



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from our Chair

Welcome to our June Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting is on Weds 8<sup>th</sup> June, look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Our guest speaker is a lady known as Farmer Barnes, she would like to promote Farm Tours, she will be bringing some Stilton to the meeting, I love Stilton, it is by far my favourite cheese, so if for tasting or buying, you'd better be in front of me in the queue. Really looking forward to the talk, and a big thankyou as always to Dianne our Speakers Secretary for arranging

At present our new Treasurer is away on holiday, and as an added complication the bank mandate still hasn't come from Barclays transferring from Christine our resigning treasurer to Gary, our new one. Please be patient on the financial side, and a big thank you to Christine for helping out.

It is good to see all of our groups up and running and organising their many outings and activities, If you don't belong to any groups, I would strongly recommend them, there really is something for everyone, with a choice of nearly 50 groups. You can contact the leaders from our 'Hucknall and District u3a' website, or of course at our meeting, A great way to make new friends.

It is intended that a couple of group leaders will speak for a few minutes after our coffee break to let all of us know what they are about and up to. We are hoping this will be especially helpful for our newer members especially as we can no longer have our group boards available, since moving to the John Godber Centre.

Please approach any of the committee or indeed anyone, who will gladly lead you in the right direction.

As always, thanks to Steve for preparing and editing our newsletter, we are very lucky, not many u3a's have monthly newsletters.

**Melvyn Francis, Chair**

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## NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

John Godber Centre 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Apologies for absence received from Gary and Tina Holmes, Lynda Smeathers, Dianne Heenan, Angela Cornish and Christine Eagle.

The minutes of the May meeting were agreed and signed.

Notts Network 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flash Mob on Nottingham Market Square was discussed again, at present we have 5 or 6 people interested.

Ravenshead Community Transport is still operating and it was agreed that we would renew our affiliation fee to enable groups to use at a discounted rate.

Sue, our Groups Co-ordinator has been in contact with all group leaders, however, some groups are still showing incorrect information on 'Beacon'

The group leaders are to hold a get-together meeting at the John Godber Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, they have also been asked to speak for a few minutes at our monthly meeting to explain about their group.

Speakers have been arranged for all months up to November, with the exception of November, Our Lady speaker in June will be Farmer Barnes, who will be bringing some Stilton cheese to purchase.

The Pie, Peas & Gravy Film Night on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June is all sorted by our Social Sub Committee, a few tickets still available.

Tickets for our next social event, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, being a Hog Roast with entertainment by "Footloose" will be on sale shortly.

Latest Treasurers Report was tabled and discussed; the bank mandate transfer is still being sorted by the bank.

Our Equipment Manager has compiled a list of all known equipment and where it is currently stored, this is most welcome.

Tina is sorting a future First Aid Workshop, The Defibrillator demonstration is still on hold pending the JGC purchasing the defibrillator, delayed due to the recent flooding and repair.

The Rotary Club organised activity in Hucknall Market went quite well, some interest shown and one definite new member.

Hopefully we will be on Titchfield Park with our stall and display on June 18<sup>th</sup>, any volunteers welcome.

Members update shows a total of 477 members, being 437 full, 19 associated & 21 affiliated, it was discussed and agreed that affiliated members should not attend our monthly meetings but the own u3a meetings.

Meeting closed 11.50am

Melvyn Francis

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## Monthly Meeting – Weds June 8<sup>th</sup>

### Safety

As always, Covid is still amongst us, if you have any of the symptoms, High Temperature, Persistent Cough, loss of sense of Taste or Smell, please do not attend the monthly meetings or indeed any group meetings / activities.

If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so.

Please use the rear doors off the car park for access and ensure that you register yourself as attending, if leaving before the end of the meeting, it is important for health and safety that you sign yourselves out.

Our meeting will start as normal at 2pm, with a few announcements, followed by our guest speaker Farmer Barnes, she would like to promote Farm Tours, she will bring some Stilton to the meeting, not sure if for sampling or buying, so come prepared.

After our coffee / tea break, we will be reconvening so that a couple of our Group Leaders can give us a short introduction of what their group is about and what they do.

### **U3A 40th ANNIVERSARY**

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the u3a organisation in the UK and The Notts u3a Network are planning a week of events from Sat 18<sup>th</sup> to Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.

On Saturday 24th there will be a Grand Finale in the Market Square in Nottm. 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. At present we have a few names, but could do with more.

Melvyn

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## HUCKNALL & DISTRICT u3a INTEREST GROUPS

Following a recent audit of our membership we are pleased to let you know that the following Interest Groups have vacancies. Plenty to choose from!

<b>Canasta</b>	<b>Crafty Knitters</b>
<b>Drama</b>	<b>Easier Cycle Group</b>
<b>Easy Wheelers</b>	<b>Flower Arranging</b>
<b>Fun with Languages</b>	<b>Gardening</b>
<b>Grumpy Old Men</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>Kurling 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Litter Pickers</b>
<b>Long Walks</b>	<b>Lunch Group</b>
<b>Mah Jong</b>	<b>Mid-Length Walks</b>
<b>Pickleball</b>	<b>Real Ale</b>
<b>Rummikub 2</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Scrabble</b>	<b>Short Walks</b>
<b>Singalonga</b>	<b>Table Games</b>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	<b>Watercolours</b>

You will find information about these Interest Groups on the Hucknall u3a Website (within the black box at the top). If you are interested in joining any of them, please contact the Group's Leader via the Contact Form at the bottom of the relevant page.

We will be looking at starting new groups soon, so if you have any ideas, please let me know via the 'Contact' Form (within the black box on the Website).

Thank you

Sue Tedstone

Groups Co-ordinator

## **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.

#### **Fake Energy Bill Rebate Scheme**

It's not taken long for scammers to jump on the back of soaring energy bills. Emails using the logo of the energy regulator Ofgem claim to offer an 'energy bill rebate scheme' worth up to £450 per household. The email gives a link to click on which directs you to a fake online portal where victims are urged to share personal and payment details in order to claim their refund.

As always do not open the link and give no details

#### **Council Rebate**

A recent 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.

You should all have received your rebate by now – bands A - D

#### **Santander Impersonation Scheme**

Most of us receive dodgy texts but it's nice to know the latest one doing the round.

This scam begins with what appears to be a warning text from Santander about so-called suspicious activity on your account. The warning is then meant to lure you into clicking a URL to notify Santander it wasn't you. As always, ignore and delete without opening any links

#### **Parcel Delivery**

Still doing the rounds, 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.

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.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!**





## 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

Last meeting we had brain ache with some grammar on nouns, gender and agreements of singular and plural. Also a peep into Pronouns. However, despite the grammar, enjoyment was had in the role play groups as we practised asking directions and finding places in a town.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 9th June at JGC Byron Suite at 10.30 till 12 noon. We shall be highlighting food and eating out. And to follow up on this we hope to have a drinks and nibbles session which will be hosted this time by Liz. This may go on a bit longer than 12 noon. Further details in due course.

As always, if new members wish to come and join us you are welcome.

Ann Murray & Liz Attenborough

### GARDENING GROUP

We enjoyed a very informative talk at our last meeting from the organiser for the NGS for Derbyshire, and we were shown many of the Derbyshire gardens that open for visitors. They are well worth a visit. Our next meeting will be the trip to Little Ponton Hall, on the 21st June, and there are still places available, so you can book at the next main u3a meeting.

Our July meeting will be in the Byron Room again, starting at 1.30 to 3.30, and will be a talk on the Cacao tree and its famous by-product - chocolate. All are welcome as we are an open group with no limit on numbers.

Flowers are taking over in the garden now, and shrubs are in full blossom, with a promise of the harvest to come later in the year. Chelsea flower show has given lots of ideas for different-sized plots and lots of new plants to try, even if you don't agree with the judges' decisions on Best Gardens and Best in show! Like the many gardens on display our gardens are showing less soil and more planting and the greens are so varied and fresh. As Marcelene Cox said, "Weather means more when you have a garden. There's nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in around your green beans." The showers of the last few days have certainly helped to encourage growth, from wisteria to weeds. Enjoy the colours of late spring as they move on into the bright blooms of summer.



Anne

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## HISTORY GROUP

The History Group always welcomes all U3A members. Our usual indoor meeting place is Central Methodist Church: time 2pm – 4pm ish. For this meeting we were in the Church Room and found it was much better for those members who have hearing problems. If you wish we can continue with this booking.

Our visit on May 25<sup>th</sup> to Bennerley Viaduct with our guide Kieran Lee was stunning. I think we learned something about almost everything from geology, to natural history, engineering and a bit of old English in that Erewash meant a winding river. The explanation of the views we could see from the viaduct were also outstanding. It was possibly one of the best visits we have ever had.

At the next main meeting Kath and Kathy will be taking bookings for our much delayed visit to Doddington Hall on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 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. There are still a few seats available if you would like to join us.

Bye for now – Maureen

## LITTER PICKING GROUP

For various legitimate reasons May has been a bit of a slow month for the litter pickers. Nevertheless 14 bags of rubbish have been collected thus far which has helped to make our environment cleaner and greener.

There is no limit to the number of people in the group – the more members we have the better it is for the environment – equipment is provided, there is no requirement to collect a certain amount of rubbish and no set days when it takes place. We are a flexible group!

Should anyone else wish to join the group or require further information please email me on [litter@hucknallu3a.org](mailto:litter@hucknallu3a.org) - Val Gant

## LUNCH GROUP

On Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> seventeen of us went to The Magna Charta at Lowdham; on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be at The Thorn Tree at Woodlinkin (a "George's" restaurant) and I will email the menu for you to let me have your pre-orders. On 27<sup>th</sup> July we are going to The Royal Oak at Westwood but again I don't yet have the menu.

## NATIONAL TRUST GROUP

### NATIONAL TRUST VISIT TO CANONS ASHBY

Our May visit took the group into Northamptonshire and the Canons Ashby Estate which was enjoyed by many members for the first time.

We set off in beautiful sunshine on what was to become the hottest day of the year and which added to the enjoyment of the day while the sun continued to shine.

A journey of an hour and a half saw us arrive at 11.00 am to enjoy the day.

After booking in at the reception area and a short chat about the venue from a member of the National Trust, the group eagerly started their day.

Over the day members toured the House, explored the grounds with its three different walks, enjoyed a look around the church and sat out at the lovely cafe.

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Many members particularly liked their look around the extensive tiered gardens which were a major part of the grounds.

A nice feature was a video tour of the House which enabled one of our party to sit comfortably and enjoy a virtual tour of the House thereby avoiding the staircases.

Everyone was back on the coach in good time to depart for home at 4,00pm and with traffic relatively light on the M1 the members going on to a certain football match had plenty of time to reach the ground before kick-off.!!

#### PACKWOOD HOUSE VISIT -MONDAY 13TH JUNE

Our next visit is to Packwood House in Warwickshire on the above date.

We will be leaving Hucknall Market at the usual time of 9.30am.

There are a few places available which you can book by phoning me on 0115 9559842 or emailing me at [barriensaunders@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:barriensaunders@yahoo.co.uk).

Our trip in July is to the rather special venue of Waddesdon Manor, owned by the Rothschild Family.

This visit will take place on Wednesday 20th of July and leaving at 8.30am to allow for the extra journey time. Bookings can be made from June 20th onwards. The cost is £14 per person for the coach fare.

Barry

#### NOT SO GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP

In May, the Not So Grumpy Old Men visited the Great British Car Journey. This hidden gem of an attraction, in the old wireworks at Ambergate, chronicles the history of the British car industry, with 120 vehicles on display. Audio visual tablets guided us from Austin and Morris through the troubled British Leyland years to McLaren. Worn out by all that reminiscing, the group retired to the on-site Pit Stop Café for lunch.



#### May 24<sup>th</sup> Visit to Linney Mansfield

This visit was originally planned for March 2020 then deferred but not forgotten. 12 members took part in what turned out to be an amazing experience.

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Some of you will remember Linney as printers based on Westgate in Mansfield. The company began life as a bookshop opened by founder William Linney in 1851. Newspapers were a staple especially the Mansfield and North Nottinghamshire Advertiser (CHAD) launched by John Linney in 1871 in 1995 they sold all their newspapers to Johnstone Press. They moved to Adamsway in 1998 and today in a state of the art technological environment they describe themselves as:

*'We're your full-service creative resource – from digital development to event production, large-scale print to warehousing and fulfilment. We're here to help your brand navigate the complexities of marketing in the modern world.'*

We were shown how Linney's dedicated video production team creates inspiring film and animation content for some of the world's biggest brands including McDonalds, Boots and The Post office.

We were there for over 2 hours and did not see half of what they do and both by popular request and by invitation from Miles Linney the current MD we will be making a follow up visit later this year or early 2023.



David Rose

## PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP

**The Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May Pub Quiz was attended by 25 members and was won by "Minus One". The next Pub Quiz will be on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June at The Nabb Inn at 12 noon.**

Here are the answers to the May newsletter quiz.

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| 1. Which character features as a clergyman in the stories of Robin Hood?                   | Friar Tuck   |
| 2. What star sign would you belong to if you were born on October 29th?                    | Scorpio  |
| 3. What type of beetle is sacred in Ancient Egypt?   | Scarab Dung Beetle                                   |
| 4. What C is a sign at the beginning of a musical staff indicating the pitch of the notes? | Clef   |
| 5. Which national flags are in the Union Jack?   | The crosses of St.George, St.Patrick, and St. Andrew |
| 6. What's the name of the 1st Scotsman to be voted European Footballer of The Year?        | Denis Law  |
| 7. Which Las Vegas hotel did the party stay at in the 2009 film 'The Hangover'?            | Caesar's Palace                                      |
| 8. What is the highest number visible on a dartboard?                                      | Twenty   |
| 9. How many days did the Falklands War last?   | 74   |
| 10. How many yards are there between the wickets in a game of cricket?                     | Twenty   |
| 11. What type of vegetable is known as celery root?  | Celeriac   |
| 12. Who is the author of Peter Rabbit?   | Beatrix Potter                                       |
| 13. How many lines does a Limerick have?   | Five   |
| 14. Who released a hit song in the 1980s called '99 Red Balloons'?                         | Nena   |
| 15. What is the name of the longest river in France?                                       | Loire  |
| 16. Which famous poet wrote 'An Ode to a Nightingale'?                                     | John Keates  |

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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?

Jupiter  
Tennis elbow  
Nine  
Talc

And the June quiz is a mixed-up Alphabet General Knowledge quiz. The first letter of each answer is a letter from the alphabet and it is used only once in the answers.

1. The Right Honourable William Pitt had what nickname?
2. Professor Dumbledore is in charge of which school?
3. With which book do you associate Captain Ahab?
4. Who wrote Dracula?
5. Who sang with Elton John on 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart'?
6. What is the name of the hotel in Stephen King's The Shining?
7. Who had hits with 'Let's Twist Again' and 'The Twist'?
8. Which Monarch's reign started in 1837?
9. What is the highest waterfall in the world?
10. Which dog breed is a cross between a greyhound and a collie?
11. Thermal Imaging uses what type of electromagnetic radiation?
12. Who owned Bagpuss?
13. Which natural feature lies between the two Great Lakes of Ontario and Erie?
14. The Underwood brothers played for England at which sport?
15. Which letter is the car registration for Germany?
16. Which band's debut album was called 'Boy'?
17. What is 40 in Roman numerals?
18. Who originally sang, 'I Will Survive'?
19. Which children's TV character lived on Scatterbrook Farm?
20. What is a group of lions called?
21. Where do Tribbles first appear, Star Trek or Star Wars?
22. What investigative character was played by Angela Lansbury?
23. Which is the closest planet to Earth?
24. What is the name of the boys' gang in 'Grease'?
25. What hat do you associate with Tommy Cooper?
26. The Hindenburg disaster featured what type of airship?

## READING GROUP

We held a Reading Group session in May when we discussed the set book "Away With The Penguins" by Hazel Prior. This was a delightful story with a bonus of little sidebar information about adele penguins presented in an engaging way. The set book for June was "Your Neighbour's Wife" by Tony Parsons with lots of twists and turns. The set book for July will be "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte. I could not believe it when the library told me there were only *two* copies of this book in the *whole* of Nottinghamshire libraries and these were for "easy readers" - so luckily those of us who already had our own copies will re-read them and then lend them to the rest of the group.

## REAL ALE GROUP

On Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May, 14 of us caught the tram and spent the evening visiting and sampling the ales around Hockley, in Nottingham.

Starting at the Six Barrels, then onto the Angel micro-brewery, then a very disappointing The Curious Tavern (majority of beers returned), which meant that we had no choice but to end up in Wetherspoon's Lloyd's No 1, before catching the tram back to Hucknall, only just remembering to sign our bus passes into the tram network before 11pm.

A reasonable evening out, always disappointing when a pub doesn't sample its own beer before serving.

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Our future adventures include:-

On Thurs 16th June, Mark and Lynda have generously agreed to organise a "BEER B Q" at theirs in Linby, starting about 6pm to 6.30pm.

Obviously, we will have to arrange our own transport to and from. However, we can catch the 141 bus at 5.59pm arriving at the Horse and Groom at 6.11pm. Taxi's, walking, spouse pick up or car sharing home.

There will be a cost of £5 each which will cover food and a couple of free beers. Additional beers will be available at substantially below even 'Spoons prices. On my last visit Mark had 9 beers available, all very good indeed.

Alternatively, you may bring your own drinks should you wish for anything other than Mark's home brew. Promises to be an exceptionally good night.

On Thurs 28th July, it is intended that we attend the delayed Hucknall Beer Festival at the John Godber Centre at 7pm. This is the first night of the festival and has the best beer selection and not as busy as Fri or Sat. I will send a reminder our early July.

## SCIENCE GROUP

The recent meeting of our Science Group covered a wide range of topics. Firstly, we looked at Energy in the UK, which has recently become very topical and discussed widely, because of the conflict in Ukraine, which threatens the security of our energy supplies, and also the whole of Western Europe.

In particular, we looked at proposals for generating energy from water power, and the possibilities for a barrage on the River Severn, which was first proposed over 100 years ago.

Members of the group then heard from each other about notable 'Women in Science', which they had researched since the last meeting. Two of these women were: Rosalind Franklin, who was instrumental in the early research work on DNA in the early 1950s, and Rachel Carson, who campaigned in the USA against the use of the insecticide DDT. What was notable about these women was that they were largely unrecognized in their time, reflecting attitudes in the 1940s and 1950s.

Finally, we heard about how the importance of Maths gets overlooked, illustrated by the best-selling book 'Humble Pi – When Math Goes Wrong in the Real World'. Maths is easy to ignore until a misplaced decimal point upends the stock market, a unit conversion error causes a plane to crash, or someone divides by zero and stalls a battleship in the middle of the ocean.

Some thought-provoking topics – our next meeting will be on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. We have a guest speaker Mick Leivers from CAST who are based in Newstead Village.

Mick will be talking about the background to the development of Newstead and Annesley Country Park and their work with vulnerable children who they engage in various land based skills and activities.

After the break there is an opportunity for group members who have still to talk about their woman scientist to give their presentation.

## 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.

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## **WALKING GROUP (SHORT WALKS)**

The May walk which started from Langley Mill canal basin was led by Phil and Liz Attenborough who report:

'We had a lovely walk, about four miles along the canal, 13 people turned up.

The highlight was being attacked by Swans guarding their young, and I mean really attacked! So much so Sue Naylor used her jacket as a matador cloak!

What fun we have eh!'

June 16th Walk

The circular walk of about 4 miles starts at the large lay by next to Greasley Church.

Church Road Greasley NG16 2AB

It includes a visit to the remains of the old windmill at Giltbrook.

At the end there is the opportunity to pop into the 'Parish Oven' cafe run by church volunteers for a drink and maybe a cake...

Meet at 9.45 for a 10am start.

David Rose

## **WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH WALKS)**

Welbeck Estate and Belph

Twenty-one walkers assembled at the meeting point; several went off to avail themselves of the facilities, worryingly by 10 o'clock they had not returned; it was a long walk! All present, introductions and formalities complete, we set off, heading north to pick up the Robin Hood Way east, (our route for the first three miles). The path skirts the Welbeck Abbey/House, which in the main is masked by greenery; we were given snippets of information about the eccentric 5th Duke of Portland and a brief history of the abbey/house. Open fields and oak/beech woodland are the main features of the area but what can go unnoticed, along a straight section, is a raised ridge running parallel to the path. A submerged gas lit tunnel, wide enough for two carriages to pass one another, begins at the house and emerges after 1.5 miles, above ground, through a set of doors at the South Lodge. Continuing east along Drinking Pit Lane we arrived at the Busaco Ridge, a fine example of a 'Holloway' carved through Nottinghamshire sandstone. Returning to South Lodge for a coffee stop there were reminders of how Hucknall had benefitted from contributions made by the 6th Duke. Refreshed, the walk continued NW along Broad Lane before turning west towards the hamlet of Belph. After a lunch stop, we continued south, returning to the start.

A very pleasant walk. 6.8 miles for most, 7+ miles for some!

Many retired to the Greendale Oak in Cuckney, others were tempted by the garden centre.

Our thanks go to Dave Kay and Ian Raynor for leading the walk.

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## WEEKENDERS GROUP

The Weekenders May Newsletter will be sent out on 1<sup>st</sup> June. 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 met up for coffee at Brooke Farm, Linby on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May when there was a big discussion on the state of the NHS at the moment! Our Coffee Club session last month was on the last Friday of the month (April 29<sup>th</sup>) at Papplewick Village Hall, when we discussed plans for the next couple of months' activities. We also brought items which brought memories back for us to re-tell to members. Future Coffee Club sessions will go back to the last Saturday of the month at my house (on 28<sup>th</sup> May) reverting back to pre-Covid times. We met up for lunch at Keycraft Garden Centre on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> and also had an outing on 24<sup>th</sup> May to Jacksdale Garden Centre. We plan a Jubilee Afternoon Tea at Morton's Farm on 4<sup>th</sup> June. It would be nice to get back to having our Social Evenings in members' homes but no volunteers so far! Would anyone like to host a Garden Meet up instead?

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

### **June 2022**

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#### **ARTS**

DISCUSSION	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 13:45
DRAMA	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 10:00
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**

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 13:30
GARDENING	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 14:00
HOLIDAYS	various dates
MAH JONG	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 19:00
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**

FUN WITH LANGUAGES	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10:30
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#### **SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

LITTER PICKING	Various
SCIENCE	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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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