



NEWSLETTER

Issue January 2020

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 very sadly. our Honorary President, John Ellis, passed away shortly before Christmas. John was passionate about the U3A from the moment that he joined the movement. He helped set up The Hucknall U3A all those years ago and continued to contribute greatly up to the time he sadly passed away

John had the U3A running through his veins and his contribution to the movement was enormous .I am informed that he even arranged a meeting of U3A members while on a cruise to the Black Sea!

Members will be very aware of John's love for the Social side of the U3A but he contributed so much more including his time as Chairman and setting up new groups.

He wore many hats during his time with the organisation and each time he completed the role with great professionalism.

John had many personal characteristics which were admired by all who knew him.

He brought a great deal of pleasure to so many members. He was incredibly hardworking, outgoing,.. helpful, caring and kind to everyone he spent time with.

His determination to fight his illness was something which I personally found inspiring. This quality allowing him to attend and enjoy the recent U3A Showcase.

John will be very greatly missed by all.

Barrie Saunders on Behalf of everyone at Hucknall & District U3A

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OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH

Bob Massey – “Arnold Underground”

Bob tells us of what caves are under Arnold and their history.

Future Speakers

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

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

8th April – Maureen Newton – “Stories from In & Around Hucknall”

COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee

Committee Meeting

The Treasurer reported that everything in the Accounts was fine and balanced, December had been a quiet month.

The Equipment Manager reported that the new Sound System was working well. He was trying to find a reputable company to conduct the Portable Appliance Testing.

The Webmaster said that everything was fine.

The Membership Secretary reported on the progress made with the renewal process.

The Groups' Coordinator gave an update from the Groups.

The Speaker's Secretary reported that next week's Speaker would talk about the Caves Under Arnold.

The Chairman led a minutes silence to past Chairman, John Ellis

A U3A Day planned for early June and an Arts Festival planned for August were discussed.

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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. Unfortunately I cannot be at the January meeting but any bookings can be made by Email to geoffcree@btinternet.com

Christmas Showcase

The Christmas Showcase was another success this year. Thank you to all those groups who took part and to the audience who came to support them. The Drama group portrayed modern life on public transport hilariously. The Ukulele Group strummed their way through a medley of well-known songs. Three ladies from the History/Drama group presented very current poems, articles of clothing and history which kept the audience enthralled.

Even the Committee took part. I think people enjoyed the quiz. The afternoon was rounded off with a great Singalong.

Happy New Year to you all

Siobhan

Aging Well

Last year I attended an Ageing Well day at the university. I somehow managed to do a brain test which eventually led to a brains scan at QMC which I found a very interesting experience. The student doing the research is Jeyoung a very nice young lady and she would like some more volunteers. So if any of you are interested please contact me and I will forward your details. Barbara Ives

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ARTS & FILMS INFORMATION GROUP

If you wish to be included with the 150 other members in the circulation of the ongoing Arts Information Calendar each month, please drop an e-mail to alansnape@Hotmail.co.uk or ring me on 07940146542.

Silver Screen showings every Thursday morning at The Broadway – These films are also being shown on the same dates at all other Nottingham cinemas i.e. Cinecentre, Showcase, Savoy, Odeon Mansfield.

Thursday Jan 9th – JoJo Rabbit – a film about a 10 year old member of Hitlers Nazi Youth

Thursday Jan 16th – 1917 – WW1 film featuring Colin Firth and Benedict Cumberbatch

Thursday Jan 23rd – Bombshell – featuring Nicole Kidman – Fox News feminist victory story

Thursday Jan 30th – A Hidden Life – another Terrence Malik Film - 3 hours and starts at 10.00 and 13.30

All other films 10.30 and 13.30

Give yourselves plenty of time by arriving early to get your free Biscuits and drink and in time to get a good seat. Don't forget to ask for your U3A discount. Members to meet up at midday in first floor café.

BREWING SCIENCE & HISTORY GROUP

The Brewing Science and History Group, more commonly known as the Real Ale Group has had a very active and enjoyable year, we have visited two Breweries to better understand the complexities of the brewing trade, we have attended a historical lecture on Old Nottingham Public Houses at Nottinghamshire Archives, we have had a film night at the Bentinck Club on Old Pubs & Past Culture.

We have attended both the Hucknall Beer Festival at the John Godber Centre and the Robin Hood Beer & Cider Festival at the Motorola in Nottingham.

Also as expected we have had many very pleasant evenings sampling the produce of many hostelries on our visits to Hucknall, Nottingham, Basford, Beeston & Mansfield.

Our present membership totals 26, comprising of 14 men and 12 ladies, who enjoy each other's company and have many enjoyable nights out together.

Currently planning our calendar for 2020 we are always looking for new ideas and would also welcome any new members.

Many thanks to all for taking an active part.

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.

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FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

Our December session progressed with videos on Directions using Ma France. We enjoyed the craziness of finding the hotel and the Activities (when we finally found them!!) Scoring was not too bad! We had our Christmas nibbles and then some karaoke to Sacha Distel and others courtesy of Phil Nathan. Our January meeting will be on 9th January in JGC at 10.30. Newcomers are always welcome to join us. Happy New Year!

Ann Murray & Liz Attenborough

GARDENING GROUP

The Gardening group concluded last year with a very interesting and informative talk from John Stirland, of Radio Nottingham fame. (He is currently on Radio Lincoln as they do not have lots of music in between the gardening items!) He is a very interesting speaker and we all learned something new. We finished the meeting with seasonal refreshments in true U3A form. Thank you to all the members for your support and encouragement this year, and for giving ideas for future meetings and trips.

We are having a meeting on January 21st 2020, in the big hall at the John Godber Centre and it can be accessed from the car park door. It will be a slide show based on the trips we have enjoyed this year. All are welcome, especially if you have not joined us before. Come and see what we got up to in 2019!

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.

Our Christmas lunch was at our usual venue, The Albert Hall on Wednesday, 18th December and was the best Christmas lunch we've had in years. On January 22nd we shall make a return visit to our old favourite, Arunothai, in Hucknall. The menu will be on the U3A website and I will also email you all a copy; I must have the pre- orders please at the January U3A meeting. The February lunch venue is yet to be announced.

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MOVEMENT TO MUSIC GROUP

The first Movement session this term will be held on Thursday 9th January at the usual time (10.00 - 11.00) in The Portland Hall at the John Godber Centre. We will then go back to meeting on the first Thursday of the month, so the following dates will be: 6th February, 5th March & 2nd April.

New members are welcome to join at any time, and further information is available on our webpage Sue Saunders.

NATIONAL TRUST GROUP

Sue and myself are presently planning the details for our first two visits for March and April, We are planning to visit Fountains Abbey in late March and Nostell Priory in April. Both sites have much to see and the first venue is actually a World Heritage site.

Full details will be available at the January members meeting and on the website in early January.

Bookings will be taken at the February and March meetings.

If you have any particular places that you would like to visit with the group or any general suggestions please let me know at barriensaunders@yahoo.co.uk

We look forward to visiting some interesting sites over the year.

Best Wishes, Sue and Barrie Saunders

PICKLEBALL GROUP

The first meeting of 2020 is on Thursday January 16th 2pm to 4pm at Hucknall Leisure Centre

If any members wish to 'have a go' they are most welcome to a free first taster session any Thursday afternoon.

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 January.

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READING GROUP

In December we let the Library choose an historical novel from Philippa Gregory for discussion at the February meeting. We will still be discussing the donated books from Lowdham Books at the January meeting.

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 end of year meeting we were royally entertained by Christine Vincent and Alan Ratcliffe who with a modern 'magic lantern' took us through 10 sciences based events in recent history.

These included the invention of Christmas crackers by a certain Tom Smith whose company is still in business.

Bob McEwen then came along together with some insect based food items and before a tasting session he presented some facts to illustrate the advantages of farming insects for food.

He explained that they are high in protein and use relative low amounts of energy and space to farm.

Finally an end of year 'Science of Christmas' team quiz and a big thank you to the group for their continued enthusiasm.



Next Meeting: Friday January 17th 10am to 12 noon.

Presentations by John Tedstone and David Rose

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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

WALKING GROUP (SHORT LENGTH)

Our Christmas walk of 2019 started from The Horse and Groom in Moorgreen.

The first half along the road past Beauvale Priory was a good walking surface. However, following more overnight rain the footpath downhill towards Greasley Church was akin to a mud slide.

This certainly slowed down progress but we all got back rather muddy but in one piece.

We were then joined by some non-walking colleagues for a good value lunch in the pub.



Next Walk: Thursday January 16th starting at the Thorsby Hall estate, details to follow.

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.

We all enjoyed our trip to the Blue Diamond Garden Centre/Retail outlet on 6th December and our Broomhill Christmas lunch on 10th December when we also celebrated birthdays for Ruth Houldsworth and Carol Huggett. We shall end the year with Coffee Club & 2020 Programme Planning on 28th December. There will be two birthday Broomhill lunches for Sandra Green and Doreen Newton on 3rd and 10th January. The programme will be on the Weekenders' website in late January. Time flies when you're having fun!!

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 January to April. 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	1 st &3 rd Thursday 10:00
CHOIR	1 st Wednesday 13:20
	3 rd Wednesday 11:20
DISCUSSION	1 st Monday 13:45
DRAMA	4 th Friday 10:00
FILM CLUB	Thursday 12:30
HISTORY	3 rd Wednesday 14:00
NATIONAL TRUST	Various dates ×
READING (BOOKS)*	1 st Wednesday 14:00
SINGALONGA	3 rd Tuesday 10:30
THEATRE	various dates
UKULELE	2 nd &4 th 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	2 nd Sunday 3-5pm
MOVEMENT TO MUSIC	Thursday 10:00
PICKLEBALL	Thursday 14:00
SEATED EXERCISE	4 th Monday 14:00
WALKING (LONG)	1 st Tuesday 10:00
WALKING (MID)*	3 rd Monday 10:00
WALKING (SHORT)	3 rd Thursday 10:00

FOOD & DRINK

BREWERY SCIENCE & HISTORY	Various
GINOLOGY	3 rd Thursday 19:00
INTERNATIONAL DINING	As Arranged
LATE BREAKFAST	1 st Friday 09:15
LUNCH GROUP	4 th Wednesday 12:00
PUB QUIZ & LUNCH	2 nd Monday 12:00
WINE APPRECIATION*	3 rd Monday 19:30
WINE TASTING *	3 rd Wednesday 19:30

HOBBIES & PASTIMES

CANASTA	1 st & 4 th Friday 19:00
CRAFT 1 *	3 rd Monday 13.45
CRAFT 2	2 nd Tuesday 14:00
GARDENING	3 rd Tuesday 14:00
HOLIDAYS	various dates
KNITTING & CROCHET	4 th Tuesday 14:00
MAH JONG	2 nd Friday 19:00
POT LUCK *	1 st Wednesday 19:30
RUMMIKUB1	1 st Monday 14:00
RUMMIKUB2	Thursday 13.00
SCRABBLE	4 th Thursday 14:00
TABLE GAMES	3 rd Friday 19:00
WATER COLOUR	1 st Monday 14:00
WEEKENDERS	various Sat & Sun.

LANGUAGES

FRENCH CONVERSATION*	3 rd Tuesday 10:00
FRENCH BEGINNERS	2 nd & 4 th Friday 10:30
FUN WITH LANGUAGES	2 nd Thursday 10:30

SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCIENCE 1	4 th Thursday 10:00
SCIENCE 2	3 rd 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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