



NEWSLETTER

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Message from our Chair

Welcome to our May Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting is on Wednesday 13th May and is our first with the new committee.

Our guest speaker for May is Mike Newbold and he will be talking to us about his experiences as a TV extra.

Easter has now passed and with the arrival of Spring, hopefully dryer and warmer weather and possibly the chance to get away for a change.

As mentioned above we have half the committee as newly elected and half being re-elected, I would like to bring them and their roles to the for you attention

Myself – Melvyn Francis as Chair
Tina Holmes as Vice Chair / One off talks organiser
Mark Jackson as Business Secretary / Beacon Administrator
Gary Holmes as Treasurer
Greg Umney as Membership Secretary
Angela Cornish as Webmaster
Sandra Green as Secretary
Diane Heenan as Speakers Secretary
Sue Tedstone as Groups Co-ordinator
Lynda Smeathers as Events Organiser
Elizabeth Attenborough as Equipment Manager
Christine Eagle as Committee Member

We must also mention Steve Lawrence, whilst not on the committee, prepares our monthly newsletter and does a great job.

We have been most fortunate in keeping the majority of our members during the corona virus and have also had quite a few new members, which we are very thankful for, a lot of u3a groups have lost many members, some up to 50% and one reason we have done so well is having David Rose as our Chair during the past two years. He has worked very hard keeping things going and we must all be very grateful. Unfortunately he will be a very hard act to follow, but I / we will do our best.

If there are any interest groups that you are interested in, please don't be afraid to ask somebody.

Finally take care, there is still a lot of covid out there, I know as I have just tested positive, so be careful.

Melvyn Francis, Chair

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NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

John Godber Centre 4th May 10.00am

Apologies for absence was received from Christine Eagle.

Being the first meeting of the newly elected committee, we had a round of introductions and job descriptions.

The minutes of the April meeting were agreed and signed with no matters arising.

Melvyn, the new chair, brought to the committee details of CT4N a charitable trust transport organisation offering economical transport that can be self-driven by registered drivers. Other community transports were discussed.

Notts u3a Networks Flash Mob on 24th Sept, see later report for details.

Alternative hall rental costs were discussed.

Sue, our new groups co-ordinator discussed the need for the records on Beacon to be up to date, also the possibility of a get together for co-ordinators.

Diane, our speaker's secretary discussed a full programme of guest speakers all the way up to November. Last month's talk 'My mum was a GI bride' was thought to be very successful. May's speaker is Mike Newbold – a TV extra.

Angela, our webmaster, continues to keep our web page and Facebook up to date, please look at both and "like" Facebook. Please keep Angela informed of your activities.

Gary, our new treasurer, still having to get the mandate finalised at the bank to enable him to operate fully, patience will be the keyword pending this. The accounts were circulated and accepted.

Elizabeth, our new equipment manager, reported no change, it was agreed that we need a full inventory of all u3a equipment.

Tina, our new vice chair, discussed possible upcoming one-off events of 1st aid and the use of the defibrillator.

Lynda, our new event's organiser, notified us of the imminent Rotary Club event on 21st May on Hucknall Market Place, and Ashfield Councils activity on Titchfield Park on June 18th. Both events require advertising and display media.

Greg, membership secretary stated that we currently have 445 members with a few new applicants to sort.

Mark, our business secretary introduced the minutes from our AGM in April, which were accepted as true. Also copied were our four health and safety policies, which were all agreed to be maintained as current and redated.

Melvyn Francis

Monthly Meeting – May 11th, 2pm

Safety

Covid is still very prevalent, the normal symptoms of High Temperature, Cough, loss of sense of Smell and Taste and a high temperature over 37.8c, the government now tell us that symptoms may also be similar to a bad cold, mild cold or flu.

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If you have any doubt and still have a slip test, please test yourself before coming to any meetings or activities. It is also still best to isolate yourselves for a minimum of 5 day, up to 10 days, depending how you are feeling.

When you are at any meetings and feel safer wearing a mask, then please do so.

Our May meeting will start at 2pm with a short introduction, followed by our guest speaker Mr Mike Newstead, who will be talking to us about his experiences as a TV extra.

Finally, please remember to access the hall from the rear car park door and sign in at the desk just inside the hall.

If you leave early then it is important from a safety aspect that you sign yourself out.

2022 AGM - Chairman's Report

Usually this report covers the previous year but I want to go back to pay a short visit to 2020.

In Feb 2020 the new virus was slowly creeping up upon an unsuspecting world. Its effect at that early stage was speculative. However it soon settled in and had a considerable impact on u3a meetings.

Our 2020 AGM was postponed and Barrie remained in post as Chairman until our virtual AGM in August 2020.

During that time he dealt with reams of information being sent to us by the government and the National u3a. Thanks from all of us for agreeing to do that Barrie, and thanks also to those committee members who, like me, retire today after 6 years on the committee, the maximum allowed by our constitution.

Like many other organisations we soon discovered Zoom and managed to carry on with committee meetings and eventually some Interest Group meetings and the main monthly meeting. Not ideal but we kept things going during the different stages of lockdown.

Once lockdown rules were eased as the virus took a summer break our outdoor groups were able to restart and several members took advantage of being able to meet together in their own gardens, public spaces or favourite outdoor cafes demonstrating the true spirit of Hucknall and District u3a.

By September 2021 all groups had started activities once again.

Theatre visits, lunch groups, the National Trust, History and Gardening visits are all back on the agenda and more recently short break holidays organised by Rose and Caroline.

Having missed the planned social events the social subcommittee were very keen to organise a Christmas 2021 event which had to be different from the usual Christmas lunch with almost 200 people in this hall.

Ideas were shared, cakes, sausage rolls from different suppliers were sampled and we ended up with the Christmas Individual buffet for about 110 members.

The feedback from this was very positive and it could be the template for future Christmas social events.

I now want to highlight other successes from this year:

- Membership has been maintained and we have attracted 51 new members since September 2021.
- Greg and Mark have streamlined the membership renewal and payment process.
- Christine has worked hard to overcome the local bank closures and progressed to online banking.
- We have managed the enforced move from the leisure centre to this lovely hall.

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- The litter picking group was formed and attracted funding from Veolia and the Ashfield Community Fund
- we supported the wreath and Christmas tree festival and made a donation to the food bank
- and your generous contributions to the defibrillator and Ukraine support

I wish to thank all the membership, group leaders, group leader helpers, the main and social subcommittee members for keeping our u3a moving forward.

To Steve Lawrence for continuing as the Newsletter editor, to Geoff Cree as retiring Examiner of Accounts, and to the John Godber Centre and staff for being so helpful and accommodating.

..and where would we be without John Berrill and his catering volunteers providing tea and coffee and Greg's signing in team at every monthly meeting.

Finally u3as are run by volunteers and we have 6 of our members willing to stay on the committee and 6 volunteer members offering to join the committee to replace the 6 retirees.

Committee members become Trustees of the u3a which is a registered charity:

"Charity trustees are responsible for controlling the management and administration of a charity. They should work together as a team and have collective responsibility for their charity" - (Charity Commission). Trustees must always act in the best interests of our u3a, strive to uphold its reputation and never do anything which could bring it or the u3a movement into disrepute.

In practice our committee members take a role on the committee and become responsible for the maintenance and development of Hucknall and District u3a.

On our behalf these volunteers for election and re-election are willing to take on that responsibility and I commend them for your vote in the election.

David Rose

SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE

April Social - Bestwood Male Voice Choir

A hundred members enjoyed a superb evening of music and laughter, including virtuoso solo performances by our very own, David Riley. The Choir's repertoire was extraordinary, supported by another of our members, Roy Brown. The audience were also in full voice with flag waving, patriotic renditions of songs celebrating St George's Day.



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THE HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A

Invites you to come along to our



At the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall on Friday 24th June 2022
featuring the film

HOPE & GLORY

A comedy-drama war film telling the story of the Rowan family, as seen through the eyes of their son, Billy, for whom, as a young boy, this time was more of an adventure - a total upheaval of order, restrictions and discipline.

What the film critics said:

- a wonderful film,
- an intelligent, heartfelt, entertaining look at growing up in war torn England,
- skilfully combines elements of truth with moments of mirth.

The film will be preceded by a pie, mushy pea & gravy supper



Doors will be open at **6.30 pm**
The Supper will be served at **7.00 pm**
The Film will commence at **8.00 pm**



The Bar will be open before the meal with waitress service during the film

Tickets will be on sale for **£7** at the May & June U3A monthly meetings

Don't forget to bring your own Popcorn!



NEW GROUPS, GROUP NEWS, WORKSHOPS & OTHER NEWS

THIS MONTHS SCAMS UPDATE

Unfortunately, we will always be plagued with swindlers, fraudsters and scammers who are only too keen to relieve us of our well-earned cash. They also have absolutely no conscience and are more than happy to target the elderly.

Council Rebate

The latest scam that I am aware of, is a telephone call, claiming to be from your local authority council asking for your bank details so that they can pay you the fuel rebate. If you pay your council tax by standing order, direct debit or bank transfer, then the council already have your bank details and will automatically pay your rebate into your account, by mid-May. If you do on-line banking, check that this payment is made.

Parcel Delivery

You will receive an email stating that there is a parcel due for delivery which has an insufficient amount of postage and cannot be delivered until the additional postage is paid. This is usually a very small amount, there is a link for you to click on which leads to a very realistic web site asking for your bank details. This will never happen from any delivery company.

TV License

Again, an offer of a refund as you have paid too much on you license, not surprisingly they are asking for your bank details, again the BBC will never do this.

Cold Telephone Calls

If anybody cold calls you and asks for your bank details never under any circumstances give any information out. Tell them what you think of them and hang up, if you can, block the number. Often a call on a mobile will show as being scam, just don't answer and block the call.

Never give your bank details to anyone you don't know or do not trust and never give your bank card PIN number to anyone you don't trust implicitly. Likewise your PIN number should never be written down. When drawing cash out of an ATM then always cover your hand as you enter your PIN number.

U3A 40th ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the u3a organisation in the UK and The Notts u3a Network are planning a week of events from Sat 18th to Sat 24th September 2022 and are looking for participants.

The weeks activities have still to be discussed at our committee stage to see how we will be joining in, however, Notts Network organisers want to know if anybody is interested in taking part in the main event on Sat 24th Sept. On Saturday 24th there will be a Grand Finale in the Market Square in Nottingham. This will include a flash mob, local celebrities and the final arrival of the beacons.

The Flash Mob will be a general gathering of u3a members, initially just hanging about the Square and at a signal, they will all join together and perform a Square Dance or something similar, depending on the number of participants.

There would be a couple of lessons to train for the dance prior to the event.

If you are interested as a single person, a couple or a group, please let me know and I will pursue more details for you or give you contact details.

Melvyn

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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 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.

FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP



Our Flower arranging Group met again on Monday 4th April, to create an arrangement for Easter. The group is going from strength to strength with everyone gaining confidence in their abilities and the wonderful arrangements they are taking home. Yes I forgot the biscuits, but that didn't stop us from having a good natter whilst being creative.

Our next meeting is June 6th 1.30 pm John Godber Centre. We will be doing a bottle arrangement.

New members welcome.

Siobhan

GARDENING GROUP

The May 17th meeting of the Gardening group will be in the Byron room at the John Godber Centre, not the hall upstairs as they are having maintenance work done on that day. The meeting will start at 1.30 to 3.30pm and we welcome Peter Gardner from the NGS scheme of open gardens. There will also be a plant swap at this meeting, so bring along any extra seedlings/plants you don't want to swap for something else. If you don't have anything to swap you can still take home a plant for a donation of 50pence.

Our June trip will be to Little Pontin Hall near Grantham, cost £22.50, and we will be taking names and payments at the next main u3a meeting, as well as May's Garden Group meeting, cheques only please, no cash.

This time last year my garden was awash with cowslips, primulas and tulips. This year I have a good collection of weeds- mostly bittercress and dandelions. But according to A. A. Milne, "weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them". Yes they are but they are still not wanted, neither are the pests that the RHS encourages us to see in a different light! Spring borders have been stunning this year, in front and back gardens. Apparently this year people are wanting bold jewel-coloured planting, (is this Monty Don's influence?), Mediterranean and drought -tolerant plants, less concrete, alternatives to grass lawns, and patchwork paths combining paving, gravel and planting. There is something there for everyone, whatever the size of plot. Jobs for now include mulching around trees, trimming winter heathers, planting summer bulbs, removing moss from lawns, sowing sunflowers, cutting back long whips from climbing honeysuckles, and tying in other climbers such as passion flowers, clematis and climbing roses. So lots to do but also lots to enjoy!

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We enjoyed a sunny day out at Sheffield Arboretum, even though rain was forecast. The plants were amazing and surprisingly ahead of our blooms. Pictures below show some of the sights we enjoyed. All are welcome at our meeting on May 17th.

Anne

GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP

All aboard the Nottingham tram

The Grumpy Old Men were out and about investigating the Nottingham Tram system recently, when they visited the HQ for the Tram at Wilkinson Street.

Head of Operations Trevor Stocker, and his colleague Connor Hardy outlined the history of trams in Nottingham, explaining that the first new tram when the current network opened in 2004 was numbered 201, as it follows on from the last original Nottingham tram, numbered 200. It is believed that some track still exists on the original routes, although buried under a lot of later road surfacing.

On the day of our visit, the tram named Lord Byron was in the depot for overhaul, and there were a number of very heavy duty wheelsets awaiting attention. The system has some very tight corners and the wheels need regular re-profiling.

We then visited the Control room, where the entire system is operated from. Trams do not operate overnight, but the room is always staffed as the overhead power remains permanently live.

Finally, we found a handy tram stabled outside to pose for our group photo. We were told that this was the first group visit post-lockdown.



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HISTORY GROUP

The History Group always welcomes all U3A members. Our usual meeting place is Central Methodist Church: time 2pm – 4pm ish. For the next indoor History Group meeting Wednesday May 18th. I will do a presentation "Shopping Through the Years". Come and see how shopping developed.

On April 20th the group visited Cromford Mill. The volunteers giving the guided tour were amazingly good and the Arkwright Experience was stunning. They sent a message to be passed on to say thank you for our attention during the tour.

At the next main meeting Kath and Kathy will be taking bookings for our much delayed visit to Doddington Hall on Wednesday June 15th price £22. We leave Hucknall at 9.30am to get there for a tour of the house and leave Doddington at 4pm return Hucknall 5.30pm ish.

I have also contacted Kieran about the Bennerley Viaduct History tour as suggested at the meeting and he would like to know how many of us to expect. As I will be away Kath and Kathy will be taking names at the next main meeting on the 11th May for an afternoon visit; on 25th May; leaving Hucknall at 1.30pm and returning about 5pm. Bye for now – Maureen

LITTER PICKING GROUP

As usual various public areas, roads and streets in the Hucknall, Papplewick and Annesley areas have been litter picked by the group in April. This has resulted in 20 bags of rubbish being correctly disposed of instead of being left to cause injury to wildlife and be an environmental eyesore.

Jim Spray is the winner of this month's quirkiest find – a pair of ladies black lace knickers and a workman's tool (?). Don't ask!

Should anyone else wish to join the group or require further information please email me on litter@hucknallu3a.org . Val Gant

LUNCH GROUP

Quite a chaotic lunch group when 24 of us enjoyed lunch in The Captain's Room at The Bromley at Fiskerton on the 27th April. First I apologise that it was such a long way away; I hadn't realised how far it was; in future venues will be around a 12 mile radius of Hucknall. Secondly in future I will not be collecting payments on the day; diners will pay the venue individually. Many thanks to those members who offer lifts to non-drivers – much appreciated.

On Wednesday, May 25th we are dining at The Magna Charta at Lowdham; unfortunately their menu changes on 3rd May and so I do not have it at this time. Could those who have their names down already please contact me after 3rd May to give me their menu choices.

On Wednesday, 22nd June we will be at The Thorn Tree at Woodlinkin (a "George's" restaurant) and I will have the menu at the May monthly meeting.

NATIONAL TRUST GROUP

VISIT TO KEDLESTON HALL - April 28th

All members were waiting at Hucknall Market Place for a 9.30am departure to Kedleston Hall allowing us to make a prompt start to the day. Despite the many road closures in the Kedleston area, Paul, our driver, got us safely to the venue by 10.30am.

On arrival staff from the venue boarded the bus and spoke about the Hall, the walks available and the other facilities.

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National Trust membership cards were checked and we were free to enjoy our day.

The only thing missing was the sunshine and a cold wind to start the day meant that warm clothing was needed for the first part of the day.

Many members warmed themselves with a hot drink before setting out on one of the many varied walks. The Lakeside walk proved popular along with the longer woodland walk. The Estate was built in an attempt to copy the Chatsworth Estate, including the bridge which you cross on the way in to Chatsworth.

The Hall itself is one of the most beautiful and ornate in the whole of the National Trust. A volunteer guide was available in every room to give out information and answer questions. After a walk and the Hall visit many members visited the shop and other facilities before a final visit to the cafe before boarding the bus home.

Arriving back in Hucknall for 5.00pm members had enjoyed a good day out.

Thank you to all members who continue to support this group. Barrie and Sue

NATIONAL TRUST FUTURE VISITS- A REMINDER

Tuesday 17th May Canons Abbey in Northants. Price £10

Monday 13th June Packwood House in Warwickshire. Price £10

Wednesday 20th July Waddesdon Manor in Buckinghamshire. Price £14. Please note that this is an 8.30 am departure due to the extra travel distance. This is one of the really special National Trust visits with a tour of the Manor owned by the Rothschild Family.

PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP

The Monday, 11th April Pub Quiz was attended by 24 members and was won by "Minus One" team – Peter Hindle, Julie Hunt and John Orosz. The next Pub Quiz will be on Monday, 11th May at The Nabb Inn at 12 noon.

Here are the answers to the April newsletter quiz.

1. Which stringed musical instrument shares its name with a cooking utensil? **Mandolin**
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? **Whiter Shade of Pale**
3. Which famous 1960 black and white horror film was the first to show a flushing toilet? **Psycho**
4. Written in the 9th century, the lyrics to the national anthem of which country are the oldest in the world? **Japan (Kimogayo)**
5. Which seven letter word for a type of argument is also a collective noun for sparrows? **Quarrel**
6. Which eight letter word for a type of argument is also a collective noun for seagulls? **Squabble**
7. Dacca (Dhaka) was the capital city of what between the years 1955 and 1971? **East Pakistan**
8. The name of which widely used aromatic herb stems from the Greek word for "royal"? **Basil**
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" **Give Peace a Chance (Plastic Ono Band).**
10. What was the most popular name for a girl in the United States from 1880-1956? **Mary**
11. Which one of the Titanic's sister ships sank in the Aegean Sea on the morning of the 21 November 1916? **HMHC Britannic**
12. In The Wizard Of Oz, Glinda is known as The Good Witch of what? **The North**
13. The prefix for a billionth lends its name to which new science? **Nano science**
14. The sun doesn't rise until after 10 am in the far western parts of which large country? **China**
15. Which two animals are found on the flag of Mexico? **Eagle & snake**
16. Measured in area, which of the following seas is the smallest? **White Sea**

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17. What name was given to a female broadcaster of Japanese propaganda during WW II? **Tokyo Rose**
18. Which piece of culinary equipment with a French name is often used to melt chocolate over the stove? **Bain Marie**
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". **Big Bad John by Jimmy Dean**
20. The 1,849 km long Angara river is located in which country? **Russia**
21. In a hit song from 1970, which title character makes "me sing like a guitar hummin'"?
Cracklin Rose by Neil Diamond
22. Duchess, Merrylegs, Ginger, Farmer Grey, Squire Gordon and Farmer Thoroughgood are all characters in which famous 19th century novel? **Black Beauty by Anna Sewell**
23. Based on the number of registrations, what is the most popular breed of dog in both the UK and the USA? **Labrador Retriever**
24. In which country, which gained its independence in July 2011, is Juba the capital city? **South Sudan**
25. According to the UN, which country now has the highest per capita homicide rate in the world? **El Salvador**

And I thought you might like to give this one a try as it's a bit easier!

1. Which character features as a clergyman in the stories of Robin Hood?
2. What star sign would you belong to if you were born on October 29th?
3. What type of beetle is sacred in Ancient Egypt?
4. What C describes a sign placed at the beginning of a musical staff indicating the pitch of the notes?
5. Which national flags make up the Union Jack?
6. What was the name of the first Scottish man to be voted European Footballer of The Year?
7. Which Las Vegas hotel did the bachelor party stay at in the 2009 film 'The Hangover'?
8. What is the highest number visible on a dartboard?
9. How many days did the Falklands War last: a) 52, b) 63, c) 74?
10. How many yards are there between the wickets in a game of cricket?
11. What type of vegetable is known as celery root?
12. Who is the author of Peter Rabbit?
13. How many lines does a Limerick have?
14. Who released a hit song in the 1980s called '99 Red Balloons'?
15. What is the name of the longest river in France?
16. Which famous poet wrote 'An Ode to a Nightingale'?
17. What is the largest planet in our solar system?
18. Lateral Epicondylitis is a condition commonly known by what name?
19. How many players are there in a baseball team?
20. What is the softest mineral in the world?

READING GROUP

We held a Reading Group session in April when we discussed the set book "The Carrier" by Sophie Hannah, which had mixed reviews. "Hannah confirms in this, her eighth novel, her fluent writing skills, taste for complicated layers and deft hand with character, not to mention a knack for producing compelling openings. The Carrier is the kind of puzzle Agatha Christie might have created. Delicate, with ever-increasing dread, it is a mature work – full of confidence and intrigue." So reviewed the Daily Mail. However we found it a bit too long, with a complicated plot!

The set book for May will be "Away With The Penguins" by Hazel Prior.

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REAL ALE GROUP

On April 7th a group of us meet in The Pilgrim's Oak, a Wetherspoons pub in Hucknall to sample a few different beers during their mini beer festival.

On May 19th we are meeting at the tram station and journeying into Nottingham to alight at the Weekday Cross stop and sample the beers around Hockley.

Unfortunately, our proposed visits to a display and talk at Nottm University has had to be cancelled so we are looking at new proposals – always welcome!

In July we will be going to the far off village of Linby to a couple of the groups house and praying for good weather, we will be having a 'BEER-B-QUE' sampling some home brewed beer.

If any member would like to join us then we are open to both male and female members

SCIENCE GROUP

We did not meet in April as it was Good Friday

The meeting on May 20th will be led by John Tedstone who has been researching the various proposals to build the River Severn Barrage.

There have been numerous proposed projects over the years, initially to provide a safe harbour and more recently to generate electricity. However it is yet to happen.

Please remember your mini talk (2 minutes max) on the women in science. Bob McEwen will lead this segment and Terry Hill may be making a guest appearance.

David Rose

SINGALONG GROUP

Our next Singalong is the 17th May. We will be celebrating the Queens 70th Jubilee with fitting songs, some old, some new, some patriotic!

New members are welcome !

TABLE TENNIS GROUP

Dusting off skills almost learned by members several decades ago, the new table tennis group began in April. With expert coaching for those who can play and even better coaching for the most of us who can't, the group meets at United Reform Church, off Farleys Lane, 2:30 to 4:30pm every Wednesday (except monthly meeting day). Weapons provided, just bring refreshments.



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THEATRE GROUP

Sing in the Rain Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 2pm Tickets £44.50.
 Here come the Boys Friday 15th July 2022 at 7.30pm Tickets £45.00
 Jersey Boys Saturday 17th 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.

WALKING GROUP (SHORT WALKS)

On April 21st thirteen members walked the undulating circuit around Gedling Country Park.

For eleven of the group this was a new experience and we were fortunate to have a fine clear day that enabled us to appreciate the extensive views from our lofty position.

Our next walk on the 19th May will be led by Phil and Liz Attenborough.

The route will be along the Nottingham/Erewash Canal at Langley Mill

The meeting point is on Linkmell Road, Langley Mill, next to the Great Northern Pub.

This is a pleasant walk, approx 4 miles along the canal.

More details nearer the time.

David Rose

WEEKENDERS GROUP

The Weekenders May Newsletter was sent out on 1st May. 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. Unfortunately due to positive Covid we cancelled our Broomhill birthday lunch for Margaret Wilde, Pam Farrell and Jean Martin on 1st April but we had a reduced get together that day at The Nabb Inn instead. On Saturday, 9th April eleven of us met for a long awaited visit to Arunothai. We are always made so welcome there.

We planned a Bus Pass Day Out to Chesterfield but unfortunately only one person wanted to go!

Similarly the outing to Chatsworth Farm Shop is cancelled on 20th May as only three members put their names down. However we hope to meet up for coffee at Brooke Farm, Linby on Friday, 6th May. Our Coffee Club session this month will be on the last Friday of the month (April 29th) from 2-4 pm at Papplewick Village Hall, when we will discuss a suggested topic and also plan the next couple of months' activities. However these Friday sessions are in question as most members seem to be doing something else on that day.

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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS

May 2022

For further details contact check the website at www.hucknallu3a.org.uk from there you can email the respective Group Leader

ARTS

DISCUSSION	1 st Monday 13:45
DRAMA	4 th Friday 10:00
FILM & CULTURE	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 1	2 nd Sunday 3-5pm
KURLING 2	
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

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
REAL ALE GROUP	Various
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
CRAFTY KNITTERS	2 nd Tuesday 14:00
FLOWER ARRANGING	1 st Monday 13:30
GARDENING	3 rd Tuesday 14:00
HOLIDAYS	various dates
MAH JONG	2 nd Friday 19:00
POT LUCK *	1 st Wednesday 19:30
RUMMIKUB1	2 nd Monday 14:00
RUMMIKUB2	Tuesday 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

LITTER PICKING	Various
SCIENCE	3 rd Friday 10:00

*Indicates group full. If you are interested then contact Sue Tedstone 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.

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