



# **NEWSLETTER**

## **Issue – November 2023**

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### **Next Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**John Godber Centre – 2pm**

### **Guest Speaker:**

**Steve Lovell : The Miracle of Migration**

What drives Birds and Mammals to undertake such spectacular journeys? Here in Britain it is both a home and a staging post for some special birds. This talk poses more questions than answers.

**Note – Deadline for submission of Articles for the next edition of the newsletter is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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## Message from our Chair

Welcome to our November Newsletter,

Well what a month October was, so much rain, that my dog walking boots have got so wet they are soaked through, stuffed with newspaper drying out. One day after the storms we were walking the dogs, came to a huge puddle, decided to carry on through, and ended up wading halfway up our calves.

If you were fortunate enough not to get wet then, much thanks, pity those that ended up with their homes flooded. There was quite a few places in Hucknall affected, Ogle St., Baker St., and the worst I saw was at the bottom of St Patrick's Rd., the water so deep, just the tops of cars showing.

Our heart goes out to anyone affected, if you know anyone and can offer any help, then please do if you are able.

Halloween came and went, not sure what your feelings are, they differ so widely, personally I'm not keen, but still ended up carving a pumpkin for granddaughter.

Trick and treat can be fun for children if managed correctly, but we all know this is not always the case. I suppose I'm being Mr Grumpy.

Our last speaker talking on the Sherwood Observatory etc., was good, clear and well presented, a few found it a bit highbrow, but still interesting.

Our 'one off' History talk on Nottingham Castle, was well attended with 70 of us attending. Again, such a clear speaker talking mainly about the refurbishment and the new set up of the various museum displays and an explanation of the recent problems since Covid. Again a few would have like to hear more about the actual history of the Castle itself, but still found the talk uplifting and quite a few have said they will be visiting the Castle shortly.

This month's speaker on Natural History – The Miracle of Migration, sounds very interesting, do come along to listen.

Our Christmas Social on Monday 4th December is proving very popular, only a handful of tickets left, first come first served at Novembers Meeting.

Our Eric Coates talk and Media Showcase is well underway for Friday 8th December, apologies about the date confusion, but now finalised, This is instead of our normal monthly meeting and is a free event.

Still looking for a couple of Committee Members for next AGM, please don't be shy, step forward, we cannot function without a committee. If you are unsure, please come and talk to either myself or any committee member.

As always I look forward to seeing you all at November'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 8<sup>th</sup> November

### 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:-

Steve Lovell, talking about the "Natural History – The Miracle of Migration"

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

December – No Speaker  
January – Paul Cullen – Origins & History of Nottinghamshire  
February – Graham Keal – Oprah & Co

## GROUP LEADER'S GET TOGETHER AND BUFFET

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October our u3a hosted a thank you get together at the John Godber Centre. Invited were all those that volunteer to lead/run our Interest Groups, Committee, Social Sub Committee, Newsletter and provide our refreshments.

Many of our members hold several of these roles and our u3a wouldn't function without them. 43 people came along and enjoyed a cold buffet, provided by Pierre's of Linby.

We then held a question and answer session, which was a chance to ask the Committee any burning questions.

We finished by discussing 3 imaginary interest group scenarios, in small groups. Lots of ideas were created as a result of this. Overall, the collective view was that all members of a group can be included in decision making and should help the group leader where possible. To keep generating new ideas for the group is not an easy task. A new group can be supported initially by the Committee, but the aim is for them to become self-funding. It was a good reminder that all our group leaders in the u3a are volunteers and they need our support.

I'm sure that you will agree with me that all of our volunteers do a great job!

Sue Tedstone (Group's Coordinator)

## **November Scams**

### **Fraudsters target Halifax customers**

We've received multiple reports about unsolicited emails from scammers posing as Halifax. These messages appear to come from Halifax, but the true sender addresses are hijacked TalkTalk and Tiscali accounts.

The scammers used convincing Halifax branding and claimed to be asking customers to 'refresh their contact details' as an extra security measure, inviting them to click a link that redirects to a fake Halifax website.

**Legitimate banks will never ask for sensitive information such as your PIN or full password via email.**

Phone scams, commonly known as 'vishing', involve fraudsters trying to deceive you over the phone.

It can be challenging to detect a phone scam, as there are many types in operation. One common example is when fraudsters spoof phone numbers to impersonate your bank's fraud department. They then urge you to trans-fer your money to a 'safe' account before disappearing with your cash.

**Always approach unsolicited calls with caution. Scammers can be persuasive, so don't trust calls that come out of the blue.**

### **Scammers posing as police officers**

A Which? member was recently cold called by a scammer who pretended to be a police officer. The scammer claimed that the police had arrested someone who had used the member's bank card. When asked for further details, the scammer became aggressive and ended the call.

**It's important to remember that the police will never ask for personal or financial information over unsolicited calls.**

# **ATTENTION MEMBERS**



THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT TIME CHANGE TO THE START OF THE  
**CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE EVENT**

At the John Godber Centre on **FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**FEATURING**

**THE CHRISTMAS LECTURE on  
The Life & Times of Eric Coates  
& The Media Show**

**THE DOORS WILL NOW OPEN AT 1.15 pm  
FOR A PROMPT START at 1.45 pm**



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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



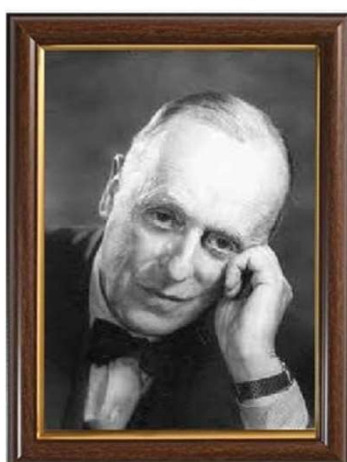
He was born in Hucknall



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

## **News From the Groups**

### **Discussion Group**

Discussion subjects for this month included:

Buses – members discussed how waiting for buses and buses not arriving was causing problems for them. This was having an impact on all routes in the Hucknall area.

When the bus companies were approached reasons for this happening were given as ageing rolling stock and buses breaking down.

It was felt that the boards at bus stops were not giving enough information when they are supposed to be in real time but never show a cancelled service.

An idea to speak to the local councillors and bus companies to help sort things out.

UFO'S – A lively discussion on whether they exist and what they are. A vote was held with 5 members for and 7 against or not sure.

Hedgehogs - They are an endangered species and many living in urban areas are unable to exist without help. Suggestions were to have a hole in gravel boards of fencing so that they can go from garden to garden for food sources. A member was going to a local group and will report back their findings.

Changing the face of history – the group looked at how some reports and programmes like 'Who do you think you are', can give a view of history which fits what they want to say rather than the reality. It was felt that The Workhouse as an example actually gave opportunities to some people rather than how it is portrayed. Slavery was also discussed along with other areas of social history and how it is being changed for an audience of the present day.

Ideas for November meeting:

Speeding  
Children talking  
Concrete in buildings

### **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 information please forward your email address to [alansnape@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alansnape@hotmail.co.uk) and I will forward the latest bulletin.

Advance notice - at the ARC cinema here in Hucknall on the 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15, a recording of the live performance of The Nut Cracker ballet by the Royal Ballet Company will be shown.

Also at The ARC you will be able to see a recording of Andre Rieu's White Christmas 2023. This will be shown on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5.00 pm and again on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.00 and 5.15 pm

## Flower Arranging Group

Our u3a Flower Group again had a lovely afternoon being creative. The ladies had been given a choice of big and blousy autumn or miniature. Many chose miniature and were surprised that it took nearly as long to do a miniature as it did to do a normal size arrangement. I demonstrated a big and blousy arrangement. As usual we had a good natter. We welcomed Beverly as a new member.



I am putting a reminder in now that next year we will be moving from the first Monday in the month to the fourth. November's arrangement will be an Advent table arrangement.

Anyone interested in joining the group is most welcome please contact via website.

Siobhan

## Fun With Languages Group

October's meeting was a bit low on numbers owing to some illness and some still enjoying holidays. We hope that those who are ill recover soon and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on Thursday 9th November 10.30 in JGC Byron Suite.

We continued with French, watching a short video about walking and scenic routes, completed some oral translation and had some laughs trying to practise our song for the presentations on Friday 8th December. Please support that. We decided to leave our usual Xmas meal until after Christmas this time so we had something to look forward to after all the celebrations, also many members had a lot of bookings in December.

Next month we shall practise our song and continue with French. We shall change language for January, so watch this space!!

Au revoir, Ann & Liz.

## Gardening Group

Last month members of the Gardening Group listened to a talk on Plant Hunters, very courageous and determined men and women who travelled the world seeking new plants, flowers and shrubs. They endured many dangers and hardships but succeeded in bringing delightful and colourful items to this country that we can still enjoy today. We take our colourful gardens for granted sometimes and it is good to remember how they came to be here.





The next meeting will be on November 21st in the John Godber Centre, at 1.30 to 3.30. Our speaker will be Karen Gimson, who writes for the Garden News magazine. She will talk about the garden at the Rainbows Hospice in Leicestershire. All are very welcome, including new members. We are now have next year's calendar planned with trips and speakers booked.

Anne

## Grumpy Old Men Group

Grumpy Old Men in the picture.

Our October visit was to the business of W.W.Winter in Derby. Unknown to all of us until recently, Winters are the oldest photographic business in the country, and possibly the world, having been established in 1852. They have been in the same premises on Midland Road, near Derby train station, since 1867.

We heard about the origins of the business, at a time when photographic studios could be found in many towns and cities. Their business covered all types of photography, from family portraits to commercial businesses, and at one time they had a contract to photograph all the premises of Derby Co-op.

They are supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and hope to establish a Trust so that the premises survive and become a centre for education about photography. Much building work is needed, and we were told that the building is very cold in the winter; there is quite a lot of hardboard partitioning probably dating from the 1960s, and some very impressive cast iron decorated radiators.



There is more information about Winters on their website, and they also have videos on YouTube.

As is customary, the Grumpies then retired for lunch, to the Brunswick Inn nearby. The building is next to several streets of railway cottages, built to house railway workers in the 1840s.

John Tedstone

## **History Group**

The History Group always welcomes all U3A members especially new ones. Our indoor meeting place is Central Methodist Church on Baker Street: time 2pm – 4pm.

The visit to the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery was am-a-zing. I have been trying to think, but not succeeding very well, if we have been to one as good before; perhaps the Royal Armouries at Leeds was closest; or the National Coal Mining Museum at Wakefield; all of which I think deserve another visit. I have, of course, not considered the smaller town ones which we could enjoy in one day. The journey both ways to Stoke was very good – a special thank you to the driver

The next meeting at Central Methodist Church is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. One of our previous speakers Michael Cooke is coming to tell us about "History and Aircraft in England and Surprises in France." Sounds interesting!

Maureen

## **Litter Picking Group**

Despite the awful weather in October members of the litter picking group still managed to collect 26 bags of rubbish - but do you know what they do with it? Well normally they leave the rubbish all correctly bagged up by the side of the council litter bins so that the bin collectors can take it when they empty the bins. However, the council litter bins are gradually disappearing and despite messages to the council by various litter pickers no response has been forthcoming. We're quite sure they're not being stolen for scrap metal otherwise the contents of the bins and the bags of rubbish at the side of them would be left behind which they're not, so if any of you u3a amateur detectives out there can shed any light on 'The Case of the Disappearing Litter Bins' I would be very grateful if you would let me know!

Val Gant

## **Lunch Group**

24 of us enjoyed lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Gedling Inn & Kitchen. On 22<sup>nd</sup> November we dine at 6.30 pm at Bibiana Bengal Restaurant Hucknall; they don't open at lunchtime hence the early dinner. We are looking forward to a full house on 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon at our Christmas Lunch at The Albert Hall, Nottingham. The balance of £13 is due at the November U3A meeting.

## **National Trust Group**

On an overcast morning on October 26th the group left Hucknall Market with a full coach to travel to Charlecote Park which lies close to the River Avon between Warwick and Stratford.

Arriving by 10,30 am the group were meet by staff from Charlecote and given time slots to enter the House.

The house has been in the ownership of the Fairfax Lucy family for over nine hundred years.

The five enormous ground floor rooms were all furnished from the Victorian period, sadly we could not see the other floors as restoration work was being carried out.

The outside courtyard housed a brewery, laundry, kitchen and a display of carriages.

The group was then blessed with a beautiful sunny afternoon during which members enjoyed walks around the extensive grounds where deer and sheep were roaming. There was still time to visit the cafe, gift shop, plant shop and second hand book shop.



Everyone was then safely back to the bus for the return journey to Hucknall where we arrived safely at 6.00o'clock.

Next month our final visit takes us to York for the day.

Barrie

## **Not So Grumpy Old Men Group**

On Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> we had a guided tour of Newstead Abbey

Best laid plans to meet at Newstead Village and to enter the Abbey grounds through the tradesman's entrance were thwarted by a flooded road with 2 abandoned vehicles. Plan B was then executed as we travelled round to the main entrance and onto the Abbey car park.

Our guide Barrie was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable. The building and contents are very impressive and Barrie was able to explain the provenance of many of the paintings, furniture and rooms and put them in a chronological historical context. He also led us through history of the Abbey including the various Byrons and the Wildman family. He recognised Melvyn from a time when their professional careers crossed, a time when Melvyn was without his recognisable beard!

Afterwards we dined at The Badger Box where the staff were very welcoming.





## Pub Quiz & Lunch Group

The Pub Quiz took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> October when we 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, 13<sup>th</sup> November 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.

And here are the answers to the October quiz;

1. Which historical Chinese rebellion can also be a type of dog **Boxer**
2. If you were ill with rubella, what would you have? **German measles**
3. The Nobel Literature Prize is awarded in which country? **Sweden**
4. What is the name of the half circle instrument found in a geometry set? **Protractor**
5. What name is given to the outermost layers of trees? **Bark**
6. Which TV presenter ask the questions in University Challenge **Jeremy Paxman**
7. In which ocean did the Titanic sink? **Atlantic Ocean**
8. What was the first name of the Spanish artist Dali? **Salvador**
9. Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in which European mountain range? **The Alps**
10. How many days are there in February in a leap year? **29**
11. Which mode of transport has parts called an envelope, burner and basket? **A hot air balloon**
12. If something is done in a clandestine way, how is it done? **Secretively**
13. Give the four initials of the organisation responsible for maintaining a database of drivers in Great Britain? **DVLA**
14. In the Second World War what was the German equivalent of the RAF? **Luftwaffe**
15. Which dance move, in which the dancer moves backwards, was made popular by Michael Jackson? **Moonwalk**
16. Which large animal's name comes from the ancient Greek words for "river horse"? **Hippopotamus**
17. What's the name of the historical embroidered long cloth which depicts events leading up to the Battle of Hastings? **Bayeux Tapestry**
18. What colour is the circle on the Japanese flag? **Red**
19. If a letter of the alphabet is not a vowel, what must it be instead? **Consonant**
20. What was originally considered to be the ninth planet from the Sun but after 1992 had its status as a large planet changed? **Pluto**
21. How many teeth does an adult have? **32**
22. Which 13th-century Scottish warrior was played by Mel Gibson in the film *Braveheart*? **William Wallace**
23. Not including jokers, how many cards are there in a complete pack of playing cards? **52**



- 24.** Which sport is played on a lawn and involves hitting plastic or wooden balls with a mallet through hoops? **Croquet**
- 25.** By which three letter abbreviation do we better know the name given to the genetic instructions of all known living organisms. **DNA**

And here is the November quiz:

1. What does the dish Chilli con carne mean in English?
2. How many cups of tea are drunk in the UK on average every day?
3. Which is the most expensive spice in the world by weight?
4. What is the main ingredient in black pudding?
5. What Which pastry is used to make Baklava?
6. What is the spiciest chilli in the world?
7. What is the most famous Mexican beer?
8. Which country grows the most mangoes?
9. Which brand made Blackjacks?
10. What sauce is traditionally served in a prawn cocktail?
11. What is the main flavour of aioli?
12. Which nut do you find in pesto?
13. Tripe, popular in the North of England, is what?
14. How does paella get its name?
15. In which country do red onions originate?
16. What confectionary product is traditionally bought as a gift from a seaside holiday?
17. What kind of oranges are used to make marmalade?
18. What food do you have a phobia of if you're diagnosed with Lachanophobia?
19. What is in the centre of a Victoria Sponge Cake?
20. Which animal's milk is used in pecorino cheese?
21. After a classification challenge in 1991 for the purposes of VAT, did the courts decide that a 'Jaffa Cake' was indeed a cake or a biscuit?
22. What shape is 'farfalle' pasta?
23. Mutton is meat from a sheep that is older than what age?

## Reading Group

The Reading Group will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> November when we will discuss *Eight Detectives* by Alex Pavesi which was a Hucknall Library Crime Café choice. We shall each choose a Classic book to discuss next time.

## Science Group

Our October meeting began with Part 1 of a theme entitled 'The Greening of Nottinghamshire' presented by David Vincent.

Following the Aberfan disaster new laws were passed regarding coal mining spoil heaps. David was part of the Nottinghamshire County team formed with the task of transforming and making safe the spoil heaps dotted around the county.

In Part 2 in February David will explain how they set about this task of changing vast quantities of somewhat unstable and toxic waste into our country parks.

After the break we had an introduction to the history of photography which included looking at some 'older style' cameras bought in by members.

David Jackson explained how he approached photographing wildlife and gave the group some ideas of how to start from our own back gardens.

Some of David's excellent photos were then viewed including this successful Kingfisher.



November 17<sup>th</sup> - Volcanoes with a focus on Vesuvius -Ann and Ian Murray , How knowledge of physics and chemistry led the progress of Photography and A visit to the oldest working photographic studio in Derby – John Tedstone, (Did you know that David was the most popular boy's name from the late 1940s through to 1974 when 1 in 20 boys were named David .We have 7 Davids in the Science Group.)

David Rose

## Theatre Group

The theatre news list as follows:

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

Panto at John Godber Centre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024. 2.30pm performance tickets only £8.00. Please let me know a.s.a.p. if you would like to go as tickets have to be paid for before Christmas. I have 10 tickets and I may need more so I need to order them as soon as possible.

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.

Out with friends at a Turkish restaurant in town never been to one before and the food was delicious, then afterwards we went to the theatre to see the King and I, and it was spectacular I was in awe. The singing was lovely and when I heard the songs I knew I got goose pimples. There was a standing ovation which was so well deserved, I heard later the show had come from the West End.



Barbara

## **Vegetarian Cookery Group**

At October's meeting we watched vegetarian pin wheels being made, using the same recipe for the vegetarian sausage rolls. These are very useful as picnic snacks or for nibbles at a party.

The main recipe was Butternut squash bread pudding with sweetcorn and cheese. This is warming comfort food and ideal for a dreary winter or autumn day. Members enjoyed the early lunch as the recipe made a substantial amount! Thank you to all who attended and enjoy trying out the recipe for yourself.



We have spaces in the group if anyone would like to join us, please contact me.

November's meeting will be on Monday the 27th, at 10.30 am at St Peter and St Paul's church Hall on Ruffs Drive. This will be the last meeting of the year and there will be a demonstration of a dish suitable for a Christmas Dinner.

Anne Wilkinson

## **Walking Group (Short Length Walks)**

Due to the forecast for heavy rainfall the decision was made to postpone the October walk starting from Gravelly Hollow to Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder details will be sent out to group members around November 9<sup>th</sup>.

David Rose

## Walking Group (Medium Length)

For our October outing, the Medium Walks group ventured north to Mansfield Woodhouse. Sixteen of us had a lovely walk around Pleasley Vale, led by Paul Haigh and Mark Jackson. We started at the train station, and headed first to the path around the reclaimed pit tip, pausing at the wall in the photo, with various suggestions as to its purpose!.



We then headed across open fields, with views across to the very tall chimney which survives at the site of Pleasley pit. Heading eastwards, we entered Pleasley Vale, a very secluded spot, where there used to be a water-powered textile mill. We also passed 'Little Matlock', a rock face used by climbers, and finally returned to the station.

Our last walk this year will be on Monday 20th November, starting at 10:15 from the Idle Valley Nature Reserve Visitor's Centre. Toilets and a café are available! This walk will be led by Steve and Anne Lawrence.

It is thanks to all of our willing volunteers that we have had some really good walks again this year. These have varied from two City walks, exploring lesser known parts of Nottingham, to more rural walks near Calke Abbey, Melbourne and Darley Dale, near Ilkeston.

If you would like to join the Group, you can get in touch via our website.

John Tedstone

## Walking Group (Longer Length Walks)

Our last walk, on Tuesday 2nd October, was to Vicar Water Country Park where we started at Rumbles Cafe. The weather was kind to us and we didn't experience any rain.





We walked around the lake and struck off across the fields to Kings Clipstone and by the remains of King John's Palace, which in fact was a hunting Lodge.

We walked over to Cavendish Lodge and through Cavendish Wood to the River Maun, a nice little river not much bigger than a stream which runs alongside the woodland. Then cutting back again past the Spa Ponds through more woodland and back to the country park.

It was a very pleasant walk of 7.79 miles over varied and flat countryside on good paths and country trails.

I have shortened the distances, as you may have noticed, to approx. 8.5 miles.

They are generally very easy and conducted at an easy pace, we have a coffee break and a lunch stop, the only difference between mid length walking group and the long walks group is that they are a little longer.

There is room in the group for new members and anyone wishing to join would be welcome.

Mark

## Watercolour Group

These are examples of the work from members of the U3A watercolour group displayed at the October meeting on the 11th.





Maggie Huckerby

## Weekenders Group

In October we had two birthday lunches; one at The Nabb Inn for Anita and one at The Broomhill for Lindsay. Sadly we had to cancel the trip to Derby Intu Centre as we did not fill the bus. Finally, we met for Coffee Club at Sandra's on 28<sup>th</sup> October. In November we are planning a Birthday lunch for June, a Social Afternoon at Siobhan's on 11<sup>th</sup> November and ending with Coffee Club on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## **HUCKNALL & DISTRICT u3a INTEREST GROUPS**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Contact E-Mail</b>
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Drama	Janet	drama@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Gardening	Anne	gardening@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Litter Picking	Val	litter@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Lunch	Siobhan	lunch@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Table Tennis	Alan	tabletennis@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Vegetarian Cookery	Anne	vegcookery@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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Walking (Medium)	John	midwalks@hucknallu3a.org.uk
Walking (Short)	David	shortwalks@hucknallu3a.org.uk
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### **HUCKNALL & DISTRICT u3a INTEREST GROUPS - Calendar**

<b>Wk</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>1</b>	11:30 - Pickleball 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		
<b>2</b>	10:00 - Ukulele 11:30 - Pickleball 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 <b>13:45 - Members Meeting</b>	10:30 - Fun with Languages 14:00 - Pickleball	09:30 - Easier Cycling 14.00 - Table Tennis 19:00- Mah Jong		
<b>3</b>	10:00 - Walking (Medium) 11:30 - Pickleball 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) 10.00 - Calligraphy 14:00 - Pickleball	09:30 - Easier Cycling 10:00 - Science 14.00 - Table Tennis 19:00 - Table Games		
<b>4</b>	10:00 - Ukulele 10:30 - Vegetarian Cookery 11:30 - Pickleball	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
<b>5</b>	11:30 - Pickleball	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.**