



NEWSLETTER

Issue December 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

Several Members have recently asked me about the composition of the U3A Committee so I will take this opportunity to explain the composition and roles of the twelve Trustees.

- Chairman - Barrie Saunders
- Vice Chairmen - Siobhan Lee and Margaret Huckerby
- Business Secretary - Mark Jackson
- Minutes Secretary - Sandra Green
- Short Course Organiser - David Rose
- Treasurer - Christine Berrill
- Membership Secretary - Marguerite Hodgkinson
- Speaker's Secretary - Margaret Huckerby
- Interest Groups' Leader - Siobhan Lee
- Equipment Manager - Philip Attenborough
- Website Manager - Angela Cornish
- Member - Dianne White
- Member - Dianne Heenan

Members have recently had their photographs taken and these will be on display at the Monthly Meetings.

Members meet on the first Wednesday of each month and can may seek re-election every two years with Officers having to retire after serving a period of six years.

Two members will be leaving the Committee next April.-Margaret Huckerby and Marguerite Hodgkinson.

This Committee is supported by a Social Committee.

Barrie Saunders, Chairman

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OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH

No Speaker – December Showcase

Future Speakers

8th January – Bob Massey – “Arnold Underground”

12th February – Paula Cornwall – “The Hon Mrs Victor Bruce”

11th March – Richard Booth – “Riding Route 66”

COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee

Committee Meeting

Due to altered deadlines (from the newsletter editor) the committee notes are not available to publish in this month's newsletter, however they will be available on the website and displayed at the December Showcase meeting.

NEW GROUPS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH 2020

The Chairman's Lunch is on Sunday 23rd February 12 for 12:30 at the usual venue of Portland College. This time it's our chance thank Barrie for his 2 years as our Chairman as well as having a very pleasant Sunday lunch with friends.

I hope there will be some entertainment as usual but anyone can volunteer to entertain us if they wish!.

The price has gone up a bit and is £21 pp including a small tip for the staff. It will be a traditional Sunday lunch of soup, a roast, crumble or pie plus coffee. It will be the 9th lunch we've held and it might be the last so please come along and join in a usually very enjoyable afternoon.

Please let me know asap either at the meeting or by email if you are attending, who you might like to sit with and let me have a cheque payable to Hucknall U3A (Cheques will not be presented until after the February meeting)

The deadline for booking in is the February U3a meeting but I would like to have an idea of numbers as soon as possible.

Geoff Cree (geoffcree@btinternet.com).

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ASHFIELD U3A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

You are invited to take part in this event on 31 December 2019 from 8 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. at Selston Village Hall.

Tickets are £12 and there will be dancing and entertainment by Tony Lee an international entertainer.

Supper will be a fuddle where everyone will bring their own food and drink. Coffee and tea will be provided.

If you would like a ticket please contact Janet Castle on [01623 468102](tel:01623468102) and leave your name, address and telephone number. Tickets can either be delivered or collected on payment.

Workshops and Short Courses

Tuesday 21st January 2020 JGC 10.30 to 11.30.

An informative talk from Sue Bailey (Diabetes UK) on all aspects of Diabetes £1.00

Thursday 30th January 2020 JGC 10.30 to 11.30

A presentation from Nottinghamshire Police on Cybercrime

This is a free event for the benefit of our members.

The Most Common Types of Cyber Crime

- Theft. A lot of theft occurs online
- Identity Theft. Probably the most devastating type of cybercrime is identity theft.
- Hacking. Hackers are able to access someone else's personal information over the internet
- Stalking. Cyber stalking

No advance booking required for the above presentations just attend on the day.

David Rose

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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 e-mail alansnape@hotmail.co.uk

The calendar includes events at the Royal Centre, The Broadway Cinema, The Bonington Cinema and Theatre Arnold. Opera & Ballet transmissions and recordings as well as the usual films coming our way.

The Film Club attendance at The Broadway Silver Screen on Thursdays is growing with films showing at 10.30 and 13.30. Silver Screen includes free tea/coffee and biscuits and a U3A discount reducing admission charge to £4.50. Silver Screen films at reduced prices are also shown at most other cinemas in the area also each Thursday.

Please pass on any information on local cultural activities that you would like included.

Silver Screen for the coming weeks are as follows:-

Thursday 12th Dec 'The Two Popes' at 10.30 and 13.30

Thursday 19th Dec 'Top Hat' Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers at 10.30 and 13.30

CHOIR GROUP

We have recently lost a couple of members, and should like to replace them. If you think you may like to join us, but first you'd like to see what we do, please get in touch and we can arrange for you to visit us. You can find my details on the Choir notice board, or the website. We meet at Sherwood House in Linby. The 141 'bus could hardly be more handy, there are several stops in the town, and almost at the entrance to Sherwood House. The timing is practically perfect in both directions, although members kindly offer lifts so the 'bus is not often needed, and the 'bus company have assured me that they will, should it fail to turn up, refund the taxi fare on production of a receipt!. We need more ladies, but would love some men, we currently have one brave soul who makes a huge difference, but could really use some support if you think you could help him out.

FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS GROUP

Meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month in The John Godber Centre. Room for new members - please contact Alan Snape on 0115 9273524 or alansnape@hotmail.co.uk.

FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

Our meeting on 14th November was well attended and we did some hard learning on regular and irregular verbs. We next started a new BBC course we are following and this was well received - especially the games section!!

We decided to give the presentation event a miss this year as time for practice overtook us. Also a little lack of inspiration!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday December 12th at JGC 10.30 till 12 noon. We shall continue a little with our new course, but also leave time for song and our Christmas nibbles! A very happy Christmas and a healthy New year to one and all!. Ann and Liz.

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HISTORY GROUP

Stephen Walkers visit in November was very enlightening. He told us about some of the history of Gedling and how he had been heavily involved with the recent book about the borough. He explained how - along with Hucknall Heritage Society something similar for Hucknall could be attempted as well as a town walk leaflet showing the conservation area. Some U3A members volunteered to help when definite needs/ideas had been settled.

No meeting in December – too near Xmas.

Stephen Flinders will be coming on Wednesday 15th January with his Box of Curiosities. Starting again with the presentation at 2pm sharp. I will need a few early helpers for this meeting as Stephen would like the room set out differently. How do you feel about the speakers starting at 2pm on a regular basis when we have them?

Wednesday February 19th is a members meeting. I have asked members to bring a 'HISTORY' book to explain to others why it is a good read. It might be factual non-fiction, classic story, book of photographs, historic detective thriller, fiction set in past times or even an old map. Please bring a book telling members a little about the contents and why you suggest they should enjoy or learn something from your suggestion.

March 18th is a visit to King Richard III in Leicester. Kath & Kathy will be taking names, payments and giving receipts starting at the January U3A meeting on Wednesday January 8th. List available at meetings or on website for History Group dates/arrangements during 2020.

Happy Christmas and a great New Year to members of the History Group and all members of Hucknall U3A. Maureen Newton.

KURLING GROUP

Another month with our Kurling professionals. Great session plenty of games played everyone had a great afternoon. The dark nights are not putting you off thank you all. We had another bullseye well done Mavis Bayley. The overall winners were Rob Cook Jane Jarvis Rita Childe Jean Carrington and myself Jean Green. See you all in December same time.

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. Please note that at our lunch group visits members should purchase their own drinks at the bar as adding everyone's drinks to the food menu causes a lot of administration problems. Many thanks.

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On November 27th we went to George's on Queen Street, Nottingham for our "Fish & Chips" fix! Our Christmas lunch will be at our usual venue, The Albert Hall on Wednesday, 18th December. This year has just flown by! So in January (22nd) we shall make a return visit to our old favourite, Arunothai, in Hucknall. Pre-orders please at the November and December meetings.

NATIONAL TRUST GROUP

Members will be aware that after many years organising the National Trust Group. Sue Spolton has decided to step down and enjoy a well deserved rest.

This has been such a popular group that I did not want to see it fold so I will take over the group along with my wife, Sue We will have our first visit in March, details of which will be in the January Newsletter. Barrie Saunders

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 winners of the October quiz were "Three Plus One" and "Only Here For The Dinner!". The next Pub Quiz will be on Monday, 9th December.

READING GROUP

In November we were lucky to have two sets of books donated to us from Lowdham Book Shop for which we were very grateful. When we have read them, we shall donate them to our U3A book table.

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

At our November meeting we were privileged to hear from 2 Post-Doctoral and 1 Post Graduate researcher from the School Of Life Sciences at Nottingham University.

There was a presentation from 2 members of a team doing research into friendly bacteria that feed on disease causing ones, many of which are becoming resistant to our range of antibiotics. Using the friendly bacteria to combat disease and infection in humans is a target for this team.

The other presentation was about research into a very specific sub group of microorganism that thrive in extremes of temperature, salinity and at high levels of methane (natural gas).

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One strand of this is looking at how they might be used to break down plastics in landfill sites.

December 20th Meeting - A sideways look at science with a seasonal element with:

- Presentations from Christine Vincent and Alan Ratcliffe and another double act from John Tedstone and David Rose involving team work.

As ever the team with the most points wins a desirable prize...

February 14th 2020 (10.30 to 12.30/1pm)

- A visit to the Horological Museum at Upton has been booked. The cost is £10.00 for a talk and a guided visit. No deposit required as the money is payable on the day.

David Rose

THEATRE GROUP

Band of Gold – Theatre Royal, 15th January 2020, 2pm, Tickets £30.50

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

Matthews Bournes The Red shoes, 16th April 2020, 2pm, Tickets £40.50

Strictly Come Dancing The Professionals, Royal Concert Hall, 13th May 2020, 2.30pm, Tickets £52.00

Live at lunch free concert Monday 9th December 2019 Christmas carols and festive songs from NTU Chamber Choir. This concert start at 1pm but will be popular so plan to arrive early.

If you are interested in the history of the theatre you can go to www.ourtheatreroyal.org for much more information. Barbara Ives

WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH)

For our last walk of the year, 32 happy ramblers made the most of the beautiful sunshine walking from Beeston Weir, along the Trent to Clifton Bridge and back along the canal. After stopping for lunch by Beeston Lock, we looped around Attenborough Nature Reserve, where we encountered the only muddy paths of the day! We ended the day with a welcome drink in the Boat and Horses pub. Thanks go to Philip and Liz Attenborough for leading this lovely walk. We now look forward to exploring more of the countryside next year.

Our walk leaders met in November to plan our walks for 2020 and I am pleased to say that we have another full programme of walks. We will be starting on January 20th with a city centre walk/quiz, followed by food and drinks in a pub.

Thank you to all our 2019 walk leaders who have provided us with an excellent year of walking. Sue Tedstone.

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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.

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

November started off with a Bus Pass Day Out to Southwell Minster Craft Fayre on the 2nd but the outing to Derby Craft Market at The Roundhouse on the 9th was unsuccessful as the floods caused diversions and traffic jams, which meant by the time we arrived the queue stretched all around the building and we would have been standing in the cold for an hour, so our driver kindly dropped us off at the INTU Eagle Shopping Centre (which suited many of us) and which proved to be far more impressive than the Nottingham City Centre shops.

On 16th November we had a "Winter Warmer" Social Evening at Sandra Green's home, with jacket potatoes & cheese plus hot apple pie and custard. This was followed by a very funny "Would I Lie To You" session, which proved how good some of us were at telling a tale or two! We had a lunch at Keycraft Garden Centre, Hucknall, on 22nd November and on 26th November we had a "Broomhlll Birthday" lunch for June Flint. Our Coffee Club on 30th November hosted a Craft stall for doing a bit of pre-Christmas shopping.

We are all looking forward to our trip to the Blue Diamond Garden Centre/Retail outlet on 6th December and our Christmas lunch on 10th December. We shall end the year with Coffee Club & 2020 Programme Planning on 28th December. Time flies when you're having fun!!

Places are limited for all events; in fact, many are full already, so group members please contact Sandra Green if you wish to have your names put down for events in October to December. Please note that places for outings must be paid for before the event. Many thanks.

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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS

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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

ACOUSTIC GUITAR 1st&3rd Thursday 10:00
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 ×
READING (BOOKS)* 1stWednesday 14:00
SINGALONGA 3rd Tuesday 10:30
THEATRE various dates
UKULELE 2nd&4th Monday 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 2ndSunday3-5pm
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 Thursday 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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