



NEWSLETTER

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Message from our Chair

Welcome to our July Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting is on Weds 10th July, look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Please ensure that you enter the building from the car park rear entrance.

The good weather is among us, nice to see the sunshine after the cold winter and wet spring. A time for getting out and if you are able, getting away on your holidays, short breaks or days out. Rally hoping that the current airport delays and flight cancellations – more to come – do not affect any of us.

Don't forget there are plenty of wonderful places in the UK to visit, I personally love the Scottish Highland, Snowdonia in Wales and love a long weekend close to home in the Peak District, we really are blessed with a wonderful choice,

Our guest speaker this month is a gentleman known as Andy McKinnon, who will be giving us a talk on the First World War, a topic that is no longer withing living memory unless you are over 104 years old.

Following on from our coffee / tea break we will be hearing from Home-Start a charity that supports families with young children, run by local trained volunteers.

Looking forward to the both of the talks, and a big thankyou as always to Dianne our Speakers Secretary for arranging.

Our treasurer will be back among us in the near future and the bank mandate resolved, so financial activity will soon be back to normal, thanks for your patience during this handover period from our ex-treasurer Christine to our new treasurer, Gary.

On our Hucknall & District u3a website there is now a list of all of the groups that have vacancies and are looking for new members, however, should you want to join a group that is full, please speak to the groups co-ordinator and/or Sue Tedstone who will be only too glad to give help and encouragement in helping you to start a new group.

Hopefully when our current group leaders tell us what it is they do, it will encourage more of us to take a more active part.

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 6th July 2022

Apologies rec'd from Lynda Smeathers, Marl Jackson & Sue Tedstone

Minutes of previous meeting was approved with no matters arising.

U3a Notts Network 40th Anniversary Flash Mob discussed, some problem with venue to be resolved by the Notts organising committee.

We did not attend the Ashfield Council event on Titchfield Park due to lack of communication from the council resulting in last minute demands, unfortunately it rained on the day as well.

Details of National u3a quiz on Sept 19th circulated to members.

Sue Tedstone has organised a get together for all the group leaders on Friday 22nd July at the John Godber Centre 2pm to 4pm to discuss beacon, Newsletter, website new interest groups and shared ideas.

Our guest speaker for our July monthly meeting is Andy McKinnon, talking about the 1st World War, followed by a short talk from Home Start after our coffee break.

Our webmaster reported all matters updated and encouraged us all to look at our website and our Facebook page for latest information.

The treasurer's report was tabled, discussed and accepted. We are still having problems with the bank mandate, patience required from all please.

It was decided to see if we could sell the stage that we used to use at the Leisure Centre as this was now surplus to requirements.

John Godber Centre is still to purchase the defibrillator, so until bought we cannot run a course on how to use.

1st Aid Course to be investigated and arranged as a one-off activity.

It was pointed out that if any group was not using the hall on any prearranged date, then it is necessary to cancel the booking, otherwise we will be charged.

Members update shows a total of 480 members, being 439 full, 20 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

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Monthly Meeting – Weds July 13th

Safety

As always, Covid is still amongst us with the latest 'Omicron' variants, quite a few folk among us are still catching it. If you have any of the symptoms, High Temperature, Persistent Cough, loss of sense of Taste and Smell, Sore Throat or Cold like symptoms, please do not attend the monthly meetings or indeed any group meetings / activities.

We will be keeping all of the windows open, so please dress accordingly. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so.

As always 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 Andy McKinnon, talking to us about the 1st World War.

After our coffee / tea break, we will be reconvening to hear a short talk from 'Home-Start'

Home-Start is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through their challenging times. They are there for parents when they need them the most because childhood can't wait.

Visit to Farmer Barnes' Dairy

Following on from the June speaker, I have arranged this visit, which is open to everyone, and has been arranged for Friday 30 September. The coach will leave Ogle Street at 9.30 am and return at 5.30 pm and the cost is £30pp. There is a limit of 40 for this trip so it will be first come first served, but we need to get 40 to make the trip viable. We plan to visit Gates' Garden Centre in the morning, where we can have a drink and something to eat as well as a look around then on to the dairy for a 2.30 pm tour. I will be taking names and cheques at the next 2 main meetings, as we have to confirm numbers at least 2 weeks before the visit.

Anne (Wilkinson, Gardening group leader.)

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 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.

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If you are interested as a single person, a couple or a group, At present we have a few names, about ten, but could do with more. I have registered our interest with the organisers and await further details.

Melvyn

U3A OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

On Saturday 21st May, Hucknall and District u3a took part in a Rotary Club activity on Hucknall Market Place, open from 10am to 3pm

Over twenty local activity groups took part and it was very well attended by the Hucknall public. Quite a few folk took interest in our display, we had several interested in joining, and one guy actually signed up and paid his enrolment fees.



Unfortunately, our similar event on Sat 18th June on Titchfield Park to mark 100 years since it's opening, organised by Ashfield Council didn't go ahead, due to several problems with the council not acknowledging our entry form, not sending an invoice and then finally after much chasing, only a couple of days prior requesting insurance details, risk assessments, car details etc., all that should have been requested weeks before. A decision was therefore made not to attend. Thanks for those organising and who offered to help.

As it happens Saturday was very wet.

Melvyn

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND THE HUCKNALL U3A HOG ROAST

Featuring

FOOTLOOSE



On Saturday 17th September 2022 - 7pm until 10.30pm

at the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall

Doors will open at 6.30pm

FOOTLOOSE will commence at 7.15pm

The Hog Roast Supper will be served from 8.00pm

At 9pm there will be a short mid-session entertainment from



The Hucknall U3A Ukulele Band



Followed by the final performance from

FOOTLOOSE

Tickets will be on sale to members at the
July, August & September Members meetings

Cost: £12 each

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TICKET



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 "Evri" delivery text scam

Delivery company "Evri", formerly Hermes, is being impersonated by fraudsters asking for bank details to pay a fake delivery fee. It asks the recipient to visit a website to pay a £1.45 shipping fee, and if they don't pay, the parcel will be returned to the sender.

Phoney BT direct debit email

BT is being impersonated by scammers in an email that asks you to change your direct debit details. As fraudulent emails go, this is a convincing one. It includes BT's branding, logo and even BT's customer service phone number. But the link behind the button directs you to a fake website. If you receive a message out of the blue about payment details, please always check with your provider directly before you click.

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

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

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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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

CYCLING GROUP

June 6th to June 12th was designated UK Bike Week

On Sunday 12th June our 'Bike Week' ride was a route of about 38 miles to Trent Lock and back. The ride was logged with Cycling UK and this photograph of the group was taken as we entered the Nottingham University Jubilee Campus.

This was also submitted to Cycling UK with our route information.



Sunday July 17th

Many of the group take part in the 50 mile Great Notts Cycle live event.

However this year it was cancelled but we are not deterred as we are having a family and friends weekend ride which follows a route of about 52 miles devised by our route master John Saunders and his loyal apprentice Terry Hill.

This takes us down to Pride Park Derby and is a family and friends ride with all riders donating money to a charity. Last year it was Rumbletums Cafe this time it is for the Lymphoedema Support Network. We are pleased to support member John Pretty who is "supporting this cause to raise awareness of Lymphoedema in the community and because LSN has been a source of comfort and hope to my wife Ann and to many other sufferers."

David Rose

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.

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FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP

Our flower arranging group created some lovely arrangements this month using a bottle and a universal candle holder. We discovered that universal was a very loose term as the holders did not fit in normal wine bottles or anything else. But being the innovative ladies we are and with help from Allan who spent the night before filling the attachments down, we were able to get them to fit all except for one.



July's arrangement will be a triangle. So bring any container (within reason) Lots of foliage, you can never have too much, and some flowers of your choice either from the supermarket or your garden. Remember to condition your plant material the night before. Take off most of the leaves that will be below water in your buckets and leave them overnight somewhere cool to become nice and turgid. It makes getting them into the oasis a lot easier.

Please let me know if you want oasis as it will need to be soaked before the session.

There are plenty of spaces for people to join in 1.30pm first Monday of the month (next meeting July 4th John Godber Centre Ogle Street

FUN WITH LANGUAGES GROUP

Our June meeting was concentrating on ordering food and drink in a restaurant, and we did some brave role plays; the first time for our new members, so well done! We did a short quiz and a wordsearch on the subject too.

Our meeting on 14th July will be hosted at Liz Attenborough's home and will be coffee, a quiz on Spain, then drinks and nibbles with a Spanish flavour. The cost will be £1-00 and you need to let us know please if you are coming and Liz will email out her address to you. If you wish to donate something, that would be nice. It may go on a little after 12 noon.

The meeting on 11th August will be cancelled and we shall resume at JGC on Thursday 8th September at 10.30 still continuing Spanish. New members welcome. Enjoy summer!

Ann Murray & Liz Attenborough

GARDENING GROUP

The group enjoyed a beautiful day out last month at Little Ponton Hall, wandering the gardens, eating cream scones, gasping at the wild-flower meadow and then being refreshed with ice-cold cordial and apple cake. Just the job on a very hot day which was also the longest day. The Hall is well worth a visit if you are in the area, near to Grantham. We hope to return for their snowdrop and aconite show next year. Watch this space.

Our next meeting will be in the Byron Room, downstairs at the John Godber Centre, from 1-30 to 3-30. Please note the time. The subject will be cocoa and chocolate, with linked refreshments! We will also be taking names and monies for the August trip to Wollerton Old Hall Garden. This will be on August 16th and the cost will be £17-30. (If you would like a cream tea at the cafe they have to be ordered in advance.)

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We are all much more aware of the insects visiting our plots these days and I read about the concern for the decline in hoverflies. A study in Holland has found that in 2021 there were on average 80 per cent fewer individuals and 44 per cent fewer species in a forest, where the author of the study has been counting them since 1982. While there has been no study here, there is still a decline in observed numbers so we need to do all we can to help the ones that are here. Be kind to aphids (hard, I know!) as some hoverflies lay eggs on aphid colonies. Increase humidity in the garden by using grey water during dry periods. Grow more plants and cover walls and fences with climbers. Make a hoverfly lagoon- put a few twigs in a bucket and let it fill with rainwater (when we get some) to encourage species to lay their eggs in it. Sounds simple, but it will all help.



Bright colour seems to be the name of the game this summer and the garden centres are full of vivid, bold plants to tempt us. Even the supermarkets are getting in on the act, though they are not so vigilant with the watering and you may just have to rescue some tired and dry-looking specimen to bring back to life on your plot!

Finally as we spend time visiting other gardens, you might like to know: (by Susan Careless)

"You know you are a hard-core gardener if you deadhead flowers in other people's gardens." (But then there is always the danger that you are taking away the seed heads that the owner was carefully nurturing! It is the same with "helping" with the weeding- are you sure it is a weed and not a well-loved plant?) Enjoy your green spaces. Anne

HISTORY GROUP

The History Group always welcomes all U3A members. Our usual meeting place is Central Methodist Church: time 2pm – 4pm ish. Meetings are now in the Church Room which it is hoped will be much better for those members who have hearing problems. I have asked for us to continue with this booking.

The visit to Doddington Hall worked perfectly from the start with a good outbound journey to the eventual return back to Hucknall. We were met by three guides who split us up and made sure we saw all the important rooms with the relevant information of the history of the building and families who lived in the hall. This meant we were able to enjoy a private viewing before the general public were allowed into the building. There were lots of interesting artifacts, pictures and china, etc. but I particularly liked the 'Forgotten Room'. Perfect weather meant strolling round the gardens was a delightful experience; seeing the three sweet chestnut trees older than the house itself was amazing; as was the choice of a café, tea room and farm shop to buy picnics if we wanted to eat in the grounds.

The group now has a break for the summer and will commence the autumn season on September 21st 2022 Denis Hill is coming to talk about 'Victorian Housing Conditions' which is a century or so before most of the bureaucracy and health and safety rules came into being. It would cover the lifetimes of our great grandparents.

Also we will taking booking for the trip to Derby Museum costing £10. Kath has decided to retire from helping with visits but Kathy will continue as usual.

Have a wonderful summer: Bye for now – Maureen

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LITTER PICKING GROUP

Once again, for various reasons mostly holidays and illness, June has been rather a slow month for the Hucknall & District u3a Litter Pickers. However, there is some good news to report. Sally Hill who is also a member of Ashfield u3a has secured funding of over £700 from Veolia to set up a litter picking group in Ashfield. Well done Sally and good luck to the group! There is always plenty of litter to be collected so I am sure that you will all be kept very busy.

There is no limit to the number of people in the Hucknall u3a Litter Picking Group so if anyone else would like to join or for further information please contact me by telephone or by email at litter@hucknallu3a.org.uk

You will be made very welcome.

Val Gant

LUNCH GROUP

When the Lunch Group was first set up in 2009, it was meant to be an opportunity to try restaurants we may not have been to before, especially for single members who might be reluctant to visit such places on their own. We can visit the "pub" style lunches anytime but it is nice occasionally to lunch somewhere a bit different. However since Covid many of these venues have increased their prices vastly and as our members often belong to many other groups which might involve costs, it can all add up greatly.

In future I hope to book venues with more reasonable prices and also within an eight mile or so radius of Hucknall to also take account of the increased petrol prices. I should be grateful for your recommendations please.

On Wednesday, 22nd June we went to an old favourite, The Thorn Tree at Woodlinkin (a "George's" fish restaurant). And, yes, the price of fish has gone up indeed! On 27th July we are going to The Royal Oak at Westwood; unfortunately I had booked it before their new menu was printed and yes, again the prices had increased significantly. I shall need a £5 deposit please along with your menu choices. On 24th August at a member's request we are going to Mr Man's Chinese at Wollaton Park for which I shall also need a £5 deposit.

NATIONAL TRUST GROUP

VISIT TO PACKWOOD HOUSE, WARWICKSHIRE

On Monday 13th June National Trust members met up on Hucknall Market to take the coach to the Tudor built Packwood House near to Solihull.

Despite some heavy traffic on parts of the journey we arrived safely just before 11.00am.

After a few words about Packwood from one of their staff, National Trust membership cards were checked and tickets given out for timed entry to the House.

The staff very kindly found a mobility scooter for one of our group and the day began for the majority with a hot drink in the cafe.

The House itself proved very interesting with the many handmade tapestries proving particularly interesting.

Sadly, we were limited to the ground floor due to a shortage of volunteers on the day.

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Outside of the House the different types of gardens proved very popular with a fruit and vegetable garden and a display of Topiary amongst the gardens visited.

There were three marked walks available including a two and a half mile walk to the next village for the most active in the group!!!

The Lakeside walk was the most popular and was very relaxing with the presence of swans and sheep along the way.

Other areas visited included the local church, gift shop and one final visit to the cafe!! After a group photograph we boarded the coach and the journey home. We arrived back in Hucknall for 5.30pm.

A lovely venue and a warm if cloudy day was enjoyed by all the group

FUTURE VISITS

The visit in July will be to the opulent Waddesdon Manor which is owned by the Rothschild Family and managed by the National Trust.

The Manor is one of the jewels in the National Trust group of properties.

Timed entry tickets have been obtained for what should be a special visit.

To allow for the extra journey time involved we will be leaving Hucknall Market at 8.30am for this visit and returning at 4.00pm, as usual, we should be back in Hucknall for about 6.30pm.

The cost of this visit is £14 which includes use of the Shuttle bus for the day.

Our August visit is to Nunnington Hall in North Yorkshire on Thursday 11th. The cost of the coach is £15. Please note that we will be leaving Hucknall Market Place at 9.00 am on this occasion and returning from the venue at 4.00pm.

As usual we will be taking bookings a calendar month before the visit ie on July 11th.

For September we are visiting Hardwick Hall on Tuesday 13th. This visit will leave Hucknall Market Place at 10.00am with it being a relatively short journey. Returning from Hardwick at 4.00pm. The coach fare will be £10.

Bookings will be taken from August 13th.

The final visit for October will be on Monday 10th but will be to a venue still to be decided since the original venue has several areas with uneven surfaces and is not totally suitable for all the group.

Barry

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NOT SO GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP

On the day after Mid Summers Day a group of Not So Grumpy Old Men decided to venture into the Big City of Nottingham, looking to see where they could explore their Inner Viking.

They came across Hatchet Harry's on Lister Gate and honed their skills in Axe Throwing.

After a bit of practice we they were divided into 2 teams. The ATeam and the Axe-edentz.

It was a close encounter with the victorious Axe-edendz winning by 25 points to the ATeam miserable 23.5



Fortunately no injuries were sustained and it hopefully proved to be a most enjoyable and social evening.

Ian Raynor

PUB QUIZ & LUNCH GROUP

The Monday, 13th June Pub Quiz was attended by 20 members and was won by Team 3 Plus 1. The next Pub Quiz will be on Monday, 11th July at The Nabb Inn at 12 noon. All welcome.

Here are the answers to the June newsletter quiz, which was 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.

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| 1. The Right Honourable William Pitt had what nickname? | Younger |
| 2. Professor Dumbledore is in charge of which school? | Hogwarts |
| 3. With which book do you associate Captain Ahab? | Moby Dick |
| 4. Who wrote Dracula? | Bram Stoker |
| 5. Who sang with Elton John on 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart'? | Kiki Dee |
| 6. What is the name of the hotel in Stephen King's The Shining? | Overlook |
| 7. Who had hits with 'Lets Twist Again' and 'The Twist'? | Chubby Checker |
| 8. Which Monarch's reign started in 1837? | Queen Victoria |
| 9. What is the highest waterfall in the world? | Angel Falls |
| 10. Which dog breed is a cross between a greyhound and a collie? | Lurcher |
| 11. Thermal Imaging uses what type of electromagnetic radiation? | Infra Red |
| 12. Who owned Bagpuss? | Emily |
| 13. Which natural feature lies between the two Great Lakes of Ontario and Erie? | Niagara Falls |
| 14. The Underwood brothers played for England at which sport? | Rugby Union |

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| 15. Which letter is the car registration for Germany? | D |
| 16. Which band's debut album was called 'Boy'? | U2 |
| 17. What is 40 in Roman numerals? | XL |
| 18. Who originally sang, 'I Will Survive'? | Gloria Gaynor |
| 19. Which children's TV character lived on Scatterbrook Farm? | Worzel Gummidge |
| 20. What is a group of lions called? | Pride |
| 21. Where do Tribbles first appear, Star Trek or Star Wars? | Star Trek |
| 22. What investigative character was played by Angela Lansbury? | Jessica Fletcher |
| 23. Which is the closest planet to Earth? | Venus |
| 24. What is the name of the boys' gang in 'Grease'? | T-Birds |
| 25. What hat do you associate with Tommy Cooper? | Fez |
| 26. The Hindenburg disaster featured what type of airship? | Zeppelin |

And the July quiz is as follows:

1. What is the name of the Greek dip consisting of yoghurt and cucumber?
2. In Indian cooking, what is a Tandoori?
3. What is a mocha?
4. In the UK we know it as sweetcorn, but what cereal grain is it a variety of?
5. Enchiladas originated in which country?
6. In French cooking, what does 'en Croute' mean?
7. What are the two main ingredients in a bellini cocktail?
8. The beer brand 'Old Speckled Hen' was acquired by which brewery in 2000?
9. Which fast food company used the advertising slogan "I'm Lovin' it"?
10. What is unusual about the tomato-based soup known as Gazpacho?
11. What body of water separates Saudi Arabia from Africa?
12. Catalonia is a region of what country?
13. What is the largest island in the Caribbean Sea?
14. What are the five boroughs of New York City?
15. Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
16. In what mountain range is Mount Everest located?
17. In which English county is the town of Stevenage?
18. Sofia is the capital of which country?
19. What are the three official languages of Belgium?
20. In which city is the Vatican City?

READING GROUP

The set book for June was "Your Neighbour's Wife" by Tony Parsons which had lots of twists and turns. We were not impressed with the weak characters and it was not a book that we all enjoyed. The set book for July discussion will be "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte and in August we hope to discuss one of the new authors from 2021.

REAL ALE GROUP



On Thurs 16th June, Mark and Lynda, two of our members hosted a Beer-B-Q in their garden in sunny Linby. The weather was really kind to us, sunny early doors and keeping warm enough to be able to sit out all evening and enjoy the marvellous barbequed food - hot dogs, burgers, pork steaks, chicken legs, onions and pasta, accompanied by a wondrous selection of Mark's nine different home brewed beers.

Our July outing will be to Hucknall's Beer Festival, on Thurs 28th July being held at the John Godber Centre, meeting at 7.30pm. Tickets payable on arrival. All welcome.

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SCIENCE GROUP

At the June meeting our visiting speaker was Mick Leivers from CAST which is a community based company based in Newstead Village .They provide alternative provision for students from Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and Mick described how it all started in 2001 and how it has progressed to provide opportunities for young people to achieve BTEC qualifications in Land Based Studies.

The science link here is managing and respecting the environment. They are active in planning and carrying out project work within Newstead Abbey grounds and the Annesley and Newstead Country Park.

I then gave an introduction to George Green, his background and his achievements in Maths and Science.

Next Meeting: July 15th

Group Visit to: The George Green Windmill and Science Centre Sneinton

Information has been sent to the group members. Thanks for all the replies so far.

You will receive further information prior to the visit.

August: No meeting 'summer break'

September 16th we are back at the JGC at 10am.

David Rose

THEATRE GROUP

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.

WALKING GROUP (SHORT WALKS)

On a warm and sunny June 16th thirteen members completed a 4.2 mile circular starting and finishing at Greasley Parish Church.

On the walk at Gilthill are the ruins of the old Kimberley West Windmill and grain store.

There is very little left now but this is a greetings card which uses a painting of the mill dated 1900 by the Nottingham artist Thomas Hammond.



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Future Walks

July 21st A route which includes some parts of Linby and Papplewick devised and led by Liz Attenborough and Ann Murray
 August 18th Starting from Jacksdale Garden Centre an interesting route planned and led Roy Brown
 September 15th and October 20th November 17th tbc
 December 15th A 'Hucknall Festive Walk' led by Christine Eagle

You will receive more details of the walks nearer the time.

Any offers from group members to plan or jointly plan and lead walks of about 4 to 4.5 miles would be most welcome.

David Rose

WALKING GROUP (MID LENGTH WALKS)

In June, the Mid-Length Walking Group enjoyed a pleasant walk at Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre.

Passing the White-Water Rapids, we followed the rowing course by the River Trent to the Water Skiing Centre where we had our elevenses.

After a stroll through Skylarks Nature Reserve, we came across the Skylarks Experimental Saxon Village. Unfortunately, it has been severely vandalised and the two volunteers who happened to be there gave us an interesting talk about its history and what they hope to eventually achieve.

Dinner was eaten overlooking the Rowing Course then back via the Yacht Club to the car park.

All in all, a lovely walk on a lovely day.

Those who are interested can view details of the Saxon Village on Facebook- "Skylarks Experimental Archaeology".

Our thanks go to Philip and Liz Attenborough.

WEEKENDERS GROUP

The Weekenders June Newsletter will be sent out on 1st July. 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 Jubilee Afternoon Tea at Morton's Farm on 4th June. We also had a Broomhill Birthday lunch on 10th June for Janice White and had a Garden Meet up at Margaret White's home on 23rd June. At our Coffee Club session on 25th June we described the best holidays we had ever had!.

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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS

July 2022

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ARTS

DISCUSSION	1 st Monday 13:45
DRAMA	4 th Friday 10:00
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 15:00
KURLING 2	4 th Sunday 15:00
PICKLEBALL	Thursday 14.00
SEATED EXERCISE	4 th Monday 14:00
WALKING (LONG)	1 st Tuesday 10:00
WALKING (MID)	3 rd Monday 10:00
WALKING (SHORT)	3 rd Thursday 10:00

FOOD & DRINK

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
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

FUN WITH LANGUAGES	2 nd Thursday 10:30
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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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