



NEWSLETTER

Issue – November 2022

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Next Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 9th November 2022
John Godber Centre – 2pm

Guest Speaker:

Annette Taylor - "All at Sea"
Cruising in the 80's and 90's

Note – Deadline for submission of Articles for the next edition of the newsletter is 2nd December 2022

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Message from our Chair

Welcome to our November Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting is on Weds 9th November, 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.

We have another prime minister, the third in 7 – 8 weeks, whatever your political beliefs, let us all hope that Rishi Sunak will get to grips with the economy, the markets stabilise, inflation stops rising and we can all get back to a bit of normality.

I would encourage you if you are able to try and donate some items to a local foodbank, there are a lot of struggling families out there.

The clocks have gone back an hour, I hope you all remembered and didn't turn up somewhere an hour early, we always seem to have one family every year at church, all a bit embarrassing, but good fun.

If you are about outdoors in these dark evenings try to keep to well-lit streets and don't be afraid to carry a torch if you need to. You can also wear an item of light clothing, we put fluorescent coats on our greyhounds when we take them for their night walk.

Please note that we will not be having a formal monthly meeting in December, however, we are planning to have a 'Film Afternoon' for those who want to come and watch, there will be a small charge of £2 to help cover costs, these have been popular in the past, see the Social Sub Committee's report

Melvyn Francis, Chair

Notes from The Committee Meeting

Committee held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 10 am.

Present:

Melvyn Francis, Chair
 Angela Cornish, Webmaster
 Chris Eagle, Assistant Speaker Secretary
 Gary Holmes, Treasurer
 Tina Holmes, Vice-Chair. & Short Courses Organiser
 Mark Jackson, Business Secretary
 Lynda Smeathers, Events Organiser
 Sue Tedstone, Groups Organiser
 Greg Umney, Membership Secretary

Apologies for absence were received from Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary, Liz Attenborough, Equipment Organise and Diane Heenan, Speakers Secretary.

Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting were approved and signed. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Chair –

- a. Sandra Green has sent her resignation as Secretary and from the committee with immediate effect due to health issues.
- b. Terms of Office need to be considered for future to ensure that we have people in place to step into the committee roles. Currently, Mark, Diane and Angela retire in 2024, Melvyn and Greg will retire in 2026, Tina, Gary, Liz, Lynda, Chris and Sue in 2028. It was agreed that succession planning needs to go on the Agenda from January to start looking for replacements.
- c. 8 people have paid their deposit to attend the Chinese New Year Buffet at Springwater in January.
- d. The North Nott's Neighbour Group (NNNG) want to restart their North Nott's Network meetings, these ceased during Covid. The Chair, Vice Secretary and Business Manager have been informed, as they would be members of the Network. The group runs peer support groups for all committee member roles which were useful in the past. Melvyn will keep the Committee informed. Mark informed the Committee that as well as the NNNG we do accept other affiliated members. It was agreed that we would continue to accept affiliated members from all other U3a's not just NNNG, as this is seen as a positive benefit to the groups. Sue will inform group leaders that anyone can attend a free session of a group to see if they wish to join it, regardless of which other U3a they are a member of.
- e. This led to a discussion of the 3 memberships we offer, Full, Associate and Affiliated. Full member can attend any group and the monthly meetings. Associate members must be a member of another U3a and can attend any groups and the monthly meeting. Affiliated members are a member of U3a elsewhere and does not pay us any money but then cannot attend our monthly meetings. Mark informed the committee that the levy to U3a has now gone up to £4, after discussion it was agreed that this cost would be passed onto associate members. Increasing the cost for associate members.
- f. It was agreed that the front row would be designated seating for those with hearing issues.
- g. The Chair to remind the monthly meeting attendees that it good manners to be silent during any presentations.

Groups' Co-ordinator – Sue Tedstone reported as follows:

- a. New Bridge for Beginners group is now full and has had two successful meetings. 23 paying members and 4 helpers.
- b. The New Wine Group started on 17th October, and is now called Wine lovers with 8 of the 11 members attending, led by Tina and Gary Holmes.

- c. Sue is setting up another group leaders meeting where the following will be discussed:- The different memberships in our U3a, the scenario sessions that Sue experienced on her zoom peer group session, bookings and cancellation of rooms and other finance implications, changes in group meeting dates or other relevant information and use Beacon. It was agreed the room fees and tea and coffee for the meeting be paid for out of group funds.
- d. Complaint about meeting changing. Going forward Sue will ensure that once she has been informed of any changes to go on the newsletter and website
- e. A member has suggested a card making group and Sue and has been looking into this. Lynda informed Sue about a proposal for a Calligraphy group and gave Sue the details of the person willing to run the group.

Speakers' Secretary –

- a. November speaker: Annette Taylor – "Cruising" is confirmed.
- b. David Fox is happy to reduce his talks to an hour to suit our meeting and Chris supplied a list of possible talks from him. It was agreed to book him for the March
- c. The levy to U3a has now gone up to £4, after discussion it was agreed that this cost would be passed onto associate members. Increasing the cost for associate members.
- d. Suggestions for 2023: The Grace Kelly talk is being arranged for September and a new associate member has offered information on speakers that Ashfield has used. Helen Crowfoot is another possible speaker on various War time related talks.
- e. Chris has joined Speakers group and there is a lot of information available from them, which she will investigate.

Social Sub.Committee – Meeting tomorrow.

- a. Only 4 tickets left for the December social.
- b. December 14th - Christmas Film "The Bishops Wife" - £2 entry on door. David Rose organizing. Melvyn will suggest the big screen be used to enhance the experience. Funds are available to pay for it.

Webmaster – New groups have been added to the web apart from the wine lovers group as Angela is awaiting information. Different group being featured each month on Facebook – flower arranging was last month's subject.

Treasurer–

- a. Gary Holmes had submitted written accounts which were circulated via email, which were agreed. Treasurer to talk to group leaders showing a high balance to ascertain the reasons for excess balances. Groups are meant to be self-financing not profit making.
- b. The U3A Budget for 2023 was discussed.
- c. It was agreed that membership fees would be considered prior to the March AGM. Current budget forecast shows no need for an increase.
- d. It was agreed to run a trial for the larger screen with our equipment.

Equipment Manager –

- a. Staging - Lovelace Theatre Group have shown an interest in the permanent loan of the staging and have asked to view it; this to be arranged when Christine Eagle returns from holiday. Melvyn Francis to liaise.

Vice-Chairman Short Courses & Workshops –

Tina Holmes has sourced a speaker for the Astrology workshop, provisionally a May date is being discussed with further details to be agreed. An email will be going out to all members to look for internal speakers on Philosophy, Digital Photography and Vegan Cookery and would report back.

Event's Organiser –

No events outstanding at the moment.

Membership Secretary –

- a. Greg Umney submitted a report as follows: Current membership is 496 - made up of 451 full members, 22 affiliated members and 23 associate members, – new members enrolled this month. Attendance at the October meeting was 128 with 19 members leaving early.
- b. Six buddies have come forward from the prompt slips. Two people agreed to help with the tea making but didn't put their names on. The position of Deputy Newsletter editor has been filled.
- c. 100 Membership badges are in the process of being ordered.

Business Secretary – The Third Age Trust AGM resolutions and amendments meeting went ahead. No resolution was passed.

Any other business – A new minute secretary is required. A member can be co-opted for this role.

The next Committee meeting will be held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday, 4 December 2022.

The meeting closed at 12 prompt.

Monthly Meeting – Weds 9th November

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.

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 Anette Taylor, the title is "All at Sea", cruising in the 80s and 90s.

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

December – No Meeting	– Film Show
January – Mick Leivers	– Annesley and Newstead Country Park
February – David Rose	– Walking the Camino de Santiago

THE HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A

Invites you to come along to another of our Enchanting & Comical Classic Films

at the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall

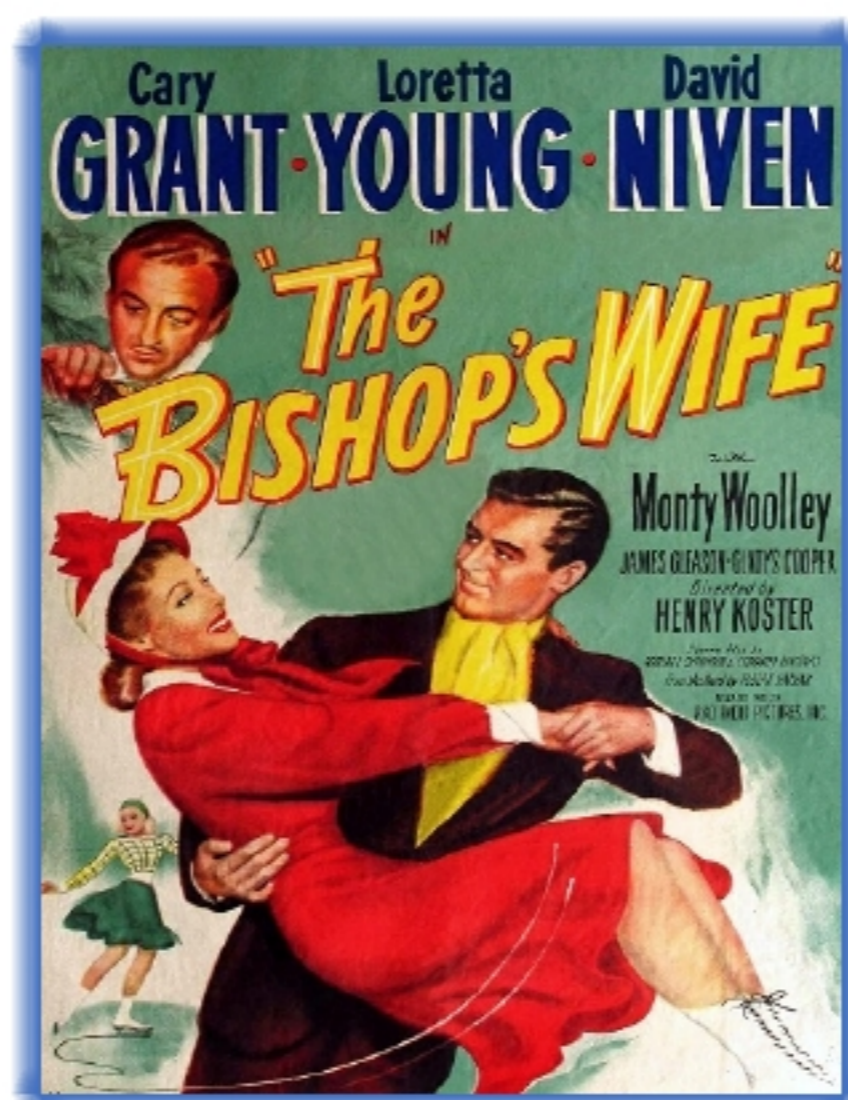
Wednesday 14th December 2022

from 1.30 pm – 3.45 pm

THE BISHOP'S WIFE

A comedy-drama telling the story of a struggling Bishop who is working to build a new Cathedral and is dejected by his efforts to raise the money.

Bishop, Henry Brougham, beseeches Heaven for guidance and is visited immediately by Dudley, who claims to be an Angel, who then wins the attention of Henry's wife.



The Film Critics said:

- the Bishop's Wife is a joyous film,
- it's a sweet, funny, captivating and altogether delightful film,
- a wonderful film skilfully combining a comedy with serious elements.

Doors will be open at **1.00 pm**

The Film will commence at **1.30 pm**

There will be refreshments available (tea & coffee)
along with mince pies or biscuits

The film is 1 hr 45 mins long and has **SUBTITLES**

Ticket price £2 – to be paid on the door

Don't forget to bring your own Popcorn!



New Groups, Group News, Workshops and Other News

This Months Scams Update - November

Watch out for phoney Amazon texts

Scammers impersonating Amazon are sending texts asking you to follow a link to secure your account following attempted logins, which is a typical tactic to incite panic. If you click the link it takes you to a convincing fake Amazon website where you're prompted to enter your login details.

The website could look genuine enough if you don't take time to assess it

Remain vigilant on energy scams

The latest energy scam capitalises on the fact that the government's £400 energy grant has started being rolled out this month. It's a text that asks you to click a link to sign up for the grant.

You should not receive a text about it as it will be applied to your energy account automatically. As we head into the colder months, please remain vigilant about energy scams.

Don't fall for the lure of high-risk investments

With inflation far outpacing savings account rates and unregulated investments claiming to offer far higher returns, there's growing temptation for the unwary to be tempted by these types of schemes. As always, if it sounds too good to be true, it will be.

News From the Groups

Bridge For Beginners Group

Our new group has proved to be a huge success!

Most of the group are beginners and we quickly realised that it will take a few sessions to learn the basics.

The good news is that we have a brilliant volunteer teacher and four further u3a volunteer helpers. They are all very patient!

We meet at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, in the Byron Bar (downstairs) at the John Godber Centre.

Sue Tedstone

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

Quite a few of our flower group were off on holidays this month, so the group was smaller than usual, but we still had a fun time doing an autumnal arrangement. We are trying to be eco aware so many of us used chicken wire as the mechanic to hold the flowers and foliage in place.

We discussed how difficult it is getting to get flowers for all the usual reasons at the moment. I informed the group that British flower growers are unlikely to be producing flowers from October to February due to fuel costs so we are going to have to be more imaginative in what we use. Luckily we are not constrained by any rules, so we might be seeing bought silk flowers, or for those of us who are crafty some paper flowers in the future. But the good thing is that foliage is always available and you just cannot have too much of it. We just need to think out of the box a bit more. We have had fruit and vegetables, we might look at ribbons and bows in the future who knows, and we will have fun whilst doing it.

Siobhan demonstrated an arrangement for next month using ornamental cabbages, alstroemeria and chrysanthemums with just the one type of foliage.

There is always space if you feel like giving it ago we are all amateurs. Siobhan



Fun With Languages Group

We had a lovely number of people this session which was great. Good to see so many after holidays or illness as we go into the Autumn. We continued with our mystery story in Spanish and used vocabulary sheets to help. We started a wordsearch on the vocabulary used in the story and members are working to complete that for next session.

We will meet again in JGC at 10.30 till 12 noon on Thursday 10th November and continue with two more episodes and checking the wordsearch answers. Hope to see you then. Please remember to sign up for the date for our Christmas meal.

Ann and Liz.

Gardening Group

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need," said Marcus Tullius Cicero.

Last month members of the Gardening Group viewed photos of the many plants growing in a local garden last year, from January to the end of May. (There was not time to finish the rest of the year so we shall see those at a future meeting.)

The next meeting will be on November 15th in the John Godber Centre, at 1.30 to 3.30 - please note the time! Our speaker will be Alan Clements from Cascade Gardens in Derbyshire, and the talk will be "From Jungle to Paradise". All are very welcome, including new members.

We are currently planning next year's calendar so if anyone has ideas for visits or talk subjects please let us know.



Anne

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.

Our October meeting was a visit to The Derby Museum of Making which was absolutely fantastic despite the tours around Derby City centre trying to find the building. Most of us thoroughly enjoyed our time there which had interests for every age group including us. We pulled out drawers, slid racks along, marvelled at the exhibits hanging from the roof and tried our hands at puzzles. I have thanked the staff but also complained about the lack of direction signs to get there and missing notices about the café closing meaning quite a few of us were disappointed.

One more point. There was quite naturally so much information about Rolls Royce but why did we see nothing at all about the amazing work in Hucknall to develop the Harrier aeroplane via The Flying Bedstead?

November 16th 2022 - Trevor Lee is coming to talk to us. He usually provides us with mind pictures of entertainers; sometimes even their voices. Lots of reminiscing at this meeting. Trevor has decided to call his talk "Radio Fun" to link in with the '100 years anniversary of the BBC.

Bye for now – Maureen

Litter Picking Group

Fifteen bags of litter have been collected in our area by the group during October. There is always plenty more so if anyone else would like to join the group and give us some help please feel free to contact me either by telephone or by email at litter@hucknallu3a.org.uk

We do not meet on specific days, some members prefer to litter pick on their own near to home, others litter pick in pairs and if there is a particular problem in an area we get together as a group which serves the purpose of collecting the litter and also flying the flag for Hucknall & District u3a. We have distinctive tabards which are provided along with the basic stick, hoop holder and bags. Filled bags can be left for collection next to council waste bins.

Litter picking is not an arduous task but sometimes you find that once you start you just can't stop so end up walking further than intended! One of the most gratifying things about it though is when members of the public stop and thank you for what you are doing or motorists pip their horns and give you the thumbs up as they pass by. A little praise and encouragement goes a long way.

Val Gant

Lunch Group

October 26th the Group went to The Little John at Ravenshead; thanks a million to Siobhan Lee for taking charge in my absence on holiday. On 23rd November we visit The Nuthall for our lunch. A £5 deposit is required for this event. 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. Balance of £11.50 at the November meeting please.

National Trust Group

National Trust visit to Quarry Bank Mill in Cheshire.

Members set off on Monday 10th of October at 9.00am from Hucknall Market in bright sunshine for the two hour journey up to Quarry Bank.

The journey itself took us through the beautiful Peak District, making a lovely change to the views generated on the M1!!!

On arrival the Quarry Bank staff were all organised to start a day that many members enjoyed more than any other visit this year.

We were split into three groups and led on a lengthy tour of the preserved Cotton Mill which gave a wonderful picture of the history of the cotton mills. From hand weaving, to the Spinning Jenny all the way through machines produced later, we got a great first-hand view of the history of the cotton industry.

Leaving our guides behind most members headed to the cafe for some lunch before then having a forty five minute tour of the Apprentices House where the kitchen, dining room and bedrooms were viewed along with some wonderful stories about some individuals who effectively lived in the Workhouse.

These organised tours left limited time for visits to the gardens, walks and shops. The day seemed to pass quickly and at 4.00pm departure time was upon us.

The journey home again passing through the Peaks, in the sunshine completed a lovely day out. We arrived back in Hucknall for just after 6.00pm with many members saying that they would like to revisit the venue on another occasion.

NATIONAL TRUST GROUP 2023

Just to confirm that the group will operate again next year from March to October. Venues and dates will be sent out as soon as possible.

Sue and myself are very pleased to say that next year Anne and Steve Lawrence will be helping us to plan and organise the visits, something that we really appreciate.

If members have any particular places that they would recommend for our visits please let us know.

Thank you to all of you who have supported the group this year.

Barrie and Sue

Not So Grumpy Old Men Group

Have you ever wondered how products in your online shopping cart get from Amazon to you? Well, in October, the Not So Grumpy Old Men visited the Amazon Fulfilment Centre at Doncaster to find out.

The Doncaster facility is one of over 50 Fulfilment Centres across Europe and is over 1m square feet of technologically advanced storage space where the barcode is king. From receipt to stowage, picking, packing, labelling, shipping and delivery, everything, is driven by those thick and thin lines. The application of the final despatch labels in the SLAM machine is a joy to behold.

In a Q&A session we learned what happens to the returns and where to buy cheap Amazon products (but it's our secret!)

On leaving with our goodie bags we made a short trip for our lunch stop before the return home.



Pub Quiz & Lunch Group

The October Pub Quiz was attended by 25 members. The next Pub Quiz will be on Monday, 8th November 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 October newsletter quiz:

1. Which American dramatist wrote The Crucible? **Arthur Miller**
2. By what name is nacre popularly known? **Mother of Pearl**
3. What name is given to a stand or support for pans before or on a fire? **Trivet**
4. Which British naval explorer landed at Botany Bay in 1770? **Captain James Cook**
5. What sort of creature is a Gila monster? **A Lizard**
6. Of which organ is the medulla oblongata a part? **The Brain**
7. What sort of creature is a trogon? **A Bird**
8. Which motoring organisation agreed to pay £20 million after it was caught plagiarizing Ordnance Survey maps? **The AA (Automobile Association)**

9. What name is given to a Hindu of the highest caste? **Brahman**
 10. With whom did Queen collaborate on the 1981 UK hit "Under Pressure"? **David Bowie**
 11. In which New York City street are the majority of the leading theatres situated? **Broadway**
 12. Which King of England was nicknamed The Lionheart? **Richard I**
 13. In which English county is the port of Plymouth situated? **Devon**
 14. Which element used in atomic bombs is represented by the symbol Pu? **Plutonium**
 15. With which musical instrument is the Russian born musician Isaac Stern associated? **Violin**
 16. Which British civil engineer is best known for his construction of the suspension bridge over the Menai Strait? **Thomas Telford**
 17. Which silvery white semiconductor is represented by the symbol Te? **Tellurium**
 18. In which European country can the Arlberg Pass be found? **Austria**
 19. What is the longest nerve in the body? **The sciatic nerve**
 20. Who succeeded his grandfather Edward III as King of England? **Richard II**
 21. What is measured using the Beaufort Scale? **Wind Speed**
 22. Who played Hyacinth in the sitcom Keeping Up Appearances? **Patricia Routledge**
 23. Which rock n roll legend had a top ten hit in 1964 with No Particular Place To Go? **Chuck Berry**
 24. Who starred in the title role of Crocodile Dundee? **Paul Hogan**
 25. In Greek mythology who was the goddess of love and beauty? **Aphrodite**
- Apologies – no November quiz this month as have been on my holidays and didn't have time to do it!

Reading Group

This month's Reading Group book was "A Matter of Murder" by Ann Granger; a "so-so" murder mystery. The November book will be "The Last Patient" by David Johnson. And in December we grannies are going to give Hogwarts a go!.

Real Ale Group

Travelling by tram and bus, making full use of our free bus passes, on Wednesday 13th October, ten of the Real Ale Group ventured down to the Trent Cricket Ground to attend CAMRA's (Campaign for Real Ale) Robin Hood Real Ale and Cider Festival.

There were almost 800 different beers on offer, one of them 28% alcohol content, we had a third of a pint and shared it between most of us, just a sip to say that we had tried it – not particularly pleasant.

However, a very pleasant afternoon / early evening was had by all sampling in thirds of a pint the many varied beers on offer. The idea to try many different beers rather than just drinking lots of it.

Making our way home some of us stopped off at Wetherspoon's Pilgrim's Oak in Hucknall for very tasty curry.

Once again, a very enjoyable day, with pleasant company, thanks to all.

Melvyn

Science Group

Our meeting is on Friday 18th November 10am to 11.45am in the Portland Room JGC. Our theme and presentations are 'Animal' based:

Bob McEwen: An aspect of animal design

Terry Hill: Human evolution, the future of mankind and how it may develop.

David Rose: To consider some reasons for animal extinction.



An image of an extinct Sabre Tooth Tiger

David Rose

Singalonga Group

It was great to see so many members at our October meeting and to welcome new members too.

Our next meeting is 15th November, same time 10.30, same place St Peter & St Paul's Church Hall.

No theme, just popular songs to join in with!

All are welcome and remember- Keeeep 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

Walking Group (Short Length Walks)

The October walk was a 'wash out' with torrential rain and flooding on several sections of the driving route from Hucknall

The 7 members who braved the elements sensibly decided to walk the 25 metres from the car park to watch the rain pour down from inside the cafe at Hollybeck.



In November on Thursday 17th we will return to Hollybeck and try again!

Meet in the car park of the Hollybeck Garden Centre and Cafe 9.45 am for a 10.00am start. Circular 4 mile walk on good tracks and bridleways, no stiles. : Hollybeck Nurseries Oxtun Road, NG25 0RW

David Rose

Walking Group (Medium Length Walks)

October's walk was led by Chris West and Mandy James and took place in the beautiful surroundings of Hardwick Hall Estate on a perfect, bright and sunny autumnal morning.

Twenty of us met up at the Miller's Pond National Trust car park and set off around the pond followed by a steady ascent through woods and up grassland before following a flat and gravelled drive to one of England's tiniest villages, Ault Hucknall, (not a hamlet, despite its tiny size, due to its Saxon church which was the worship place of Bess of Hardwick herself!)

We then picked up a footpath crossing two fields followed by another leading to the pretty village of Rowthorne, where we stopped at the start of the Rowthorne Trail for our coffee break. After continuing along the tree lined trail for half a mile or so, we turned off to take the path through woods and fields to Norwood, on the edge of the Hardwick Estate. Re-entering the estate, we walked through Lady Spencer's Wood (where the ladies of the Hall would take their exercise) up to the Stable Yard where we stopped for lunch, making the most of the tables, benches and 'facilities', not always a feature on our walks - luxury!.

We admired the exterior of the Hall (currently undergoing repair work), the impressive home of the formidable Bess of Hardwick, the second most powerful woman in England in Tudor times, after Queen Elizabeth I, largely due to her outliving four, increasingly wealthy husbands, and hanging onto her inheritances....

The last leg of the walk involved a gradual descent across a grassy hillside down to the ponds and car park, followed by a well-earned drink, for some, at the Hardwick Inn.

Walking Group (Long Length Walks)

Thanks to everyone who attended the 4th October walk, which was through the picturesque village of Bothamsall along the River Maun, then through Conjure Alders, an ancient wood and on along the River Meden. We then had our lunch at the side of the Meden sitting on top of Robin Hood's cave, overlooking very nice views of the surrounding countryside.

We then walked through Boughton Brakes, a wood belonging to the National Trust and worked our way back to the start through Walesby and over the open countryside.

It was a walk of around 9 miles, but was very flat and was enjoyed by all, including the new members. The weather managed to hold off until the end of the walk, which made it a nice day for walking, though a little breezy toward the end. On the way home we called in at the White Post for a well-deserved pint of Timothy Taylors.

The group is open to new members who are always welcome.



Weekenders Group

The Weekenders November Newsletter was sent out on 28th 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 Anita Lingard and Lindsay Smith. We had a lovely outing to Mercia Marina near Derby on 17th. The end of October found the Coffee Club discussing "My Schooldays". We are planning an outing to Blue Diamond at East Bridgford in November and a Broomhill Birthday lunch for June Flint as well as our usual Coffee Club on 26th November, discussion topic yet to be decided.

HUCKNALL & DISTRICT u3a INTEREST GROUPS

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Drama	Janet	drama@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Growing Old Disgracefully	Christine	god@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Grumpy Old Men	John	grumpy@hucknallu3a.org.uk
History	Maureen	history@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Kurling (2)	Sue	kurling2@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Late Breakfast	Geoff	latebreakfast@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Litter Picking	Val	litter@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Lunch	Sandra	lunch@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Mah Jong	Val	mahjong@hucknallu3a.org.uk
National Trust	Barrie	nationaltrust@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Not So Grumpy Old Men	Barrie	notsogrumpy@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Pickleball	David	pickleball@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Rummikub (1)	Kate	rummikub@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Rummikub (2)	Sue	rummikub2@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Science	David	science@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Scrabble	Val	scrabble@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Seated Exercise	Anne	exercise@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Short Courses	Tina	shortcourses@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Singalonga	Liz	singalonga@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Table Games	Sue/Margaret	games@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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
Watercolour	Margaret	painting@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Weekenders	Sandra	weekenders@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Wine Appreciation	Mark	wineappreciation@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Wine Lovers	Tina / Gary	winelovers@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Wine Tasting	Sue	winetasting@hucknallu3a.org.uk

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 16:30 - Bridge	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 19:00 - Wine Lovers 19:30 - Wine Appreciation	10:30 - Singalonga 13:00 - Rummikub 2 13:30 - Table Tennis 13:30 - 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 16:30 - Bridge	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.