



# NEWSLETTER

Issue April 2022

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## Message from our Chair

Welcome to the April Newsletter

This month on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm it is our AGM

This will be the first half of the meeting and after the break we welcome our guest speaker Bryan Gladstone with an interesting and somewhat intriguing talk called 'My mum was a GI Bride'

The AGM or annual meeting is requirement of our constitution and is a means for the committee to share information with the membership, review the annual accounts and when required to vote on any proposals or for membership of the committee.

This year six of the twelve members of the committee, who from 2016 have each served the maximum time of six years allowed in our constitution, are stepping down.

On your behalf I would like to extend our thanks to: Christine Berrill: Treasurer, Siobhan Lee: Groups Coordinator, Dianne White: Speaker Seeker, Philip Attenborough: Equipment Manager, Barrie Saunders (who was also Chair from 2018 to 2020), David Rose: Chair

This is quite a high turnover but it is balanced by the continuity of the remaining six committee members.

Change can sometimes be threatening but I believe it is something that should be embraced rather than feared. Only with change will u3a's be able to lay the foundations for future long-term success.

We are fortunate to have members who have come forward and volunteered to join the 2022 to 2024 committee. They are all are willing and prepared to take on various roles and responsibilities.

Please come along and cast your vote.

This year also marks the retirement of Geoff Cree as the scrutiniser of the annual accounts and we thank him for the many years he has done this. We are also fortunate that John Twells has volunteered to take over this role from Geoff.

One volunteer, who has served well beyond six years, as his position is outside the committee, is our Newsletter Coordinator Steve Lawrence. We wish to thank him for his support and professionalism in transforming the individual contributions into our quality newsletter, all within a tight timescale, each month.

Thanks are also extended to Graham Daft from the Methodist Church for his long service printing the newsletter paper copies which are primarily for non-email members.

Best Wishes to you all and we hope to see many of you at the AGM this month.

**David Rose, Chair**

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## NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

JGC at 10am

Apologies for absence were received from Angela Cornish and Greg Umney who had both submitted written reports.

The minutes of the March meeting were agreed and signed.

Siobhan has been updating the group membership lists and reports a new group. Table Tennis is starting on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> pm. The Long Walks group needs a new group leader following the stepping down of Terry Hill after 13 glorious years of leading this group

The speaker following the AGM at 3pm on April 13<sup>th</sup> is Bryan Gladstone with 'My Mum was a GI Bride' A short discussion about the high incidence of Covid amongst members was discussed and a reminder to members is in the meeting information later in this newsletter.

The minutes of the Social Subcommittee had been previously circulated and the remaining few tickets for the concert on April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be on sale at the monthly meeting.

Angela continues to add items to our webpage and on Facebook – have a look.

Christine had circulated the monthly accounts prior to the meeting and gave out copies of the examination of accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021. These were once again prepared by retiring examiner Geoff Cree who is thanked for his many years of doing this.

Melvyn is currently pursuing one off short courses around financial planning in retirement/inheritance and basic Emergency (First) Aid plus specialist CPR/Defibrillator training.

We all felt that the new members meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March was worthwhile and useful.

Greg submitted a report stating 164 members attended the March meeting and 10 left after the break. Current membership is: 439 Full, 19 Associate and 23 Affiliated members. 44 previous members are now lapsed. Group Leaders are encouraged to check their records to remove all lapsed members from their lists.

Mark outlined the procedure for the AGM next week which will start at 2pm.

Finally we discussed our involvement in 2 community events organised by the Rotary Club on May 21<sup>st</sup> and Ashfield District Council to celebrate Hucknall Titchfield Park's Centenary on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

The meeting closed at 11.50am. Next meeting is on Wed May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am JGC. This will be the first meeting of the 2022 to 2024 committee.

David Rose

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## Monthly Meeting – April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2pm

### Safety First Message

You are all probably aware that the incidence of Covid is currently very high and many members, friends and families have direct experience of becoming infected.

If you have a positive test result, any of the following or cold/flu symptoms please play safe and do not come to the meeting.

**New and continuous cough** - coughing a lot for more than an hour, or having three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

**Fever** - a temperature above 37.8c.

**Change in smell or taste** - either you cannot taste or smell anything, or these senses are different to normal. (Public Health England says about 85% of people with Covid will have at least one of these symptoms.)

Also please enter via the car park doors and sign in at the tables at the front of the hall.

### The meeting format

This is our AGM which will start at 2pm to approx 2.45pm followed by a tea break until approx 3pm. At 3pm our guest speaker is Bryan Gladstone with his presentation entitled:  
'My Mum was a GI Bride'

## SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE



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## NEW GROUPS, GROUP NEWS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS

### MARCH SCAMS UPDATE

I have been contacted by two of our members who have recently experienced a current scam around TV Licences.

Fraudsters are sending out fake TV Licence refund emails that lead to convincing looking websites in a bid to steal a would be victim bank account details.

They claim that TV Licensing have been trying to get hold of recipients regarding an overpayment refund or that due to invalid account details a credit was not possible.

The refund links lead to cloned TV Licensing websites that are designed to harvest bank account and credit card details.

TV Licensing's tips for spotting a scam email

- Check the email contains your name – TV licensing will always include your name in any emails they send you.
- Check the email subject line - anything along the lines of "Action required", "Security Alert", "System Upgrade", "There is a secure message waiting for you", and so on, should be treated as suspect.
- Check the email address - does the email address look like one that TV Licensing use? For example donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk. Look closely as often the address may be similar.
- Check for a change in style - often the scammers will take the real emails and amend them. Look out for changes in the wording used, especially if it seems too casual or familiar.
- Check for spelling and grammar - are there any spelling mistakes, missing full stops or other grammatical errors?
- Never provide details by email - TV licensing will never ask you to reply to an email and provide bank details or personal information.

To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

#### A phone call scam

The other member reported scam is a phone call attempt to get your bank details because:

'You have overpaid on your electrical appliance breakdown protection policy'

It goes on 'Please let us have your bank details in order that we can refund £100.00'

Put the phone down and block the caller.

David Rose

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## **Crisp Packet Collection.**

### **Rumbletums: The final crisp packets delivery**

The staff and trainees at Rumbletums wish to extend their thanks to all members of Hucknall u3a for their valued support in the crisp recycling venture.



## **U3A HOLIDAYS**

### **Arranged by Hucknall U3A - 'Kynren' – 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Following on from the previous announcement in last month's newsletter, we have received a good response, however we do have a few places left for anyone who would like to go.

This weekend trip will be leaving Hucknall on Friday 5 August staying at the Jury's Inn Hotel, Newcastle within easy distance of top city attractions.

The package includes coach travel, 2 nights dinner, bed and breakfast plus 'De-Luxe' tickets for the Saturday 6 August evening performance of the spectacular. The price is £269.00 per person sharing either a double or twin bedded room, single supplement will be £70.00. A deposit of £50.00 per person will be required to secure the booking – cheques made payable to 'Skill's Holidays'.

If you are interested, please register your interest at the April monthly meeting with Rose Ridley or by email at [frederick.ridley@ntlworld.com](mailto:frederick.ridley@ntlworld.com) stating which type of room you require.

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## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### FILM AND CULTURE GROUP

Please contact me if you would like to be included in the circulation of the calendar each month at [alansnape@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alansnape@hotmail.co.uk) or 07940146542. This year I plan to separate off the cinema section into The Film Club and I will attempt to include a description of what each film is about and who is in each film. Alan Snape.

### FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

Our meeting in March began Spanish from scratch and we were delighted to meet several new members, who all seemed to survive the fun and chaos so far! We hope to see you all at our next meeting on 14th April at JGC Byron Suite 10.30 till 12 noon and subs then will be collected, I am afraid.

We shall continue in our course looking at Youtube Ana and numbers, and other things. As Covid is on the increase, please do not come if you have a cold etc. and we shall ventilate the room so dress appropriately; also please wear a mask if you feel you want to. JGC still encourage this. We all try to look out for each other.

There is still time to join us this April if you wish. Folks are welcome. Adios, Ann y Liz.

### GARDENING GROUP

We were disappointed that our speaker cancelled for our last meeting, as she has now retired from giving talks but we still enjoyed an active and learning experience! Thank you to all who came and for your input to the meeting.

Spring has finally shown its face with all the lovely new growth, colour and fragrance. And we can also do a spring tidy-up- cutting back any dead foliage from last year's plants, pruning roses and a final trim of the long water shoots on apple trees. Winter Jasmine can be trimmed after flowering to encourage blooms for next year and dead-heading pansies will encourage more flowers instead of seed-setting. Summer bulbs such as lilies and Gladioli, can be planted now as the soil warms up, but hold off sowing seeds as they could become too leggy. Later sowings soon catch up. Check pots and containers for the dreaded vine weevil and be aware that slugs are becoming more active. Rake up the soil to expose them and their eggs for hungry birds. The smallest slugs are often the hungriest so to protect new young shoots scatter a few organic slug pellets around the emerging stems.



NGS gardens open in April include 334 Belper Road, Stanley Common, DE 7 6FY, on Wed 13 April, 12-4pm; The Burrows Gardens, Ashbourne, DE6 3BU on Mon 18 April, 11-4pm; and Cascade Gardens again, Matlock, DE4 2AH on Fri 22 April 12-4pm.

On April 19th we have our trip to Sheffield Arboretum, and the coach leaves Ogle Street at 10 am, arriving back in Hucknall for approximately 5.30 pm.

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On May 17th we welcome Peter Gardner from the NGS as our speaker, at the John Godber Centre, 2-4pm. All are welcome.

Enjoy your gardens, Anne

## GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP



Grumpy Old Men at large

After their recent hibernation, our Grumpy Old Men resumed their excursions in March, with a visit to the Museum of Making in Derby, as well as the conveniently sited Wetherspoons in the City Centre.

The museum is located in the Silk Mill, next to the River Derwent, and the building dates from the early 1700s. Since its recent re-opening, it now displays a fascinating number of items which were all made in Derby, ranging from a Rolls Royce jet engine to a section of cast iron aqueduct and evening dresses made from man-made fibres in the 1960s. The museum is free to visit, and many of the exhibits are likely to bring back memories of our working lives.

The photo shows the 'exploded' Toyota car, made near Derby, which is suspended over the entrance to the museum.

Our next planned visits are to the Nottingham Tram HQ in April, and the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire in May.

If you are interested in either of these visits and would like to join our Grumpy Old Men group, just email (using the Groups tab on the HucknallU3A website) or have a chat with John Tedstone at the April Meeting / AGM.

## HISTORY GROUP

The History Group always welcomes all U3A members. Our usual meeting place is Central Methodist Church: time 2pm – 4pm ish.

Our next meeting is on April 20<sup>th</sup> when we visit Cromford Mill. We will have a guided tour of the buildings plus the Arkwright Experience. Leave Hucknall 12 noon – leave Cromford 4.30 to arrive Hucknall 5.30 ish.

The next indoor meeting Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> was to have been a presentation by Stephen Flinders but he is unwell at present and won't be able to come. It means I am looking for a replacement or you will have to manage with something I can put together. In any case it will be a surprise???

At the next main meeting Kath and Kathy will be taking bookings for our much delayed visit to Doddington Hall in June price £22.

I have also contacted Kieran about the Bennerley Viaduct History tour as suggested at the last meeting and he would like to know how many of us to expect. I will be taking names at the next main meeting for what is likely to be an evening visit and probably a coach journey would be best

Bye for now – Maureen

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I thought you might like to make a note in your diaries of this event:-

### **HUCKNALL HERITAGE SOCIETY**

**Are proud to present a -**

### **BOOK LAUNCH & HISTORY DAY**

**Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 11a.m. to 3p.m. at East Side Methodist Church, Bestwood Road, Hucknall.**

**Free Admission. Refreshments available**

### **NEW BOOK – HUCKNALL'S HEROES.**

When the Great War began in 1914 the town of Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, had a population of around sixteen thousand. During the following five years, over three thousand Hucknall men enlisted into the armed forces to fight for King and Country. Over 400 of them never came back. Of those that did return, many suffered for the rest of their lives.

After two years of research, Andy McKinnon has found over 2,600 of those men.

This book tells their story.

### **LITTER PICKING GROUP**

March has been quite a busy month for the litter picking group members.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> seven members of the group met up on Hucknall bypass with the education officer and photographer from Veolia Waste Management to participate in promotional material for Veolia's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Scheme from which we were granted our initial funding. Photographs and videos were taken whilst the group litter picked and one member, Terry Hill, even gave a brief interview. The attached photograph shows the group with their final 9 bags of litter.



On 26<sup>th</sup> five members participated in the BBC Radio Nottingham's One Big Clean Up whereby as many people as possible litter picked their local area. Once again Hucknall bypass was targeted by our group and yet again another 9 bags of litter were collected.

Hucknall bypass is clearly a magnet for litter louts!. A reporter from BBC Radio Nottingham briefly attended and clearly put Hucknall & District u3a 'on the map'.

The number of bags of rubbish collected by the group in March totals 47 which is commendable considering quite a few members of the group were either away on holiday or isolating due to Covid.

Should anyone else wish to join our group please contact me on : [litter@hucknallu3a.org](mailto:litter@hucknallu3a.org) You will be made very welcome!

Val Gant

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## LUNCH GROUP

The March Lunch was enjoyed by twenty of us at the Ramsdale Golf Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. April's lunch will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> at The Bromley at Fiskerton for which I am taking names. The menu is below:

1 Course £9.95, 2 Courses £12.95 - Starter & Main or Main & Dessert, 3 Courses £16.45

Starters – Soup, Mushroom on Toast, Cajun Breaded Brie, Duck Liver Pate

Mains – Roast of the Day, Ham Egg & Chips, Steak & Ale Pie, Battered Haddock, Scampi, Mediterranean Vegetable Linguine (v)

Desserts – Crumble of the Day, Steamed Sponge Pudding, Lemon Cheesecake, Strawberries & Fresh Double Cream.

On Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> we are dining at The Magna Charta at Lowdham; the menu will be available in April. Then on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be at The Thorn Tree at Woodlinkin (a "George's" restaurant).

## NATIONAL TRUST GROUP

Bookings are now complete for the next four visits, which are to Kedleston Hall on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Coach fare is £7.50. Seats are still available if you would like to contact me on 0115 9559842.

Secondly to Cannons Abbey in Northants, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Coach fare is £10.

Thirdly to Packwood House in Warwickshire, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of June, Coach fare is £10.

Finally to Waddesdon Manor in Buckinghamshire on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Coach fare is £14.

The first three visits will depart from Hucknall Market at 9.30am with the visit to Waddesdon leaving at 8.30am to allow for the extra distance involved. All visits will see us leave the venue at 4.00pm.

I hope all the venues prove to be interesting but a special mention goes to Waddesdon Manor which is owned by the Rothschild Family and really makes for a wonderful day out. The cost of entry to Waddesdon is £25.20 for non-National Trust members which gives you an idea of how good the day there will prove.

I have kept coach fares to the lowest level possible but I am having to pay considerably more for the coach hire for obvious reasons.

Barrie Saunders

## NOSTELL PRIORY VISIT MARCH 23RD 2022

Firstly a big thank you to Anne and Steve Lawrence who stepped in at short notice to lead the visit when Sue and myself tested positive for Covid. I hope the other members of the group, who also tested positive are now fully recovered.

Steve knows Nostell Priory very well and was the ideal person to pass over information about the venue. The sun shone all day and the mild conditions provided the backdrop to a lovely and interesting day. Members feedback was very positive, apart from lengthy waits at the cafe!!!

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## NOT SO GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP

April's outing was to the Whitepeak Distillery in Ambergate. After a presentation about the formation of the distillery and the history of the old wireworks factory in which it is based, the group were led on an interesting tour of the distillery, learning about the process of making whisky, gin and rum before returning to sample some of each and were given an exclusive opportunity to "invest" in a limited, special edition bottle of whisky that went on sale that day and has now sold out!



## PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP

The Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March Pub Quiz was well supported with 28 members attempting a quite difficult quiz which was won by The Dynamic Duo – Greg Umney and Angela Cornish.

Here are the answers to the March newsletter quiz.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Who rode his 'Funky Moped' to No 5 in the UK charts in 1975?                          | Jasper Carrott              |
| 2. What are the surnames of the 3 tenors? (1 point for each)                             | Pavarotti, Domingo, Carrera |
| 3. Who wrote and illustrated the children's book, 'The Snowman'?                         | Raymond Briggs              |
| 4. What was the name of A.A. Milnes' son?                                                | Christopher Robin           |
| 5. Who was the captain of 'The Black Pig'?                                               | Captain Pugwash             |
| 6. What nationality was the magician and escapologist, Harry Houdini?                    | American                    |
| 7. Which month in 1969 did Neil Armstrong first stand on the moon?                       | July                        |
| 8. Which explorer discovered the Hawaiian Islands?                                       | Captain Cook                |
| 9. In which modern country are the ruins of Troy?                                        | Turkey                      |
| 10. What TV series was set on Craggy Island?                                             | Father Ted                  |
| 11. Which river runs through Baghdad?                                                    | Tigris                      |
| 12. On what street in London would you find The Bank of England?                         | Threadneedle St.            |
| 13. The A1 road starts in London and finishes in which city?                             | Edinburgh                   |
| 14. What food would a Cockney be eating if he is going for a ruby?                       | Curry (Ruby Murray)         |
| 15. What is the colour of the black box on commercial aircraft?                          | Orange                      |
| 16. How many old pennies were there in a guinea?                                         | 252                         |
| 17. In which film did Raquel Welch appear in a fur bikini as a cave girl?                | One Million Years BC        |
| 18. What were the first two words in the film title where David Bowie plays Mr Lawrence? | Merry Christmas             |
| 19. What is the motto of the boy scouts?                                                 | Be Prepared                 |
| 20. What is the highest bid, without doubling, in the game of bridge?                    | 7 No Trump                  |
| 21. In a game of bowls, what name is given to the target ball?                           | Jack                        |
| 22. Which team won the 2017 FA Cup?                                                      | Arsenal                     |
| 23. Which sport is said to have been played for over 3,000 years?                        | Hurling                     |
| 24. What is Japan's national sport?                                                      | Sumo                        |
| 25. What is an ice hockey puck made of?                                                  | Vulcanised rubber           |

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And I thought those members who did not attend the March Pub Quiz might like to give that one a try.

1. Which stringed musical instrument shares its name with a cooking utensil?
2. One of the bestselling pop singles of all time was a number one hit from 1967 based on Bach's Suite No. 3 in D Major. What was the anaemic sounding song title of this hit?
3. Which famous 1960 black and white horror film was the first to show a flushing toilet?
4. Written in the 9th century, the lyrics to the national anthem of which country are the oldest in the world? a. Japan b. Turkey c. Mongolia d. China
5. Which seven letter word for a type of argument is also a collective noun for sparrows?
6. Which eight letter word for a type of argument is also a collective noun for seagulls?
7. Dacca (Dhaka) was the capital city of what between the years 1955 and 1971?
8. The name of which widely used aromatic herb stems from the Greek word for "royal"?
9. The following lyrics are from a song with the word 'Peace' somewhere in the song title. Can you name the song?. "Everybody's talking about ministers sinisters banisters and canisters"
10. What was the most popular name for a girl in the United States from 1880-1956?
11. Which one of the Titanic's sister ships sank in the Aegean Sea on the morning of the 21 November 1916?
12. In The Wizard Of Oz, Glinda is known as The Good Witch of what?  
a. the North b. the East c. the South d. the West
13. The prefix for a billionth lends its name to which new science?
14. The sun doesn't rise until after 10 am in the far western parts of which large country?
15. Which two animals are found on the flag of Mexico?
16. Measured in area, which of the following seas is the smallest?  
a. Black Sea b. Red Sea c. White Sea d. Yellow Sea
17. What name was given to a female broadcaster of Japanese propaganda during WW II?
18. Which piece of culinary equipment with a French name is often used to melt chocolate over the stove?
19. The following lyric is from a song with the name "John" somewhere in the song title. Can you name the song? "Somebody said he came from New Orleans where he got into a fight over a Cajun queen".
20. The 1,849 km long Angara river is located in which country?
21. In a hit song from 1970, which title character makes "me sing like a guitar hummin'?"
22. Duchess, Merrylegs, Ginger, Farmer Grey, Squire Gordon and Farmer Thoroughgood are all characters in which famous 19th century novel?
23. Based on the number of registrations, what is the most popular breed of dog in both the UK and the USA?
24. In which country, which gained its independence in July 2011, is Juba the capital city?
25. According to the UN, which country now has the highest per capita homicide rate in the world?  
a. El Salvador b. Mexico c. South Africa d. Honduras

## READING GROUP

We held a normal Reading Group session in March when we discussed one of a selection of "pot luck" books from the Library (books retrieved from their "just booked back in" trolley); unfortunately they did not go down too well so we have a Crime Café book for discussion at the April Reading Group - a thriller, "The Carrier" by Sophie Hannah. Then the set book for May will be "Away With The Penguins" by Hazel Prior.

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## SCIENCE GROUP

At our March meeting we had a presentation about the different types of defibrillators and how they work. When the JGC model arrives we will have a demonstration of how to use it in practice.

Bob McEwen then enlightened us with his interesting illustrated talk about flies.

He explained that Flies are insects of the order Diptera, the name being derived from the Greek for 2 and wings.

Bob explained that Diptera is a large order containing millions of species including horse-flies, crane flies, hoverflies and many others.

Although they themselves are usually considered to be annoying pests he explained how they actually help to control a variety of pests. Many dipterans such as bee flies and hoverflies are also important pollinators of crop plants. Other types are scavengers and aid in the decomposition of dead animals and plants.

After the break we had a presentation about weather predicting and the different types of rainfall. Members then selected the name of famous and often unsung women scientists to report back with a max 2 minute summary at a future meeting.

Please note the next meeting is Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> as April 15<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday.

David Rose

## SINGALONG GROUP

We went back to the sixties at our last session, and the music brought back memories for many of our members, amazing how we can remember the words to those songs but not to the songs we hear now!

Here are our plans for the next few sessions

April 19<sup>th</sup> - Novelty Songs

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Celebration of the Platinum Jubilee- details to follow!

June 21<sup>st</sup> - Folk Music & Country & Western.

Any new members are welcome to come along.

Liz & Philip

## THEATRE GROUP

Mathew Bourne's Nutcracker Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 2pm

Sing in the Rain Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 2pm Tickets £44.50.

Here come the Boys Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm Tickets £45.00

Jersey Boys Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 2.30pm. Tickets £59.50

South jPacific Saturday 22.October 2022 at. 2.30pm Tickets £59.00.

White Christmas .Wednesday 23.november 2022 at 2pm. Tickets £55.00.

Barbara Ives.

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## WALKING GROUP (SHORT WALKS)

In March we set off from the IKEA complex car park for a 4.5 mile walk which took us across the recently opened Bennerley Viaduct which is fast becoming a very popular local tourist attraction.



### April 21<sup>st</sup> Walk

This month we are starting from the lower car park at the Gedling Country Park, Spring Lane entrance (NG4 4PE)

The Spring Lane entrance car parking area has recently been increased and is the main car park. The car park is near to the visitor centre, toilets and Cafe 1899.

The turning is well signposted and is on the right less than a mile down Spring Lane

The park which opened in 2015 has 580 acres of open space, footpaths and wildlife, with stunning views over the surrounding areas.

We will be walking the 'Low Hazels (Green) route' which is a little under 4 miles but with some short fairly steep parts. The rewards for the uphill bits are the views and 2 viewing platforms which provide views as far as Lincolnshire and Leicestershire. Each platform has interpretation panels with information about some of the sights you can see, including Lincoln Cathedral, St Mary Magdalene Church in Newark, Gunthorpe Lock and Belvoir Castle.

Meet at 9.45 am for a 10am start –car sharing /lifts arranged nearer the time. David Rose

## WEEKENDERS GROUP

The Weekenders April Newsletter will be sent out on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Once again, many thanks to Margaret Wilde & Lindsay Smith for printing off copies for those members not on email and for delivering them on their morning walks. We had a Broomhill Birthday lunch for Kay Burton in March and plan similar lunches for Margaret Wilde, Pam Farrell and Jean Martin on 1<sup>st</sup> April. We had an Outing to Dobbies at Chesterfield and East Midlands Designer Outlet on 18<sup>th</sup> March and our Coffee Club session was again at Forge Mill Tearoom on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. We hope to plan an outing for April – any suggestions?

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## **HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS**

### **April 2022**

For further details contact check the website at [www.hucknallu3a.org.uk](http://www.hucknallu3a.org.uk) from there you can email the respective Group Leader

#### **ARTS**

DISCUSSION	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 13:45
DRAMA	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 10:00
FILM & CULTURE	Thursday 12:30
HISTORY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 14:00
NATIONAL TRUST	Various dates & times
READING (BOOKS)*	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 14:00
SINGALONGA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:30
THEATRE	various dates
UKULELE	2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> 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 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 3-5pm
KURLING 2	
PICKLEBALL	Thursday 14.00
SEATED EXERCISE	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 14:00
WALKING (LONG)	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 10:00
WALKING (MID)*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 10:00
WALKING (SHORT)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10:00

#### **FOOD & DRINK**

\*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 at the monthly U3A meetings to answer any questions that you may have about their group.

INTERNATIONAL DINING	As Arranged
LATE BREAKFAST	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday 09:15
LUNCH GROUP	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00
PUB QUIZ & LUNCH	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 12:00
REAL ALE GROUP	Various
WINE APPRECIATION*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 19:30
WINE TASTING *	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 19:30

#### **HOBBIES & PASTIMES**

CANASTA	1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 19:00
CRAFT 1 *	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 13.45
CRAFTY KNITTERS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 14:00
FLOWER ARRANGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 13:00
GARDENING	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 14:00
HOLIDAYS	various dates
MAH JONG	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 19:00
POT LUCK *	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 19:30
RUMMIKUB1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 14:00
RUMMIKUB2	Tuesday 13.00
SCRABBLE	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 14:00
TABLE GAMES	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 19:00
WATER COLOUR	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 14:00

WEEKENDERS various Sat & Sun.

#### **LANGUAGES**

FRENCH CONVERSATION*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:00
FUN WITH LANGUAGES	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10:30

#### **SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

LITTER PICKING	Various
SCIENCE	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 10:00

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