

# Collingham & District



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## NEWSLETTER - February 2019

### Forthcoming Speakers

February Monthly Meeting on 27th at 2pm

#### **In Darwin's Footsteps**

Our member Chris Stothard with a talk on her visit to the Galapagos Islands.

Chris has been interested in natural history for many years, particularly birds. Professionally she has always had an interest in evolution and so was thrilled to have the opportunity to visit one of the places that was critical to Darwin on his path to formulating his ideas about the factors that influence evolution.

The talk will compare Chris's experience on the Galapagos with those of Charles Darwin. The photos will illustrate some of what Darwin learnt on the islands which led him to write on the origin of species.

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March Monthly Meeting on the 27th at 2pm

#### **The History of Tolethorpe and Stamford Shakespeare Company**

Presented by Mr M Harrison

A talk and presentation about the Hall and its residents and how the Shakespeare Theatre Company achieved ownership and all they have done since

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April Monthly Meeting on the 24th at 2pm

#### **Rainbows Hospice**

Presented by Paula North

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May Monthly Meeting on the 22nd at 2pm

#### **The last years of the Dynasty of the Romanovs**

Presented by Rosemary Beney

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June Monthly Meeting on the 26th at 2pm

#### **Collingham & District U3A AGM**

followed by the **Ukulele Band**  
arranged by Sue Fleet

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# Upcoming Events

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## Skittles

Come and join us for a fun evening at The Grey Horse, Collingham

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm -9.30pm**

Cost £4.50 pp to include sandwiches and homemade chips

Contact Sue Fleet : 893458 or email [susanfleet04@gmail.com](mailto:susanfleet04@gmail.com)

Or sign up at a General Meeting

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## A Fun Quiz Night for all U3A Members

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 6.45-9pm**

At the Youth and Community Centre

**£3per ticket including question papers**

Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Nibbles provided.

Prizes for the winners and losers



Your host for the evening will be Clive Bainbridge

Your quiz master is John Lewis who is providing an interesting mix of questions which includes music too.

We suggest named teams of 4 or 6 which might come from 1 Interest Group or small groups joining together to form a team.

So book your tickets now and come and join us.

Tickets are available at General Meetings, or contact

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Liz Ball tel: 893102 or email: [elizb36@gmail.com](mailto:elizb36@gmail.com)

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## Lincoln U3A Spring Barn Dance

Lincoln U3A are pleased to announce that the Spring Barn Dance will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at The Ark, Moor Lane, North Hykeham, LN6 9AB from 2pm to 4pm. Andrew Long will again be the excellent caller. Entry is £2 to include tea, coffee and cake in the interval. All are warmly invited to join them for this entertaining afternoon. Bring a friend (including non-U3A members). They look forward to seeing you!

Contact Sue or Keith Stocks on 01522 682489 or via email at

[sue.stocks@talktalk.net](mailto:sue.stocks@talktalk.net)

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# Groups

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## Strollers

Lead: Marion Wilson, Telephone: 01636 892967  
email: lavenderpatch14@gmail.com

After a lovely gentle walk around Whisby Nature Park near Lincoln in sunny weather, the twelve members of the Strollers group visited the on site restaurant for a light lunch.



Walks take place second Tuesday of every month, new members always welcome.

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## Literature

Lead: Sheelah Reynolds, Telephone: 01636 892348,  
email: sheelahreynolds@btinternet.com

Meetings take place on 3rd Thursday, 10:30-12:30 at peoples homes

Our first meeting, on a very gloomy January morning, was soon roping alone with the help of "Diary of a Nobody" by George and Weedon Grossmith. Recalling Mr. Pooter and his antics made for a very jolly get together. We also had some fun with Free Verse provided by Robert Graves and Harry Constantine.

We meet on the 28th, February, to discuss "Small Island" by Andrea Levy and "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton.

'MY BEING CHARMING IS NOT QUITE ENOUGH TO INDUCE ME TO MARRY; I MUST FIND OTHER PEOPLE CHARMING - ONE OTHER PERSON AT LEAST.'

Emma (1815) by Jane Austen.

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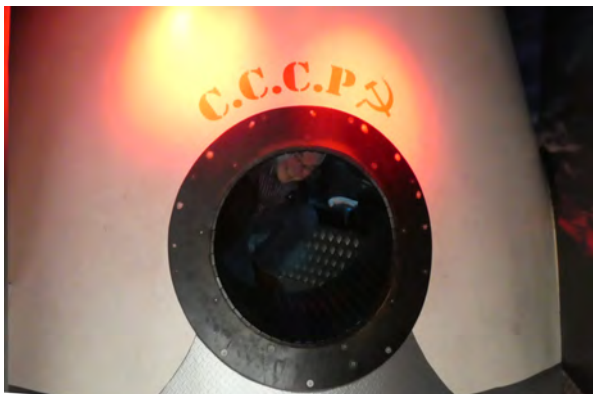
# Motorsports

Lead: Dave Watson, Telephone: 07826 848214

email: watsonswb@hotmail.co.uk

Meetings take place on 1st Thursday, 10am-12 at peoples homes

We had a group visit to the Space Centre at Leicester this month, a very interesting place to visit. There were many school trip visits there on the day,



But we managed

Skid training next month

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# Art Appreciation

Leads: Helena Narracott, Telephone: 01636 892938

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Chris Stothard, Telephone: 01636 894241

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Meetings take place on 4th Tuesday, 2-4pm at the Youth & Community Centre

We are delighted to welcome Ingrid Wiggins as our guest speaker who will talk to our group about African Art on Tuesday, 26th February, 2pm - 4pm at the Youth and Community Centre.

Next month, on March 26th Jannet will give a presentation on the sculptor Brancusi.

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# Kurling

Leads: John Geeson, Telephone: 01636 893306

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Terry Walters, Telephone: 01636 643834

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Meetings take place on 1st & 3rd Friday, 2-4pm at the Memorial Hall

Kurling is in full swing now, twice a month as usual. The Trophy for best score awarded to Graham Fleet for last year is up for grabs again this year.

Please note the new contacts.

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# The Bucketeeers

Lead: Lesley Piper, Telephone: 01636 892795

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Meetings take place on 2nd Thursday, 2-4pm at the Youth & Community Centre

## Burns Night

18 of our intrepid Bucketeeers held a superb Burns Supper in **January**, toasting the haggis, reciting some of the poems of the great bard and attempting some Scottish circle dancing-great fun.

Can we do it all again next year?



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## Kelham Hall

In **February** we went for a “behind the scenes tour” of Kelham Hall-shown round by the new owner Jonathan. After a brief history of the monastic days of the hall we were shown the potential £125-£350 per night bedrooms in the proposed luxury hotel-a far cry from the wooden boards slept on by the monks. Thanks to John Geeson for organising this superb visit.

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## Coming Up

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**A meeting for all new members of The Bucketeeers.**

This is your chance to get your own ideas “out there”. Any other **new** members please get in touch and let’s make this a really full and fun meeting.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March—Queen Concert at “The Palace Theatre”-Newark.**  
**Group visit to the show**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March-Southwell races. A group afternoon visit to the races at Southwell**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April-tour of JCB factory (Uttoxeter) A group visit around the JCB factory**

**May/June/July-watch this space!**

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# Photography

Lead: Paul Bass, Telephone: 01636 892057

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Meetings take place on 2nd Wednesday, 2-4pm at peoples homes

The group had 2 themes for February: Motion and Selfie



Final Spin by Gill Bass



Fun on the Beach by Phil Leckonb



Horse Power by Allan Allcock



Power Boat Racers by Colin Smith



Smoke by Jenny Macpherson



The Cascade by John Geeson



The Salutation by Paul Bass



Wave Breaking by Jannet Wright

## The Photography Group 'Selfie ' Theme



Allan



Colin



Gill



Jannet



Jenny



John



Paul



Phil

# Music Making

Lead: Phil Leckenby, Telephone: 01522 778280

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Meetings take place on 1st & 3rd Monday, 10am-12 at peoples homes

I'm delighted to say that the ranks of the Music Makers have been swollen by the inclusion of a new guitarist, Graham Fleet, whose arrival, clutching his brand-new guitar, was most welcome. As well as Graham, we now comprise Bob Bell on bass guitar, John Geeson on guitar, myself on woodwind and a couple of guest singers, Linda Geeson and Alan Allcock. By referring to the latter as 'guests', let me quickly add that I certainly don't mean to imply they are in any way less important members of the group, merely that their presence is essential for the songs they each perform and they are entitled to skip some of the more tedious parts of group rehearsals if they wish.

Since the last newsletter, our fame has spread. The Music Makers have been approached to perform at North Scarle on May 3rd. The event is being planned to raise funds for North Scarle Church. The venue is as yet undecided but will be either the church itself or the Methodist Church Hall. Planning is in its infancy but what is certain is that this time we are 'headlining' the event. So, the group is now busy putting together enough material for two 40-minute sets, which will include some new pieces. The advantage of having a public performance on the horizon is that it does concentrate the mind and rehearsals are now underway in earnest.

Finally, let me reiterate my plea for a keyboard player. We are struggling to build accompaniments on our new Yamaha keyboard. If anyone has piano or keyboard experience, we would dearly love to hear from you.

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## Board Games

Lead: Liz Ball, Telephone: 01636 893102

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Meetings take place on 3rd Tuesday, 2-4pm at various locations



Our new group with games of 'Ticket to Ride' and 'London Board Game' this month. A busy two hours

The plan for next month is to use the Youth and Community Centre, Collingham

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# History

Lead: Anita Maunsell, Telephone: 01636 892928

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Meetings take place on 4th Friday, 10am-12 at the Youth & Community Centre

Our March meeting will take the form of a discussion rather than a presentation. Being a very verbal Group, we thought it would be an interesting change to occasionally debate some of the issues that beset historians. Our first topic will be 'History vs Historical Fiction', with the aim of looking at how reading historical fiction in our youth may have seeded our interest. Hopefully we will also discuss how other media, such as television costume dramas and films, influence our understanding of history.

In April Lesley Piper will take a new look at 'Richard III and the Princes in the Tower' and this will be followed by a group visit to the Richard III Centre in Leicester in May. Ann Platt will then move into the Tudor period with her presentation: 'The Battle of East Stoke and the Pretender Lambert Simnel'. This is a friendly and active Group and new members are always welcome. 4th Friday of each month, 10 - 12 noon. Youth and Community Centre. £3 quarterly in advance. Contact: Anita Maunsell, 01636 892928.

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## Thursday Talking Shop (New Group)

Leads: Mary Hughes, Telephone: 01636 892415

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Anita Maunsell, Telephone 01636 892928

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Meetings take place on 4th Thursday, 2-4pm at peoples homes

### Appreciating Great Ideas

This new venture will aim to provide a forum where we can come together to explore the ideas, beliefs, events and inventions that contribute to the way we live our lives. Come to our first planning meeting and contribute your ideas for future topics.

First Meeting is on 28 February, 2 - 4 pm at 25 Rio Drive, Collingham and thereafter every 4th Thursday afternoon at members' homes.

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# Group Diary

Week	AM/PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	AM	<b>Making Music</b> 10am - 12 Homes	<b>Walks</b> 9.30am Coop Car Park	<b>Recorders</b> 10.30am - 12 Homes	<b>Family History   Motor Sports</b> 10am - 12   10am - 12 Phoenix Centre   Coop Café	<b>Casual French</b> 10am - 12 Homes
	PM			<b>Gardening</b> 2 - 4pm Homes	<b>Scrabble</b> 2 - 4pm Homes	<b>Kurling</b> 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall
2	AM		<b>Strollers   Active 50+</b> 10am - 12   Times Vary Co-op   Newark Leisure			
	PM	<b>Beginners Italian</b> 2 - 4pm Homes	<b>Committee</b> 4.30 - 6.30pm Mayfield	<b>Photography</b> 2 - 4pm Homes	<b>Bucketeers</b> 2 - 4pm Youth & CC	<b>Circle Dancing</b> 2 - 3.30pm Phoenix Centre
3	AM	<b>Making Music</b> 10am - 12 Homes	<b>Play Reading</b> 10am - 12 Youth & CC	<b>Recorders</b> 10.30am - 12 Homes	<b>Literature</b> 10.30am - 12.30 Homes	<b>Casual French</b> 10am - 12 Homes
	PM	<b>Music Appreciation</b> 2 - 4pm Mayfield	<b>Board Games</b> 2 - 4pm Homes	<b>Local History Re-search</b> 2 - 4pm Mayfield	<b>Lunch Club</b> 12.30 Various Venues	<b>Kurling</b> 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall
4	AM		<b>Active Over 50's</b> Times Vary Newark Leisure		<b>French Advanced</b> 10am - 12 Homes	<b>History</b> 10am - 12 Youth & CC
	PM	<b>Beginners Italian</b> 2 - 4pm Homes	<b>Art Appreciation</b> 2 - 4pm Youth & CC	<b>General Meeting</b> 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall	<b>Thursday Talking Shop</b> 2 - 4pm Homes	<b>Wine Appreciation</b> 19.30pm Homes