



NEWSLETTER

Issue May 2019

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

Those of you who attended the AGM may recall that I spoke about using the knowledge and skills of members to start up some new groups within the our U3A. We are lucky to have many Interest groups already, over fifty at present which are all well led by Interest Group leaders and overseen by our Co-ordinator, Siobhan.

Whilst reading the latest copy of the Third Age Magazine, page 11, I came across a list of sixty four Subject advisors yet when looking closer it became clear that we only have nine of these subjects available at Hucknall. It is obvious therefore, that there is plenty of opportunity for members to find a subject that you may have skills in or could just research and offer to set up a new group.

If you are able to help then please write your contact details on the New Groups Board at the Monthly meeting or contact myself or Siobhan directly. You might be surprised to find that there are other members who are like minded.

Please give this message careful consideration and if you can help please do so, it would benefit the U3A in so many ways. Siobhan, myself and the rest of the Committee would be very willing to help you in any way that we are able.

Barrie Saunders, Chairman

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OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH

Ian Maber – “The Teller of Tales”

Ian’s presentations include animation, sound and humorous tales designed to keep the audience captivated and laughing.

Future Speakers

12th June – Martin Perry “The Magic of the Guitar”

10th July – Stacey Smalley “The Work of the Macmillan Nurses”

14th August – Philip Caine “Author”

COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee

Committee Meeting

The accounts for April were examined. There was a discussion regarding the setting up of some new Interest groups.

The start time of the Monthly meeting was discussed.

Reports were given from recent Finance meetings, The Notts U3A Meeting and the North Notts Neighbourhood group meeting.

Everything was seen to be running smoothly with the U3A website and there were no problems reported by the Equipment Manager.

The U3A had been given the opportunity to take part in a Community day to be held on Nabbs Lane Playing Fields on August 10th.

We now had a full list of members who would like to contribute to Gift Aid.

Barrie

NEW GROUPS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS

NEW GROUPS & SHORT COURSES ETC.

FAMILY FUN DAY

There will be a Family Fun Day on August 10th on the Nabbs Lane Playing Fields. If any group would like a stall or time to perform in an Arena please let Siobhan or myself know, as soon as possible.
Barrie Saunders

Rumbletums Cafe Kimberley Recycling Project

The Hucknall and District U3A Cycling Group wish to thank all fellow members who have brought their empty crisp packets for the collection at the monthly meeting.

They are recycled rather than added to landfill and Rumbletums receive a payment towards their survival fund. There will be a collection point near the signing in desk at the May monthly meeting.

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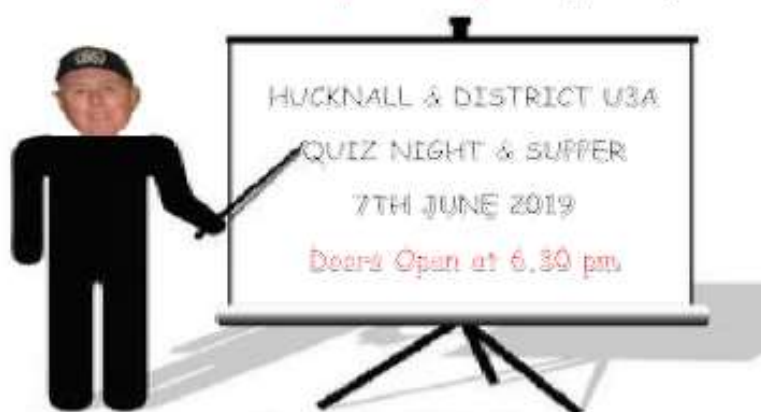
Please note it is only crisp and similar snack product bags plus the big bag from multi packs that are being collected.



Cycle Group



Tickets will be on sale at the April and May monthly meetings for the



in the Main Hall, John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall

Tickets on sale for £7.50 and will include a meal of
PIE, PEAS, MASH & GRAVY



Doors will open at 6.30pm, Supper to be served at 7pm.

The Quiz will start at 8pm and finish at approx. 10pm.

The Bar will be open with waitress service during the quiz.

Teams shall consist of no more than 8 people.

It would be helpful if you could buy your team tickets together
to avoid being separated.

If you are in a smaller group, or on your own,
you will be placed into a team.

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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

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.

The Film Club - A number of members attend Silver Screen showings on a Thursday each week to watch new releases that are proving popular, Generally speaking these are shown at 10.30 and 13.30 (occasionally they start at 10.15 for longer films). Normally the same films are shown at the following cinemas in our area, The Broadway, Cinecentre, The Showcase Lenton, Savoy Derby Road and the Odeon Mansfield. At The Broadway there is a cafe on the premises where many U3A members meet up to enjoy their free tea/coffee and biscuits before or after the screening. The U3A have agreed a 50p discount for all U3A members. Just mention or show your U3A membership card. Admission prices can vary at different cinemas but normally about £5,

I am sure that many of our members by now are aware of the live transmissions of London productions at a fraction of the price that it would cost to attend in the West End. Often these transmissions are of Operas being screened live from the New York Met and Ballets from Moscow. Most of these live transmissions are repeated, usually on the following Sunday afternoon. They are shown at the cinemas listed in my previous paragraph plus the Bonington in Arnold, Prices tend to be around £12 - fantastic value compared to what it would cost to see the ballet or opera performed live and on your doorstep too. I try to keep our members that are interested, up to date with whats coming and it is normally necessary to book early as often they sell out. Send me your e mail address (alan.hucknallu3a@hotmail.com) to be included on my ongoing calendar of Arts Information to be kept up to date.

COFFEE MORNING GROUP

The first Coffee Morning is to be held at Hucknall Costa Coffee - Thursday 16th May and subsequent Third Thursday of the month. Time 10.30am. Contact 0115 9199750. Ann Asher.

FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

Our April meeting concluded the Spanish sessions for this time. This time we rejoiced that there were no technical issues (thanks to my husband Ian) and we caught up with the Hotel booking we missed last time due to problems. We then went on to Health issues and conversation on these.

Our next meeting is Thursday May 9th at JGC Byron suite 10.30 to 12 noon when we shall beginning the first of 4 sessions on Italian. Now is a good time to join if you wish (back copies can be provided of missed sessions) If you are a regular group member please bring all your Italian sheets as we shall be revising this time before we move on to new things.

We had an enjoyable tapas meal in April also, thank you Liz for organising that. The food was delicious but the venue a bit noisy! Here we are on the photo. Ann&Liz.

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GARDENING GROUP

The group enjoyed an interesting visit to Winterbourne House and Garden, The showers did not dampen enthusiasm and several requests were made for a return visit at a different season. We were most impressed that all the plants were named so we learned a lot too!

We still have seats available on the May trip to Hodnett Hall so names and monies can be taken at the April meeting. We are also having a meeting at the John Godber Centre on 21st May, with a DVD on Secret Gardens by Alan Titchmarsh. There will be a "plant swap" stall at this meeting so please bring along any spare seedlings/plants, flowers or vegetables, that you don't need and maybe take home a different one for a nominal fee!

The trip in June will be to Arley Arboretum and seats can be booked at the May meetings. All are welcome. Anne.

KURLING GROUP

We had an exciting meeting in April Barbara White scored a bullseye. The more practice the better we are becoming. We also had a winning team scoring 9 points with team members Rob Cook Rita Childe Jean Carrington Judy Pitchford. Congratulations to you all. Next meeting Sunday May 4th. See you all there.

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 eleven 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.

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In April we went to The Nuthall (Cinderhill by-pass) and in May it will be The Old Ship Inn, Lowdham. Then in June we go to The Lion at Brinsley, for which a £5 deposit is needed. The menus will be on the U3A website so please make your choices and let me have your names and deposits (where applicable).

NOT SO GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP

April saw the Not So Grumpy Old Men "going to the dogs". Whilst enjoying a gourmet meal we were introduced to the intricacies of the sport of greyhound racing and the associated gaming strategies. Having studied the form of the participants for a full 12 races one of our number placed a triple bet on the last race and won with all 3 dogs finishing in the order selected. He was disappointed, however, as his winnings barely paid for his bus fare home!



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 Monday, 13th May.

READING GROUP

In April we read the autobiography of Adam Henson "Like Farmer, Like Son". For May we have asked the Library to recommend our set book. The Reading Group is full at the moment. 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.

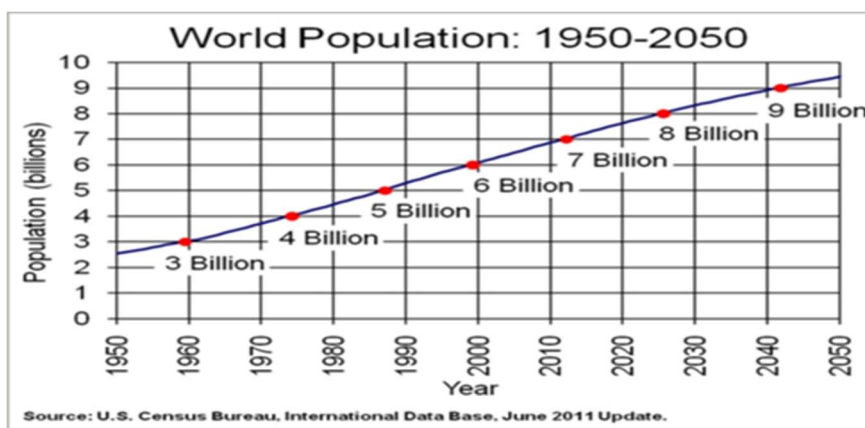
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SCIENCE GROUP 1

This month our group had a presentation on the world's population growth here are some facts.

200 years ago there were less than one billion humans living on earth. Today, according to UN calculations there are over 7 billion of us.¹ Recent estimates suggest that today's population size is roughly equivalent to 6.9% of the total number of people ever born.² This is the most conspicuous fact about world population growth: for thousands of years, the population grew only slowly but in recent centuries, it has jumped dramatically. Between 1900 and 2000, the increase in world population was three times greater than during the entire previous history of humanity—an increase from 1.5 to 6.1 billion in just 100 years.

How the world population is changing is of great importance for humanity's impact on the Earth's natural environment, but it also gives reasons to hope for a good future. This is because we have a bigger team of better educated people who can contribute to the solutions that improve global well-being.



THEATRE GROUP

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

News flash - Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show at the Royal Concert Hall, Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 2.30pm. Tickets are £50.00 each and I have to pay for them in May this year. Hope to see you there. Regards Barbara.

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WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH)

Our April walk was a 7 mile, mainly flat walk, starting from The Royal Oak pub in Car Colston. We walked over fields, crossing over the A46 on to a quiet road walking towards Kneeton. Heading from Kneeton over fields towards East Bridgford, once again crossing the A46 returning to Car Colston. The walk, led by John Beharall was enjoyed by all; perfect weather as well!!

Our next walk is our first venture into Derbyshire this year: Monday May 20th - we will start our walk in Pentrich.

Unfortunately I have to say that this group is full but there is a waiting list. Sue Tedstone, (Coordinator).

WEEKENDERS' GROUP

The next Weekenders programme for May to August will be posted on the U3A website after our Programme Planning Coffee Club on 27th April so please contact me if you are interested in our events or if you have new suggestions for events etc. 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.

In April we had a lovely lunch at the Riverside Farm Inn (near the River Trent), an outing to Lea Gardens and Masson Mills, a Fish & Chip Supper at Sandra Green's and several members' birthday meals at The Broomhill. Places are limited at all events so please contact Sandra if you wish to have your names put down for events.

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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS

May 2019

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

ARTS

CHOIR 1stWednesday 13:30
 3rdWednesday 11:30

DISCUSSION 1stMonday 13:45

DRAMA 4thFriday 10:00

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

HISTORY 3rdWednesday 14:00

MUSIC FOR PLEASURE 4thTuesday 19:00

NATIONAL TRUST Various dates ×

READING (BOOKS)* 1stWednesday 14:00

SINGALONGA 3rd Tuesday 10:30

THEATRE various dates

UKULELE 2nd& 4thMonday 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 2ndSunday 3-5pm

MOVEMENT TO MUSIC Thursday 10:00

PICKLEBALL Thursday 14.00

SEATED EXERCISE 4th Monday 14:00

WALKING (LONG) 1stTuesday 10:00

WALKING (MID)* 3rdMonday 10:00

WALKING (SHORT) 3rdThursday 10:00

FOOD & DRINK

BREWERY SCIENCE & HISTORY Various

INTERNATIONAL DINING As Arranged

LATE BREAKFAST 1stFriday 09:15

LUNCH GROUP 4thWednesday 12:00

PUB QUIZ & LUNCH 2ndMonday 12:00

WINE APPRECIATION* 3rd Monday 19:30

WINE TASTING * 3rdWednesday 19:30

HOBBIES & PASTIMES

CANASTA 1st& 4thFriday 19:00

CRAFT 1 * 3rd Monday 13.45

CRAFT 2 2ndTuesday 14:00

GARDENING 3rd Tuesday 14:00

HOLIDAYS various dates

KNITTING & CROCHET 4thTuesday 14:00

MAH JONG 2ndFriday 19:00

POT LUCK * 1stWednesday 19:30

RUMMIKUB1 1stMonday 14:00

RUMMIKUB2 Thursday 13.00

SCRABBLE 4thThursday 14:00

TABLE GAMES 3rdFriday 19:00

WATER COLOUR 1stMonday 14:00

WEEKENDERS various Sat & Sun.

LANGUAGES

FRENCH CONVERSATION* 3rdTuesday 10:00

FUN WITH LANGUAGES 2nd Thursday 10:30

SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

BIRD WATCHING 2ndTuesday 10:30

SCIENCE 1 4thThursday 10:00

SCIENCE 2 3rdFriday 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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