



NEWSLETTER

Issue March 2020

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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

Members will be aware that my two year period of Office in the role of Chairman of the Hucknall U3A will come to an end at the April AGM.

The two years have gone unbelievably fast and have been very enjoyable. There are so many people to thank for their hard work and support over the period but I will leave that task for my last message in April.

From my point of view, the last two years has seen many positives which I hope have built on the excellent work completed by all the former Chairman.

Firstly, only last month we had a record attendance of 279 members at the monthly meeting, while the total number of Members is approaching five hundred.

While several new Interest Groups have started and we have well over fifty different Groups running successfully.

New Members are supported very well over their initial period with the U3A, a process that hopefully will help retain and encourage them to fully engage with the U3A.

Finances are in a healthy position helped enormously by the commission gained by those Members who have enjoyed a holiday with Riviera Travel alongside membership fees.

The Social Committee continue to organise a series of excellent events.

The new Short Courses and film sessions have proved very popular.

I have also been pleased that many Members have attended events organised by the County U3A.

I would like to think that with the continued support of Members, the Hucknall U3A can only go from strength to strength in the future under the guidance of the new Chair.

Barrie Saunders, Chairman

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Come Along and Celebrate Hucknall & District U3A's

BURN'S NIGHT - REVISITED

On Saturday 28th March 2020

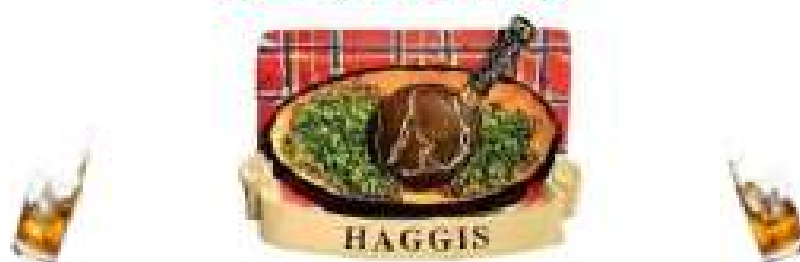
At the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall

from 6.30pm until 10.30pm

featuring entertainment

by the Vocalist

RICHARD COMFORT



The meal will be the traditional fayre of
Haggis, Neeps & Tatties & a wee dram
(Vegetarian Haggis available)
following the



ADDRESS TO A HAGGIS & PARADE at 7pm

Doors will open at 6.30pm, Meal served at 7.30pm

Tickets will be on sale at the February & March U3A monthly meetings
for £12.50 each with an additional charge of £1 for non-members

TARTAN DRESS IS OPTIONAL

OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH

Richard Booth – “Riding Route 66”

Richard brings photographs and stories from his journey.

Future Speakers

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

13th May – Mark Walsh – “Music Hall Experiences”

10th June – Milly Freeman – “A Little of what you fancy”

COMMITTEE CORNER - Notes from our Committee

Committee Meeting

The Groups' Coordinator reported that several Committee Members had booked places on an East Midlands Regional U3A Conference to be held at Eastwood Hall Hotel in April.

A update was given regarding U3A Day and The Notts U3A Arts day to be held in August. Several of our Committee Members were planning to attend the Arts Day along with some Interest Group's

The Treasurer presented the latest monthly accounts. A brief discussion took place regarding the impact of Barclays Bank closing their Hucknall branch in the near future. The Committee were advised that prices for room hire at the Leisure Centre would rise slightly from April.

Our Equipment Manager told the Committee that he was presently in contact with a local company with regards to P.A.T. of our electrical equipment.

David Rose reported back on a meeting he had held with staff at Leen Mills Primary school for U3A and pupils at the school to work together to plant trees in the school grounds.

The Membership Secretary reported that 486 Members had renewed their Membership and with another sixteen still expected then Membership should top the five hundred mark.

The Business Secretary reported on preparations and Agenda for next month's Annual General Meeting.

Barrie Saunders

CORRECTION

Apologies for a mistake on the leaflet everyone received with their renewal. The date for the Jazz night is Friday 26th June not the 24th. Siobhan

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NEW GROUPS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS

CORONAVIRUS

Please read the latest guidance and information attached to the newsletter e-mail.

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.

CHOIR GROUP

I know sorting out is tedious, but may I appeal to any previous choir members, no longer singing with us, to return any choir music they still have, please? We are revisiting some old tunes, and it would help to provide the music for those members who weren't with us when we sang them the first time round. I'm happy to collect it from you, or you could take it to a meeting and I'll pick it up from there. If you would be kind enough it would be appreciated, and could be put to good use. Thank you, and thanks to those who have already returned their music, it's a great help.'

FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

January was our last (for the moment) of 4 sessions on French. We had a great time performing role plays on buying and comparing supermarkets and markets; and collecting ingredients for meals. Well done everyone, you worked hard on those and have made superb progress. We also completed a wordsearch on food items.

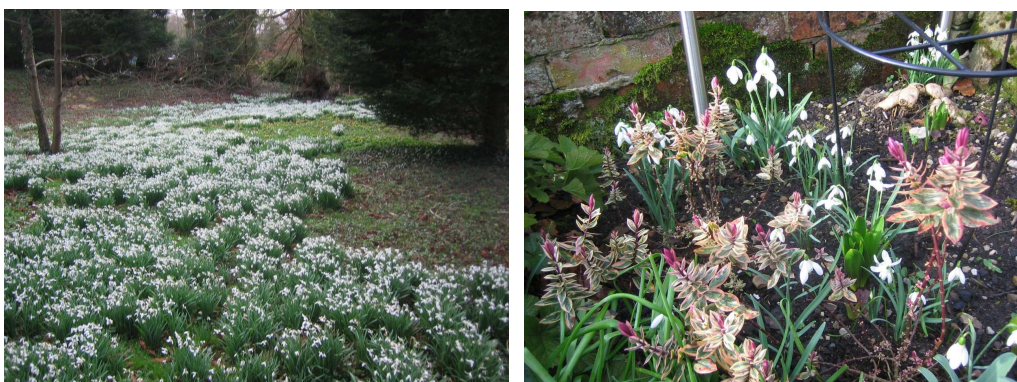
Our meal at French Living was greatly enjoyed, but marred a little for some with transport problems due to Clifton bridge repairs. However, the meal went well and many thanks to Liz for organising that.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th March 10.30 till 12 noon at JGC. We begin the first of 4 sessions on Spanish. New members welcome. Ann Murray & Liz Attenborough.

GARDENING GROUP

The first trip of the year was to Hopton Hall in Derbyshire to view the snowdrops and they did not disappoint. In addition aconites, hellebores, primulas and pulmonarias were all in flower too, so we certainly got our money's worth! The weather stayed dry for our walk around Hopton's gardens and woods but the rain came earlier than forecast when we arrived at Carsington. However, it did not dampen members' enthusiasm for the sights we had seen and all enjoyed the trip.

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Our next meeting is at the John Godber Centre on March 17th, when we welcome back Helen Sills as our speaker. All are welcome.

GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY GROUP

Fifteen members of the group visited the Tram Depot at Wilkinson Street in February. What a fascinating visit it was as well.

Trevor Stocker gave us an insight into the history and development of the Nottingham tram network. We then went on a tour of the Control Room and Workshop.

Afterwards, in true U3A style, we headed back to Hucknall on the tram and had lunch in Wetherspoons!!



GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP

As part of our continuing research into what makes things tick, the Grumpy Old Men, and several of the Not So Grumpies, visited Nottingham Council House recently. We were taken on a guided tour by Jackie Morris, former City Councillor and also twice Sheriff of Nottingham. The imposing building was completed in 1929, along with the former Processional Way. It was designed by local architect T C Howitt, who had originally suggested a more 'commercial' building. It replaced the old Corn Exchange on the same site, and the Goose Fair was moved from Old Market Square to its current home on the Forest when work commenced.

The view from the first floor balcony of the ballroom looks out over the large expanse of Old Market Square, and we were shown the long curved line in the paving which denotes the ancient boundary between the Saxon and Norman parts of Nottingham.

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A slightly delayed start meant that the Grumpies managed to fit in a short excursion beforehand to a well-known chain of pubs for coffee, causing some confusion when we arrived en masse.



An interesting visit from which we all learned more about Nottingham. If you would like to join the Grumpy Old Men, just use the email contact form on the G.O.M. website page.

HISTORY GROUP

All meeting are on 3rd Wednesday of the month except July, August & December. Indoor meetings are held at Central Methodist Church at 2pm prompt.

It was interesting at the February meeting to hear what Cathy Mahmood had to say about the new project for Bulwell. She seemed to have crowds of members round her at the break so I think she had a good day.

March 18th 2020 is the visit to Richard III Centre & Leicester Cathedral. Leave Hucknall 10.30am; Leave Leicester 4pm. Return Hucknall 5.30 (ish) Cost £18. At Leicester Cathedral there will be a service from 12.45 to 1.45 if you wish to attend. Afterwards you will be able to do a self-guided tour with a booklet about the Cathedral. Could I suggest we wear our U3A badges which will enable them to know who we are as we tour the buildings. The coach is fully booked and we have a reserve list so - if it happens that you are unable to make it on the day please let myself, Kath or Kathy know as soon as possible. Thank you.

The next meeting at Central Methodist is April 15th 2020 when Malcolm Darroch is coming to tell us about 'When the Balloon Went Up'. Maureen Newton

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 twelve 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

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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.

The February lunch on the 26th was at Mr. Man's Chinese Restaurant, Wollaton. The March lunch will be on the 25th and we are travelling a little further afield to the Black Bull at Denby. Then on April 22nd (floods permitting) we dine at The Unicorn, Gunthorpe.

NATIONAL TRUST GROUP

Would those members who have paid to go to Fountains Abbey on March 19th please assemble at Hucknall Leisure Centre coach park at approximately 8.45 - ready for a 9.00 departure. Also, a quick reminder that if you are not members of the National Trust there will be an admission charge of £15.20 per person.

At the members' meeting on 11th March we will be taking payments for the visit to Nostell Priory on 30th April. It would be appreciated if your cheques (for £7.50 per person) could be pre-signed, as it may help to save you unnecessary queuing time. (Please note that there is still a long waiting list for this trip, so if anyone has been allocated a place but needs to drop out for any reason could you let us know asap).

Also at the March meeting there will be details of the 3rd trip, which is a visit to Calke Abbey in Derbyshire (Monday 18th May), on the group notice board. There will also be an opportunity for members who are interested in going on this trip to sign up for it at the National Trust desk, and places will be available on a first come/ first served basis.

In the meantime, if any group members have any specific queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Barrie & Sue. barriensaunders@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07518 281676

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 £1 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 March. Please note the April one will be a week later as Easter Monday falls on our usual date; so, we shall meet on 20th April.

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READING GROUP

In February we read David Attenborough's "Life on Air".

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 1&2 GROUP

Change of date for Science Group 2. Both groups have been trying to access speakers to talk about aspects of Forensic Science.

On May 28th, 10am to 12pm we have a presentation to both groups, an introduction to a basis for some forensic techniques called:

"Biometrics - There will never be another you ..."

SCIENCE 2 GROUP

As a Valentine's Day treat (!) we had a group visit to the Horological Museum in Upton on the 14th February.

We had an interesting talk followed by a guided tour and were able to view and learn something about how the measurement of time has evolved.

Next Meeting: March 20th: is 'Women in Science Month'

Please complete and bring along your 'homework' for your mini presentations

There will also be a presentation by me about some lesser known women scientists.

April 17th: A catch up on Drug Trials, the protocols for testing and approving new drugs, ethical issues and an example of a trial that failed to identify the effect the drug would have on some patients. David Rose

SINGALONG GROUP

Happy to say our singalong group continues to be well attended.

We are still managing to find new songs but have a few "golden oldies" that still prove popular. Thanks to Christine and Dave Vincent who led our last session, the theme being "Uncle Mac's Children's Favourites" with some great film footage.

A game of double or drop from Crackerjack was played in the interval, the winners received Crackerjack Pencils, the loser? Cabbages lovingly made by Christine!

All are welcome to our next meeting on the 17th March.

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THEATRE GROUP

Some Mothers do have em, Theatre Royal, 12th March, 2pm, Tickets £36.50.
Riverdance, Royal Concert Hall, 18th March 2020, 2:30pm, Tickets £50.00.
Derby Day at Repton Theatre on Saturday 11th April to see Annie at 2:30pm.
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
Beautiful The Carole King Musical, Concert Hall, 3rd June, 2pm, Tickets £49.00.
9 to 5, Theatre Royal, 17th June, 2pm, Tickets £48.50.
The Book of Mormon Musical, Theatre Royal, 15th August, 2:30pm, Tickets £65.00.
The Great Gatsby Ballet, Theatre Royal, 19th September, 2:30pm, Tickets £48.50.
The Adams Family, Theatre Royal, 17th October, 2:30pm, Tickets £43.00.
The Commitments Musical, Theatre Royal, 14th November, 2:30pm, Tickets £46.50.
Sister Act, Theatre Royal, 25th November, 2pm, Tickets £42.00.

WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH)

In February we swapped muddy fields and stiles for the paved streets of Nottingham City Centre and took part in our second 'Observational photo quiz walk'.

The event was very popular, with 34 taking part. We were split into 6 teams, each of which were provided with a sheet of photos of specific architectural features of 28 buildings, a list of street names and a city centre map. The aim was to match the photos to the location and to return to Soulville Steakhouse once completed.

David Jackson and Greg Umney planned the whole event, so they had the task of marking our sheets. Of the 6 teams, 5 had correctly placed all of the photos and after a tie break question, 'Team Marian' were declared the winners. A great day out, rounded off by a tasty lunch!!

Our next walk is from King's Clipstone – on Monday 16th March

WALKING GROUP (SHORT LENGTH)

The next walk on March 19th led by Roy Brown is to the beautiful Lumsdale Falls between Tansley and Matlock. Its 4.25 miles with a gradual walk up the falls and back down the other side with no stiles.

Our starting point is The Tavern at Tansley, Nottingham Road, Tansley, DE4 5FR

Travel distance 18/20 miles allow 45 minutes and it is on the main road between Alferton and Matlock. Meet at 9.45 for a 10am start

The Inn has a very large car park and they do a very good value lunchtime menu for anyone wishing to stay for a meal.

Contact Roy or myself if you need a lift and car share is recommended. David Rose.

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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.

We had another lovely lunch at Arunothai on 1st February and our next Broomhill Birthday lunch was on Friday, 14th February for Christine Wheatley's birthday. It was too wet and too cold for a February outing. Our Social Evening was on Saturday, 22nd February when we had very tasty jacket potatoes and desserts at the home of Margaret White, followed by our usual lively discussion on topics of the day and reminiscences of the past. Thanks Margaret! Our February Coffee Club was on the 29th when we reminisced about Valentine's Day memories. Another Broomhill lunch was on Friday, 5th March in celebration of Kay Burton and Joyce Crane's birthdays and future Broomhill birthday lunches will be on 27th March (Pam Farrell), and 31st (Pauline North, Jean Martin and Margaret Whilde). Our March Social Evening will be at Sandra Green's on the 14th. We will have a Book Swap at our Coffee Club on 28th March.

So another very busy month ahead for the Weekenders!

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.

WINE TASTING GROUP

A vacancy has arisen in our group for 1 person, which we would like to fill as soon as possible.

We are a group of 10 people, who meet in each other's homes at 7:30, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

We take it in turns to host, which involves providing 4 wines, having researched each one beforehand. The host also provides a small buffet to end the evening with. We are not experts but always learn something new and have a very enjoyable evening.

If you are interested you will be able to talk to me (Sue), in the Boardroom, in the break, at the U3A Meeting on 11th March. We don't have a board, so I'll stand in the corner!!. Sue Tedstone and Marilyn Gretton (Coordinators).

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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

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
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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