



NEWSLETTER

Issue – October 2022

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Next Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 12th October 2022
John Godber Centre – 2pm

Guest Speaker:

Ann Featherstone - "Mashed Potato Sandwich"

Note – Deadline for submission of Articles for the next edition of the newsletter is 28th October 2022

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Message from our Chair

Welcome to our October Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting is on Weds 12th October, look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Please ensure that you enter the building from the car park rear entrance and book in at the desk.

Please try to remember to wear your name badges so that folks (especially new members) know who you are, if a group leader or committee member, again please wear your ID so that others know who they are talking to.

Please remember to either silence or turn off your mobile phones.

The last month has been a very special one for so many people, the death of Queen Elizabeth the II, whilst possibly not totally unexpected, came as a very emotional shock to us all.

Whatever your beliefs, whether monarchist or not, none can doubt the service and duty that she gave to this country for seventy long years. She lived a very full and active life right up to the end; her quick passing can only be viewed as a blessing.

For those that watched the funeral we can only wonder at the organisation that had obviously been planned for many years. The pageantry was as always first class and something that the UK specialises in and performs to perfection.

King Charles III has a daunting task ahead and must know that his mother will be a difficult act to follow, we must wish him well, and see what changes he will make.

Summer is well and truly over, with dark mornings (if you wake early enough) and dark evenings. My wife and I are now taking the dogs for their evening walk in the dark! Time to think about putting the heating and getting the throws out to keep warm on these chilly nights, please remember, always keep warm whatever else, even with the terrifyingly high fuel bills, if you have any problems please speak to your supplier.

We are still searching for a Deputy Editor for the newsletter; please volunteer if you are able.

Advanced notice that we will not be having a formal monthly meeting in December, however, we are planning to have a 'Film Afternoon' for those that want to come and watch, these have been popular in the past, see the Social Sub Committee's report.

Melvyn Francis, Chair

Notes from The Committee Meeting

John Godber Centre Wednesday 5th October

Apologies received from Christine Eagle.

Minutes of previous meeting was approved with no matters arising.

Last month's prompt slips were not as successful as before, only 3 returned. Therefore, this month's slips will be a repeat asking for 'Deputy Editor' for the monthly newsletter, 'Coffee/Tea Rota' & 'Buddy Volunteer' for new members.

Our Chair mentioned two possible activities, the first being the annual Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, information to be sent to group coordinators to see if any group is interested in participating. The second is a Notts Network Chinese New Year meal at the Springwater Cantonese Restaurant in Calverton, details to be sent by Beacon to members to see if any interested, deposit will be needed at Wednesday's 12th October meeting.

Our guest speaker for our October monthly meeting is Ann Featherstone, talking about the 'Mashed Potato Sandwiches, followed by a short talk from a couple of our group leaders, after our coffee break. Speakers now booked up until February.

The new groups 'Bridge for Beginners' and 'Wine Group 3' are up and running with 21 and 11 members respectively.

Christmas Social on Monday 5th December, all sorted by our Social Sub Committee, tickets now on sale for a bargain £8, see poster later.

There will not be a normal monthly meeting in December, however, we will be having a film afternoon instead, the film will be 'The Bishop's Wife' – more info next month.

The treasurer's report was tabled, no problems foreseen, all now running smoothly with the accounts being well in hand. Due to the problems with our current bank, Barclays, we are to try moving to our only Hucknall bank, Lloyds. Gary to investigate and set up.

Lovelace have shown an interest in our stage and have asked to view, this to be arranged when Christine is available.

'One off/short course's to be investigated for the following suggested topics: - Astrology, Vegan Cooking, Digital/Camera Photography & Philosophy.

John Godber Centre has still to purchase the defibrillator, so until bought we cannot run a course on how to use, we to chase to query when this is expected to be obtained.

The Notts Network "Flash Mob" event at Highfields on Sept 24th is progressing and we hopefully had some participants, the Flash Mob dance can be viewed on You Tube at - https://youtu.be/4-UDjkX_8qY -

The u3a National AGM to be held on Weds 6th Oct was discussed and the varying options for voting for increased subscriptions to head office discussed and agreed.

Current membership is: - Full – 451, Affiliated – 22, Associate – 23, totalling 496,

Meeting closed 11:50am

Monthly Meeting – Weds 12th October

Safety

- 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 Ann Featherstone talking about "Mashed Potato Sandwich", sounds interesting.

We have started to use prompt sheets to ask for volunteers and suggestions, please complete these and hand back at the end of the meeting.

After our coffee / tea break, we will be reconvening to hear a couple of our group leaders telling us about their group's activities.

Please remember to sign yourselves out if leaving early.

Future Speakers

November	- Annette Taylor	- "All at Sea"
December	- No Meeting	- Film Show
January	- Mick Leivers	- Annesley and Newstead Country Park
February	- David Rose	- Walking the Camino de Santiago

U3A 40th Anniversary

The 40th u3a anniversary finally took place on Highfields Park last Sat 24th Sept., being blessed with good weather, please see below the message from the organisers: -

"On behalf of the organising team, I'd like to thank all of you who participated in our Nottinghamshire Network's 40th Anniversary celebrations for all your enthusiasm and hard work. You helped make it the successful event that it was during the week leading up to the Saturday finale at Highfields Park.

Worksop and District's steel band really set the scene for an excellent afternoon with two great performances followed by speeches from the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, our Regional Trustee Jean Hogg and our network chair, Rosie Allen. The whole afternoon ended on a high note with a performance by the 'Flash Mob' led by Lesley Henstock from The Dukeries u3a who has sent me a link to a YouTube video of the dance."

If you want to see the Flash Mob dance you can see it on You Tube using the following link - https://youtu.be/4-UDjkX_8qY - try clicking on the link or just type into your search engine.

New Groups, Group News, Workshops and Other News

Coming Soon – The Christmas Social



**COME ALONG AND JOIN US AT THE
HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
with an
INDIVIDUALLY PLATED COLD PLATTER LUNCH**

on Monday 5th December 2022 from 12.30 – 3.00pm
at the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall



**Doors will open at 12 noon
Food will be served from 12.30**



The platter will consist of a selection of savoury and sweet fayre with tea or coffee throughout and then finished with mince pies (after the carol singing).

There will be a bar where drinks may be purchased

Entertainment will be:

- easy listening background music from the Baroque Quartet,
- an amusing **FREE** Raffle,
- the H&D Ukulele Band playing a selection of carols



Tickets will be on sale at the October & November meetings for £8

Due to social distancing the event will have a limited number of people (**120**) on a **first come first served** basis and tables will be set for 6 people.

When buying your tickets:

- let us know who you wish to be seated with, and
- let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE



Social Event Report:

Hog Roast Night Sat 17th September

124 members of our u3a gathered at the John Godber Centre to be entertained by a duo called Footloose, who sang songs from the 60's through to the more modern era, resulting in many adventurous souls getting onto the dance floor.

The Hog Roast was served with pork filled cobs with stuffing, scratchings and apple sauce. There were plenty of seconds with over 160 servings being consumed.



After this we were entertained by our very own Hucknall Ukulele Band with a variety of songs, many having audience participation. (see page 16 in this newsletter for more about the group)

This was followed by a well-received second showing by Footloose.

It was a very good evening and well done to the Social Sub Committee for planning and organizing another successful event.

This Months Scams Update

Fake "Mum and Dad" Scam

A recent scam that has increased by 60% this year relies upon parents wanting to help their children. You receive a text message allegedly from your son or daughter, giving you a new telephone number saying that they have lost their phone and this is their new number. Shortly after comes a request for a smallish loan normally a few hundred pounds to be transferred to their bank as they are running short having bought the new phone. Their bank details are given. Not being a large amount, many are transferring money requested. It is of course a scam. Always check before acting.

British Gas email scam offering a fake energy refund

Scammers are impersonating British Gas with fake emails tempting recipients to click a link to get a fake energy refund. Although the email looks legitimate, it addresses you by your email address and not your name. This is a potential giveaway that it's from a fraudster.

Think Five

If you get any cold calls or emails, always take five seconds, just to think, can this be true, sounds too good? Then usually is.

U3A Holidays

An Interesting Walking Holiday Opportunity 2023

Menorca 23rd September 2023: Walking holiday

For several years I've organised a walking holiday for a small number of visually impaired (VI) people plus a greater number of sighted guides. I'm currently rearranging our cancelled 2020 trip to Menorca but find that several of our group are unwilling to go abroad; this means I have a few spare rooms available. Rather than just release the spare rooms back to HF Holidays I thought it would be a good idea to offer them to Hucknall U3A members first.

Any U3A member joining the holiday would not be expected to act as a guide as I already have sufficient sighted guides, though volunteers are always welcome.

Summary details

Departure 23rd September 2023 for 7 nights half board in en-suite rooms.

Hotel Seth 55 Santo Tomas: good quality hotel with pool & other facilities.

4 Days guided walking: 2 grades of walk.

1 Day sightseeing: Cuitadella (former capital) and elsewhere around the island.

1 Day free

Easier walks: 4 – 7 miles with up to 600ft ascent.

Harder walks: 7 – 10 miles with up to 1000ft ascent.

Some areas have rocky paths.

Group price is £1,025.05 per person sharing (flights and transfers extra £250).

Single supplement is £182 per person.

Deposit £250 by end of October 2022.

If you're interested in this holiday, please contact me for more information.

Kevin Varey

email: kv.85@outlook.com

Tel: 01159 170408

(The hotel has a 5 report from one of our members and I have signed up for this. DR)*

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

The Flower arranging group had fun with flowers, fruit and vegetables this month. We are trying out different ways of securing our arrangements without using oasis as it takes such a long time to decompose. This month we used chicken wire. Members have come on in leaps and bounds as they gain more confidence and share ideas. But most of all we all had fun. The arrangement for October can be adapted either for Halloween or Bonfire Night, just with a few tweaks and twiddles. There is still room for more members, just send Siobhan an email and she will get back to you with what you need, or just turn up with some flowers, foliage and a container and see what you can go home with.

Gentle reminder ladies you can never have too much foliage.



See you all soon, Siobhan

Fun With Languages Group

Our September meeting went well and we discussed different verbs, uses and endings; also we began again our story on YouTube episodes 1 and 2 Mi Vida Loca. We shall continue with this next time plus a wordsearch using the vocabulary from the series to help us remember it!

Sadly we were very depleted in numbers as many were on holiday, and some have decided not to continue. We meet on Thursday 13th October 10.30 in the Byron suite at JGC, so hopefully all our travellers will have returned and had a great time. As I type this I feel very sad at the recent loss of our wonderful Queen Elizabeth. She was a wonderful Queen and a special lady of faith and service. She will be greatly missed.

Adios, Ann and Liz.

Gardening Group

A select and intrepid group of gardeners met last month for the final Gardening Group trip of the year to Newby Hall in Yorkshire. We were not disappointed with all that the Gardens had to offer, and enjoyed a lovely day out with good weather. Some viewed the gardens by boat and by train as well as on foot and others also visited the Hall which has a very interesting history. Newby Hall is well worth a visit if you are ever in the area.

Our next two meetings are at the John Godber Centre, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, in the room downstairs. Please note the time! October's meeting on the 18th is entitled A Plethora of Plants, followed by the usual refreshments. We are an open group and all are welcome, especially new members, even if you do not have a garden.

The NGS website still has interesting gardens for you to visit online and in person, and to enjoy what other people have done with their gardens this year.



Anne

Grumpy Old Men

Grumpy excursion to Ambergate

Members of our Grumpy Old Men group were out and about again at Ambergate recently. They visited the 'Great British Car Journey' exhibition, which displays around 150 cars, all made in the UK, mainly up to the 1990s.

There were also a number of large banners which portray some of the advertising of the period, often quite stylish. The commentary which visitors can listen to narrated a lot of the history of the industry, and its ups and downs, of which there were quite a few over the decades.

Earlier cars, such as the Austin 7 looked very small, but some of the bigger cars of the 1960s and 70s were sometimes surprisingly large.

It is also possible to go for a drive in an old car around the site, but by this time it was approaching lunchtime in the conveniently sited café!

We always have room for more Grumpies, just use the email which is listed in the Newsletter and on our website. John T



History Group

The History Group always welcomes all U3A members especially new ones. Our usual indoor meeting place is Central Methodist Church: time 2pm – 4pm ish – on the third Wednesday of the month. 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. We have had some problems with visual images and sound which I am attempting to overcome.

The autumn season commenced on **September 21st**. Denis Hill who is a brilliant speaker told us 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 no doubt cover the lifetimes of our great grandparents and even maybe some of our members who didn't live in towns.

Kath Hurt was presented with a winter arrangement in a planter to say a sincere 'thank you' for all she has done for the group in the past.

Our October meeting is **Wednesday 19th** when we have a re-arranged visit to The Derby Museum of Making. We leave Hucknall at 1pm and leave derby at 5pm. If you have any queries about the visit please contact Kathy William or Sue Knight.

November 16th Trevor Lee is coming to talk to us. He usually provides us with mind pictures of entertainers; sometimes even their voices. There will be lots of reminiscing at this meeting.

Bye for now – Maureen

Litter Picking Group

At the time of writing 18 bags of litter were collected by the group for the month of September. This is rubbish that can be picked up, put in a bag and correctly disposed of. What is infuriating are the things that cannot be bagged up, this month including a child's broken scooter and a small fridge dumped in the shrubbery off the bypass. It must take some effort to dump these unwanted items so why not dispose of them correctly?!

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. Tabards and basic equipment will be provided. You will be made very welcome.

Val Gant

Lunch Group

On the 28th September we enjoyed lunch at Ego at the Ashfields. Then on October 26th we are going to The Little John at Ravenshead, followed on 23rd November by a visit to The Nuthall for our lunch. A £5 deposit is required for these events. The Christmas Lunch looks to be a very enjoyable one with more diners than last year. As usual we shall be going to the Albert Hall on Wednesday, 21st December. We are always made so welcome there and our regulars always look forward to this event, so please come and join us. I now have the menu which is a three-course meal for £21.50. Deposit £10 in October please.

National Trust Group

National Trust visit to Hardwick Hall

A bright and sunny morning greeted the group as we met up on Hucknall Market place at the slightly later time of ten o'clock for the short journey to Hardwick Hall.

We were met by a volunteer from the National Trust on our arrival and given directions and hints for the day.

Although the Hall was partly covered by scaffolding both floors of this special building were open and provided a magnificent setting for the day.

Inside the Hall there were plenty of volunteers to answer any questions and give out valuable information.

The various walks around the Hardwick Estate ponds proved very popular over the day especially as the sun continued to shine down. For the less energetic there were walks around the beautiful gardens.

Along with visits to the shops, some members took advantage to enjoy the weather in the deckchairs provided.

The short journey home saw us arrive back in Hucknall before five o'clock after a lovely day.

Visit to Quarry Bank Mill on Monday 10th of October.

Our final visit of the year provides a slightly different visit with a trip to an old working mill in Cheshire. Here we will have an opportunity to see parts of the mill still working and also visit other parts of the site including the former apprentices' homes.

This visit will leave Hucknall Market at 9.00 am and return from Quarry Bank at 4.00pm.

There are a few places left which can be booked by emailing me at barriensaunders@yahoo.co.uk

2023

As already confirmed the group will continue next year with visits each month from March to October. Exact dates for these visits will be sent out in the near future.

Barrie

Not So Grumpy Old Men Group

Visit to The National Memorial Arboretum

Just a day after the Queen's funeral it proved a particularly significant day for ten of the group to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Sharing two cars we left Hucknall at 9.30 am for the relatively short journey to the Arboretum. Thanks to drivers Mark Jackson and Terry Moulton.

After parking up and one member receiving thorough instructions on how to use his mobility scooter we headed for a drink before visiting the displays and exhibitions.

There were three options for the day, a guided tour, a ride around the site by Landtrain complete with a commentary or a self-led tour.

The group opted for the guided tour which proved very informative.

Members were quite amazed by the sheer size of the venue which meant that it was impossible to see all of it in detail in one day.

Areas of the site were dedicated to various wars and conflicts, to specific regiments and also to non military services such as the Police service.

A meal at the site was followed by a visit to the Memorial Wall bearing the names of fallen military personnel.

It proved a very thought provoking day and one that was enjoyed by all.

Barrie Saunders



Pub Quiz & Lunch Group

The September Pub Quiz was attended by 25 members. The next Pub Quiz will be on Monday, 10th October at The Nabb Inn at 12 noon. All welcome – we can always add another person to a team if you would like to attend but haven't got a team of your own.

Here are the answers to the September newsletter quiz:

- 1 A large, powerful horse used to pull heavy loads - **Dray or draft horse**
- 2 Source of a dark blue dye from a tropical plant of the pea family - **Indigo**
- 3 2,025.37183 yds in what? **Nautical mile**
- 4 Another name for dyspepsia - **Indigestion**
- 5 Fourth largest planet in the Solar System - **Neptune**
- 6 A type of rich, strong-flavoured Italian cheese with bluish-green veins - **Gorgonzola**
- 7 A plant of the figwort family, with showy two-lipped flowers - **Antirrhinum**
- 8 Former province of South Africa - **Transvaal**
- 9 What is a testudo graeca? **Tortoise**
- 10 One of the principal characters of the Italian commedia dell'arte - **Harlequin**
- 11 Mountain conquered on May 29, 1953 - **Everest**
- 12 Yellow-flowered plant of the daisy family that is a common weed of grazing land - **Ragwort**
- 13 Charles Dickens's second novel - **Oliver Twist**
- 14 A British female singer regarded as a household name in late-1950s - **Yana**
- 15 Another name for Granny's Bonnet plant - **Aquilegia**
- 16 Another name for the Mona Lisa - **La Gioconda**
- 17 Where is The Bodleian Library? **Oxford**
- 18 In which country is the monument Cristo de las Sierras? **Argentina**
- 19 The largest and most popular city of Pakistan - **Karachi**

And the October quiz is as follows:

1. Which American dramatist wrote The Crucible?
2. By what name is nacre popularly known?
3. What name is given to a stand or support for pans before or on a fire?
4. Which British naval explorer landed at Botany Bay in 1770?
5. What sort of creature is a Gila monster?
6. Of which organ is the medulla oblongata a part?
7. What sort of creature is a trogon?
8. Which motoring organisation agreed to pay £20 million after it was caught plagiarizing Ordnance Survey maps?
9. What name is given to a Hindu of the highest caste?
10. With whom did Queen collaborate on the 1981 UK hit "Under Pressure"?
11. In which New York City street are the majority of the leading theatres situated?
12. Which King of England was nicknamed The Lionheart?
13. In which English county is the port of Plymouth situated?
14. Which element used in atomic bombs is represented by the symbol Pu?
15. With which musical instrument is the Russian born musician Isaac Stern associated?
16. Which British civil engineer is best known for his construction of the suspension bridge over the Menai Strait?
17. Which silvery white semiconductor is represented by the symbol Te?
18. In which European country can the Arlberg Pass be found?
19. What is the longest nerve in the body?
20. Who succeeded his grandfather Edward III as King of England?
21. What is measured using the Beaufort Scale?
22. Who played Hyacinth in the sitcom Keeping Up Appearances?
23. Which rock n roll legend had a top ten hit in 1964 with No Particular Place To Go?
24. Who starred in the title role of Crocodile Dundee?
25. In Greek mythology who was the goddess of love and beauty?

Reading Group

In September we discussed a book set in modern Glasgow "Shuggie Bain" by Douglas Stuart. I can't say that we "enjoyed" this book due to the harrowing tale of life for a young lad in the Glasgow slums. The librarian is being very helpful in finding books for us; we often follow the Library's Crime Café by reading their monthly set murder mystery book. Next month's Reading Group book is "A Matter of Murder" by Ann Granger.

Real Ale Group

Beeston – Thursday 22nd Sept



Our outing in September was by tram to the town of Beeston, which has many real ale hostelryes. Meeting at the tram station at 5pm and using our free passes we travelled to Beeston. A 6 minute walk took us to a micro pub named 'The Pottle' where we sampled one of their offerings. Walking by the back roads after another 5 minutes we arrived at 'The Commercial Inn' which having a hand pump selection of ten ales gave us another opportunity as seen in the photo above.

The on to 'The Last Post', a Wetherspoon's pub, with discounted beers and being curry night it was an opportunity for many to have a meal. Another stroll took us to 'The Crown' a great old pub of character with small rooms and wood panelling, again a wonderful selection of 8 ales. Just around the corner and we came to our final destination of 'The Star Inn', only 6 choices here, but all good quality drinks.

We then crossed the road to catch the tram back to Hucknall after a most enjoyable evening.

Melvyn

Seated Exercise Group

It was great to see an enthusiastic return to our seated exercise group, by both old and new members alike. We began with a warm-up followed by fall prevention and resistance band exercises. The session then finished with fun routines and a cool down.

New members are welcome to come along and have a go. We meet on the second Monday of the month at the John Godber Centre from 2pm till 3pm.

Contact Anne McDowall for more information, see details on the website.

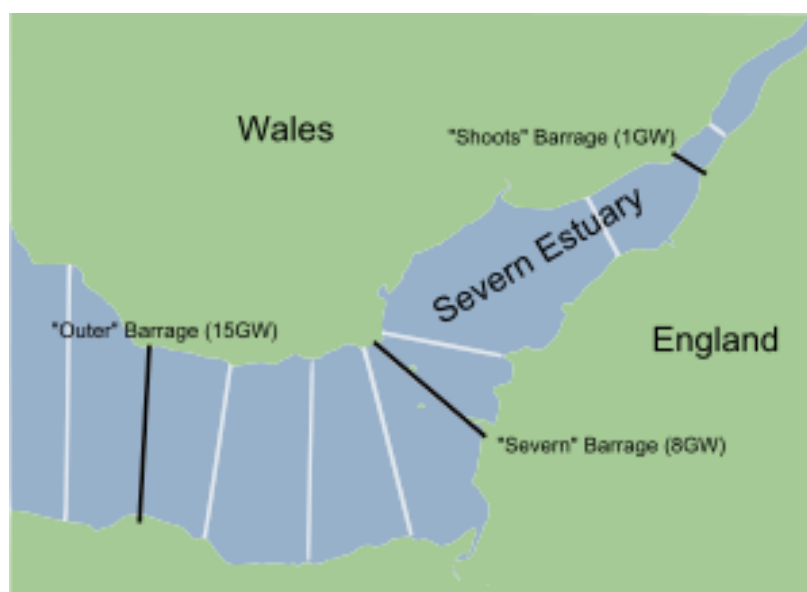
Science Group

Our theme for the September meeting was based around energy.

The question being could we in the United Kingdom (where we are well endowed with wind, wave, and tidal resources) live on our own renewable forms of energy?

It is generally agreed that there is a need to move away from unsustainable fossil fuels by generating more power from renewable sources.

One currently untapped potential resource is harnessing the power of the tides at the Severn estuary by building the Severn Barrage.



Member John Tedstone presented the history and background of numerous proposed projects over the years, initially to provide a safe harbour and more recently to generate electricity.

The group was split into 4 teams, 2 to discuss reasons why the barrage should be built and 2 to give reasons to oppose it. This led to some lively discussion followed by feedback presented by a spokesperson from each team.

At the end a vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of building the barrage providing that the environmental impact especially on migratory and overwintering birds was addressed.

Next Meeting:

Friday 21st October 10.00am to 11.45am JGC Portland Room

As we cover many aspects of science this time Bob McKewen will be telling us about 'Animal Design' and from me 'Animals saved from the brink of extinction'

David Rose

Singalonga Group

Our September meeting was hosted by Christine and Dave Vincent. The theme was Songs from the shows. Our thanks to them for an entertaining morning and for their hard work

Our next meeting is October 18th when the theme will be "Seasons".

All are welcome to join us.

Remember to: Keeeeeep Singing!

Theatre Group

The Wind in the Willows at Derby Theatre on Saturday 10th December at 2.30. Tickets £30.50

If we can get 10 people the price will come down so please put your name down. We can even do some Christmas shopping in Derby.

Also Pantomime at John Godber Centre Beauty and the Beast on Sunday 22nd January 2023 at 5.30pm.

Pantomime at Ravenshead Village Hall Alibaba on Sunday 29th January 2023 at 2pm.

The local pantos were such fun last year so hope to see you all there.

Barbara

Ukulele Group

A performance by nine members of the Group was well received at September's Hog Roast, audience participation was excellent especially the additional percussion (table banging).

The group performed the Hucknall Ukulele Band (best band in the land) and the u3a Anthem followed by a few familiar sings and a rendition of 'When You Walk in the Room', one of the new songs the Group have introduced to their repertoire which was enhanced with instrumental inclusions by Richard.

The Group has nineteen members but would welcome anyone who would like to have a go. If you enjoy singing the popular songs on the past 70 years, yes 70, then contact Vivian to arrange a visit



Walking Group (Short Length Walks)

On the 15th September 16 members enjoyed a 4.2 miles woodland meander through Sansome Woods starting and finishing at Burnt Stump Country Park.

This country park is a favourite of families in the area. It consists mainly of deciduous woodland, with an area of grassland and a cricket pitch, all conveniently close to the Burntstump public house.

Some of the group are pictured outside the Burnt Stump Pub at the end of the walk.



October Walk: Thursday 20th: A 4 mile walk with no stiles starting from Hollybeck Nurseries and Garden Centre (with a nice cafe at the end). Meet at 9.45am for a 10am start

David Rose

Walking Group (Medium Length Walks)

Our postponed September walk was at Linacre reservoirs, which are a few miles west of Chesterfield. The walk had a good solid Peak District feel to it, including some of the hills, and started from the village of Cutthorpe.

We heard about some of the industrial history of the area, starting with an area which had been open-cast mined, but is now very successfully reclaimed. Near the three lakes, we heard about the way in which the water quality of each one determined who drank the water, and also read about the origin of 'bodging', originally a term for making items from wood.

We were joined by some local residents for our usual photo opportunity, and from our picnic stop, we could see across towards Hathersage and north towards Sheffield.

Our next walk, on Monday 17th October, will be around the Hardwick Hall estate.

We always welcome more walkers to join us for enjoyable monthly rambles, usually of about 6 – 7 miles.

Many thanks to Mark and Linda for planning and leading our walk.



Walking Group (Long Length Walks)

The September walk: The River Idle, Wetlands and Chesterfield Canal went well, we had good weather and enjoyed walking along the steady moving river and the beautiful countryside along the canal and then back to the visitors centre through the wetlands of the nature reserve.

We had a coffee break in the park at Retford and a dinner break at the lock called Whitsunday Pie, oddly enough, where we had just set into our sandwiches when it poured with rain for about 10 minutes then the sun came out for the rest of the afternoon.

A good day was had by all and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.



I look forward to seeing you all again on the next walk on Tuesday 4th October.

Mark Thornley

Weekenders Group

The Weekenders October Newsletter was sent out on 1st October. 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 Broomhill birthday lunches for Margaret White and Jean Green, followed by a social afternoon at Lindsay Smith's home on 16th September. We plan an outing to Mercia Marina near Derby on 17th October as well as two Broomhill Birthday lunches this month. We are also having two Coffee Club meet ups. Because we had to cancel the September one the end of October will find us discussing "My Schooldays". Unfortunately, the Weekenders Group is full at present but I would be more than happy to help someone start up a second Weekenders

HUCKNALL & DISTRICT u3a INTEREST GROUPS

Group	Leader	Contact E-Mail
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Drama	Janet	drama@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Gardening	Anne	gardening@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Growing Old Disgracefully	Christine	god@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Kurling (2)	Sue	kurling2@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Litter Picking	Val	litter@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Lunch	Sandra	lunch@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Mah Jong	Val	mahjong@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Reading	Sandra	reading@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Rummikub (2)	Sue	rummikub2@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Seated Exercise	Anne	exercise@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Singalonga	Liz	singalonga@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Table Tennis	Alan	tabletennis@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Theatre	Barbara	theatre@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Ukulele For Fun	Vivian	ukulele@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Walking (Long)	Mark	longwalks@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Walking (Medium)	John	midwalks@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Walking (Short)	David	shortwalks@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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HUCKNALL & DISTRICT u3a INTEREST GROUPS - Calendar

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	13:30 - Flower Arranging 13:45 - Discussion 14:00 - Water Colours	10:00 - Walking (Long) 13:00 - Rummikub 2 13:30 - Table Tennis	09:15 - Cycling 10:00 Committee Meeting 14:00 - Reading	14:00 - Pickleball	09:30 - EasierCycling 09:30 - Late Breakfast 19:00 - Canasta		
2	10:00 - Ukulele 12:00 - Pub Quiz & Lunch 14:00 - Rummikub 1 14:00 - Seated Exercise	13:00 - Rummikub 2 13:30 - Table Tennis 14:00 - Crafty Knitters	09:15 - Cycling 13:45 - Members Meeting	10:30 - Fun with Languages 14:00 - Pickleball	09:30 - Easier Cycling 19:00- Mah Jong		15:00 - Kurling 1
3	10:00 - Walking (Mid) 13:45 - Craft 19:30 - Wine Appreciation	10:30 - Singalonga 13:00 - Rummikub 2 13:30 - Table Tennis 14:00 - Gardening	09:15 - Cycling 14:00 - History 19:30 - WineTasting	10:00 - Walking (Short) 14:00 - Pickleball	09:30 - Easier Cycling 10:00 - Science 19:00 - Table Games	14:00 - Week-ender's Coffee	
4	10:00 - Ukulele	13:00 - Rummikub 2 13:30 - Table Tennis	09:15 - Cycling 12:00 - Lunch	14:00 - Pickleball 14:00 - Scrabble	09:30 - Easier Cycling 10:00 - Drama 19:00 - Canasta		15:00 - Kurling 2
5		13:00 - Rummikub 2 13:30 - Table Tennis	09:15 - Cycling	14:00 - Pickleball	09:30 - Easier Cycling 19:00 - Canasta		

Various Dates:

Growing Old Disgracefully; Grumpy Old Men; International Dining; Litter Picking; National Trust; Not So Grumpy Old Men; Real Ale; Theatre; Weekenders

If there's an Interest Group that you'd like to see here, please contact the Groups' Co-ordinator, who will be happy to help (coordinator@ hucknallu3a.org.uk).

If you are unable to e-mail the group leader, Please speak to them at the monthly meeting or ask a committee member.