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### Monthly Meetings

**13 January**

**Val Wise**

**Mary Wollstonecraft**

**10 February**

**Eddie Lawler**

**Tracking the Brontes**

**10 March**

**Dove House Hospice**

**(name of speaker to be confirmed)**

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in the Darby and Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham, starting at 2pm. Places must be booked in advance – see page 2.

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#### **IN THE CHAIR JANUARY 2022**

Happy New Year to all our members. The question always hovering in the background is what the new year will bring. Hopefully, good health, smiles and laughter, a holiday or two, good friends, good times, and happy family get-togethers to celebrate special occasions.

Please read your newsletter carefully and thoroughly as we pass on all the information you may need during the next two months.

Christmas has been and gone and I do hope it was a wonderful time for you all and now in 2022 I hope that we can all enjoy our u3a, if not in exactly the same way as the past, (due to having to live with Covid), by socialising in our groups, new and old, and we would love some of you to perhaps look into starting some new groups. On that note, please get in touch with Pat Collard who will support you each step of the way. I would also like to invite any member who thinks they would be willing to join the committee to get in touch for a get-together including a cuppa. The committee could do with another one or two to join our team and help to keep the u3a going, for, I hate to say it but if the committee does not keep going forward then our u3a will fail. This is not something any of us wants to happen.

Now it is time to enjoy another day, week, month, and this new year. I wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Sue Tong

**STOP PRESS** November 29<sup>th</sup> – The Omicron variant of the Covid virus has reared its ugly head and as I wrote my article prior to this date this is where we are as we go to press with the newsletter. December 10<sup>th</sup>: masks to be worn in indoor public venues; community centres (village halls) are included among the places where face coverings must be worn unless the individual has an exemption **so they will be required in the Darby and Joan halls**. December 13<sup>th</sup>: those who can, will be advised to work from home. December 15<sup>th</sup>: the NHS Covid pass on the NHS app will

become mandatory for entry into nightclubs and settings where large crowds gather. I close my article on 19<sup>th</sup> December with the possibility of more restrictions before and after Christmas. We will try to keep you informed as and when things change but with those members who have not given us their email addresses it may be somewhat delayed.

### **An invitation from our Membership Secretary (Karen Baker)**

**New Members meeting** also incorporating a get together (as we have held in the past) for those members who have been unable to attend the January/February monthly meetings. Come and meet some of the committee; possibly some group convenors and some of our members who will be happy to socialise and hopefully give you answers to any questions you may have. We will be providing refreshments too. **It is necessary for you to book your attendance with Karen on Tel. no. 840293 as numbers are still limited in the Darby and Joan Hall and you will be required to wear a mask unless exempt.** This is presuming that the Covid guidelines/restrictions remain the same.

Date :- February 17th  
Time :- 1.30pm to 3.30pm  
Venue :- Darby and Joan Large Hall

### **Those all-important dates to book for the March and April meetings**

**March – you can book from the 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**April – you can book from the 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Please book via our secretary Lesley Tempest on tel. no 847359**

**Finally** (you will be pleased to know) I have an apology to the Xmas quiz winning table as I did not hand out the ‘token’ prizes to those members, if you could get in touch with me I will hopefully arrange some way to celebrate your win by getting the prizes to you.

Sue Tong

### **COTTINGHAM U3A WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

As we go into another uncertain year of possible restrictions I thought it would be a good idea to remind everybody about our website and Facebook Group page as these methods of communication will become a very important means in which to advise members of what is happening within Cottingham u3a.

I appreciate that not all our members have the ability to be able to use the website or Facebook but they will of course still receive their bi-monthly newsletter which is sent to all members.

I am pleased to say that currently 70% of our members do have email and obviously will have the means to access the website and Facebook. We have also welcomed approximately 40 new members during 2021 and I urge them to take a look at the website and Facebook.

**Website – <http://u3asites.org.uk/cottingham>**

The website is updated on a regular basis and contains all the latest news and information on issues including Covid regulations, monthly meeting bookings and speakers, membership renewals, details of all group activities and upcoming social events. Should you wish to view past newsletters going back to March 2020 they are still available to view. Just click on the Newsletter tab.

## Facebook Group Page

Our Facebook Group currently has 40 members but there may be others who would like to join the group, especially the new members. The page is a **Private** Group page and only members can see who's in the group and what they post. To join just go to **Facebook** and search for **Cottingham u3a**.

I would like to remind the current members of the Group that they can post anything they think would interest other members or be of help to them, including pictures. They can also comment on, or like, any post that has been made by another member. It's an ideal place to put information about what has been happening within the groups. For example we have had posts about the Walking Group and Quiz Group over the last few months.

So get posting everyone!!

David Groom – Website Editor

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 2ND DECEMBER 2021**

We were able to enjoy our annual Christmas Lunch once again this year after lockdown in December 2020 forced the cancellation of last year's meal.

Despite the heavy snow in the morning, over 50 members attended the lunch at the Canham Turner Building at Hull University and enjoyed an excellent 3 course meal followed by tea or coffee and mince pies.

Following a unanimous decision by those present it was agreed that we provisionally book **1st December 2022** for next year's meal. **Make a note in your diaries.**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY – 9TH DECEMBER 2021**

As with the Christmas Lunch, last year's Party wasn't able to be held due to Covid restrictions. This year we were able to go ahead but with a slightly restricted number of members attending. Over 70 of us enjoyed an afternoon of quizzes, a raffle, festive music and lots of sweet and savoury nibbles along with our tea and coffee to get us in the Christmas spirit.

Don't forget to check your **newsletters**, the **website** and our **Facebook Group page** and of course your **emails** should you have that facility, to make sure you are aware of arrangements of any upcoming events in 2022.

Judi Groom – Hospitality Co-ordinator

## **GROUPS UPDATE**

As I write this we have no idea what restrictions might be imposed in January regarding meetings so all information given here is subject to change if necessary.

The general picture will be ever changing and probably quickly. We will remain in contact by email with all members who have registered an email with Cottingham u3a. If you have access to an email address to receive updates please let Karen Baker, membership secretary, know so that she can add it to the details we hold.

So that group convenors can make contact with their own group members, please ensure that you are on the register with contact details held by the convenor.

## **New groups**

We have two new groups starting in 2022, **BINGO and CRAFTING**.

The first **BINGO** session was going to be on January 12th but this has been **cancelled** and will now be at 1.30pm on Wednesday 9th February in the Darby and Joan Hall.

The **CRAFTING** group starts in January – see the article from Diana Taylor, the convenor.

**Please note that in England, face coverings are now required by law in most indoor public places unless you are exempt.**

A further group is starting up again.

The **BOARD GAMES** group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Cottingham Memorial Club in Finkle Street. The start date is 8th February. Sue Tong is taking on the role of convenor temporarily. Please contact Sue if you intend to attend.

## **BOOK GROUP**

Margaret Hersom, the convenor, has sent the following article:

The Book Group has been a bit thin as two members have been shielding; there should be five of us. We are always looking for new members. We meet on the last Monday of the month (except December) taking turns in each other's houses; however, if this isn't convenient don't worry as it's not obligatory to host a meeting.

On 31 January we will discuss Robert Hillman's *The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted*. On 28 February we will discuss *On Chapel Sands* by Laura Cummings. The book for March has yet to be decided – any suggestions?

## **CINEMA/DVD GROUP**

Barring any Covid regulations which stop us getting together the next DVD showing will be as follows

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

At 2pm until 4pm

In the Darby and Joan Large Hall (current regulations state that we must all wear masks)

Refreshments I hope can be served as usual in paper cups and sealed biscuits

Showing 'The Secret Garden' starring Colin Firth and Julie Walters

I will be in touch via text and email, as usual, to confirm your attendance.

Sue Tong

## **New CRAFTING Group**

The New Crafting Group will meet at 1.30 pm in the Darby and Joan Large Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. The first meeting is 5 January so probably will already have taken place by the time you read this. So the next one will be 2 February. The cost will be £3 which includes tea or coffee and biscuits. The hall has been hired for 2 hours. Come along and see what it's all about. Hopefully with inspiration and enthusiasm we will all learn something new as well as enjoying a sociable afternoon immersed in our favourite pastimes. Experienced and novice crafters all welcome.

At the preliminary meeting on the 30 November it was suggested that people bring any work in progress (WIP) or unfinished objects (UFOs) as well as possible patterns, ideas or pictures of things that they would like to learn to make and hopefully there might be someone in the group to help and guide them to a new skill.

Lynne Limon has kindly agreed to be help me out with the convening of this group.

How this group develops will depend on the wishes of the people that attend.

If you have any questions, thoughts or ideas please give me a call 01482 845873 or email [djtaylor26@djtaylor26.karoo.co.uk](mailto:djtaylor26@djtaylor26.karoo.co.uk).

Diana Taylor

### **DISCUSSION GROUP**

Leah Corboz, convenor of this group, has sent the following:

The Discussion group have had 2 meetings so far which everyone seemed to enjoy. As the December date falls on the 29th we are holding a Twixmas lunch at Kristoffs as a thank you for the free use of their upstairs room.

Dates for 2022 are listed below

26 January 23 February 30 March 27 April 25 May  
29 June 27 July 31 August 28 September 26 October  
30 November 28 December  
New members welcome

### **FRENCH CONVERSATION**

Bonne Année... and here's hoping that 2022 is an improvement on the previous two years!

We are planning to meet up again on 20th January and will be able to swap stories (in French of course), about our exciting festive season celebrations.

Should face to face meetings be banned again, we shall resort to Zoom... but hopefully this won't be necessary.

Mary Kelleher

### **SUNDAY STROLLERS**

If no Covid restrictions stop us meeting up our first get together of 2022 will be Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January. I will be in touch via text and email as usual.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY GROUPS.

Sue Tong

### **TEN PIN BOWLING**

The 2022 dates are as follows: 7th and 21st January, 4th and 18th February, 4th and 18th March. I will let you know by email if there are any additional Covid restrictions imposed by the bowling alley.

Pat Collard, Groups Co-ordinator

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Happy new year everyone. I hope it will be a good one for you all.

Looking back for most of last year Socialising was stumped by that wicked witch Corona casting her deadly virus around.

She didn't stop us altogether because during September some members had a lovely sunny afternoon at Wassand Hall near Hornsea. We wandered round the house and gardens in the sunshine and relaxed with refreshments in the walled garden with delicious cream cakes.

Also during September some of us visited Beverley Art Gallery to see 'The Brick Wonder' exhibition depicting The seven wonders of the world done in Lego. Exceedingly clever.

During the Christmas season we went to see The Cottingham Little Theatre's A Christmas Carol. One of the best shows they have produced I'm told.

During February some of us are going to A murder mystery that the same theatre company are producing. This event is always good fun. I'm not surprised that the tickets sold out at an amazing pace.

10 members have tickets for The Russian State Ballet of Siberia's production of The Nutcracker. Those of you who are going are sure to enjoy this beautiful fantasy.

On the afternoon of Saturday February 25th The Society of Mice are holding an afternoon tea with great entertainment at Bricknell Methodist Church. Tickets cost £5 and are still available until the February u3a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February.

On Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> we have arranged for Paul Schofield who is a local historian to take us on a pub crawl with a difference. He will take members round some of the most fascinating and historic drinking places of Beverley all for £5. Finishing in 'The Monks Walk' where members can enjoy an optional buffet costing £8.

Hopefully if we can keep that witch Corona at bay other exciting Social Events will be arranged.

Why not come to our Social Events meeting on Friday 7th January in the 'King Billy' 11:15am and find out?

Refreshments are served and we have an optional lunch. We are always open to new ideas for Social Events.

Happy Socialising during 2022.

Janet King

### **SPEAKER LIST 2022**

|             |                    |                                   |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 13 January  | Val Wise           | Mary Wollstonecraft               |
| 10 February | Eddie Lawler       | Tracking the Brontes              |
| 10 March    | Dove House Hospice | (name of speaker to be confirmed) |
| 14 April    | Dulcie Lewis       | A Flash in the Pan                |
| 12 May      | Clare Atkinson     | Salt Therapy                      |
| 9 June      | Angela Beaumont    | The Wheels of the Bus             |
| 14 July     | Stephen Wells      | The History of Music Hall         |
| 11 August   | Philip Walker      | Being a Yorkshireman/Woman        |
| 8 September | AGM                | No speaker                        |
| 13 October  | Roger Burnett      | Britain in Bloom                  |
| 10 November | Pat Elliott        | The Big Houses of Cottingham      |
| 8 December  | No speaker         |                                   |

## Current Interest Groups

| <b>Group</b>             | <b>Leader</b>                                  | <b>Tel No</b>              | <b>Date/Time</b>                         |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Art                      | Karen Baker                                    | 840293                     | 1st/3rd Tuesday pm                       |
| Bingo                    | Doreen and Keith Gibbs                         | 833158                     | 2nd Wednesday<br>1.30pm                  |
| Board Games              | Sue Tong (temporary)                           | 845460                     | 2nd Tuesday 2.30pm                       |
| Book Group               | Margaret Hersom                                | 345452                     | Last Monday pm                           |
| Cinema/DVD               | Sue Tong                                       | 845460                     | 4th Tuesday pm                           |
| Coffee Club              | Julie Haley                                    | 845104                     | 1st Friday 2pm                           |
| Computer                 | Peter Glover                                   | 852503                     | 2nd Tuesday am                           |
| Crafting                 | Diana Taylor                                   | 845873                     | 1st Wednesday 1.30pm                     |
| Crochet, Knit and Natter | Pat Mainprize                                  | 505909                     | 2nd and 4th Friday<br>10.00am-12.00 noon |
| Croquet (seasonal)       | Margaret Elliott                               | 841221                     | Weekly Thursday pm                       |
| Discussion               | Leah Corboz                                    | 07719 395439               | Last Wednesday<br>10.30am                |
| Dominoes and Cards       | Chris Walker                                   | 844504                     | 2nd/4th Monday pm                        |
| French Conversation      | Mary Kelleher                                  | 342093                     | 3rd Thursday pm                          |
| Needlework               | Paula Bell                                     | 805262                     | Weekly Thursday am                       |
| Quiz Group               | David Groom                                    | 847704                     | 1st/3rd Tuesday 2pm                      |
| Scrabble                 | Joan Brough                                    | 444885                     | 1st/3rd Thursday pm                      |
| Social Events            | Wendy Douthwaite<br>Janet King<br>Edith Martin | 845065<br>875230<br>844897 | Various                                  |
| Sunday Strollers         | Sue Tong                                       | 845460                     | 2nd/4th Sunday am                        |
| Ten Pin Bowling          | Pat Collard                                    | 667590                     | 1st/3rd Friday am<br>(term time only)    |
| Walking Group            | Paul Tempest                                   | 847359                     | 1st Monday 10.00am                       |

Please contact the group leader for more information.

## Committee

| Name           | Role                                    | Tel No |
|----------------|---|--------|
| Ken Bailey     |   | 846037 |
| Karen Baker    | Membership Secretary                    | 840293 |
| Pat Collard    | Vice Chair/Groups Coordinator           | 667590 |
| Peter Glover   |   | 852503 |
| David Groom    | Treasurer/Website Editor/IT Coordinator | 847704 |
| Judi Groom     | Hospitality Coordinator                 | 847704 |
| Lesley Tempest | Secretary                               | 847359 |
| Sue Tong       | Chair                                   | 845460 |
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| Pat Windle     | Newsletter Editor                       | 353714 |

Items for the **March 2022** newsletter to be sent to Pat Windle, Newsletter Editor, by **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**. Contact her on 353714. Information for the Newsletter can be sent by email as an attachment to [dpwindle@dpwindle.karoo.co.uk](mailto:dpwindle@dpwindle.karoo.co.uk). Items submitted after the closing date will be included in the next issue.

Further details of all our activities may be found on our website <http://u3asites.org.uk/cottingham>

### **u3a National Office**

The Third Age Trust, 52 Lant Street, London SE1 1RB. Telephone: 020 8466 6139.

E-mail: [national.office@u3a.org.uk](mailto:national.office@u3a.org.uk). Internet: <https://www.u3a.org.uk>

### **Public Liability Insurance for non-members**

It is important to note that visitors are allowed to attend one u3a meeting or group activity before they become members, due to insurance requirements.

### **Privacy statement:**

Your personal details are held on a secure database and will be used solely for the purposes of administration and the distribution of u3a communications. They will never be supplied to an outside agency or party other than for you to receive Third Age Matters/Sources by Direct Mail – if you have requested receipt of these magazines. For full details of our Privacy and Data Protection Policies please go to our website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/cottingham>

### **Legal Advisory Service**

The free legal telephone advice service from ARC Legal Assistance has been cancelled as it has not proved to be financially viable. In future, please contact National Office direct for legal advice and they will deal with any enquiries on a 'case by case' basis.