



NEWSLETTER

Issue October 2020

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Message from our Chair

Hello to all members

First of all 'the elephant in the room', Covid-19 and its effect on the U3A.

The combination of increased social interactions, people returning to work, school and university all at around the same time seem to have accelerated a second wave of infection.

Fortunately some combinations of hand washing, social distancing, masks and room ventilation have slowed the spread and helped to flatten the rate of growth.

However we are experiencing an increase in infection rates and the recent steps taken to help to slow it further and to protect those at higher risk, (most of us by virtue of age alone), have thwarted some of our plans to cautiously restart some face to face activities.

Which means that we are becoming more dependent on virtual meetings by Zoom.

We understand that this digital technology does not replace human interaction but, for now it provides a platform for us to carry on with some u3a activities.

Initially I was a mild Zoom sceptic, mainly because it was new to me and I was unaware of its possibilities. However, thanks to some patient tutoring from business secretary, Mark Jackson, I have developed more confidence in using it to facilitate interest group and U3A business meetings.

If you have not tried it I encourage you to do so.

More details about access to Zoom follow this message.

We had our first Zoom monthly meeting in September and we will continue with them whilst we cannot physically meet in a large group.

At the September meeting we were given a very interesting illustrated talk on Bestwood from the time of Nell Gwynne to today by member Bob Gow – we have many hidden talents in the U3A, thank you Bob.

Many of the speakers who visit U3A meetings have developed Zoom presentations and we will be using their services for future meetings.

It would be good to see more of you there.

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Meanwhile :

Take all precautions, don't get the virus. Hopefully this will be a good result which is what we are all aiming for.

David Rose, Chairman

COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee met via Zoom on October 7th at 10am.

Apologies were received from Dianne White, Sandra Green and Siobhan Lee

The September minutes were agreed.

Groups currently meeting via Zoom are Ukulele, Fun with Languages, Wine 1 and 2 and Science 1 and 2. Short Walks started in August and Gardening group members have met outside in 'bubbles' of 6 or less to appreciate members gardens.

We will be booking some outside speakers for upcoming main monthly meetings.

The Social subcommittee plan to meet on the 14th next week .

The monthly accounts show little change from last month.

There is a short course event next week on the 15th which is a talk by Katie Bannister. Katie is a Child line Volunteer Coordinator at the NSPCC in Nottingham.

The membership secretary is following up on 6 recent membership enquiries.

The recent National u3a AGM voted to increase the current capitation per member from £3.50 to £4.00 to commence April 2022

We shared some ideas on how we might be able to engage more members during the next few months. This is a problem for many organisations and difficult to solve in a changing situation.

Finally a comprehensive review on our finances was undertaken by our Business Secretary Mark Jackson. This was shared in advance of the meeting where it was discussed.

The outcome is that we will be making a temporary reduction of the membership subscription for 2021 to 2022. This requires a vote by the membership in December and full details will be in the November Newsletter.

David Rose

The online Zoom Monthly Meeting October 14th at 2pm

Agenda: Part 1

1. Welcome to the meeting
2. Update on activity

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Part 2

'It's a long way up' Trekking to Everest Base Camp and beyond.

Terry Hill and I have both completed this trek and we will describe and show you the area and its peoples as we talk through the journey from start to finish.

You will discover Terry's affinity with Yaks, how balaclavas can be used to check the outside temperature and much more.



David Rose

ACCESSING THE MEETING WITHOUT THE INTERNET or ZOOM

This is a Zoom event however if you do not have Zoom, do not like Zoom or have Zoom fatigue then the meeting can be accessed by phone.

It is your normal call rate (they are not premium numbers)

It allows you to join in and listen to the meeting.

How to access : If you do not have an internet connection you can join the meeting by telephone. Dial any one of the standard rate numbers below:

0203 901 7895

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

When prompted enter the meeting ID, which is 718 4497 8566, followed by #

When prompted for Participant ID, press #

When prompted for the meeting password, enter 136162, followed by #.

You will then be in the meeting.

To mute / unmute yourself during the meeting press *6

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NEW GROUPS, GROUP NEWS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS

Accessing Zoom Events

The Zoom app is required on Android and Apple devices (though it is not necessary to create an account).

It is possible to join a meeting on a pc/ laptop without installing the app by using the browser.

In summary a Zoom account is not required however the Zoom app may need to be installed, at least on some devices e.g. Android and Apple phones and some tablets.

It is a free app from Google Play.

You can also access with your sound only rather than sound and vision but you still see all the activities of the meeting .

Mark is offering assistance to any member who would like guidance and advice

Email : Mark Jackson at <hucknallu3abusiness@gmail.com

SCAM NEWS UPDATE

Door to Door Driveway Scam

Please be warned – do not accept any work from people just knocking on your door offering services such as the example below and others such as tree pruning, rubbish clearing , tarmac ` your drive` and roof repairs .

In our local area very recently a female resident has been targeted by a two young males who door knocked offering to level, jet wash, re-sand and seal her block paving driveway. They did not do the job as agreed. They damaged her car and refused to admit responsibility and charged her a large amount of money only accepting cash. She felt intimidated, scammed and ultimately foolish but thankfully not too upset and said "lesson learned". I'm sure they have moved on to their next vulnerable target but please ensure that you and any vulnerable neighbours are aware.

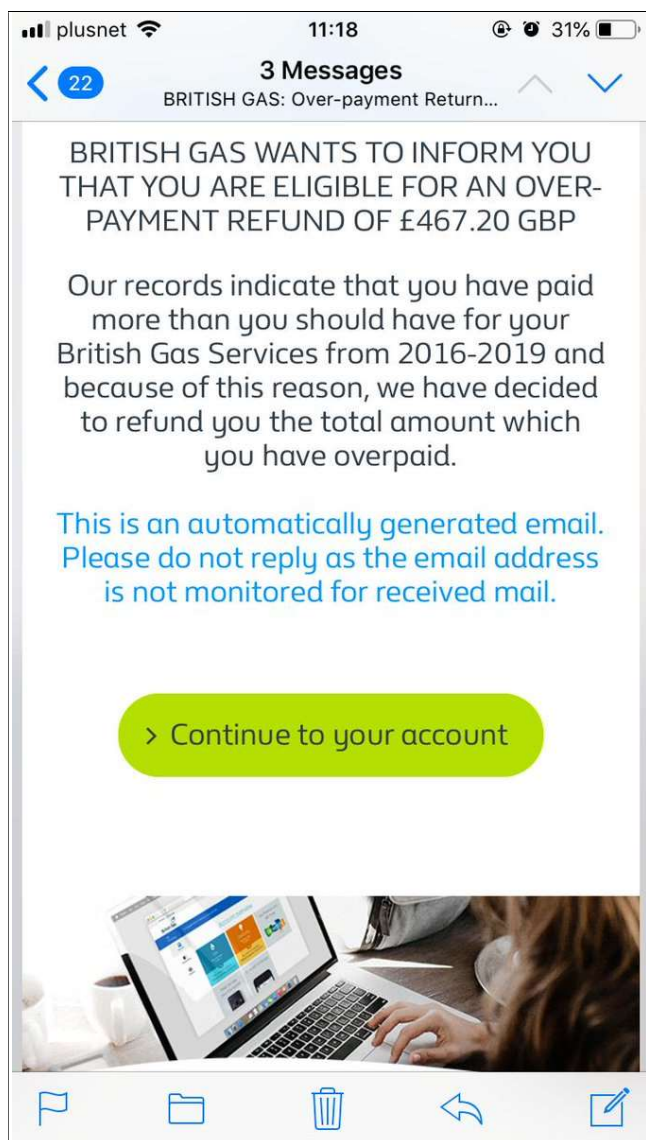
BRITISH GAS

25/09/2019: British Gas phishing email - currently doing the rounds

British Gas is making its customers aware of a fake email telling its customers that they've `overpaid`.

As with similar phishing attempts we've been made aware of, fraudsters are after your personal data and/or bank details. Here's what the fake email looks like

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British Gas Response

We're aware there is a fake email going around telling our customers they've overpaid and are entitled to more than £400 in refunds. If you've received this or another suspect phishing email from us, you can send it as an attachment to phishing@centrica.com and we'll investigate.

The passing off of well-known and respected brands is nothing new. This year we've seen Bit coin scammers impersonating Martin Lewis and the Mirror by email, and similar phishing attempts disguised as emails from the Royal Mail.

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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.

Here is the latest information to enable you to visit a local cinema.

THE ARC (previously Byron Cinema)

For those of you who are not aware that the ARC is now open complete with upholstered seats etc A full programme of what is on offer can be obtained by visiting its website www.hucknall.arccinema.co.uk Their website shows the films on offer and which one of the 3 screens being used. Parking can be obtained either on the Tram Park 'n' Ride (free) Piggins Croft and also the Market Place. Prices for Seniors are £7.75 Most films are shown 2 or 3 times per day. Tickets can be bought either by visiting the Foyer (ticket Machine for cards) at reception or on line or on phone.

Good luck to this new experience in Hucknall and solving the problem of our Byron building here in Hucknall.

What's On in October 2020at the ARC

TENET

Bill & Ted Face the Music

After We Collided

Fast & Furious 8

The Trial of the Chicago 7

Coming soon - The Kingsman- Wonderwoman 1984 - Death on the Nile - Candyman- Black Widow - No Time to Die - Soul - Peter Rabbit;The Runaway

All films are at concessional prices of £7.75 except Summer Classic Holiday Films which are charged at £4.50 before £4.50 and £6.50 after 5.00p.m.

The Bonington

Colleen and I went to the Bonington Cinema in Arnold last week. We booked our seats on line with no bother and paid by credit card. There are only 24 seats available for each performance to enable safety i.e 24 armchair seats with table between to place your drinks on from the bar. Tickets cost £4.20 with major events at £10.00 Car parking on the Asda car park outside the cinema. The Bonington Cinema is between Front Street and High Street and forms part of the Leisure Centre. Bookings on Line or by Phone or at reception.

Face coverings have to be worn in both cinemas.

Whats On at The Bonington

Catch up Screenings at £4.20

Misbehaviour

I am Woman - Life story of Helen Reddy who died on Monday 28th Sept -

ETERNAL BEAUTY

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EVENT CINEMA @ £10

The King & I -
Riverdance -
Back Together

For full regular information on dates and times of all films and concerts in and around Nottingham contact alansnape@hotmail.co.uk to have your e mail address added to his circulation list.

CHOIR GROUP

Last month a choir member carried out our first sung greeting, to mark a birthday, using our new Ring and Sing service. Apparently it was enjoyed by both the recipient of the good wishes, and the singer. Well done to our brave first singer, it takes courage to sing alone into a telephone, to what could be an unknown u3a member. Feel free to request a greeting if you'd like it, or know someone who would, there is an email form for requests on the website, under 'Choir'. (We would need to know a date, reason for the celebration, any greeting you would like conveyed, the recipient's telephone number, and your 'phone number would be helpful, for speed in case of queries). We would give the name of the sender with a greeting. It appears our celebrations may be quiet affairs for a while longer, so a friendly voice with a happy greeting could be welcome.

If choir members would like to practise something from our repertoire we have at least one very suitable song for the season, Autumn Leaves. We haven't done it recently (for a long time before the lockdown) so perhaps we could all have a go. We can think of each other as we make plenty of noise singing alone. Take care, and we'll see each other when we can. Nothing lasts forever, even if it begins to feel a little like it.'

FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

Greetings everyone!. We hope this finds you well and in as good a heart as possible as we all cope with these challenging Covid 19 days. Our good wishes go out to all those who are struggling with anxiety or other health issues.

We had the last of our Italian sessions for this set on 8th October via Zoom link. It was a more pleasing turn out than last time so well done! And those who have not been on, we miss you. We had a quiz on Italy kindly led by Liz; and then we looked at the Finding your way vocab sheet and wordsearch; then finished in style with a smile as the screen share worked and we enjoyed the Gypsy Queens rendition of L'Italiano, by courtesy of Phil. Thank you to all who took part and for technical help from Mark and Ian.

GARDENING GROUP

Autumn is the season of wasps, midges and shorter days as well as mists and mellow fruitfulness! Harvesting continues as a reward for all that care and hard work, if you can beat the squirrels to it all that is. They have feasted this year in my garden, on tomatoes, cucumbers, plums and cherries as well as my carefully-nurtured Echium – now just a sorry looking stump. At least they have left the beans and courgettes alone.

As I write there is still so much colour in the borders, from roses, to sedum, verbena, fuchsia, geranium, lobelia, salvia – to name just a few. It has been a good year for perennials and annual flowers, even if they all had to be watered during the very dry spells.

Now is the time to start planning for next year, even if things in the big wide world are still not back to normal. Shops and catalogues are full of ideas for spring colour and crocus, snowdrops, alliums,

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daffodils and narcissus can be planted now. Keep tulips and hyacinths until late October or November when soil temperatures mean they aren't as prone to disease. Netting on top of your plantings will deter mice and squirrels.

Now is also a good time to move or plant shrubs and trees while the soil is still warm, as it will allow roots to establish before winter. Apple trees can be given a light summer prune, especially those long water shoots that have grown through the summer. This will encourage fruiting spurs and can then be followed by another prune in winter, to keep the shape of the tree.

Summer pots can be tidied and kept going by feeding and watering regularly and dead-heading.



You can continue to enjoy virtual visits to gardens, and it is interesting to see what gardeners have been doing – maybe you can copy some good ideas. Enjoy your autumn plots!

Anne

HISTORY GROUP

The History Group always welcomes all U3A members. Our indoor meetings are held at Central Methodist Church on the 3rd Wednesday of the month commencing at 2pm. Money paid for the trip to Richard III will be safe in the U3A bank until we can re-arrange later on. At present I am not sure when meetings will restart – but - watch this space! I look forward to seeing everyone but in the meantime please take care and stay safe.

No-one came back to me with information about the football teams or all the goal scorers from last time. I thought that maybe a couple of readers would recognise sport playing family members.

I have acquired some of the books written by Eric Horriben **"Hucknall: Of Lowly Birth and Iron Fortune"**. If you would like one you can email me through the Hucknall U3A website' or call me on 0115 9631705 and we will arrange a socially distanced handover for £3. The cost if you would like one by post will be £5.

Eric was born in Hucknall in 1917 on Lambert Hill beside Spring Street School and was the son and grandson of coal miners. He was educated at Spring Street and Beardall Street Schools before going on to higher education with a scholarship to Henry Mellish School in Bulwell. In 1940 he married Kathleen Parr and the couple made their home on Winchester Street, Sherwood. Most local people knew him as Rates Officer in the local council offices for Hucknall UDC on Watnall Road. More than six years war service in the Devonshire Regiment fostered his interest in local history and maybe an idea of a book was probably born in a Toc H Canteen in India when the author was told of 'a little place near Nottingham'. Later he decided to do a Local History course at Nottingham University and his lovely book came eventually from the thesis for the course. Other interests included walking, youth work, being a local preacher and part-time lecturing for the WEA. Eric became chairman of Hucknall Heritage Society when it began in 1984 and continued for many years. He died some years ago now but we should be grateful that much of his work remains for us to enjoy today. I remember him especially for his kindness and encouragement to beginners like myself as I began looking seriously at Hucknall's history.

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A TALE OF TWO BOTTLES (A query during lockdown)

This tale is about two bottles one found on a walk and another in a garden. The question was could I help with any information?

The first one looked like a pint sized bottle for milk with a white circle on the outside - inside which was printed G. Walters, Dairyman, Hucknall. I had never heard of a Walters in this trade but looked through directory copies dating back 150 years and eventually found a listing. The directories of 1925, 1928 and 1941 note G. Walters, Dairyman, at No.2, Carlingford Road. This residential street seemed an unusual place for a dairy. Surprisingly I found nothing else so if you know any more about this business or are related to the family I would like to know.

The second bottle also pint sized had Wyatt & Co., Brewers, Hucknall, Notts. embossed on the glass. Directories first mentioned this business in 1910 giving W. Whyatt & Co., Botanic Beer Manufacturers, 51, Co-operative Avenue. The census for 1911 tells us that William Whyatt with wife Millicent, sons Sydney and Percy and daughter Kate were all born Hucknall Torkard and lived at 51, Co-op. Avenue. By 1925 Percy and Sydney were running the business as herbal brewers and this carries on up to a directory mention in 1941. I was interested enough to search for this family in earlier years discovering that William Whyatt was a butcher in 1891 living with his family on Watnall Road. By 1901 William was a brewer living on Woollaton Street.

Do any readers remember drinking these botanical beers? I did enjoy the Dandelion & Burdock but didn't like the Horehound which was known in Hucknall lingo as 'orahnd'. It did seem quite a change for the family from butchering to brewing. *Can you tell readers more about the family? Do you have any of these, or any other, Hucknall bottles?*

SOURCES:- Kelly's and White's Directories and census returns from findmypast online.

Shall I say 'Ask Me Another?' If you have any questions I am happy to try helping by searching my own archive of memorabilia, photographs or records of Hucknall.

T.T.F.N. Maureen

LUNCH GROUP



Obviously nothing to report so I'll leave you with the following thought. I think the only way to do Christmas lunch this year is to kill the turkey and have 30 people over for the funeral!

PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP

Thanks again to David Rose who keeps us supplied with a good quiz on line each week until September and now fournightly. The answers to last month's puzzle was a bit easier in that every picture clue had a "very loose" connection with the word "One" as follows:

The Quiz Questions on the Left and the Answers on the Right

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- 1 One for sorrow
2. Wonder Woman
3. 101 Dalmatians
4. Swan
5. One armed bandit
6. One bad apple
7. One man band
8. One night stand

9. World War I
- 10 Stevie Wonder
11. Wonder Bra
12. One more night

13. Onesie
14. One Direction
15. One horse race
16. One way street

17. Once upon a time
18. Willy Wonka
19. One way ticket
20. Tae kwondo

21. Wanted poster
22. One too many
23. One eyed monster
24. One flew over the cuckoo's nest

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And for a change why not give this non-brain taxing puzzle a try?

DINGBATS 05

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MO EK	COLLAR 30°C	REVILO	WATER
01	02	03	04
(INCOME)	T.N.T	orseman	DAVEN
05	06	07	08
HIJKLMNO	MISLAID	JOHN Ag	CHIMP
09	10	11	12

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READING GROUP

Unfortunately this month, I thought I had sent out the Reading Group notes but I hadn't; consequently group members didn't know what set book to collect from the library – many apologies. The set book was to be "Those Who Are Loved" by Victoria Hislop, whose previous books we have very much enjoyed. If the library is open, then could Reading Group members please ask the librarian for this book which they have put aside for us. The set book we hope to read for November should also be available for collection – to save yourself an extra journey during these virus restrictions.

SCIENCE GROUP 2

Science 2 Meeting on Friday 16th September via Zoom

18 members attended the session. Each member has been allocated a letter of the alphabet, the idea being to talk to the group about a science based topic/word beginning with that letter.



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Today Christine Vincent spoke about Rhodium which is a chemical element with the symbol Rh and atomic number 45. It is an ultra-rare, silvery-white, hard, corrosion-resistant, and chemically inert transition metal. Christine explained that the major use of rhodium is in catalytic converters for cars (80%). It reduces nitrogen oxides in exhaust gases.

Mark Jackson chose for the letter J, Jellyfish. Jellyfish are 'jelly-like' creatures that live in the ocean. They have no brains. **Jellyfish** are estimated to be older than the first dinosaurs. They are invertebrates, which mean they aren't fish.

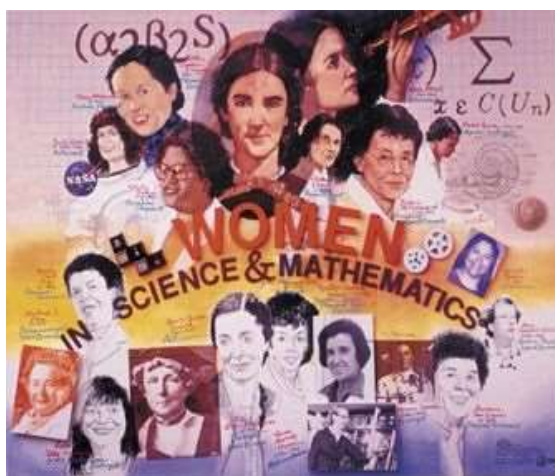
Mark explained that the Box Jellyfishes **are one of the most dangerous** of all species of Jellyfish in the world. The fact that they have such a toxic venom that they release is why people don't want to be around them.

Helen Rose then gave an extended presentation on:

'Women in Maths and Science' covering some significant women mathematicians and scientists and their contribution across the centuries.

She explained that until the 19th century women were excluded from education yet some brilliant pioneer women overcame this major obstacle through their exceptional talent and ability. There were several who had to masquerade as men to attend lectures.

Those early pioneers led the way for women to access a general education and specialisation in many spheres of science and maths.



David Rose: Next Meeting (via Zoom) Friday October 16th 10am

THEATRE GROUP

First off Mathew Bourne Red Shoes has been replaced with Nutcracker and is on Thursday 8th April 2021 at 2pm. Tickets £40.50 booked and paid for.

I have 10 tickets for The Great Gatsby Ballet on Saturday 1st May 2021 at 2.30pm. Tickets are £45.00.

10 tickets for The Adams Family now on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at 2.30pm. Tickets £43.00.

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10 tickets for 9 to 5 The Musical on 9th June 2021 on Wednesday at 2.pm.Tickets £50.00.

Here Come The Boys Aljaz, Pasha and Graziano on Sunday 4th July 2021 at 2.30pm. Tickets £40.00.
4 tickets booked and paid for.

The Book of Mormon Musical on Saturday 7th August 2021 at 2.30pm. Tickets £65.00.

Riverdance on Saturday 28th August 2021 at 2pm. Tickets £50.00. This is all booked and paid for.

Please let me know if you may be interested in any of the shows. I know it may be difficult to guess what we might be doing next year but I need to have an idea of how many tickets to reserve. Keep safe.

Dates when Ticket Money is Required by :

The Great Gatsby Ballet - Ticket money due 31st.October 2020.

The Adams Family -Ticket money due 31st October 2020

9 to 5 The Musical -Ticket money due 27th November 2020

Here Come the Boys - Ticket money due 31st October 2020

The Book of Mormon Musical- Ticket money due 1st December 2020

Kind regards, Barbara

WALKING GROUP (SHORT)

Ten walkers braved the pessimistic weather forecast on Thursday September 24th.

We started from St Mary's Church Greasley which is Grade II listed by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport as it is a building of special architectural or historic interest.

By the time we set off at 10am the rain had stopped and after a look at the grave of Captain Cook's ship doctor and surgeon we walked out of the churchyard across field footpaths to cross the Giltbrook stream into Watnall Woods. From there the route was out towards Kimberley then onto Watnall where we took a short detour to view the 'Holy Well' on Trough Lane.

We then crossed the main road heading for Narrow Lane past the farm shop to join a footpath to the aptly named Bogend –fortunately there are now duckboards which bridge the 'bogs'. The footpath emerges at the bottom of Church Lane and a short uphill to our starting point a total distance of an undulating 4.3 miles with some good views.



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Next Walk (Covid-19 situation permitting) is Thursday October 22nd Route TBC

David Rose

WEEKENDERS GROUP

Once again we have been in touch on a regular basis via phone, email and newsletter and of course, weather permitting, our garden meet ups have continued. We had a couple of very hot meet ups last week, requiring umbrellas being used as parasols but Margaret Whilde reports as follows on her August garden meet-up:

Despite the weather we enjoyed the afternoon very much. I provided blankets and gloves, and when the rain came, we all dived under the car port for shelter. We did have bottles on the table, which Doreen Newton and Joyce Crane provided but we did follow them up with coffee, tea and sweet goodies. We put the world to rights and had quite a laugh along the way. As the photo shows the four old ladies were very well wrapped up for the occasion.



Sandra – Looks like an old folks' home in the Arctic Circle!

We are wracking our brains as to how we can socialise during the winter months but haven't come up with any good ideas yet, and, future restrictions being what they will be, there is not much likelihood of any social activity. But keep in touch ladies, we still have the phone!

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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS

October 2020

For further details contact 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 & times
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
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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