups to support next year's Showcase, then we will certainly be going ahead again in 2019.

On the Committee scene, just as we are getting to grips with the administrative system called Beacon, then we have been informed by the National U3A that for a variety of reasons 2019 will see the emergence of Beacon 2. Hopefully, this will prove to be better than the present system but without too much extra training being required

Finally, several Interest Group leaders have requested funding recently for equipment for their group. If any other groups require additional resources please let me know by email at [chairman@hucknallu3a.org](mailto:chairman@hucknallu3a.org) and the Committee will be pleased to consider the request.

**Barrie Saunders, Chairman**

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## OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH

### William French – The Butler

At his peak he was No 1 Butler in London carving himself a lucrative career which allowed him to travel the world.

#### Future Speakers

13<sup>th</sup> February – Mark Walsh "Comedian, Musician and Speaker"

13<sup>th</sup> March – Ian Morgan "Footpads, Kings and Highwaymen"

10<sup>th</sup> April – Vince Eager "Comedian & Musician"

## COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee

The Committee discussed the recent Showcase and agreed that it would go ahead again in 2019. It was agreed that it had been a big success.

The previous months accounts were examined. The provision of a Sound System and a Personal Voice Amplifier were discussed. A list of Short Courses based the work of local authors was outlined.

The details of Membership renewals using Beacon was discussed. Further information on the use of the Beacon was given including the upgrading to Beacon 2.

Barrie

## Hucknall U3A 2019 Calendar & Mugs

### JANUARY SALE

**These coveted items will be on sale at the January meeting with the calendars now reduced by 25% to £3.00.**

As you can see below Janet and Stephen Archer from 'Specsavers' who came to talk to Science 2 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December were ecstatic to receive a calendar each.



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### **A NOTE FROM YOUR SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE**

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 we have organised an Irish Night at the JGC, featuring Kelly's Heroes.

Tickets will be on **SALE** for £8 at the January Members meeting (members only) and at the February Meeting

### **NEW GROUPS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS**

#### **NEW GROUPS ETC.**

#### **DECEMBER SHOWCASE**

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Showcase. It was great seeing the members joining in in the singalong and enjoying the offerings our very talented groups put on.

Many people have come up to me since the Showcase to say how much they enjoyed it. So as the saying goes the 'show will go on' again next December 2019. One group who has not previously performed has expressed an interest. It would be great if other groups joined them. I look forward to hearing from you during the next year especially if you have any ideas on how it can be improved.

#### **New Short Course : 3 sessions**

A brief study of two Nottinghamshire born writers Alan Sillitoe and DH Lawrence

Alan Sillitoe was a Nottingham born English writer and one of the so-called "angry young men" of the 1950s. He disliked the label, as did most of the other writers to whom it was applied. He is best known for his debut novel Saturday Night and Sunday Morning and his early short story The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner, both of which were adapted into films.

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David Herbert Lawrence was an English writer and poet. His collected works represent, among other things, an extended reflection upon the dehumanising effects of modernity and industrialisation. Some of the issues Lawrence explores are sexuality, emotional health, vitality, spontaneity, and instinct.

There are 3 sessions planned of 2 hours each 10am to 12noon JGC Byron Suite

The format will be :Introduction, view the film, discussion.

**Session1:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - 'Saturday Night and Sunday Morning'

**Session2:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - 'Sons and Lovers'

**Session3:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 'The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner'

Course cost is £5 .00 to cover room hire and a drink.

Sign Up at the January and February monthly meetings

David Rose

## **Chairmens lunch**

It is the Annual Chairmen's Lunch on Sunday 24th February at Portland College at 12:00 for 12:30

The cost will be £20 pp including a small tip & will be the usual 3 course lunch plus coffee.

There is some entertainment being planned.

Payment will be need by no later than the February meeting but please book in early and also let me know of any seating requests.

Geoff Cree

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## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

### **ARTS & FILMS INFORMATION GROUP**

To receive a regular update of the Arts Information Calendar showing upcoming events in the Nottingham area contact Alan Snape on 07940146542 or [alansnape@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alansnape@hotmail.co.uk)

The calendar includes events at The Royal Concert Hall, The Broadway Cinema, The Bonington Theatre/Cinema in Arnold, plus news of International live transmissions of Opera, Ballet, and Theatre. If you have news of local entertainment events and would like them included in the calendar please pass on the details to Alan.

### **CHOIR GROUP**

Important reminder for members: Our next meeting is at 11.30 on January 16th at the John Godber Centre, this will be our final meeting at the Centre. We shall finalise details for the move, and if there are any additional queries deal with those, from then on we shall meet at our new venue. We have been very fortunate to be offered the new venue, we have been struggling financially due to absences, this offer is enabling us to continue.

To confirm, and for the benefit of those members absent from the last meeting, our new venue is to be Sherwood House, Linby, the days and times of our meetings remain the same, parking is available and free. Advance notice: our first meeting at Sherwood House will be at 1.30 on the 6th February, and, as the doors are kept locked and need opening for each visitor, we have been asked to make a practice of entering together. I suggest we all arrive before 1.20p.m. and enter then. Thank you, Christine."

### **CREATIVE WRITING GROUP**

We meet from 1-3 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our venue is the Liberal Club on West Street. Members are given a title, sentence or just a word to inspire us to write a piece of around 500 words which we develop at home and then read out to fellow members at the next meeting, for constructive criticism and appraisal. After a short tea-break we then do a ten minute writing exercise or something similar.

I did my best with Hucknall U3A's entry for the Christmas Tree Display in the Parish Church. Unfortunately we didn't win this year but you do have to give everyone else a chance, don't you? The theme for our tree was "Create the 'write' words for Christmas" and involved 50 fans made from folded U3A publicity leaflets, tied on with blue and yellow ribbons (our colours), each having a set of wings on with the name of our groups, plus a blue pen hanging on each branch. Also there were 50 different words associated with Christmas also hanging from the branches. Our tree this year was a white LED lit tree, only four feet high, whilst many of the other entries had been influenced (I feel) by our six feet high winning tree from last year. Perhaps our groups should be thinking NOW about who will volunteer to do the 2019 tree and get your innovative ideas together.

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In December our homework for the January meeting was to write about our first experience of either faith, religion, spirituality or education. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January when we will also discuss the viability of continuing the Creative Writing Group as unfortunately out of the original twelve names we only have an average of four turning up for the meetings. So if there are any new members to U3A who might be interested, please contact Sandra Green for further information.

## **GARDENING GROUP**

The final meeting of last year was a talk on the humble potato, including the origin, history, varieties and uses. Members were able to taste recipes from different countries that used potato, including potato scones and honey and potato bread.

There will be no meeting in January so our next meeting will be February 19th at 2.00pm at the John Godber Centre. The speaker will be Glenis Swift talking about the bees in our gardens. All are welcome. Anne

## **HISTORY GROUP**

Happy new year to all Hucknall & District U3A Members.

For the January meeting I have booked Denis Hill to come and tell us about the History of Ashfield. I am sure a lot of you already know Denis who used to work at Ashfield District Council and is a fantastic historian.

My brother Michael, whom most of you have met, has a new talk called British Connexions in Europe (without a mention of Brexit) so I have asked him to come and speak to us again.

Please don't forget we need to organise meetings and visits for next year. I am checking out the places you have chosen to visit so I can get buses ordered and bookings started. See you all soon.

Maureen Newton

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## **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. I would love to hear about your recommendations for reasonably priced venues as we have been going for nearly ten years and are running out of new venues!

When putting your name down, if the menu is available, either at the meeting or on the website, could you please indicate your menu choices at that time.

We had our usual lovely Christmas Lunch at the Albert Hall, Nottingham, when June Williamson won the Christmas Sweepstake and Siobhan and Allan Lee won the Christmas Quiz which everyone felt was very difficult! We are visiting The Hutt and the list is now full but see the details on the website. Hopefully in February we may be going to Antalya Turkish restaurant in Nottingham.

## **MOVEMENT TO MUSIC GROUP**

Thursday 10.00-11.00. in The Main Hall at The John Godber Centre.

There will be a new 9 week course of Movement, Exercise and Dance starting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January and running until March 21<sup>st</sup>. (No session on February 21<sup>st</sup>).

New members are welcome to join the group for a free taster session at any time.

(Further details will be available on the notice board at the January members' meeting).

Sue Saunders (Group Leader).

## **PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP**

The Pub Quiz & Lunch is held on the second Monday of each month at 12 noon at The Nabb Inn. 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. Could I remind you to please check sell by dates on food items for the bumper bag. Please note the maximum number of members per team is five – if there are six of you, please divide into two teams of three and invite a new member to join you!

Donations of raffle prizes or items for the Bumper Bag are gratefully accepted. Just pay the subscription on arrival, then, if you wish to eat, order your lunch at the bar and put your thinking caps on. There is a small table 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. The December Pub Quiz on the 11<sup>th</sup> December was won by "3 of Us" with runners up "Minus Two". We also had a Christmas Lucky Dip and mince pies. The next Pub Quiz will be on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January.

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## READING GROUP

In November we read the autobiography by Chris Packham - "Fingers in the Sparkle Jar". This caused a lot of discussion at our December meeting when we also had a fuddle and a brief discussion on the books we had read this month. In January we shall be discussing Ian McMillan's "Neither Nowt nor Summat" about the origins of a true Yorkshireman.

We also attend talks put on by Hucknall Library with guest authors, which can be very enlightening. The Library also has a "Crime Café" on the second Tuesday of each month, with guest speakers as well as discussions.

## THEATRE GROUP

The Full Monty – Theatre Royal, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 2pm, Tickets £28.00  
 Dr Dolittle – Theatre Royal, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 2pm, Tickets £39.50  
 Kinky Boots – Theatre Royal, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019, 2:30pm, Tickets £57.50 (Cheaper if >10 people)  
 Avenue Q – Theatre Royal, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 4pm, Tickets £38.00

## WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH)

Our next walk will be an Architectural Awareness Walk/Quiz in Nottingham City Centre, on Monday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 (10:15 start). We will be placed into 4 groups on arrival, so I would appreciate it if you could let me know whether you intend to come along or not. We intend to eat in The Bell Inn afterwards and you will need to have pre-ordered your food with me before the day.

Our group is full but I have a waiting list. Sue Tedstone (Coordinator)

## WEEKENDERS' GROUP

The next Weekenders programme for January to April will be posted on the U3A website in the New Year so please contact me if you are interested in our events. We like to organise a Lunch, a Social Evening, an Outing and a Coffee Club get together each month, plus any other events we might be interested in.

Our December Social Evening had a Christmas theme (of course!) at the home of Lindsay Smith on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, which included a Snowman version of a Beetle Drive. Many thanks to Lindsay for hosting. We had a Christmas Catch-up on 22<sup>nd</sup> December when unfortunately only four members could make it but our Programme Planning Coffee Club will be on December 29<sup>th</sup> so bring your ideas along for next year's events.

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

**January 2019**

For further details contact Siobhan 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

### **ARTS**

CHOIR                      1<sup>st</sup>Wednesday 13:30  
                                 3<sup>rd</sup>Wednesday 11:30

CREATIVE WRITING    4<sup>th</sup>Tuesday 13:00

DISCUSSION            1<sup>st</sup>Monday 13:45

DRAMA                    4<sup>th</sup>Friday 10:00

FILM CLUB            Thursday 10:30 & 13:00  
Friday 19:15

HISTORY                3<sup>rd</sup>Wednesday 14:00

MUSIC FOR PLEASURE 4<sup>th</sup>Tuesday 19:00

NATIONAL TRUST      Various dates & times

READING (BOOKS)\*   1<sup>st</sup>Wednesday 14:00

SINGALONGA           3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:30

THEATRE                various dates

UKULELE                2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>Monday 10:00

### **ACTIVE WELLBEING**

ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA - Various

CYCLING                Every Wednesday 9:00

GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY\* Various

GRUMPY OLD MEN    Various

NOT SO GRUMPY OLD MEN Various

KURLING                2<sup>nd</sup>Sunday 3-5pm

MOVEMENT TO MUSIC Thursday 10:00

PICKLEBALL           Thursday 14:00

SEATED EXERCISE    4<sup>th</sup> Monday 14:00

WALKING (LONG)      1<sup>st</sup>Tuesday 10:00

WALKING (MID)\*      3<sup>rd</sup>Monday 10:00

WALKING (SHORT)    3<sup>rd</sup>Thursday 10:00

### **FOOD & DRINK**

INTERNATIONAL DINING As Arranged

LATE BREAKFAST      1<sup>st</sup>Friday 09:15

LUNCH GROUP        4<sup>th</sup>Wednesday 12:00

PUB QUIZ & LUNCH    2<sup>nd</sup>Monday 12:00

WINE APPRECIATION\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 19:30

WINE TASTING \*        3<sup>rd</sup>Wednesday 19:30

### **HOBBIES & PASTIMES**

CANASTA                1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>Friday 19:00

CRAFT 1 \*              3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 13.45

CRAFT 2                2<sup>nd</sup>Tuesday 14:00

GARDENING            3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 14:00

HOLIDAYS              various dates

KNITTING & CROCHET 4<sup>th</sup>Tuesday 14:00

MAH JONG             2<sup>nd</sup>Friday 19:00

POT LUCK \*             1<sup>st</sup>Wednesday 19:30

RUMMIKUB1            1<sup>st</sup>Monday 14:00

RUMMIKUB2            Thursday 13.00

SCRABBLE              4<sup>th</sup>Thursday 14:00

TABLE GAMES          3<sup>rd</sup>Friday 19:00

WATER COLOUR        1<sup>st</sup>Monday 14:00

WEEKENDERS          various Sat & Sun.

### **LANGUAGES**

FRENCH CONVERSATION\* 3<sup>rd</sup>Tuesday 10:00

FUN WITH LANGUAGES 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10:30

### **SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

BIRD WATCHING        2<sup>nd</sup>Tuesday 10:30

SCIENCE 1              4<sup>th</sup>Thursday 10:00

SCIENCE 2              3<sup>rd</sup>Friday 10:00

**\*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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