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NEWSLETTER - October 2019

Collingham Community Fair

We were pleased to be invited to take part in the Collingham Community Fair held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 28th September. It was a busy event with representatives from Village Care, WI, Scouts, Men in Sheds, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, the Tennis Club, Gardening Association, the Royal Oak and many more.

Members of the Executive Committee talked with visitors about our U3A and invited them to attend one of our monthly talks. Those we spoke to ranged from people who knew about the U3A because they were already members elsewhere to those who did not know what the U3A was and were keen to find out. Some people were about to move into the village while others had recently come to live in the area.

Thank you to those of you who came over to our stand to say 'hello'.



Jannet Wright, Chair, Executive Committee

Forthcoming Speakers

October Monthly Meeting

23rd October 2019 at 2pm

Barrow on Furness to Baghdad and back.

A potted history of his career including his time in Kazakhstan and Russia and in Baghdad working for the American military

Philip Caine

Forthcoming Speakers (contd)

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November Monthly Meeting

27th November 2019 at 2pm

Talking about the history of Nottinghamshire County Agricultural Show and How Farming has Changed
Kay Gugliotta

December (**CHRISTMAS**) Monthly Meeting

18th December 2019 at 2pm

Our **Christmas Party**, for MEMBERS ONLY. There will be a Quiz, U3A Music Makers and Afternoon Tea.

Last month speaker

Collingham September monthly meeting

At the September General Meeting Celia Lord gave a presentation entitled 'So you think you know about Lincoln Cathedral'. Many of those who attended felt that this was one of the best talks we have had. Celia, who is Guide at the cathedral, spoke with enthusiasm, expertise and affection. Her talk was supported by very good photographs of the cathedral some of which enabled those of us unable to do the 'Roof Tour' to appreciate the history above our heads. Many of us realised that we did not know as much as we thought we did! Several people since have spoken about their intention to revisit Lincoln Cathedral again armed with this new knowledge and with fresh eyes.



Upcoming Events

Lincoln U3A Barn Dance

Lincoln U3A are pleased to announce that their Autumn Barn Dance will take place on Thursday 31st October 2019 at The Ark, Moor Lane, North Hykeham, LN6 9AB from 2pm to 4 pm.

Andrew Long will again be their 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).

For further information please contact Sue or Keith Stocks on 01522 682489 or via email at sue.stocks@talktalk.net

Groups

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 had a tremendous presentation last month, from Anita and Harry, whose journey took us from medieval art through to 18th & 19th century lampooning, then up to date with Spitting Image and Gerald Scarfe on **The Art of Ridicule**.

We come down to earth this month when Chris will be talking about **John Constable, on Tuesday, October 22nd**.

Constable was overshadowed by Turner but Constable skies inspired the Impressionists and we also see in his paintings the beginning of change to our quintessential rural landscape. Even today meteorologists marvel at Constable's cloud formations and scientific knowledge that indicate the weather conditions of the time, so we will see what angle Chris takes on this very special artist.

Helena



Gardening

Leads: Jo Sloane, Telephone: 01636 893877

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Ingrid Wiggins, Telephone 07805 975456

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Meetings take place on 1st Wednesday, 2-4pm at peoples homes

What glorious weather for our day out. We planned that well. A wonderful day at Woodlands near Louth. Bob and Ann, our hosts, were so pleased to see us and have emailed to invite us back in the spring. They were just prepared to make us a cup of tea or coffee for free,..when we all realised how late it was and had to leave! An amazing garden with a well stocked nursery and some unusual plants too!

Everyone enjoyed the warm welcome with sandwiches and cake in the village church (Bob said we need to pick a Wednesday with the alternate lunch team, hot soup, hot puddings with custard etc) perhaps next time.

Ingrid



Sunday Lunchers

Lead: Marion Wilson, Telephone: 01636 892967

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Meetings take place on 2nd Sunday, 12:30 at various locations

Our Sunday Lunch for October will be to Whittakers Bar at Long Bennington. It was recommended by one of our group, so we are looking forward to trying that one.

For our November lunch we will be going to the Five Bells at Bassingham. We have been here a few times and I would recommend it to anyone. The food and the service is excellent.

Then our December lunch will be at The Black Swan at Beckingham. This is also a very nice restaurant.

When I first started the Lunch group back in 2016 there were 4 of us now we have 16 members.

Marion

Music Appreciation

Lead: Nick Narracott, Telephone: 01636 892938

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Meetings take place on 3rd Monday, 2-4pm at the Mayfield Room

Our next Music Appreciation meeting will be on Monday 21st October in the Mayfield Room, at 2:00pm

The theme will be "Richard's Desert Island Discs" presented by Richard and Silvia Woodhurst

I hope there will be a good turnout to support Richard and Silvia on their Island.....



Italian for Beginners

Leads: Mary Hughes, Telephone: 01636 892415

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Leads: Jannet Wright, Telephone: 01636 892415

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Meetings take place on 2nd & 4th Monday, 2-4pm at peoples homes

We met in September after our summer break. This was the first meeting without Graham Fleet who had led the group since its inception a couple of years ago. We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Graham for initiating the group and for leading it so ably. He has many other things he wishes to concentrate on and so has stepped down. Our loss is the Music Makers gain!

The Thursday Talking Shop

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

A forum for the exchange and sharing of ideas and issues that affect the way we live.

Next meeting: 2 pm Thursday 24 October

The subject for this meeting will be 'Ageing': What do we consider to be old age? What factors influence ageing? What are the cultural differences? Is ageism always negative? Is independence always a good thing? What do we think about ageing and the beauty business? 'Democracy' will be the topic for the meeting on 28 November.

History

Lead: Anita Maunsell, Telephone: 01636 892928

email: marriott40@live.co.uk

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

The next meeting on Friday 25 October, 10 am to 12 noon, will be the second of two sessions looking at the history of travel, tourism and holidays.

We started off with pilgrims in the early middle ages and will now move on into the 20th century.

The meeting on Friday 22 November, 12 noon to 2 pm, will again include Sue Brauer's excellent Christmas Quiz; history challenges with food and wine.

Meetings take place on the 4th Friday of each month, usually 10 am - 12 noon at the Youth and Community Centre. Costs approx. £2-£3 per quarter. For further details contact Anita Maunsell: 01636 892928 or Peter Brauer: 01636 894106.

Play Reading

Lead: Sue Brauer, Telephone: 01636 894106

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Meetings take place on 3rd Tuesday, 10am-12 at the Youth & Community Centre

The group met on October 15th, and completed the play adaptation of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. A great story with many nuances from an interesting and rather enigmatic writer.

A small group of us laughed our way through a fantastic production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* from the Bridge Theatre screened at the Newark Odeon on the 17th.

We next meet on November 19th, 10-12 in the YCC, when we plan to read Alan Bennett monologues. New members welcome.

Contact: Sue Brauer or Sandra Howarth



Music Making

Lead: Phil Leckenby, Telephone: 01522 778280

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

Our sessions last month focussed on cobbling together material for upcoming performances on the 13th and 18th of December. As if to parody that old chestnut 'waiting for a bus', after a longish summer break from live performances, we now have two gigs on 18th December, one for the U3A in the afternoon, followed later that evening by a guest appearance at the Newark Art Club's Christmas event. Add to these, the earlier commitment to provide accompaniment for the North Scarle Carol Service on 13th December and our noses must now be very adjacent to the grindstone.

Phil Leckenby



Indoor Bowling

Lead: Clive Bainbridge

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Meetings take place every 2nd and 4th Monday, 2-4pm at Newark Indoor Bowling Centre

Most of you will know that I was volunteered to be the lead for this brill new group, I must say both Wendy and I enjoy it, it is something we can do together on more or less the only spare day we have.

Having had a chat with Gail yesterday she said the IBC were willing for us to carry on the way we are as a U3A Group without becoming members of the IBC. I think this is really good and generous of them.

Our official time is 2:30 to 4:30 but I do think it best to arrive at least by 2:15. This gives time for the monies to be collected and for Gail and Jen to sort us out and for me to pass any info needed. Gail is willing to collect the money and this of course goes straight to the IBC, if at any time she/they are not there then I will do it.

All that I would ask is that you let me know in good time if possible if you are unable to attend so Gail can sort out how many lanes we need. We will be allowed 18 people in total so have room or 4 more if you know of anybody.

Have fun! **Clive**



Motorsports

Lead: Dave Watson, Telephone: 07826 848214

email: watsonswb@hotmail.co.uk

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

There was no meeting in October due to holidays. Our next meeting will be on the morning of Thursday 14th November and this will be a visit to the Newark Air Museum. This has been very well received by the group members. All U3A members will be welcome to attend.

For further details please contact Dave Watson at watsonswb@hotmail.co.uk or 07826848214.

Photography

Lead: Paul Bass, Telephone: 01636 892057

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

The theme for this month's images is 'Curves'. Next month's theme will be 'A Good Day". This should test the group's creativity and some very different interpretations are to be expected.



Alvor Balcony at Night by Roger Davis



Brake Disc Exposed by Colin Smith



Cross Polarisation Stress Pattern by Paul Bass



Lincoln Cathedral Looking Up by Gill Bass



Ninety Nine by Jenny Macpherson



Scottish Beach by John Geeson



The Bridges of Berwick by Les Murray



The Reds by Phil Leckenby



Under the Bridge by Allan Allcock

Board Games

Lead: Liz Ball, Telephone: 01636 893102

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Meetings take place on 1st Monday & 3rd Tuesday, 2-4pm at various locations

This is now held on the first Monday afternoon in a month and the third Tuesday, you don't need to commit to both meetings, just whichever suits. Games played recently include

- The London Game, which is based on getting round London via six underground stations, complications arise when you need to change line.
 - Camel Cup, which is a betting game as to which camel completes a course first, no actual money involved.
 - Sequence, played in pairs the object is to get a "sequence," meaning a row of five poker-like chips on the board.
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Bridge

Lead: Liz Ball, Telephone: 01636 893102

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Meetings take place on 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 10am-12 at various locations

We are now up to seven members so at least one more to allow us to play two games simultaneously would be wonderful.

We are a friendly, sociable group and welcome experienced and novice players.

Currently we meet on the second and fourth Tuesday in the month but there is no need to commit to both meetings.

Wine Appreciation

Lead: Graham Eaton, Telephone: 01636 893895

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Meetings take place on 4th Friday, 7:30pm at peoples homes

The Wine Appreciation Group's Tasting tour in France

Eight members of the group returned from France on Friday 12 October after a most enjoyable and highly successful five-night excursion to the Champagne, Burgundy and Eastern Loire vineyards.

On Sunday 6th, the four cars from Collingham met in Dover and caught the ferry to Calais.



After two hours driving from Calais, we arrived at a super hotel on the side of a lake near Laon. A lovely place for our first night, especially after a delicious meal.

On Monday, we visited Reims.

We then moved to the village of Mesnil-St-Oger for a tasting at Champagne Launois.

We spent our second night in a hotel on the edge of Champagne territory before moving on to the town of Chablis and a tasting with the Boudin family in a nearby village. Stocking up continued!



In the afternoon, we drove to Sancerre where we spent two nights, with visits and tastings at a number of producers of Sancerre red, rose, and white wines including Pouilly Fume and Menetou Salon.

There was also a visit to Briare to walk across the Gustav Eiffel-designed bridge carrying a canal over the Loire.



On Thursday morning we left the wine-growing regions behind (with my car low on its suspension) and headed to a hotel near Calais before heading to the ferry and Dover on Friday morning.

Many thanks to the members of the Group who helped to make the holiday such fun.



GROUPS DIARY

Week	AM/PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Making Music	Walks	Recorders	Family History Motor Sports	Casual French
	AM	10 - 12 md N.Scarle Methodist Church Hall	9.30am Grey Horse Car Park	10.30 -12am Homes	10 - 12md Phoenix Centre Coop Café	10-12md Homes
1	PM		Beginners Ukelele	Gardening	Scrabble	Kurling
			4-5pm Mayfield Rm	2 - 4pm Homes	3 - 5pm Homes	2 - 4pm Memorial Hall
			Strollers Bridge		Table Tennis	
	AM		10-12 2-4pm Co-op Homes		10-11am Winthorpe Comm Centre	
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		Begin's Italian Indoor Bowls	Committee Ukelele	Photography	Bucketeers	Circle Dancing
	PM	2-4pm Homes Newark Indoor Bwls Cent	4.30-6.30 4-5pm Mayfield	2-4pm Homes	2 - 4pm Venue Varies	2 - 3.30pm Phoenix Centre
						Sunday Lunchers
						12.30/1.00pm Various Venues
		Making Music	Play Reading	Recorders	Literature	Casual French
	AM	10 - 12md N.Scarle Methodist Church Hall	10 - 12md Youth & CC	10.30 - 12md Homes	10.30 - 12.30pm Homes	10 - 12md Homes
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		Music Appreciation	Board Games Ukelele	Loc History Research	Lunch Club	Kurling
	PM	2 - 4pm Mayfield Rm	2-4pm 4-5pm YCC Mayfield Rm	2 - 4pm Mayfield	12.30 Various Venues	2 - 4pm Memorial Hall
			Bridge		French Advanced Table Tennis	History
	AM		10-12md Homes		10-12md 10-11am Homes Winthorpe Comm Centre	10-12md Youth & CC
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		Begin's Italian Indoor Bowls	Art Appr'n Ukelele	General Meeting	Thursday Talk'g Shop	Wine Appreciation
	PM	2-4pm Homes Newark Indoor Bwls Cent	2-4pm 4-5pm YCC Mayfield	2 - 4pm Memorial Hall	2-4pm Homes	19.30pm Homes