

# DONCASTER U3A

Registered Charity No. 1074577



## October - November 2023

# From the Chair



Hello members! I hope that you are all well.

After a rather unseasonal amount of rain over summer, which followed a long hot, dry spell, my vegetables just refused to grow and the lovely pear tree that last year yielded 166 pears has given up just one this year, the rest having all dropped in June. Ah well, the runner beans are doing their very best, at least!

I have been interested in your comments from the suggestion box put out at Members' Meetings. If you put your name on the slip I will have written to assure you that you have been heard. If you chose not to add your name, be confident that your suggestion is being addressed. To the person who did put in a suggestion in an envelope at the July meeting, which detailed some issues around joining groups and arriving at Members' Meetings, thank you for bringing those things to my attention and as a committee we are taking the issues very seriously indeed.

The October Members' Meeting will be very different from usual. There will be no speaker and no rows of seats. Instead we are trying a social event, which will allow people to get to know each other a bit more and widen everyone's circle of friends. There will be a structure to the meeting, with people moving around rather as they did at the beetle drive, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Please don't be put off by this being different from the usual meetings - bear with me - the aim is to improve the experience of coming to meetings for everyone, so that any member coming into the hall will know someone they can talk to. So do please try to come along to that meeting to make the event go well. (see page 4 for details)

Another thing that came up more than once in the suggestion box was the request for a singing group. So, the only thing holding that up is the appearance of a leader for a group of singers ..... surely in our u3a of around 350 people there are one or two people who could lead a group of singers? If it is you, please identify yourself to me so we can start up a singing group. Similarly, do any of you play ukulele? Please rest assured if you fit the bill for either of these, being a group leader is not onerous, it really isn't! You need only contact the members as necessary and lead the group in these cases. The leadership can be a shared responsibility and Diane Williams, our groups coordinator, is always at hand and willing to support in any way she can.

So, my thanks as always on your behalf to Bridget Thompson for the compilation of this newsletter, and on with the show .....

*Paula Harmer*

# WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members

Lilian Kennedy, Susan Raszewski, Val Strawbridge, Ken Wardle,  
Wilma Wyatt



## Jack Chantry

Claire Chantry has asked me to convey to all at Du3a her grateful thanks for the good wishes and messages following the passing of her husband Jack, in particular for the donations made at his funeral at Rose Hill. It raised £225 and was donated to Alzheimer's Research UK.

Jane Bowser

## Du3a Celebration **BRING-A-FRIEND DAY** Monday 25th September

It's u3a week - Let's celebrate!

Bring a *non-member* friend  
- be entered into a special prize draw -  
win £15 of M&S vouchers for *both you and your friend!*  
Can't find a friend to come with you?  
Come anyway!

There's a *raffle* with splendid prizes,  
plus much more!

**FREE** entry! **FREE** drinks! **FREE** cake!  
Games! Displays!

Powerhouse at Christ Church

**12.30 - 3.30 p.m.**

**DON'T MISS IT - TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**

**Du3a - run *BY* the members, *FOR* the members!**

Paula Harmer

## December 2023 - January 2024 Newsletter

Articles need to be received by **Wednesday 25th October.**

*bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com*

## Members' Meetings for October and November

### - CHANGE WARNING!

The suggested wreath making in December will not go ahead because no one wanted to do it. Perhaps next year ....

Well, we are trying something a little different in [October](#), for which I hope to have your support. Following on from the success of the recent Beetle Drive, suggestions from and discussions with members, the October meeting will have a much more social flavour.

The meeting will start at [1.15 p.m.](#) and drinks will be in the middle, not at the start. Members will arrive to find groups of eight set out. Within their groups, people will give their names and then there will be a point to discuss. After the allotted time, half the group will move to a different group, to be replaced by new people. Half way through the afternoon, there will be drinks and chatting time before resuming the discussions. The discussion topics will be varied - some sensible, some less so!

In this way we hope to introduce some of our newer members to more people as well as allowing our longer standing members to widen the number of people they know.

I am certainly not suggesting we replace Members' Meetings and speakers, but I hope that occasional social meetings will be welcomed by you all. After this trial social event, I look forward to your opinions as to whether you like this idea or not. Please do tell me by any means, (email, message, letter, verbally or via the suggestion box), what you thought about the event. Do come along and try it out!

[November's](#) Members' Meeting will be the conventional format, with the return of the glorious story teller that is Dr Ann Featherstone. This time Ann will be more seasonal in her delivery about the history of pantomime. We know now that she is a superb story teller and so we know this talk will be up to her usual highly entertaining standard. Don't miss it!

Both meetings will of course be at Powerhouse at Christ Church, doors opening at 1.00 p.m. In October the actual event will start at 1.15 p.m. but in November the meeting proper will start at the usual 1.30 p.m. Both events will be charged at only one pound.

In addition to the usual Members' Meetings, there will be an additional date for your diary .... Back by popular demand ..... [BEETLE DRIVE!](#) Yes, you asked for another beetle drive and here it is! So on Monday 30th October there will be a Beetle Drive at the usual meeting venue, doors opening at 1.00 p.m. for a 1.15 p.m. start. Don't worry if you were not at the first one - I will give you all the rules of play again. There will be a prize for the overall winner and if time allows there will be another prize to be announced at the event. The charge on the door will be just one pound. On this occasion there will be no raffle. Drinks will be offered at the half way point, the cost included in your entrance fee.

See you there!

*Paula Harmer, Speaker Finder*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**18th September 2023**    **Members' Meeting**    1.30 p.m. (doors open - 1.00 p.m.)

Speaker:    Holly Brown

Topic:        **South Yorkshire Air Ambulance** plus display by art group

**25th September 2023**    **Du3a Bring a Friend Day**    12.30 - 3.30 p.m.  
(for details - see page 3)

**16th October 2023**        **Du3a Social event**    1.15 p.m. (doors open - 1.00 p.m.)  
(for details - see page 4)

**30th October 2023**        **Beetle Drive**    1.15 p.m. prompt (doors open - 1.00 p.m.)  
(for details - see page 4)

**20th November 2023**    **Members' Meeting**    1.30 p.m. (doors open - 1.00 p.m.)

Speaker:    Dr Ann Featherstone

Topic:        **The history of Pantomime**

Venue for the Members' Meetings: Powerhouse, Christ Church, Thorne Road,,  
Doncaster, DN1 2HG

## INTEREST GROUPS

Please contact group leaders **before** attending a meeting for the first time. There may be limits on the group size.

## NEW WALK-TALK GROUP

Sunday 6th August was the first outing for the new Du3a walking group. We met at Doncaster Lakeside for an amble and chat. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and new friendships were made.

It was a very pleasant stroll round the lake especially as the sun came out - fascinating to watch the water birds building their nests.

We are hoping to make this a monthly event and the next one will be on Sunday 1st October at 11.00 a.m. Venue to be confirmed. Amble first, and coffee/lunch afterwards.

The venues are chosen so they are fine for all abilities plus having car parking and cafes.

*Wendy Wilkinson*



I enjoyed the first meeting of Du3a's new walking group. I particularly liked meeting and engaging with members I already knew and those I had just met. The scenery was lovely and there was plenty of time to pause and enjoy the wildlife. I can recommend this group to those who like to socialise in the outdoors.

*Diane Woolven*

## LOVE OF NATURE

We decided to take a stroll around Thrybergh Country Park for our Love of Nature walk on 4th July. The weather was kind to us, not completely blue skies, but the sun did make an appearance and was quite warm.

An area in the park has been created, dedicated to the local people who lost their lives in the pandemic, with a commemorative sculpture and places to just sit and reflect.

The 2-mile walk around the lake is lovely, lots of benches to rest for a minute or two and watch the birds and insects. A favourite spot is the bottom corner, feeders have been set up in a copse of trees at the waters edge, where all manner of little feathered friends congregate. There is a very nice cafe overlooking the lake on site and lots of areas for a picnic, but on this occasion we lunched in the Earl of Strafford's sunny conservatory.

*Dawn Hobson and Sue Stenton*



## CROWN GREEN BOWLS



We are having another successful season at Haslam Park. Unfortunately this means that we have had to temporarily close the list to new applicants. No-one is turned away on the day but we are seeing maximum numbers being reached regularly, partly due to our ongoing experimental competition organised by Graham and Andy. We are allowed to participate throughout the winter however, so if our numbers change, newcomers will be most welcome. Just give me a ring for an update.

The water system for the playing surface is in the process of being replaced, so we are looking forward to playing on bright green grass in the near future.

*George Kirk.*

## D31 Art Gallery: Exhibitions 2023

Online Autumn Exhibition: **'Celebrating Our Differences'** Opens 23rd September

Photography Exhibition: **'Right up Your Street'** Opens 30th September

Featuring art from artists all around the world.

D31 Art Gallery, 13 Scot Lane, Doncaster DN1 1EW

<https://www.d31artgallery.com/main-exhibitions>

## STROLLERS

On 27th July the Strollers met at the Angel Inn in Blyth to revise a winter walk to Hodsock which had been affected by torrential rain and the flooding of the river Ryton.

The walk started this time in better weather with a visit to Blyth church to look at the medieval doom painting and to take advantage of the church toilet.

Unfortunately, due to heavy rain in the proceeding days the river was again flooded and it was decided to follow a direct route along Worksop Road to Hodsock Priory. Although the first part of the walk stayed dry, whilst returning across Moore's potato farm the heavens opened and lunch at the Angel was a rather soggy affair.

Thanks again to Alan and his team at the Angel for their prompt service and good food.

Julia Toft



### THE DOOM PAINTING

*Depicts the last judgement.  
It was probably the work  
of a travelling artist.*

*In the centre, kings and commoners  
alike rise from their coffins.*

*Christ is seated upon a rainbow throne  
with St Mary, St John and 11 apostles.*

*Angels lead the good souls to Heaven  
and unrepentant sinners to Hell.*

*During the reformation the paints  
were whitewashed over. Traces were  
found in the Victorian restoration of 1883  
and re-discovered in 1988.*

*Cleaning of the paints began in 1987*



## FAMILY HISTORY

In August a handful of members of the Family History group paid a visit to the South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum where they were given a short talk on the history of the museum and airfield. We got to see the Falklands War exhibit along with other exhibits in the hangar and outbuildings. The visit ended with reasonably priced drinks and cakes, sitting in the shadow of a Harrier Jet, in the warm sunshine.

Dawn Jarvis





# Photography Competition June 2023

A few more entries:



Mike Bowser



James Bush



Stephen Cuffling



Mike Bowser

Christine Curtis



James Bush



James Bush

Mike Bowser



*Original photographs were clearer than shown above.*



Julia Jackson

We look forward to seeing entries for the 2024 photography competition

## ENJOYING POETRY

Our group continues to attract new members as we rejoice and revel in the delights of poetry past and present in all its forms, patterns, moods and voices. If it rhymes that's great. If it doesn't that's great too. If it wallops out iambic pentameters or wanders in the freest of free verse, it's all good. There's a poem out there for every one to enjoy and we keep on finding them.

*David Harmer*



# PÉTANQUE PALS' PROGRESS

Our u3a is slowly finding more and more Pétanque Pals (French Boules Buddies). As of August 2023 we had 13 regular players, meeting at four brand-new pistes at Hexthorpe Park.

We are looking for more Du3a members to join us, particularly as we hope to stage a competition. Later, we shall challenge the much larger Doncaster Pétanque Club (DPC) to a tournament and ask a knowledgeable player from Rawcliffe Pétanque Club to referee.

If you are entirely new to the game, or would simply like to find out where we play and which of your fellow du3a pals are already part of Du3a pétanque team, just let us know.

As for equipment, we can lend you a set of three boules to begin and if you become a regular player it is useful to purchase a set. This need not be pricey – second hand sets can be picked up for a tenner.

A bit of French language – the word 'pétanque' is old French for 'feet-together' and what we call the jack is also an old French word 'cochonnet', which means 'piglet'.

The game itself is not too strenuous, no more so than walking cricket or a gentle stroll in the park. Mentioning parks, the one where we play at Hexthorpe is a delight with lovely mature trees, an old bandstand and is bordered by the River Don.

So, to team building. Doncaster Pétanque Club's management committee invited our Du3a to join them for weekly Tuesday/Friday sessions and this has worked well in building membership numbers for both. By combining, the chances of sufficient players turning up for a game are much better. We have also got together after playing to have lunch or a snack at a nearby cafe, thereby getting to know new people.

We have asked DPC for, and obtained our own, weekly Du3a play-day, this being a Wednesday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and by doing so we hope to attract other Du3a members for whom Tuesdays and Fridays are not available.

For those who normally play on Tuesdays and Fridays, their membership of DPC enables them to continue to do so. Their £10 fee not only covers DPC membership, but also du3a pitch fees right through to next March. That is a bargain!

So why not join us? – it really is a very relaxing game...

*Simon Hughes*



## What's on in Doncaster

The Cast: <https://castindoncaster.com>

Doncaster Little Theatre: <https://doncasterlittletheatre.co.uk/whats-on>

Danum Gallery-Library-Museum: <https://www.dglam.org.uk/whats-on>

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# GARDENING

## Burnby Hall Gardens 10th July

The weather forecast was iffy to say the least. Our leader, Diane had planned the event to the last detail, even to the extent of visiting in person the week before. So it was that a group of intrepid Du3a members met together at the interchange to board a charabanc to whisk them off to Burnby Hall Gardens.



The 75-minute journey melted away as the chatter-filled vehicle trundled through the summer countryside and in what seemed no time at all we were there, gathering together like excited school children. The assistant manager gave us a run-down of the history of the estate and how it had been developed to become a favoured venue for gardeners and photographers alike. The introduction was well

received and following a few more directions from Diane it was agreed that we would all meet back at the bus in a few hours' time.

Everyone broke off into little groups then. It was getting on for lunch time and some found their way to the restaurant while others scurried away to investigate the horticultural delights and wonderful views on offer.



The many gardeners in our party were absorbed by the beautifully tended beds, the rock gardens and a delightful 'Stumpery' all with meandering pathways and plantings.

The highlight for me was the lake, with a huge collection of different water lilies and what seemed a massive shoal of overfed carp, ready to turbulate the calm waters whenever one of us approached the shore line.

After a lovely day we all





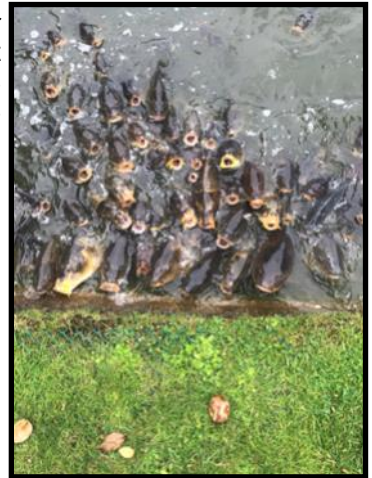
boarded the bus for home, and the chatter continued as we compared notes and decided that it would be pleasant to return in the future, perhaps to experience the delights of autumn or perhaps spring.

*Chris Woolven*



*Garden and fish  
photographs by  
Nora Boyle and  
Paula Harmer*

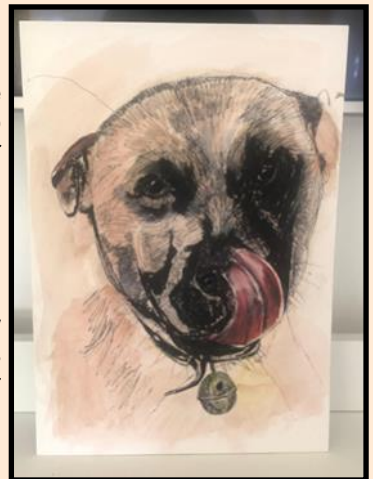
A few members of  
the Digital  
Photography  
group also  
attended.



## ART

We have taken in a number of new members and have to say we are now full to capacity. We resumed in September and looked forward to putting up a display of our work at the September Members' Meeting. We have all been off on various jollies over summer and have made art in various places in the world. I spent two weeks in France, drawing Freddy, a very lovely Staffie, who became my best friend. It was a picture made in ink and wash - a far cry from my usual lovely pastels! We thank you for your kind comments about our work - it is quite daunting to display our work for public viewing!

*Paula Harmer*





## ITALIAN

We continue to meet weekly on Zoom. We are a very small group and would welcome a few new members to learn this beautiful language. I think a learner absolutely new to the language would find the level of the group intimidating, but a small amount of Italian would be enough to start. All that is expected is ten minutes a day to keep up with the expanding vocabulary. If you are thinking of joining us, try this checklist - if you can say yes to most of the following, you would fit right in....

Do you know there are two definite articles in Italian?

Can you say any learnt simple sentences, like "Sono inglese" or "Non parlo Italiano" ?

Do you know a few numbers?

Are you willing to spend ten minutes a day learning some Italian?

Are you free from 6.30 - 8.00 every Wednesday evening?

Can you use Zoom?



Come on.....get in touch with me if you want to know more or to register your interest - my details are at the end of the newsletter.

*Paula Harmer*

## Doncaster U3A Writing competition

The winning poem was 'Miles Away' by Sue Levan. The reason I chose this poem is that it works well technically and because it made my heart leap. It has a wonderful energy, openness and richness to its use of images and narrative, leaving a lot of space for us to conjure with.

The winning piece of prose was 'Early One Morning' by Nancy Raynsford. Technically, it works very well, quickly establishing tension and drama yet the tone is understated. The dialogue and the inner voices of the characters are all believable and the arc of the story is well achieved.



I will be circulating all the entries to the competition to all members very soon.

*David Harmer*



In August a small group of **Strollers** met at Highfields to walk alongside Langthwaite Dyke behind the allotments, followed by a short walk in Highfields Park. Some members walked all the way around Highfields lake (pictured) while a few took a needed rest and completed half of this circuit. The meeting culminated with an enjoyable meal at the Highwayman pub along with much social chit chat.

*B Thompson.*



## Castleton and Peak Cavern Trip



On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> July the Trips group and Travel group participated in a day trip to Castleton in the Peak District. We left the Interchange by bus at 10 a.m. with a lovely journey taking us firstly through Sheffield and then out into the Peak District where the scenery changed dramatically displaying many hills and dales. At one point we arrived at a place named Surprise View and it was indeed a lovely surprise as just round the corner the whole area opened out with huge vistas across the area of hills and dales.



By this time we were nearly into Hope village where several of the members disembarked from the bus so they could truly enjoy the countryside by walking to Castleton. On arrival in Castleton, as it was nearly lunch time, many of the group decided an early lunch was appropriate at one of the many pubs and tea shops in order to be ready for the big excitement of the afternoon as a visit to Peak Cavern was booked for 1 p.m. for those of us wishing to attend.

This was a thoroughly interesting visit where our guide explained to us how the rope makers used to live in the cave and we were

shown a 'hovel' where it was said 12 people would sleep but it looked barely big enough for twelve bodies to find space to lay side by side! We were then given an explanation of how rope was made and one person even had the opportunity to make a piece of rope which they were allowed to take home with them.

For others it was a tour of the village which was the attraction with the quaint buildings and the many shops displaying their wares of 'Blue John'.

By the end of the afternoon everyone was ready for a sit down, a cup of tea and a return to the bus was the order of the day and just in time as after a lovely day of good weather it then decided to rain so the timing was perfect and a good day was had by all.

Christine Curtis



*Visiting Peak Cavern.  
(Also known as the Devil's Arse apparently due to the fact that when it rains the water gushing through makes peculiar noises!)*

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Heritage Doncaster:

The Dome:

The Leopard:

Visit Doncaster

<https://www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk>

<https://www.dclt.co.uk/whats-on>

<https://leopard-doncaster.co.uk> (Live music)

<https://www.visitdoncaster.com>

## The Story of Mariia and Kirill

Last year, after there had been an influx of Ukrainian refugees to the UK following the start of the war, Doncaster Rotary asked the Ukrainian Centre what they could do to help. It was agreed they would offer lifts into the centre on a Sunday when they had a social event, but those in outlying villages found Sunday bus timetables didn't fit. Two of the Rotary Clubs in Doncaster helped and we found Mariia, two year old Kirill (now 3) and Mariia's cousin Anna living not far from us in Tickhill.



Anna's English was good and Mariia was having lessons online. They were being generously hosted by a family in Tickhill with a little girl a similar age to Kirill. As the 12 month anniversary of the war approached Anna decided to return home to Kyiv and brave the bombs and Mariia started looking for a flat in Tickhill. This proved difficult as Estate Agents didn't look favourably on a refugee with a small child and the flats that became available always went to someone else. She then tried an appeal in our monthly magazine, Tickhill Today, and continued to ask

around when a local landlord responded with a one bedroom flat in central Tickhill that had just become vacant – but needed cleaning up. The deal was, no deposit was required in return for the cleaning, deal done....

Kirill was eligible for a nursery place for 15 hours a week and started at a local day nursery in Tickhill which he loves. Mariia began to work at the nursery which was ideal because she could take Kirill with her, so she was now earning. She also started working at the local garden centre but after 4 weeks that stopped. Mariia now learnt if she worked 16 hours then Kirill could have 30 hours at the nursery – generously, the nursery upped her cleaning hours and Kirill now spends longer at the nursery. He will start in reception at a local school next year if they are still here.

I was taken by surprise when Mariia asked where she could train as a florist as her career in Ukraine was in banking. Looking online, Doncaster College offers several courses and so we paid them a visit. She has now secured a place on their City and Guilds course starting in September. As Mariia's income is small she has also applied for financial support which should mean she doesn't have to pay course fees.

Many people – including many u3a members – helped by providing various items for Mariia when she moved into her flat and she is very grateful. A great deal of help has come from the Refugee Council, a body I knew nothing about. I now know they are a charity funded by donations but also supported by the government. They offer help and advice but have also supplied items like a table and chairs from Ikea and a push bike for both Mariia and Kirill. Mariia's flat is small, but she now has everything she needs and she has been decorating!

About 2 months ago Mariia told me her mother had applied for a visa to come to the UK. Since Anna left I think she had found it hard on her own with Kirill. It took 4 weeks for the visa to be granted and last Saturday her mother arrived at Leeds Bradford Airport on a Wizzair flight from Warsaw. Mariia knew of a single lady in Tickhill who had previously hosted other Ukrainians. They have now moved to Canada to be near relations. This lady agreed to host Mariia's mother, Victoria, for 6 months.

Today Mariia, Victoria and Kirill came round for tea and cake. Victoria learnt English at school so will take lessons to get up to speed, but she already seems to understand

quite well, so I don't think it will take her long. Mariia is very happy and of course Kirill and Victoria are getting to know one another in person rather than over the internet.

Wendy Hattrell

## Members' Meetings reports

### July

Dr. Ann Featherstone again entertained us with a talk about **'The Blackpool Widow murder'**.

She told us how Louisa, aged 47, had married her third husband 71-year old Alfred Merrifield in 1953. A month later Louisa took up the position of housekeeper and live in companion to 79-year old widow, Sarah Ann Ricketts, at her bungalow at 339 Devonshire Road in Blackpool. Within weeks, Louisa had persuaded Mrs. Ricketts to make a new will, leaving the £3,000 bungalow to her. Alfred complained that he was not mentioned in the will and it was agreed that he would get half.



Mrs. Ricketts was very fond of very sweet jams which she ate directly from the jar by the spoonful, washed down with rum or a bottle of stout. Louisa took advantage of these peculiar habits by adding a phosphorus based rat poison to the jam.

One day Louisa told her friend, Mrs. Brewer, that her employer planned to leave her her bungalow. She also mentioned she that had to go home to lay out an elderly woman. Mrs Ricketts died two days later! Mrs Brewer, being suspicious, told the police. They checked pharmacy records and found that Louisa has obtained the rat poison. Louisa was convicted of murder. She was hanged just six months after taking up her position of housekeeper to Mrs Ricketts. Her husband Alfred, however, was acquitted and went on to inherit half of the house on Devonshire Road. He lived there for another nine years.

The story was much more intriguing when narrated by Dr. Ann Featherstone.

B Thompson

## DN FESTIVAL OF LIGHT



**DN Festival of Light** is Right Up Our Street's winter festival. It celebrates the diversity of our city by bringing different communities together in one space to engage in the arts and culture.

**24 - 26 November 2023**

This event is free but ticketed. Tickets will be available shortly by going to

<https://www.visitdoncaster.com/whats-on/arts-and-culture/dn-festival-of-light-2023>

# PUZZLE PAGES

1. What was the Anglo-Saxon name for October?  
Winterfylleth Summerfylleth Springfylleth Autumnfylleth
2. Every year October ends of the same day of the week as one other month, which month is this?  
July November February March
3. Which world-famous political and spiritual leader was born on October 2 1869?  
Deepak Chopra Paulo Coelho Mahatma Gandhi Dalai Lama
4. Oktoberfest traditionally takes place every October in which Germany city?  
Berlin Frankfurt Hamburg Munich
5. In which country did Halloween originate?  
Ireland France India China
6. According to superstition, if you stare into a mirror at midnight on Halloween, what will you see?  
Bloody Mary Your future husband/wife What you will look like at an old age A witch
7. From which region in the world do pumpkins originate?  
Western Europe Eastern Asia South Africa Central America
8. What is Samhainophobia?  
The fear of ghosts The fear of pumpkins The fear of Halloween The fear of witches
9. What is the name of the legend that jack-o'-lanterns originated from?  
Ungenerous Jack Mean Jack Cheap Jack Stingy Jack
10. Which Roman goddess is thought to be honoured on Halloween?  
Venus Pomona Juno Fortuna
11. Transylvania is a region in which country?  
Slovakia Russia Romania Macedonia
12. In November, which year was the Gun Powder Plot in the UK?  
1506 1605 1703 1804
13. Which famous board game was introduced to the world on November 5, 1935?  
Scrabble The Game of Life Cluedo Monopoly
14. Who was crowned King of England on November 6, 1429?  
Henry V Henry VI Henry VII Henry VIII
15. Winston Churchill was born in November 1874. When did he become Prime Minister for the first time?  
1930 1940 1950 1960
16. 'November Rain' is a song released by which famous rock band in 1992?  
Led Zeppelin Pink Floyd Guns N' Roses
17. In 1957 what was the name of the dog Russia launched into orbit around the earth?  
Lucky Laika Lupin Lodz
18. On the 13th of November John Montagu was born... But what was named after him?  
The speedboat The bus The sandwich The boomerang
19. Which country traditionally celebrates 'Dias De Muretos' on November 1st?  
Brazil Spain Mexico Argentina
20. The Chiang Ma Yi Peng Lantern Festival is held in November each year in which country?  
China Japan Thailand South Korea



21. Which British poet wrote a poem 'No' about November? It ends  
'No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,  
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds --  
November'

John Keats   Thomas Hood   Percy Bysshe Shelley   Lord Tennyson

22. James Naismith was born on November 6, 1861. Which game did he invent?

Ice Hockey   Basketball   Football   Netball

### Solutions to August - September puzzles

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9	8	4	3	5	1	6	7	2	
	12		6	14	16	16			
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Easy

22		7	10	8		5		8	
3	8	7	9	6	2	4	1	5	
4				20		26			
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19		17					22	10	
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9	4	8	5	3	1	6	7	2	
17	16								
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	5				7				
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1	6	9	7	5	3	2	8	4	
16			3		8		12		
7	5	4	2	1	8	3	9	6	

Medium

Hard

9	13	14		14		4			
9	4	8	6	7	2	5	3	1	
		6	9		20	26			
6	3	1	5	4	9	8	2	7	
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26		7	15		13	6	16		
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			21					13	
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		9					13		
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5	7		11		22				
5	1	6	9	2	8	3	7	4	

Killer

11		3	30		9				
2	1	8	3	9	6	7	4	5	
16	15		13				12	8	
4	9	6	1	5	7	8	3	2	
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		5		9			4		
8	2	7	5	4	9	6	1	3	

\*\*\* The following information will soon be changing as Du3a's website will be transferring to a new website platform – SiteWorks. Nancy Raynsford will be receiving training for this changeover and will take over as Du3a website manager in due course. We will keep you informed when migration to the new website is complete. \*\*\*

**Group Leaders** can be contacted by telephone (see below) or by clicking on the blue bird on their group page on the Du3a website. Go to: <https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster> then click on the 'GROUP' tab. Go to the bottom of the group page to select the group that you require. Click on the blue bird in the top right-hand corner and a form will open for you to write your message.

**Committee members** can also be contacted via the Du3a website by opening the 'Contact' page and then selecting the appropriate member.

## Contact Numbers

### DU3A Committee Members

<b>Chair</b>	Paula Harmer		
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<b>Beacon Administrator</b>	Wendy Hattrell		
<b>Welfare</b>	Jill Laming		
<b>Speaker Finder</b>	Paula Harmer		
<b>New Members</b>	Corinne Chivers		
<b>Committee</b>	Kim Beresford		
<b>Committee</b>	Nancy Raynsford		
<b>Co-opted</b>	Simon Hughes		

### Activity Groups & Other: Contacts

**Contact Group leaders - see printed Newsletter for telephone numbers, or Du3a Website**

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## Deadline

Thank-you to all the members who have sent articles for this issue. Articles for the December 2023 - January 2024 newsletter need to be received by

**Wednesday 25th October 2023**

Please send news of group activities, articles, photographs, etc. to  
**bthompsonu3a@btinternet.com**

## Monks Printers

We are grateful to Monks the Printers for their help in printing and distributing this newsletter.

## Prego Café

We would like to thank our friends at the Prego Café for their help over the past years. Not only is the tea, coffee and food excellent, but the use of the upstairs room for meetings has been a great help to many of our groups. If you haven't been there yet, give it a try!

Help the environment and save money by receiving the email version of the Du3a newsletters.

## DU3A Website

<https://u3asites.org.uk/doncaster>

Visit the Du3a website for information about all the current interest groups, latest news/notices, membership information, meetings, social events, monthly calendars and newsletters, help/advice links, links to regional and national u3a and more.....



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