



# NEWSLETTER

Issue March 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**

As I write these notes in early March I am reflecting firstly, on the amazing weather that we all enjoyed in February.

During the February half term, I spent an afternoon at Wollaton Park, where the car park was overflowing, ice creams were the order of the day, families were sat enjoying picnics in the sun while hundreds of children played away happily in the warm weather. The warmest February day since records began.

It has also been a good month at the U3A starting with an outstanding speaker and entertainer at the Monthly Meeting. The attendance was our highest for a very long time and more chairs and coffee cups were needed.!!

Thank you to all of you who renewed your U3A membership at the meeting and I hope that you enjoy the activities planned for the year ahead.

All the groups are now back up and running while David Rose's short courses are proving very popular. On the social side the Irish Night is now sold out.

Enjoy your group activities during March.

**Barrie Saunders, Chairman**

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## OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH

### Ian Morgan – “Footpads, Kings and Highwaymen”

Ian is a writer, historian and public speaker.

#### Future Speakers

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

8<sup>th</sup> May – Ian Maber “The Teller of Tales”

12<sup>th</sup> June – Martin Perry “The Magic of the Guitar”

## COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee

### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HUCKNALL AND DISTRICT U3A

Notice is hereby given that the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Hucknall and District U3A will be held at the Hucknall Leisure Centre (in the Dance Studio) on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019, commencing at 2.00pm.

As the Committee was elected in 2018, for two years, there are no elections this time.

Details of the Agenda are below. Please take note of Item 8 if you wish to have motions/proposals considered, or raise a question.

Following the AGM and refreshments the Guest Speaker will be the musician, Vince Eager.

#### AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies from the Committee
3. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018
4. Matters arising from the previous AGM Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report - Mr. Geoff Cree
6. Chairman's Report for the year 2018/2019
7. Election of Honorary President
8. Questions (pre-submitted only) related to reports  
Items for discussions must be received by the Secretary or Chairman, in writing, at least two weeks before the AGM.
9. Closure and refreshments.

### Committee Meeting

The recent Short Course showing "Saturday night and Sunday Morning" had been very successful with 28 Silver Surfers attending. The talk on Guide Dogs had also been a great success.

The Committee praised last Month's Speaker for an outstanding "show".

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The Membership Renewals had gone very well and the number of members continues to rise.

Next years Projected Budget was now in place.

We continue to play an active part in the Notts and North Notts Groups of the U3A within the County.

Tickets for the Irish Night Social event had sold very well. A Social Committee meeting had been held in February.

Planning for the A.G.M. was at an advanced stage.

The website was continuing to run very well and was well used.

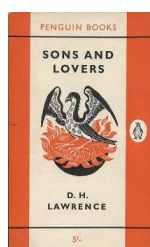
## **NEW GROUPS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS**

### **NEW GROUPS & SHORT COURSES ETC.**

#### **Short Courses**

##### **Short Nottingham Film Season**

Our first film 'Saturday Night and Sunday Morning' was shown on Tuesday 26th February to 28 silver screen enthusiasts. In some respects it has also become an interesting look at life in post war Britain with few cars, TV sets, houses with no bathrooms and smoking everywhere!



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am** JGC from the book by DH Lawrence. 'Sons and Lovers' all welcome £1.50 including tea and biscuits. David Rose

#### **Guide Dogs Talk** Thursday 28th February

The presentation was by David Mottram who is from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

David is a local 'puppy walker' and he explained his role in the initial training of puppies destined to become fully fledged guide dogs. He then described the specialised training which follows on with the dog and the potential new owner who is to be aided by the trained dog for about 5/7 years.

Accompanying him was his 9month old Labradoodle who has been with David and family from a few weeks old and who will move on to the next stage of training at about 14 months old. David then starts again with a new puppy.

The 20 attendees found the talk interesting and enlightening and David answered several questions at the end of his talk which was appreciated and enjoyed by all. David Rose

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Message from David Mottram Following the session - It was my pleasure and increasing general awareness of Visually Impaired persons is very important to me. Please thank the group for their time and interaction, I know Digby enjoyed it and thank them for their donation which came to £54.70.

## 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

The move to Sherwood House went smoothly, by the time you read this we shall have enjoyed their hospitality on three occasions. At our last meeting a gentleman joined us. He didn't appear to mind being one man amongst fourteen ladies, but gents, if you've been considering joining us, now is the time! Our next meeting will be on 6th March, meeting in the grounds of Sherwood House at 1.20. Car parking is available.

### CRAFT GROUP 2

Craft group 2 had a fun trip to PDA Langley Mill on the 12th February. PDA is a paper craft manufacturer that ships worldwide. We went to learn the art of quilling. (Rolling up bits of paper) and then using them to create stunning pictures. We all concentrated really hard in between laughing at our own efforts and admiring our friends. We all came away with our own hand made cards or pictures. As far as I remember no food was involved.



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## **CREATIVE WRITING GROUP**

We meet from 1-3 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our new venue will be in the upstairs Reference room in the Library. 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 coffee break we then do a ten minute writing exercise or something similar. Our "homework" for March is to write about something you did and got away with! That should make interesting reading!

If there are any new members to U3A who might be interested in the Creative Writing Group, please contact Sandra Green for further information. We would love to have a few more members so come along on Tuesday, 26th March – just bring a pen and paper!

## **DISCUSSION GROUP**

At the meeting on Monday 4th February we had no set topic. We had been asked to bring a newspaper to discuss something that caught our interest. The discussion began with the fate of the Japanese car manufacture on Teesside. Other topics put forward for discussion were :- how social media can easily report fake news, the withdrawal of the drug used to treat cystic fibrosis, litter and what is 'citizenship'. The meeting ended in the fun of finding out how we would fare in a citizenship test.

The next meeting will be Monday 4th March. As no one could put forward a topic for discussion at that meeting, members are invited to open a discussion on a topic that interests them.

## **DRAMA GROUP**

The next drama meeting is on Friday 22nd March at Janet Stevenson's 10 till 12 noon. The address is 10 Nixon Rise NG15 6QF. tel. 0115 9636168.

We are trying to restyle and reinvigorate this group. We have a workshop being booked and other activities planned. The meetings are interactive and fun and we would love to have some new members of both sexes to really get a sparkling group going with new ideas and opportunities. Please phone Janet for further details. Ann (co helper).

## **FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS GROUP**

This newly started group has now settled into a fortnightly session of regular members and progress is being made. The group is currently full but your name can be added to a small waiting list.

## **FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP**

Our February meeting provided challenges and fun when we looked in detail at three verbs we had used previously. We split into 3 groups and rose to the task of a short translation from English into Spanish, which went successfully. A tapas meal in March or April has been suggested so watch out for dates for that.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th March in JGC Byron Suite at 10.30 till 12 noon when we shall do some group conversation to consolidate learning and also explore hotel bookings by internet links. We are sorry to lose Eve Roussell as she is unable to continue now. Carol and I will take her a card and small gift round later today. we wish her well. Ann and Liz.

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## GARDENING GROUP

Members enjoyed a very interesting talk on a year with bees in the garden at our February meeting. We were able to buy jars of local honey and candles made from beeswax after enjoying cakes and biscuits containing honey.

The meeting on March 19th will be a talk by Helen Crowfoot, entitled Dig for Victory. Our visits out this year are now arranged and the venues can be seen on the website calendar.

Names and monies for the May trip to Hodnett Hall will be taken at the March meeting. All are welcome. Anne.



## GILBERT & SULLIVAN APPRECIATION GROUP

Unfortunately due to a lack of support this group has now been terminated but should members come forward wishing to join then the existing members would be glad to restart. The group's activities included visiting local amateur productions plus visits to Buxton and Harrogate G & S Festivals in addition to appraising video and audio productions of the G & S selection.

Please contact [alansnape@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alansnape@hotmail.co.uk) or 07940146542 for further information.

## KURLING GROUP

We meet on the second Sunday of the month at Hucknall Leisure Centre from 3 till 5 PM.

Our last meeting in January saw 20 enthusiastic Kurlers compete in a round robin competition with the top 3 teams all separated by only 1 point between them.



The winning team were Sylvia Turner, Sue Foss, Janette Naylor and David Wormall.

David is one of the few players who has successfully managed to direct his stone into the target zone while expelling the opposition's stones and helping achieve a 3-0 score for his winning team. Consequently, he's looking pretty pleased with himself. Well done team and we look forward to our next game.

Next meeting, Sunday 10th March.

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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 went to Antalya Turkish restaurant in Nottingham in February when the Turkish Quiz was won by Kay Twells and Chris Ashby. In March we go to And Why Not in Mansfield and in April we are going to The Nuthall near Cinderhill. In May our venue will be The Old Ship Inn, Lowdham. The menus will be on the Hucknall U3A website so please let me have your names, deposits and menu choices as soon as possible please.

## **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 next Pub Quiz will be on 11th March.

## **READING GROUP**

In February we read a murder mystery by Debbie Crombie "No Mark Upon Her" and in March we discussed "The Muse" by Jessie Burton. Our author to read in March is any by Susan Hill.

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.

## **SCIENCE GROUP 2**

Last month we looked at how the science behind medicine and surgery developed from medieval times to the 1950's. We agreed that having any operation or procedure today is a much better option than one without anaesthetic and the unsterilized crude surgical instruments of the barber surgeons in the 'good old days'.

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Next Month: Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>, Postgraduate Science Students will be presenting talks about some current research taking place at Nottingham University.

If there is time left then I will present a case study of a new drug Clinical Trial that 'went wrong'

Advance Notice: Our April meeting cancelled as it is Good Friday. David Rose

## **THEATRE GROUP**

Dr Doolittle, Theatre Royal, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 2pm, Tickets £39.50  
Educating Rita, Theatre Royal, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Tickets £32.50  
Kinky Boots – Theatre Royal, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019, 2:30pm, Tickets £57.50  
Calendar Girls, Theatre Royal, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Tickets £48.00  
Avenue Q – Theatre Royal, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 4pm, Tickets £38.00  
Cabaret, Theatre Royal, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Tickets £35.00  
Sound of Music, Theatre Royal, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Tickets £20.50  
We Will Rock You, Royal Concert Hall, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Tickets £44.50

## **WALKING GROUP (SHORT LENGTH)**

I hope everyone is enjoying this lovely spring like weather we have been having. The next short walk is on Thursday 21st March and is a 4.4ish mile walk from the Admiral Rodney (good food) pub in Calverton meeting at 9.45 for a 10.00am start.

The walk follows flat ground, followed by a steady climb up, further flat ground with minor undulations before we go downhill to finish along flat ground to the pub.

Everyone welcome to join us. Liz Edwards

## **WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH)**

Our February walk started from the picturesque Lincolnshire village of Woolsthorpe.

By prior arrangement our party of 26 were allowed onto the site at Lock 14 of the Grantham Canal. The site supervisor talked to us about the progress that had been made in the restoration of the lock. The main source of funding for the project is the Heritage Lottery Fund, so everything has to be restored in accordance with methods used 200 years ago.

We continued along the track of the old Woolsthorpe branch line, re-joining the tow path at Woolsthorpe Wharf, then onto Casthorpe Bridge before crossing the canal and traversing fields on the way back to Woolsthorpe.

Then the rain came, just as we were eating our sandwiches!! But, the sun came out as we reached the hill top overlooking Woolsthorpe, giving us a perfect view of Belvoir Castle and the Nottingham skyline to the west.

After a 6.5 mile walk and wet from the rain, a wood burning open fire in The Chequers was a welcome sight!

Thank you to Dave Kay and Ian Raynor – a great walk.

Our next walk will be from Hayton, near Retford on Monday 18th March. Sue Tedstone (Coordinator)

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## **WEEKENDERS' GROUP**

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. Lunches are open to all U3A members but Social Evenings, Outings and Coffee Club are limited to existing Weekender members only because of space limitations.

So far this year we have enjoyed Birthday Lunches at The Broomhill for Sandra Green, Christine Wheatley, and plan more in March and April for Joyce Crane, Pauline North, Kay Burton and Jean Martin. We had a lovely Social Evening at the home of Ruth Houldsworth on 9th February and an outing to Denby Pottery on 16th February. Siobhan Lee gave us a flower arranging demonstration at our Coffee Club on 2nd March. We plan a Sunday lunch at Arunothai in March and also an outing to the Blue Diamond Garden/Retail Centre at East Bridgford.

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

**March 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**

BREWERY SCIENCE & HISTORY Various

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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