



NEWSLETTER

Issue September 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

Many of you will be aware that arrangements are getting to an advanced stage to set up a new U3A in Bulwell. As we are geographically close to Bulwell we have been asked by the National and County U3A's to help in raising awareness of this new venture. If you have friends who may be interested in joining this new group please mention it to them. The launch date is set for October and precise details will appear on the Hucknall website, as soon as possible.

I hope that the summer has gone well and that many of you have enjoyed a holiday or perhaps a little time looking after the Grandchildren.

I am very pleased to report that progress is being made with the formation of the new Interest groups and I will keep you updated on this issue.

Barrie Saunders, Chairman

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OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH

Elizabeth Gowing – “The Rubbish Pickers Wife”

Elizabeth has appeared on BBC world service, Radio 4 “From our own correspondent” A published author.

Future Speakers

9th October – Martin Wood – “Have Bell will Yell”

13th November – Jack Perks – “Wildlife Photographer”

11th December – No Speaker

COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee

Committee Meeting

The Groups' Co-ordinator gave an update on the progress of several new Interest Groups' including the Guitar group.

Accounts for August were presented and approved.

Details of future Short Courses were presented including,

Falls Prevention talk on September 12th.

A First Aid session to be held on October 3rd.


Scams and Security talk on 31st October.

Classic Films Workshop 12th/21st of November and 3rd of December.

Current Membership was discussed.

The launch of the Bulwell U3A was discussed

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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A
invites you to an evening of



Featuring the **NORTHERN LINE SOUL BAND**

On Saturday 28th September 2019

at the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall

from 7.30pm until 10.30pm

Doors will open at 7.00pm

Tickets will on sale for £6 each at the August & September U3A Monthly Meetings

There will be no catering at this event
but you are welcome to bring your own food



NEW GROUPS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS

NEW GROUPS & SHORT COURSES ETC.

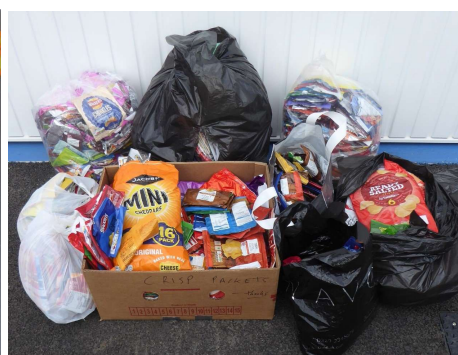
Rumbletums Cafe and the Crisp Bag Recycling Collection

Many thanks once again for the amazing number of empty crisp packets brought in to the August monthly meeting.

I delivered them on the 20th and the staff and trainees wish to extend their thanks for your support.

They are continuing with this project so please bring more to the September meeting.

David Rose on behalf of the Cycling Group.



Classic Film Season

Film	Date /Time	Venue	Details	Cost
'The One That Got Away' <i>Franz von Werra – (1914-1941) The one that almost got away</i> Convincing people that he was a Dutch Air Force Pilot he arrived at RAF Hucknall Aerodrome	Tuesday 12 th November 10am to 12 noon	JGC Main Hall	Running Time 1 hr 46mins Plus a Short Interval Please bring your own drink/snack	£1.00 Pay on the day
'Billy Liar' <i>Billy (Tom Courtenay) is stuck in his dead-end job as a clerk for a local funeral director. Shadrack (Leonard Rossiter) is his hard driving, humourless employer who scolds young Billy for his constant daydreaming.</i>	Thursday 21 st November 10am to 12 noon	JGC Main Hall	Running time 1hr 40mins Plus a Short Interval Please bring your own drink/snack	£1.00 Pay on the day
'It's A Wonderful Life' <i>Considered one of the most beloved films in cinematic history, It's A Wonderful Life has become essential viewing during the Christmas season</i>	Tuesday 3 rd December 10am to 1pm	JGC Main Hall	Running Time 2hrs 12mins Plus an Interval for mince pie and a drink	£2.00 Advance Ticket On sale at the October and November Meetings

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Dates for your diary (and U3A calendar...)

Event	Date/Time	Venue	Details	Cost
Falls Prevention Talk	Thursday 12th September 10.30am to 11.45am	The Main Hall JGC	Just turn up	Free entry
First Aid session with the Red Cross This will cover emergency aid plus a focus on common accidents experienced by older people	Thursday 3rd October 10am to 11.45	The Studio JGC	20 max ➡ participants Pre booking please	Sign up and pay £1.00 to cover room hire at the September monthly meeting
Scams and Security: This session is courtesy of the National Westminster Bank presented by Thomas Lane a specialist from the Nottingham branch. It has been recommended by another U3A and it is a generic talk not a hard sell for the Nat West Bank.	Thursday 31st October 10.30am to 11.45am	The Main Hall JGC	Come along and learn about phone, financial and cold calling scams and receive advice on how to identify and deal with them.	£1 to cover the room hire : pay on the day

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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

This month's calendar includes lots of new information on Opera & Ballet recordings as well as the usual news on Films coming our way. The Broadway, the Bonington and the Royal Concert Hall are heavily featured.

The Film Club attendance is growing at The Broadway Silver Screen on Thursdays with films showing twice at 10.30 and 1.30.

News on local events that you would like included please pass on to Alan Snape for inclusion.

Silver Screen Films for the coming weeks are as follows:-

Thursday Sept 5th Pain & Glory

Thursday Sept 12th Mrs Lowry and Son with Timothy Spall

Thursday Sept 19th No Film

Thursday Sept 26th The Farewell at 11.15 and 13.45

No films yet confirmed for October.

COFFEE MORNING GROUP

The coffee morning group has ceased due to lack of support. Ann

EASIER CYCLE GROUP

The inaugural meeting of our new group has now taken place and we agreed that the first ride will be on Friday 13th September, starting at Hucknall Leisure Centre at 09.00, and then every Friday at the same time and place.

We will go out on rides lasting no more than about 2 ½ hours, including the coffee stop! We will try and keep off-road as much as possible, but some roads (and hills) are inevitable. You just need to have a bike in good condition, a cycle helmet and preferably some hi-vis clothing. We will try not to be put off by the weather, but will not ride when road surfaces are unsafe for any reason.

The original 'Easy Wheelers' cycling group is one of Hucknall U3A's first groups; it has expanded over the years and now does some longer runs each month, so the Easier Cycle group is an alternative which should be enjoyable exercise for us.

If you want any more information, contact Irene via the HU3A website.

FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

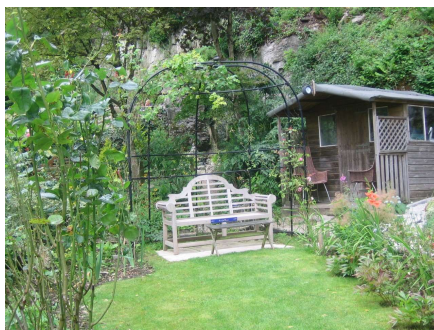
A brief reminder that there is no meeting in September. We resume again on Thursday 10th October in JGC 10.30 to 12 noon and we shall begin the first of 4 sessions on French. Newcomers are welcome. And this group at present covers 3 Languages French, Spanish and Italian on a 4 monthly cycle to learn enough to get by on holiday. It is not an intensive course and to get fun out of this you need to do all the languages not just one. each session is built upon.

Please contact us if you want to come for a taster at any time. Ann Murray & Liz Attenborough.

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GARDENING GROUP

Members enjoyed a visit to Cascades Gardens in Bonsall, Derbyshire last month. The setting was very unusual with cliffs, winding streams, waterfalls (which are spectacular in winter, we were told), woodland and borders. The garden was built on the ruins of an old cornmill and a quarry and there was also an old lead mine dating back to the 18th century. There were many different plants, familiar and unknown to enjoy and also many seats to help us to enjoy the varied aspects of a beautiful and unusual garden. It opens for the NGS scheme and is well worth a visit. After refreshments and a few plant sales we went to the nearby Hollies Farm and Plant centre which also had a spectacular display garden. The slopes make for some interesting settings, as well as challenges for upkeep! Many members were tempted by the beautiful plants to add to their own gardens. Another sunny and successful outing!.



Our last visit of the year will be on September 17th, to Newby Hall, in Ripon and we will be taking monies and names at the main meeting. All are welcome.

GINOLOGY GROUP

The inaugural meeting of the Ginology Group took place on the 15th August.

We had a short introduction to some of the history of gin and its effects on society, and then went on to the tastings.

The first gin for tasting and discussion was the Pomegranate and Rose liquor by Edinburgh Gin. The group agreed it was a very pleasant tasting gin and did not really require diluting unless you wanted the drink to last longer. We then went on to sample Peaky Blinders Gin by Sandler's. The general feedback on this gin was it was probably the closest to what gin tasted like when the Gin Places ruled and Hogarth was painting the rakes progress. The accent notes were more creosote and turpentine, as it was back in those days. Definitely needed mixing with tonic water and probably garnished with a fruit salad.

The next meeting is on Thursday 19th September when we will be sampling Tanqueray Sevilla Gin and a Durham gin from the Kyren trip.

HISTORY GROUP

Calling History Group members. At the main meeting at the Leisure Centre on 11th September August - myself, Kath and Kathy will be taking names and payment for a visit to The Royal Armouries in Leeds on Wednesday October 16th. The coach will leave Hucknall Market at 10am - returning 6.30pm (ish). Total cost is £15 per person. As a special remembrance of the day I have booked a guided tour of the Tournament Gallery and a handling session.

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The first indoor meeting of the next season is on 18th September at Central Methodist Church at 2pm. Andy Mckinnon will be telling us about The Great War with a focus on Hucknall. Andy first gave this talk to Hucknall Heritage Soc. members and I was impressed.

Question. A few newer members have asked about a visit to see the Richard III museum in Leicester. Would you like to go? Yes. I know we have been before but it is a few years ago. If there is enough interest we can go again. Please let me know if you are interested. Maureen

KURLING GROUP

Hi everyone, we had a great session. Barbara had a bullseye great stuff. The winners overall were Jean, Sylvia, Carol, Peter and Jean. We had a visit from some of our members to see what we were all about. At the end of the session they all had a go to see what they thought. I hope they were impressed. Many thanks to my members for their monthly attendance. See you all at the next meeting. Jean Green



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.

We visited the old Seven Mile House on August 28th when we lunched at Miller & Carter. We received a very warm welcome, good service and excellent food. The quiz was won by Kath & Barry Hurt.

September 25th will be a visit to Oliver's Pub & Kitchen at Eastwood; please let me have your menu choices as soon as they appear on the website or at the September meeting.

On October 23rd we will see what they have done to the Old Spot at Daybrook which is now called The Cooper's Brook. Then on November 27th we shall try George's on Queen Street, Nottingham. Our Christmas lunch will be at our usual venue, The Albert Hall on Wednesday, 18th December (apologies for the typing error last month) and I shall be taking £10 deposits at the September

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meeting. The menus for these lunches will be added to the website when they are received from the restaurants.

Please also note that the annual £1 administration fee is now due.

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, 9th September.

READING GROUP

In August we read "The Chilbury Ladies' Choir" by Jennifer Ryan. While their men are off fighting the Nazis, the women in the English village of Chilbury struggle to carry on. Though the action spans only a few months in 1940, a lot happens: there are bombings, a nefarious baby-swapping scheme, passionate love affairs, acts of espionage and of great valour. This was not one of our usual choices but was very enjoyable.

There are enough names to start a second Reading Group and these members have been contacted. Those interested should contact Siobhan Lee, the Groups' Co-ordinator if they still wish to join a second Reading Group.

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 2 GROUP

We reconvene after our August break on Friday 20th September. The programme will include a follow up of our visit to the Centre for Sustainable Chemistry and a presentation on the process and ethics of research into new drugs for clinical use. This will include a case study of one which went wrong. David Rose

SINGALONGA GROUP

Our group continues to grow , new members are always welcome.

To those who missed the last meeting, our recording of Que Sera was played on the Morning Show on BBC Radio Nottingham, as part of the Big Sing that Mark Dennison is championing , perhaps we should release a CD of our favourite songs!.

Many thanks to Dave and Christine who help when we're away and also run a fun quiz.

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THEATRE GROUP

Cabaret, Theatre Royal, 12th September 2019, 2pm, Tickets £35.00
Sound of Music, Theatre Royal, 30th October 2019, 2:30pm, Tickets £30.50
Wedding Singer, Derby Theatre, 9th November 2019 2:30pm, Tickets £19.00
Northern Ballets Cinderella, Theatre Royal, 23rd November 2019, 2:30pm, Tickets £32.50
We Will Rock You, Royal Concert Hall, 27th November 2019, 2pm, Tickets £44.50
Some Mothers do have em, Theatre Royal, 12th March 2020, 2pm, Tickets £36.50
Riverdance, Royal Concert Hall, 18th March 2020, 2:30pm, Tickets £50.00

WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH)

In August we met in bright sunshine at the Plough Inn, in Farnsfield, ready to set off on a scenic, approximately 7 mile walk around the outskirts of the village.

It was a pleasant and varied walk across fields and along quiet country lanes and footpaths. The first section took us out of the village and across wheat fields up to the Edingley road, then up the lane towards Robin Hood's Hill, a Bronze Age burial mound. A track led us around the edge of some woods, then up the final (and actually rather gentle) slope to the summit of the hill, where we were rewarded with beautiful 360 degree views across miles of Nottinghamshire countryside and well worth the effort!

After our coffee break and a chance to take in the views, it was downhill all the way, across and between fields, with a lunch stop at the Halifax Bomber Memorial site.

We arrived in the bar at the Plough just as the heavens opened - perfect timing!!

Thank you to Mandy James and Chris West for organising such a lovely walk.

OUR NEXT WALK IS ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, FROM BELPER

WATERCOLOUR GROUP

This year the watercolour group met at 'The Old Vicarage' in Halam for their August outdoor painting session. The beautiful garden normally opens as part of the 'National Garden Scheme' during the summer but private parties are welcome. Whilst the day started off very wet, the rain did disappear and we had bright sunshine for the rest of the day. The event was well attended by 13 members who enjoyed painting the beautiful vistas, shady nooks and views over adjacent fields. Our thanks to Patrick our tutor, who organised the visit.

During the summer several of our members entered the Byron Festival Art Competition, we are pleased to confirm that Margaret Crooks came first and Sue Tongue was runner up. Vicky Moss achieved a first, a second and a third with her entries into the Beauvale Horticultural Society Art Competition at the Bank Holiday. Congratulation to all of those who entered.

WEEKENDERS' GROUP

The Weekenders programme for September to December will be posted on the U3A website later this week 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. This group is now full but if anyone is

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interested in a Weekenders Too! Group, please let the Groups' Co-ordinator, Siobhan Lee, know when between us we could start a second group.

We lunched at The Riverside Farm on August 3rd, changed an outing to Stamford on August 9th, going to Dobbies at Chesterfield instead in view of the predicated bad weather and a few of us braved a trip to good old Skeggie on 22nd August. Our Coffee Club meeting on 31st was our Programme Planning session for September to December.

Places are limited for all events so group members please contact Sandra Green if you wish to have your names put down for events in September to December.

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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS

September 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 13:20
 3rdWednesday 11:20
 DISCUSSION 1stMonday 13:45
 DRAMA 4thFriday 10:00
 FILM CLUB Thursday 12:30

HISTORY 3rdWednesday 14:00
 NATIONAL TRUST Various dates & times
 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
 EASIER CYCLE Every Friday 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
 GINOLOGY 3rd Tuesday 19:00
 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
 FRENCH BEGINNERS 2nd & 4th Friday 10:30
 FUN WITH LANGUAGES 2nd Thursday 10:30

SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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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