



NEWSLETTER

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Next Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11th October 2023
John Godber Centre – 2pm

Guest Speaker:

Steve Wallace – The Sherwood Observatory & James Webb Telescope

Note – Deadline for submission of Articles for the next edition of the newsletter is 27th October 2023

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Message from our Chair

Welcome to our October Newsletter,

Well the weather is getting wetter, windier and colder, now that we passed the Autumnal Equinox on Sept 23rd, trust you will all remember to put your clocks back on Saturday night the 28th October. I always remember whether to put the clocks back or forward by using the American word for autumn being fall, Hence we have Spring forward and fall back (one hour).

We had many say how good a talk our September speaker was on Grace Kelly (quite a naughty lady) very clear and precise.

Hopefully our October speaker a Dr Steven Wallace, talking about the Sherwood Observatory & Space Discovery Centre and The James Webb Space Telescope, should be really interesting.

The 50s & 60s night went very well on 23rd Sept, we didn't quite manage to sell 100 tickets, but almost made it. The group 'Rocks and Frocks' we very good and kept us all well entertained with a variety of songs, getting many up on their feet and dancing the night away.

We will be selling tickets for our next social activity on Monday 4th Dec, a Christmas meal with u3a entertainment, see the poster in the newsletter for more details. Many thanks to our Social Sub Committee for all their hard work.

After much confusion a date has finally been sorted for our normal alternative December meeting, and this is now on Friday 8th Dec, again more details later in the newsletter, apologies for the mix up on the dates. This will be a free event.

Still looking for committee members, especially a Vice Chair, along with a couple of other committee members, open for all, men and women.

The Rotary community day on the market place went very well, we had excellent weather, possibly one of the hottest days of the year. Our stall was well staffed and we had quite a bit of interest with several folk showing enthusiasm for joining our u3a.

The entertainment for the day was varied and enjoyable, a lot of clubs having put a lot of work into their performances. A dancing group, kick boxing, ukulele band, choir, among others. Other stalls were very diverse and interesting. It was good to see what Hucknall has to offer. Very diverse and something for everyone.

We still have quite a few members who don't belong to any activity group, I would strongly recommend that you do, as you make great new friends and find new interests. Talk to myself or Sue Tedstone if you need any help.

As always I look forward to seeing you all at October's monthly meeting, please try and remember to wear your name badges so that all know who you are, and of course don't forget to sign out if you leave early.

Melvyn Francis, Chair

Monthly Meeting – Weds 11th October

Safety

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.

In the event of the fire alarm sounding, then please make your way to the rear car park by means of the rear doors if possible. The assembly point is the Scout Hut in the far corner of the car park.

Our meeting will start as normal at 2pm, with a few announcements, then our Tea / Coffee break, followed by our guest speaker:-

Dr Steven Wallace, talking about the "Sherwood Observatory & Space Discovery Centre, also The James Webb Space Telescope"

We will be using the JGC loop system for those of us with hearing aids, please switch to your loop setting and turn up your volume if you can. The loop system has been turned up to it's maximum, so hopefully will be clearer. We will also be reserving a few front seats for those with a hearing loss, if you would prefer.

Please volunteer to help with the teas and coffee if you are able, sign up on the form available.

Future Speakers

November - Steve Lovell : The Miracle of Migration

December – No Speaker

January – Paul Cullen – Origins & History of Nottinghamshire

Social Sub Committee

Our latest social event took place on Saturday 23rd September.

The theme was music mainly from the 60's performed by the group 'Rocks and Frocks'

They have an excellent sound and their playlist had the dance floor bouncing all night.

Some members delved deep into their wardrobes and were barely recognisable in the colourful 50's and swinging 60's period outfits.

A special guest was a Mr Elvis Presley and his notorious manager Colonel Tom Parker.



Our next events are:

Monday 4th December 12.30 pm to 4 pm

Christmas Meal and Social

A two course meal, tea/coffee and a mince pie followed by:

Live musical entertainment by some of our talented members and to complete our afternoon a Christmas Singalonga

Friday December 8th 1.30pm to 4.45pm

Part 1: An illustrated talk about Eric Coates the Hucknall born composer by Maureen Newton .We will also hear some of his music.

Part 2: An audio visual video with music and songs by original artists compiled by Christine Vincent which features several of our Interest Groups.

To finish our afternoon 2 entertaining live performances by 'Fun With Languages' and the Cycling group.

For more details please see the posters in this newsletter.

Your Invitation to a special event

Monday October 23rd The John Godber Centre 2pm to 3.30pm

Nottingham University History Festival is from October 23rd to 27th

Applications were invited for organisations to 'bid' for a speaker to deliver a presentation.

Hucknall u3a were successful and we are pleased to have guest speaker Dr Richard Gaunt

Dr Gaunt is an Associate Professor from the Department of History and is *'highly recommended'* by our History Group Leader Maureen Newton.

The talk is **'Nottingham Castle: Past, Present – and Future?'**

Dr Richard Gaunt discusses his experience as Curator of Rebellion, working on the Nottingham Castle transformation project, in the context of the Castle's 1000-year history as a Nottingham landmark.



Nominal Entry Fee £1.00 payable on the door



COME ALONG AND JOIN US AT THE
HUCKNALL & DISTRICT u3a's
CHRISTMAS 2 COURSE MEAL & SOCIAL
 at the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall on
Monday 4th December 2023



The entertainment features:

HOME GROWN TALENT OF OUR u3a MEMBERS

Followed by a Singalong Session organised by
 Philip & Elizabeth Attenborough



Doors will open at 11.45am and Lunch is served from 12.30pm
 Entertainment will be from approx. 2.30 - 4pm

Tickets are on sale for £15 and includes a 2 Course Lunch

If you wish to be seated with friends, arrange this with them beforehand
 and let us know at the time of booking

Your menu choice is required when buying your ticket

The Menu Selections available are:

Mains:

Roast Beef Dinner
 Roast Chicken Dinner
 Cold Platter & Jacket Potato

Desserts:

Lemon Meringue Pie
 Biscotti Cheesecake
 Cheese & Biscuits



Followed later by
 Tea or Coffee & Mince Pies



Entertainment will be from 2.30 – 4.00pm

The event finishes at approximately 4.00pm

Tickets will be on sale for £15 at the October & November meetings
 and there is a limited number of tickets so don't dilly dally !





COME ALONG TO OUR CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE EVENT

on Friday 8th December 2023

at the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall

Doors Open at 1.30pm for a prompt 2pm start

Part 1

The Christmas Lecture



on

The Life and Times of Eric Coates (1886 – 1957)

by Maureen Newton



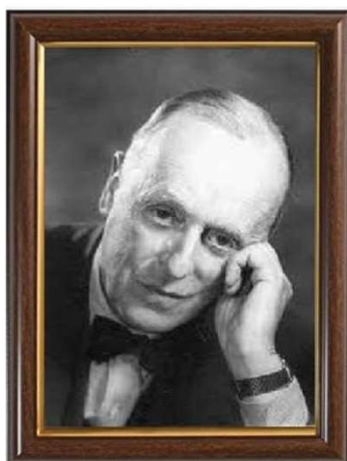
He was born in Hucknall



His mother was a pianist



He studied the violin
from the age of 6



He was the son of a
local GP



His first violin was
purchased from
Hucknall High Street



He gave up playing music to concentrate on composing many famous musical pieces, some of which you will all know.



Interval and Refreshments

Tea / coffee, sausage rolls and mince pies



Part 2

The Hucknall u3a Members' Media Show



by Christine Vincent



This is an AUDIO / VIDEO PRESENTATION, devised by one of our members, that illustrates various interest groups activities to a background of songs sung by the original artists. Animated images of some of the groups will be on the screen.

The event will close with representatives of 2 interest groups singing original songs.

The event will finish at 3.45pm

Ashfield & Hucknall U3A Holidays

2024 SPRING BREAK

Caroline Rhoades is organising another holiday for Hucknall and Ashfield u3a members, these breaks are always good and very popular, details are below

Spring Break. 15/3/24. 7 days Half board Cavendish Hotel Exmouth. An Alfa Leisureplex hotel situated on the sea front. All rooms warm and cosy with full central heating and private facilities. The hotel has a lift to all rooms and has an extensive menu to suit all. Entertainment each evening. Three full day excursions included * Exeter and Exe estuary cruise *Sidmouth, Bicton Park and garden's * Torquay and Brixham Coach will pick up all u3a members from Ogle St, Newstead Abbey Gates, Kirkby Ellis St and travel directly to our hotel £345. 00 sharing twin or double. Sea view £35. Pp extra Deposits £60. Pp made out to Alfa Travel

Contact Caroline Rhoades for information and to secure your holiday.

crhoades159@gmail.com 07724210563.

Severn Trent Water and Age UK

Here are two ways that it is possible to get help with the ever increasing cost of living, don't be afraid to ask.

Severn Trent Water – Big Difference Scheme

I was recently given information from an Ashfield Council stall in Hucknall on market day, giving details of a possible discount of up to 90% of your water bill for eligible houses.

The two main criteria are:-

a) Live alone

and/or

b) Have an annual household income of less than £20,048.

For more details either visit www.bigdiff.co.uk or phone 0121 355 7766 option 6.

One of our members has contacted them and had her water bill reduced from £50 pm to £11 pm.

Cannot guarantee anything, but worth a try – good luck.

Age UK

If you are aged 50+ and would like to be warmer and wiser about energy, they are here to help. They can:

Fit FREE energy saving measures such as draught excluders, timers and light bulbs.

Advise on how to reduce your energy usage and bills.

Advise on how to maintain a healthy temperature at home.

Maximise your income through energy checks.

Provide energy saving tips, information and signposting.

Support is available through home visits or via telephone

Contact by phone on 0115 8599 205 or email warmandwise@ageuknotts.org.uk

News From the Groups

Film & Culture Group

This group exists simply to notify members of Hucknall u3a what films are available locally and when, plus information on other musical and Drama events. To receive this info please forward your email address to alansnape@hotmail.co.uk and I will forward the latest bulletin.

At the Royal Concert Hall 27th October the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra playing Russian Classics Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1 and Rachmaninov Symphony NO 2 featuring Pavel Kolesnikov on Piano £11.50 - £39.50 box office 0115 9895555

Drama at the Bonnington Theatre – Arnold Leisure Centre, High Street, Arnold. Agatha Christie "The Rule of Three", Wednesday 18 to Saturday 21st October 2023 at 7:30pm. A triple bill of one act murder mysteries, a.) Afternoon at the Seaside b) The Rats c) The Patient performed by The Bonington Players

Tickets £10 from box office 0115 9013640 or on line boningtontheatre.co.uk

Films - The Creator UK release Thursday 28th September and onwards at The ARC Contact alansnape@hotmail.co.uk for dates and times.

Flower Arranging Group



After a break for August, a small but dedicated group of ladies joined up to have a go at a 'Follow Me' arrangement. The mechanics were obtained so that each member had the same. We then went on to create a modern arrangement using Gutter Mesh, Pea Sticks and cable ties. Most ladies chose to use roses as their flowers but some were adventurous with other flowers. The arrangements were beautiful.

At the next meeting following discussions, the ladies are doing either a miniature arrangement or a blousy autumnal one whilst an advent arrangement will be demonstrated for the November class.

Anyone is welcome to come along and see if the group might interest them, there is always a welcome and space.

The next meeting is October 2nd John Godber Centre 1.30pm.

Siobhan

Gardening Group

Thank you to those members who turned out on a wet and windy afternoon to hear the NGS online talk, about Great Dixter, the home of Christopher Lloyd. It was very refreshing to hear that our gardens are valued for the biodiversity they attract without having to rewild everywhere! When Great Dixter did an audit they found an amazing number of different bees, wasps, flies, dragonflies, spiders, beetles butterflies, moths, as well as slugs, snails, worms etc. And these are all in our gardens around our trees, shrubs, flowers and lawns. So keep calm and carry on gardening just as you have been doing! It was a very interesting talk and thanks to the NGS for supplying it for us.



Next month, on October 17th, we are back at the John Godber Centre for a talk on Plant Hunters, meeting at 1.30 to 3.30. Come and hear about the origins of your favourite flowers and plants and how they came to be here in our country.

All are welcome as we are an open group.

Anne

Growing Old Disgracefully Group

On Friday 22nd September 17 ladies of the Growing Old Disgracefully group ventured forth on our planned adventure.

We caught the tram from Hucknall Station (at a suitable time not to be called the 'Twirlies') and travelled south to the stop at University Boulevard (well most of us did, some of us disembarked a stop sooner, to have their own adventure). However, this did not matter as our destination was located in the middle of these two stops. Our destination was the Nottingham Croquet Club, which has become our annual pilgrimage for 3 years, where we take part in Croquet with lots of fresh air, sport and fun.

For over a week prior to our outing, there had been so much rain that we thought we would have to cancel our excursion due to water laying on the lawns, but the afternoon before, the sun came out and miraculously dried the lawns enough for us to play. The weather continued to be good to us as we played.

We started by meeting our volunteer coaches in the Pavilion and we were placed into teams to play Golf Croquet and then we separated over the 3 lawns that we had booked. Having played Croquet before we revisited the rules and the technique of swinging the mallet, only to find Golf Croquet was totally different.

We were told that we would be playing a 'knockout game' in order to have 2 winners (a team) by the end of play. We started to play. This is when it really became interesting and competitive. By the time we reached semi-finals, members were thwacking the balls instead of gently hitting them, lining up their mallets and having their team members show them the right way to hit the balls and taking divots out of the grass with the force of their strokes.

The overall winners were Marilyn Gretton and Kim Haddaway, WAY TO GO GIRLS!

Obviously, we will be repeating this pilgrimage again next year.



History Group

The History Group welcomes all U3A members. Our indoor meeting place is Central Methodist Church on Baker Street : time 2pm - 4pm on the third Wednesday of the month.

Kathy & Sue will be taking names and Money at the next main meeting on October at John Godber Centre for the visit to the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery at Stoke - on - Trent on October 18th. We leave Ogle St. at 10.30. Leave Stoke 4pm.

The talk by Robert Mee on Nottinghamshire Castles surprised us all, I think, because we hadn't heard of some of them. Robert recommended a book about them which might be available from the library. Perhaps we should all be pro active by going round our local county looking for them.

We also had 2 lady visitors, Laurie and Mia, from Leicester University telling us about a project they are doing on Hucknall. Thank you to the members who took home the details and are considering taking part by being interviewed.

The next meeting at Central Methodist Church is Wednesday 15th November at 2pm

TTFN from Maureen

Litter Picking Group

Once again members of the group were out and about collecting litter from our area and in total gathered 27 bags of it in September, all of which was disposed of in the correct manner. On 18th September an informal meeting of the group was held in Byron's Rest on Baker Street and one topic agreed upon was that we should have a group litter pick, therefore if anyone in Hucknall & District u3a knows of an area that needs our attention please feel free to contact me as per the Interest Groups Contact Details at the end of this newsletter and we will be happy to litter pick it for you.

Val Gant

Lunch Group

Our venue on 27th September was at Ciao Bella Mansfield in the Lounge. A lovely place and good meal. Please let me know if you wish your name to be added to any of the following venues.

25th October 12 noon – Gedling Inn & Kitchen.

22nd November 6.30 pm. Bibiana Bengal Restaurant Hucknall.

20th December 12 noon. Albert Hall Christmas Lunch £23. £10 deposit in October and balance in November.

Please let your friends who normally attend but who are not on email, have the above information. Many thanks.

National Trust Group

National Trust visit to Dunham Massey Estate

The National Trust group returned to Cheshire for their September visit to the one of the largest estates in the National Trust portfolio. Travelling through the Peak District we arrived safely at 10.45am. The weather forecast was for rain later in the day so many members visited the outdoor attractions first and left the tour of the House and other indoor activities for later in the day.

There were regular tours of the gardens, the mill and the estate led by very enthusiastic and well informed guides.

The estate itself was vast and had some lovely walks and grounds which were home to over one hundred and fifty deer.

The weather forecast proved to be correct with the rain arriving later in the day. This proved the ideal time to visit the cafe or restaurant for lunch and then on to Dunham Massey house itself.



Spread over three floors and staffed by lots of volunteers we learnt a lot about the many rooms on show. Originally a seventeenth century family home the National Trust acquired the house as recently as 1976.

As usual we left at 4.00pm for home and arrived back in Hucknall for 6.00pm.

Next month's visit to Charlecote Park in Warwickshire is already full.

Barrie

Not So Grumpy Old Men Group

On September 20th our visit was to the Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum

Before our guided tour we met in Parker's Yard Cafe named after the Parker family who owned and ran one of the earliest frame knitting workshops that once employed 100 workers.

It was an interesting visit which included a link to Hucknall with a working machine made for J Buck and sons who had factories on Derbyshire Lane and Titchfield Street.

NS Grumpie Roy Brown is seen working the machine, a nostalgic reminder of his first job on leaving school in 1958.

Green Tin Shawl Frame c.1950's

This is our most recent frame. It was the last frame to be made in Nottingham, constructed by Alan Cooke of Ruddington for J Buck & Sons Ltd, Hucknall. From the early 20th century the few frames which were built were constructed around cast iron frames which were much heavier than their predecessors. This machine was also known as a 'Two-at-Once' Frame, it is a 34 gauge machine which made lace shawls.



Our next activity is a guided visit of Newstead Abbey on October 24th

Pub Quiz & Lunch Group

The Pub Quiz took place on the 11th September when 22 of us met at The Nabb Inn. All are welcome – we prefer a maximum of four to a team where possible as we can always add a person to another team if you would like to attend but haven't got a team of your own. Sometimes the quiz is easy and occasionally it is very hard, but the idea is to have a bit of fun and to socialise whilst enjoying a lunch. The next Pub Lunch Quiz will be on Monday, 9th October at 12 noon. Please note I shall be retiring as Pub Quizmaster after the December Quiz and we have decided that each team will take it in turn to organise a month. The quizzes etc for that year are all in a folder ready to go so it just means turning up, reading out the questions and answers and taking the £1 entry fee. It would be a pity if the Pub Quiz Group folded as those attending enjoy not just the quiz but the lunch and good company.

And here are the answers to the September quiz;

1. Someone who designs dance moves. **Choreographer**
2. He makes and fits shoes for horses. **Farrier**
3. A medical professional who collects and tests blood. **Phlebotomist**
4. A professional wine waiter. **Sommelier**
5. Front of house at a restaurant. **Maitre D**
6. A head chef's second in command. **Sous chef**
7. A brain surgeon. **Neurologist**
8. Which stage musical tells the story of an Argentinian dictator's wife? **Evita**
9. Who sang with UB40 for their 1985 hit, 'I Got You Babe'? **Chryssie Hinds**
10. Which horror film used Mike Oldfield's 'Tubular Bells' as its theme? **The Exorcist**
11. Who played the title role in the 50s/60s TV show, 'Dr Kildare'? **Richard Chamberlain**
12. Who was the Prince of Denmark? **Hamlet**
13. What was the name of the spaceship in Blakes 7? **The Liberator**
14. What is the children's game, Noughts and Crosses, called in the USA? **Tic Tac Toe**
15. What two names are given to a group of swans on the ground, beginning with B? **Bevy or Bank of swans**
16. Which of the sciences is regarded as the oldest? **Astronomy**
17. Born on 5 May 1818, who was known as the father of communism? **Karl Marx**
18. Which word can go after PUPPY and before LETTER to make new words? **Love**
19. Which animal's English name means earthpig in Afrikaans? **Aardvark**
20. What name is given to the chalk rocks situated in the Solent, just off the Isle of Wight? **The Needles**
21. Which book features a pub called 'The Admiral Benbow'? **Treasure Island**
22. In which year did Jesse Owens become the first black athlete win 4 gold medals at the Olympic Games? **1936**
23. The Whitsunday Islands are located off the coast of which country? **Australia**
24. Which artist's studio was known as the Factory? **Andy Warhol**
25. What is the lightest of all the elements and has the atomic number 1? **Hydrogen**

And here is the October quiz:

1. Which historical Chinese rebellion can also be a type of dog?
2. If you were ill with rubella, what would you have?
3. The Nobel Literature Prize is awarded in which country?
4. What is the name of the half circle instrument found in a geometry set?
5. What name is given to the outermost layers of trees?
6. Which TV presenter ask the questions in University Challenge?
7. In which ocean did the Titanic sink?
8. What was the first name of the Spanish artist Dali?
9. Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in which European mountain range?
10. How many days are there in February in a leap year?
11. Which mode of transport has parts called an envelope, burner and basket?
12. If something is done in a clandestine way, how is it done?
13. Give the four initials of the organisation responsible for maintaining a database of drivers in Great Britain?
14. In the Second World War what was the German equivalent of the RAF?
15. Which dance move, in which the dancer moves backwards, was made popular by Michael Jackson?
16. Which large animal's name comes from the ancient Greek words for "river horse"?
17. What's the name of the historical embroidered long cloth which depicts events leading up to the Battle of Hastings?
18. What colour is the circle on the Japanese flag?
19. If a letter of the alphabet is not a vowel, what must it be instead?
20. What was originally considered to be the ninth planet from the Sun but after 1992 had its status as a large planet changed?
21. How many teeth does an adult have?
22. Which 13th-century Scottish warrior was played by Mel Gibson in the film Braveheart?
23. Not including jokers, how many cards are there in a complete pack of playing cards?
24. Which sport is played on a lawn and involves hitting plastic or wooden balls with a mallet through hoops?.
25. By which three letter abbreviation do we better know the name given to the genetic instructions of all known living organisms?.

Reading Group

The October Reading Group will meet on Wednesday, 4th October. The September set book was The Devil's Table by Kate Rhodes.

Real Ale Group

Our September outing was on Thursday 21st meeting at the tram station to catch the 6.15pm tram to the Lace Market stop. We then had a half mile walk down Hockley to the Sneinton area.

Our first port of call was to The New Bath Inn, a recently renovated establishment, a good selection of beers, but perhaps a little noisy for our delicate ears.

Walking down Bath Street, we came to The New Castle, a small local public House ran by an 88 year old landlady named Judith, serving only 2 real ales, they are always well presented. Unfortunately we could not inspect the recently discovered and dug out cellars as Judith had just had a hip replacement and couldn't get down the stairs.

Around the corner to The King William IV, more commonly known as the King Billy, always a very good selection of Ales and Stouts, very well-known with the real ale folk. Then just around the corner to a new mini bar named The Partizan Tavern, again 2 or 3 beers on selection, these two hostleries were very different but well worth the visit.

Our last port of call was the traditional pub The Fox and Grapes, just across the road and again serving several real ales for our selection, before heading back up the hill of Hockley to catch our tram home.

An excellent night, a good mix of establishments and of course excellent company as always.

Our October outing is on Thursday 12th when we will be visiting CAMRA's "The Robin Hood Beer and Cider Festival" at the Trent Bridge cricket ground.

Science Group

At the September meeting we welcomed Isabel (Izzy) Ely a postgraduate researcher at the Nottingham University Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Centre of Metabolism, Ageing & Physiology (COMAP).

This is part of the Academic Unit of Injury, Recovery & Inflammation Sciences School of Medicine who are based at Royal Derby Hospital.

She outlined the current research into the effect of ageing on our muscular system. Generally as we get older we exercise less and invariably eat less protein.

These factors can lead to muscular atrophy (wasting) and her research is looking at the effect of an amino acid supplement in reversing and slowing down this process with a focus on the older generation.

Next Meeting

Friday October 20th 10.00am to 11.45am

Part 1: 'The Greening of the Nottinghamshire Coalfields' by David Vincent

From his own personal and professional involvement David will explain why and how this came about.

Part 2: An introduction to the science and development of photography. DR

David Rose

Theatre Group

The theatre news list as follows:

21st October. The King & I Saturday 2.30pm Theatre Royal Tickets £53.00

4th November. The Full Money Saturday 2.30pm Theatre Royal Tickets 38.50

Good Vibrations Beach Boys Wednesday 15.11.23 Concert Hall 7.30pm Tickets £37.00. Please note this is an evening performance.

Dr.Michael Mosley & Clair Bailey Monday 26.02.24. Concert Hall 7.30pm Tickets £30.50. Please note this is also a one off evening performance.

Matthew Bourne's Edward Sissorhands Saturday 02.03.24. Theatre Royal 2.30pm Tickets £54.00.

The Wizard of Oz Thursday 11.04.24.Theatre Royal 2pm. Tickets £44.50

Sensational 60's Sunday 28.04.2024. Concert Hall 3pm Tickets £33.50. Please note this is a Sunday performance.

Northern Ballet Romeo & Juliet at Theatre Royal on Saturday 04.05.2024 2.30pm Tickets £37.50.

Cluedo 2 at Theatre Royal on Saturday 25.05.2024 at 2.30 Tickets £42.50.

Pretty Woman Wednesday 04.09.2024 Theatre Royal 2pm Tickets £45.50.

Barbara

Vegetarian Cookery Group

At September's meeting member's watched a demonstration of 3 different recipes. The first was twice – baked cheese souffles, which sound difficult and complicated but were not and they were enjoyed by all at the tasting part of the meeting. The next two recipes are useful nibbles or snack/picnic fare. They were parmesan thins and poppy seed/parmesan/ sea-salt crackers. These can be eaten with cheese, salads, relishes and savoury dips. Members are given their own copy of the recipes so they can try them at home. We have spaces in the group if anyone would like to join us, please contact me.



October's meeting will be on Monday the 23rd , at 10.30 am at St Peter and St Paul's church Hall on Ruffs Drive.

Anne Wilkinson

Walking Group (Short Length Walks)

On September 21st we completed a linear walk of 4.8 miles from Larch Farm to Linby village via Newstead Abbey.

We decided to support the 141 bus service by catching the 10.11am bus outside the Horse and Groom alighting at Larch Farm.

It starts as a woodland walk through Hagnook Wood to the Abbey - where we made use of the cafe and toilet facilities.

It then followed the familiar track to Papplewick and onto Linby.



Our next walk is on Thursday October 19th

David Rose

Walking Group (Medium Length)

Our September walk started from the centre of Melbourne, Derbyshire. Our route took us around the perimeter of Melbourne Hall, where we stopped for a few minutes to have a look what we now know is Johnny Vegas' 'Glamping' site. Near the footpath there is what must be a unique and random collection of old vehicles, including a U.S. Air Force helicopter (with garden seats on the roof) and a yellow 1950s school bus. Details are on the Melbourne Hall website for anyone who wants an unusual short break!

Further on, we paused for a couple of minutes to take stock in a field with a number of large cattle, who fortunately proved to be very uninterested in a group of walkers.

Our route then followed part of the National Cycle Network Route 6 back into Melbourne, passing a field with a selection of non-moving lions and tigers, together with a giraffe!

The next walk will be on Monday 16th October. Medium Walks are usually in the 6 -7 mile range – if you are interested in joining us, just use the email on the U3A website.

John Tedstone

Walking Group (Longer Length Walks)

Our latest foray into the wilds was a trip to Darley Dale. We met at the Square and Compass at Darley Bridge for a walk of 8.77 miles. It was a gorgeous day, in fact a bit too gorgeous as it was quite hot, but after the weather we have had previously I am not moaning.

We set off across the fields and then walked alongside the River Derwent to the village off Rowsley. We then walked onto the Heritage Mill where we had a coffee stop. We crossed fields to woodland and walked up to the atmospheric, Nine Ladies stone circle, a relic from the Neolithic Age and 4000 years old, where we had lunch.

We then walked over Stanton Moor which was beautiful as it was covered with Heather. We walked through Clough Wood, which was welcome as we were shaded from the Sun and back to Darley Bridge. We all had a well-earned rest and a pint in the Square and Compass before heading home.

A very nice day and a good walk, which we all enjoyed.



There is room in the group for more people so you are welcome to join a warm and friendly bunch of Ramblers.

Mark

Weekenders Group

In September we had a Social Afternoon at Lindsay Smith's; we had a good time with lovely food. We re-booked our trip to Boundary Mills Rotherham followed by the Whitby's Fish Restaurant lunch on Wednesday, 20th September; we celebrated Margaret White birthday at the Nabb Inn for a change. Finally, we met for Coffee Club on 30th September. In October we are planning Birthday lunches on 13th and 20th for Anita and Lindsay, a Day Trip out to Derby INTU and Little Eaton Garden Centre on 18th, ending with our Coffee Club session on 28th

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Walking (Medium)	John	midwalks@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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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	09:15 - Cycling 10:00 Committee Meeting 14:00 - Reading	14:00 -Pickleball	09:30 - EasierCycling 09:30 - Late Breakfast 14.00 - Table Tennis 19:00 - Canasta		
2	10:00 - Ukulele 12:00 - Pub Quiz & Lunch 14:00 - Rummikub 1 14:00 - Seated Exercise	13:00 - Rummikub 2 14:00 - Crafty Knitters 18:30 - Bridge	09:15 - Cycling 13:45 - Members Meeting	10:30 - Fun with Languages 14:00 - Pickleball	09:30 - Easier Cycling 14.00 - Table Tennis 19:00- Mah Jong		
3	10:00 - Walking (Medium) 13:45 - Craft 19:00 - Wine Lovers 19:30 - Wine Appreciation	10:30 - Singalonga 13:00 - Rummikub 2 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 14.00 - Table Tennis 19:00 - Table Games		
4	10:00 - Ukulele 10:30 - Vegetarian Cookery	13:00 - Rummikub 2 18:30 - Bridge	09:15 - Cycling 12:00 - Lunch	14:00 - Pickleball 14:00 - Scrabble	09:30 - Easier Cycling 10:00 - Drama 14.00 - Table Tennis 19:00 - Canasta	14:00 - Week-ender's Coffee	15:00 - Kurling
5		13:00 - Rummikub 2	09:15 - Cycling	14:00 - Pickleball	09:30 - Easier Cycling 14.00 - Table Tennis 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.