

# ASHBOURNE & DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2019



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

(All Meetings held in the Waterside Centre Starting at 2.30pm)

## Monthly Meeting Presentations

- Sept 6th** The work of the NSPCC. Sue Wardle  
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Staffordshire Regional Co-ordinator will  
speak to us about the work of this charity
- Oct 4th** Garden Secrets and Surprises. Graham and Judy White  
A return visit by popular demand
- Nov 1st.** The National Memorial Arboretum

### Art Appreciation.

Wednesday **25th September**, 2.30 at Waterside.

After what seems a long summer break, we meet again - it would be good to see as many of you as possible, and hopefully one or two new faces.

We'll start with a DVD of general interest called "SAVED! - a Century of Art for Everyone", celebrating a hundred years of the work of the National Art Fund, focussing on 10 examples, and with endorsements from several well-known faces. Without the work of the fund several splendid pictures would have been lost to the nation - and not just London.

You don't have to know much about Art - most of us don't - but we like looking at galleries and we'd like to broaden our knowledge. Just turn up and try us! Anne. New phone no. 01335 347235 [kanda.butterworth@btinternet.com](mailto:kanda.butterworth@btinternet.com)

### Canasta

The Canasta group meets at the Wyaston Village Hall at 2 p.m on alternate Wednesdays. New players will be most welcome. It is an interesting and fun game. Do come along even if you have never played before. Existing players are happy to teach anyone who wants to learn.

Email: Sue Carpenter [vicsueglebe@aol.com](mailto:vicsueglebe@aol.com)

Tel 01335 360527

Dates for Autumn 2019 : **September 11th & 25th**  
**November 6th & 20th**

**October 9th & 23rd**  
**December 4th & 18th**

### Craft

Our September meeting is on Friday **20th September** at the Waterside Centre from 2 - 4pm when Marian will show us how to make a fabric Father Christmas - it's a cute Scandinavian style decoration and will look lovely on a mantelpiece or by the tree. She will supply all materials - you just need to bring a basic sewing kit including scissors to cut fabric and paper and any red sewing cotton or embroidery thread you have (but don't buy any specially).

Any queries please ring Jill on 01335 418659

## Choir

This seasons programme features songs from Les Miserables, Leonard Cohen, Disney and the Beatles along with familiar traditional airs. Come and join us and enjoy singing in a relaxed atmosphere with no pressures.

We meet every other Thursday with the next practices on **5th and 19th September** at Mayfield Church Rooms, Church Lane, Church Mayfield DE6 2JR at 2.30pm.

Contact Martin Winfield 01335 346278

## Current Affairs

At our August meeting, Wyn Reilly led an informed discussion on the controversial subject of foreign aid. We look forward to **12th September** and the return to our flipchart of Bob Hodgson. He will ask (and help us answer) the question - "Universities - what are they for?" He will look at how they have changed over the years, how they are funded, how they differ. Should they cater for just the intellectually elite or for the masses? (What I would like to know is - what happened to the tech college lecturers of my youth and has this got anything to do with the present plethora of "professors"?) 10am for 10.30, Mayfield Memorial Hall.

## Family History

We meet at the Waterside Centre on the second Thursday of the month from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Our next meeting will be on Thursday **12th September**.

We are hard at work putting together an exhibition about our Ancestors in World War II, which will be displayed in Ashbourne Library in May 2020 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

New members are always welcome.

For more details about the group, please either phone me and leave a voice message on 079 9981 7759, or e-mail me at: [tiano121@btinternet.com](mailto:tiano121@btinternet.com) Vivien

## French

2 groups, improvers and advanced, meeting on alternate Monday afternoons. Improvers meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month and the advanced group on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. All meetings take place in members' houses.

A cup of tea and a biscuit are an important part of proceedings in both groups.

We have had a break over the summer but sessions will start again as from **9th September** for the advanced group and from **16th September** for the improvers. As there is a 5th Monday in September the improvers will meet on that date

My contact details are : 079 9981 7759, or : [tiano121@btinternet.com](mailto:tiano121@btinternet.com), and anyone wishing to join us will need to find out where we will be meeting on a particular date. Vivien

## German: Beginners and Intermediate

We are enjoying our summer break at the moment but both groups will start again in September. The beginners group will start on Tuesday 3rd September when we will continue with Willkommen 1 and start to read "Karneval in Koln". Please contact me if you would like me to order a copy for you. The intermediate group will start again on Tuesday, **17th September**, and we will continue with Willkommen 2 and the next book in our detective series. All sessions take place at the Waterside Centre and start at 10.30 am and finish at 12 noon. Quite a few of us are looking forward to our next exchange visit to Germany in October when we will be visiting our German friends in Reinheim, Odenwald, for four days and putting into practice what we have been learning in our sessions together. More information can be obtained from Rhona Hunt: 01335 344660 or [rhonahunt@outlook.com](mailto:rhonahunt@outlook.com)

## Garden Group Sept 2019

This group visits stately homes and gardens – anyone welcome.

Coach departs from Waterside Ashbourne - meet near M&S

Transport fees are estimated – any refunds will be made against entrance fees collected on day.

Cancellations: Refund of transport fees can only be made if all costs have been covered.

Tues **10th September** - Arley Hall near Northwich in Cheshire. Depart 09.15 Arley Hall has beautiful gardens and a stately home to visit.

Estimated transport cost £15. Entrance fee is £11 for the House and Garden and £8 for Garden alone - it is not NT. Please confirm whether you wish to visit both or only the Garden when you book. Please send Transport fee £15 to organisers by 26th August.

Tuesday **1st October** Quarry Bank and Styal Mill Cheshire NT

Transport fee £13 payable by 15th September please. Entrance for non NT members £19 for all areas. Leave Waterside 09.15 back 5.30

Friday **25th October** Anglesey Abbey & Gardens Cambridge NT

Estimated transport fee £22 payable by 12th October please. Entrance for non NT members £15. This is a long trip 2.5-3 hrs with stop half way.

Leave 08.00 (earlier than originally planned to allow for break). Back approx. 6.30 -7pm.

Organisers Patti Green 07720 812278 sidewaysw@aol.com or Sue Dandy 01335 345157.

Cheques should be made out to 'Ashbourne and District U3A' and sent to Patti Green, Valley View, Cross O th Hands, Turnditch, Nr Belper DE56 2LT or to Sue Dandy, 43 Peak View Drive, Ashbourne DE6 1BR.

## German Conversation

We will restart after the summer break with meetings on **13th and 27th September**, 2-4 pm, at Rosemary's. We will be reading a new novel, listening to a programme by the Goethe Institute and hopefully chatting in German. New members welcome - contact Jane Harland on the website or 01335 370992.

## Hiking

The walk will be on Tuesday **10th September**. We will be doing the walk postponed from August, beginning at Upper Hulme, and walking along Ramshaw Rocks, Blackbridge nature reserve, Gradbach, Danebridge, then follow the Roaches ridge back. This is about 11.5 miles. We will car share from Cokayne Avenue at 8.40am. Please indicate your intention to walk to Judy, via the website so we don't leave without you and in case there is need for an emergency change of plan (as in August!)

## Landscape and Heritage.

Anne McSkimming has arranged a tour of Caudwell Mill, Rowsley, for our meeting on **Friday 20th September**. The tour, which is expected to last 60-90 minutes, starts at 10.30 so please meet outside the mill at 10.15. The visit will be limited to 20 participants and the cost will be £3.00 per head, payable to Anne on the day. No transport has been arranged for this visit so please make your own way there. There is a large free car park which is fairly close to the mill itself. For those familiar with Caudwell Mill they will know that there is a fabulous café which serves tea/coffee with homemade cakes etc and a delicious lunch. The café can get very busy!! If you wish to join this trip please contact Anne McSkimming directly at [anneofashbourne@hotmail.com](mailto:anneofashbourne@hotmail.com) or on 01335 342235.

## Line Dancing

After a summer break the line dancing group will return to the lovely venue of Yeldersley Hall on Monday **2 September** at 7pm. New members are always welcome. For full details please visit the website or contact Sue Edmonds, sue@axgb.com, 01335 346663.

## Music Appreciation

### Friday 27th . September

After a long holiday we are back in business on September at 10.15). Welcome to both new and familiar faces to the group. We listen to music and usually have a DVD to add to our enjoyment.

Recently we had a film called "In Search of Haydn" that went well;. The director, one Phil Grabsky has done several in the same series, so I've picked one about Chopin,. If you have a CD with a favourite piece by Chopin, please bring it along. I'm always also "in search of.." good ideas for the season ahead.

Numbers were beginning to drop, so do come along on 27th September. 10.15 , Waterside. we offer coffee and biscuits too! Knighton (now 01335 347235)

## Petanque

Petanque has really taken off and regularly has between 8 & a dozen players. It's a very social group, we play from 11am and retire to the bar by 1pm for a drink / lunch. We meet on alternate Tuesdays & Wednesdays at the Red Lion at Hognaston, the dates are all on the website page and in the events calendar. All levels of ability and experience are welcome, and you can play as little or as often as you like. The expectation was that we would play through to the end of the summer and then take a break. But recently some members have expressed interest in playing on through the winter when weather permits, so we're going to give it a go.

If you fancy joining us either just turn up on the day, or contact me on 07968 310255 or sheila.crawley@gmail.com Sheila Crawley

## Photography Group

**5th Sept** Theme Holes

**3rd Oct** Roof Tops

**7th Nov** Decay

If you enjoy taking photographs, then come and join us - it doesn't matter what camera you have.

Meetings are held at the "Henmore Suite" (McMurtry and Harding Clifton Road).

Contact John Green 01335 347448

## Strollers

**Mon Sep 9th** Kniveton to Carsington Visitor Centre

Meet at Waterside for Derby/Moorlands Connect bus to leave prompt at 1.30p.m. for Kniveton. 2 1/2 mile walk across the fields to Carsington Water. Tea at Carsington Visitor Centre. Derby/Moorlands Connect bus will bring Strollers back to Waterside.

Please reserve seat on the bus by Sunday evening 8th Sept by contacting Helen Bluff 07855 974753.

Contact Details about the walk: Jane Harland Tel 01335 370992

**Mon Sep 23rd** Mayfield to Ashbourne

1.00p.m. Swift Service bus from Ashbourne bus station to Mayfield. Walk back to Ashbourne through Mayfield Mill and over fields. Tea en-route at Fairways.

Contact details: Karen Tallant 01335 345122

## Table Tennis

The group continues with great enthusiasm each Friday at the Leisure Centre. We have it booked from 9 until 11 am throughout the summer. At the moment there is no room to add new members as there are 22 in the group.

## Theatre Visits

All 35 tickets has been sold for the 7.30pm performance of One Man, Two Guvnors at Derby Theatre on **26 September**. The names of those members participating are shown on the Ashbourne U3A website. Such members should refer to the website nearer the day to ascertain the coach departure time & location. Tickets will be issued on the coach.

35 tickets have now been provisionally booked by U3A to see “An Inspector Calls” at Buxton Opera House at 7.30pm on **21 November**. The cost of each ticket is £40 to include the coach. The deadline to order one of the tickets is 11 October by contacting Pauline or Peter Worboys at p.worboys@outlook.com or by speaking to one of them at the meeting on 6 September (subject to any tickets not by then having been sold). Much more detail about this trip can be seen on the Ashbourne U3A website.

Any club member may participate in these theatre trips. The Ashbourne U3A website is regularly updated with information about planned trips, but members will be more speedily alerted about arrangements for future trips if they request Peter or Pauline to include them in the circulation of group emails.

## Walking Group

**4 September:** Approx 4.7 miles from The Family Tree, Whatstandwell, led by Warwick Adams.

**18 September:** Approx 5.5 miles maximum from The Old Dog, Thorpe, led by Peter Marston. Car pool from Waterside for all walks at 9.30am.

## Wordplay

The next meeting will be on Monday **2nd September** at 100 Green Road. Contact Margaret Marsden on Ashbourne 343448 for any other information.

## Writing Group

Leader: Gina Harris

Tel. 01335 300041

The Writing Group's meetings are varied with a mixture of readings, practical exercises, help with your particular challenges and generally an exploration of the whole world of writing. We aim to maintain the momentum for everyone to achieve their aims. You can expect encouragement, feedback and ideas. Ideally every member of the group will make their own contributions but there won't be any pressure. Why not come along and see if it's the right group for you? All welcome.

Group Leaders Reports required by August 18th for October newsletter Articles to be sent to the following email address

victorneedham55@gmail.com

**OUR WEBSITE [www.u3asites.org.uk/Ashbourne](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/Ashbourne)**