

# Collingham & District



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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## NEWSLETTER - January 2020

### Happy New Year

Welcome to the January Newsletter.

We start the New Year and the new decade with a 'thank you'. I would like to thank all the people who made our last meeting of 2019 such a success. The Christmas Tea afternoon was held in the Memorial Hall and the tables had been set out and decorated by Pat Stewart and several members of our U3A. A stimulating quiz was designed by John Lewis and organized and run by Margaret Lewis and Clive Bainbridge. This was followed by an excellent performance from the Music Makers Group which included vocals with an opportunity for the audience to join in. The Music Makers Group also won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Quiz! Thus demonstrating their all round versatility.

The mulled wine and apple juice provided by Feeling Peckish was appreciated at the start of the meeting and their excellent afternoon tea was served efficiently and with good humour. We are grateful to them for their competence and their smooth clearing up at the end of the afternoon.

This year the Third Age Trust plans to make some changes to the way in which U3A presents itself. In a recent letter to all Chairs and Secretaries Ian McCannah, Chair of the Third Age Trust states that as a first step the term 'University of the Third Age' will be dropped from the logo and "its usage in the way we describe ourselves". They are working with a "graphic design agency to refresh the way we project ourselves and this will establish a unique house style for U3A". So here in Collingham & District U3A we will look forward to seeing these new developments in the coming year.

The new Weekenders Group will meet for the first time on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January. If anyone is interested in joining this group please contact Sue Fleet.

Best wishes for 2020,

Jannet Wright, Chair, Executive Committee

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# Forthcoming Speakers

## January Monthly Meeting

22nd January 2020 at 2pm

Footpads, Kings and Highway Men  
The story of The Great North Road in Nottinghamshire

Ian Morgan

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## February Monthly Meeting

26th February 2020 at 2pm

The Grey Gap Year.

A real life story of two oldies surviving in a world of youngsters. They went to manage a ski chalet in the Alps.

Alan Rimmer

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## Christmas Party Photos



## Stamford Shakespeare Company

SSC are once again presenting their summer season of plays at Tolethorpe Hall.

In the past U3A have organised a group booking and the Group Co-ordinator and the Play Reading Group agree with my suggestion that we do this again in 2020.

The play evoking most interest is the Youth Theatre production of William Golding's "The Lord of the Flies" [made into a famous film in 1963]. Performances are on Monday July 13th @7.45pm; Tuesday and Wednesday 14th/15th @ 1.30pm

If you are interested in this please contact Nick Narracott at [n\\_narracott@yahoo.com](mailto:n_narracott@yahoo.com) or 01636-892938

I expect booking to be quite heavy by schools so it would be good to get a group booking early in the New Year.

Nick Narracott

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# Groups

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## Wine Appreciation

Lead: Graham Eaton, Telephone: 01636 893895

email: eastlound@btinternet.com

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

December and January are quiet months for the group as we spend time educating our families and friends in the art of wine drinking (responsibly of course).

Our next meeting will not be a tasting session but instead will be the annual meal, this year to be held at the Royal Oak on 15th January.

The next tasting meeting will take place at Rosemary and Graham Eaton's house in late February.

Best wishes for the New Year.  
Graham.

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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



The Kurling group continues to be a popular pastime. We have been pleased to welcome several new members over the last few sessions. On our last meeting before Christmas, about twenty of us had a few games and then enjoyed some festive food and friendly conversation. For 2019, we collected the individual scores and we have presented the kurling shield for the highest average score over the year, once more, to Graham Fleet. Well done Graham. We have purchased some new bearings as some of the kurling stones needed replacements.

We thank our players for their continued support and we look forward to another enjoyable year of kurling in 2020. Happy New Year everyone,  
Terry and John

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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 various locations

## “The Bucketeeers” adventures in 2019

January-Burns Night

February-Kelham Hall visit.

March-The Palace Theatre

March-Southwell races

May-Kinema in the Woods

June-bricklaying

July-boat trip

July-glass workshop (Lesley and Sue)

August -BBQ

August-walking football

September-woodturning

October –abseiling

October-Glass workshop

November-RAF Scampton

November-Veolia.

November-Safari Supper

November-falconry-

December-acting in “The Park” written by Mags Hanson

December-Safari supper for New Year’s Eve.

What will we be getting up to in 2020-who knows? But I’m sure it will be lots of fun!

Thank you to all the group members who organised events during 2019.

## New Years Eve Party

A few of the Bucketeeers group gathered together on New Years Eve for a meal and games



# Music Making

Lead: Phil Leckenby, Telephone: 07483 296822

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Meetings take place on 1st & 3rd Monday, 10am-12 at  
Methodist Street, High Street, North Scarle

2019 ended with a flurry of activity: the North Scarle Carol Service, the U3A Christmas party and the Newark Art Club gig at Carriages. Included in the carol service running order was a couple of our own instrumental pieces to add some variety to the traditional programme. The 45-minute



set for the U3A party ranged from old jazz standards, through the Shadows to Amy Winehouse, ending up with a couple of festive sing-alongs. At Carriages we did two 30-minute sets. All of the above were satisfying performances and, hopefully, the audiences enjoyed our offerings.



Not surprisingly, the group then took a well-earned break from rehearsals, resolving to meet up for lunch early in the new year to discuss suggestions for new material. The intention is to broaden the repertoire, reduce the reliance on backing tracks (unless recorded from our own resources) and perhaps introduce the odd original composition.

I'm confident that the Music Makers will continue to thrive during 2020 and – who knows – perhaps a keyboard player, or even a drummer, will emerge to complete the line-up.

Phil Leckenby

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# Bridge

Lead: Liz Ball, Telephone: 01636 893102

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Meetings take place on various dates at Members homes

We try and meet weekly, times vary to suit members. Our next meetings are:

23rd January in the evening, 7-9

28th January in the evening 7—9

4th February in the evening, 7-9

13th February in the evening, 7-9

New member are always welcome , we are a friendly mixed ability group so definitely no need to be an expert to join in.

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# Strollers

Lead: Marion Wilson, Telephone: 01636 893058

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

Our stroll for December was planned for a walk around Harby, but to call at the pub first and put our orders in for lunch before our walk. So we thought it was a good idea to have a coffee while we were ordering our meals, but then it started raining !!!

So that was us there for a good few hours, and as Mags had put the Xmas hats in for us all nobody got off Scott free.. So we had to wear them...



The staff there were lovely and kept us very well topped up with drinks while the lunch came. The men were very happy and we had all forgotten about our stroll... But I think every one enjoyed it and started the Xmas activities early....



If you want to blow the cobwebs off and join us we meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at the Co-op 10am, we are a very nice

friendly group and would love to see you .....

All good wishes to everyone  
Marion.

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# Italian for Beginners

Lead: Mary Hughes, Telephone: 01636 892415

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Lead: Jannet Wright, Telephone: 01636 892415

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

The Group will hold the first meeting of the year on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

During the afternoon we will tell each other, in Italian, about some of our activities over the Festive period.

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# Ukelele

Lead: Susan Fleet & Wellingore U3A, Telephone: 01636 893458

email: susanfleet04@gmail.com

Meetings take place on every Tuesday, 3 - 4:30pm at Memorial Hall, upstairs

Please note the meetings are now back at the Memorial Hall as above, fee of £1.50, new members always welcome.

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# Table Tennis

Lead: Peter Brauer, Telephone: 01636 894106  
email: pebrauerglobus@btinternet.com

Meetings take place on 2nd and 4th Thursday, 10-11am at Winthorpe Community Centre

"Table Tennis is taking place usually every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Winthorpe Community Centre between 10 and 11am. The next dates are:

13th and 27th of February

Everybody is welcome to join our friendly group. To round off the playing there is the possibility to have coffee and biscuits at a communal table in an adjacent room."

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# Board Games

Lead: Liz Ball, Telephone: 01636 893102  
email: elizb36@gmail.com

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

We have Monday afternoon meetings on the first Monday of the month in addition to the third Tuesday. Next meetings are:

21st January 130—330

3rd February 2-4

Currently we meet in members homes.

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# 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

Collingham Garden club had planned on going to visit Patchings on 8 th January ,but on discovering that their gardens didn't open till April ,we did a last minute change of plan in the coop car park and set off for Hollybeck nursery instead.

9 of us went to Hollybeck which is located between Oxtun and Southwell. The Topiary tearoom was extremely full but they managed to fit us all in for lunch. We strolled their well stocked nursery and some of us could not resist buying plants to bring home. People think gardeners should talk to their plants but we gardeners know it's just the other way around. As you walk around any garden centre plants all cry 'buy me, buy me'. It's difficult to resist, particularly when you spot a new variety of plant that would just fit in that empty space back home. Some were strong willed but a few of us succumbed.

We voted to go to Belton House near Grantham in February. We heard there is a good tea room nearby that needs testing! Our thoughts were with those of our group who spent Christmas in hospital and those who couldn't join us because of hospital appointments. We look forward to you joining us all at Belton in February. Best wishes for the New Year.

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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 next meet on Tuesday, 28th of January when our members will bring along an object of their choice and give us a short talk.

This year the stipulation is something that is not more than 6" high. I wonder what will be brought along? We have had many interesting family back-stories over the years, so let us hope more fascinating objects arrive on the day.



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## Indoor Bowling

Lead: Clive Bainbridge  
email: iambembo@hotmail.com

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

Happy New year to all

We are back after the Christmas break and are booked for the second and fourth Mondays of the month starting January official time 2:30 -4:30. ( arrive by 2:15 please) I think we have all been trying our best to get better, not sure it is working though! But at least we are having fun trying! A few places left so come along and give it a go, only £4 each

C Bainbridge

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# Scrabble

Lead: Margaret Orchiston, Telephone: 01636 894027  
email: m.orchiston@btinternet.com

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

The Scrabble Group kicked off the year with one player playing 6 tiles onto a triple word score to get 75 points. She was left with an S which she later discovered could have gone in front of the word to get an extra 50. We are learning lots of weird and wonderful words, or we would be if we could remember what they were!! We have nine members at present but as not everyone comes each time so there's room for more. If we get too big for members homes then we can find a venue. We meet on first Thursday each month from 2-4pm at members homes. A big thank you from me to all those who have hosted. We are very friendly and welcome all levels of skill. If you need a lift then that can be arranged. Start the New Year with a resolution to exercise your brain cells. Contact Margaret Orchiston 01636 894027 or [m.orchiston@btinternet.com](mailto:m.orchiston@btinternet.com). Ps if anyone can remember the word that was played give me a ring. It's bugging me I can't remember it.

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# Play Reading

Lead: Sue Brauer, Telephone: 01636 894106  
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Lead: Sandra Howarth,  
email: rogerandsandra\_889@btinternet.com

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

After an exciting end of year play performed by some of our members in front of and well-received by a "live" audience at The Royal Oak in December, it is back to normal in January when we meet on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10-12 in the YCC, Low Street. (The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month). We will be reading A Perfect Murder – a play adapted from a Jeffrey Archer story. The plays we choose vary: drama, comedy, classic, modern, one act or full length. Our aim is to enjoy reading a part in good company, sitting round a table, with coffee and biscuits to hand.



# Circle Dancing

Lead: Sue Brauer, Telephone: 01636 894106  
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Lead: Sue Fleet, Telephone: 01636 893458  
email: susanfleet04@gmail.com

Meetings take place on 2nd Friday, 2-4pm at the Phoenix Centre

Circle dancers next meet for a gentle session on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 in the Phoenix Centre. This is a bit of a one off time as we usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. We will however be back to normal in February when we meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> – St Valentine's Day. New members are always welcome to come and find out what it is all about.

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# Local History Research

Lead: Pat Smedley, Telephone: 01636 892292  
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Meetings take place on 3rd Wednesday, 2-4pm at the Mayfield Room

The group met in January and enjoyed a presentation by one of our members of an analysis of the 1939 Government Register completed at the start of the second world war detailing people's occupations which the government used to plan man power use during the war. A comparison was made between this 1939 Survey and the 1911 Census for North and South Collingham to discover any differences in the employment profile from both dates. This provided scope for a very interesting discussion about the changing nature of work over this nearly 30 year period between the Survey and Census. We hope to use this information in a poster presentation on Collingham and how it had changed between the two world wars.

The group also considered a 'Time Chart' to show major events of the second world war. Time lines are a very useful way to demonstrate key events and developments at a glance. We hope to include a Time Chart on major events in our May Day exhibition around VE Day and the second world war.

Finally we heard a tape which will be developed as a sound track to our exhibition incorporating well known music from the period, Churchill and Chamberlain speeches and taped recordings of local peoples memories of the war in Collingham.

For our next meeting on February 19th in the Mayfield Room we will continue to report back on our research into Collingham in the second world war. We will focus on the village and its services, utilities, sewerage, health care provision, housing.

We have four months to put together content for our planned exhibition over the weekend of May 8th so we have a lot of work to do. New members are always welcome.

Pat Smedley Group Leader

Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Mayfield Room, Village Hall : 2-4pm

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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

This month's images are on the theme "Connection(s)".

Next month our theme will be "Seasonal Colour"



Hands  
by John Geeson



Footbridge  
by Les Murray



Please let me out  
by Roger Davis



Castle Wall Path  
by Gill Bass



Wheel Fixings  
by Colin Smith



Connections Froston Ferns  
by Margaret Bruce



Crossing the gap  
by Jannet Wright



Lace Necklace  
by Jenny Macpherson



Wireless Connect  
by Phil Leckenby



Lincoln to London  
by Paul Bass

## GROUPS DIARY

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