

## **Dukeries U3A Third Age Group**

Hello. Our names are Margaret and Richard and we moved to Ollerton just over 3 years ago. We needed to buy an affordable bungalow, so we found ourselves living in a village in Nottinghamshire, not knowing anyone.

We researched Dukeries U3A Third Age Group, which meets at The Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton and off we went to our first meeting.

What a friendly, welcoming bunch of people they are and we soon found ourselves spoilt for choice for opportunities to socialise and take part in activities. The groups are wide ranging like Learn the Ukulele, Bridge, Books and Creative Writing, Gardening, Photography, Pub Games and Quizzes, Wine Appreciation, Crafts and Mahjong to name but a few. On top of that we have a monthly members' meeting with a guest speaker, which are the third Monday in each month, except for December when we have a Christmas Party and August when we enjoy a Summer Party.

The Social Committee plan superb theme nights, like Casino Nights and Live Bands, as well as organising Tuesday and Sunday Lunch Clubs.

Our Outings Organiser attempts to offer us a trip each month to many varied places and the coach journeys give us more time to laugh and get to know new personalities.

It is all great fun! There are several U3A groups around Nottinghamshire, but we prefer Dukeries U3A Third Age Group as it is smaller than other groups, and therefore so easy to meet some lovely, friendly people, JUST LIKE YOU, 'COS WE'RE ALL IN IT TOGETHER! Our members come from Mansfield, Retford, Warsop, Ollerton and the villages in between.

A few years ago we did not know a soul. Now we have wonderful friends, we LEARN, LAUGH AND LIVE and enjoy our non-working days to the full.

If you are over 50, not in full time employment and if you want to get more out of life, we would totally recommend that you come and give us a try.

Come to our next meeting and we can arrange for someone to greet you at the door, (we know how strange it can feel taking that first step).

For more information visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/dukeries/welcome> and send us an email from the Contacts page. If you prefer to talk, telephone our Deputy Chair on 07946 702296