



Thoughts from the Chair in November.

Dear Members

I have just come back from a Nottinghamshire u3a Network Meeting which is so useful to me whilst I am your Chair. We share ideas, problems and discuss what u3a's can offer to their members.

The message from today's meeting is – u3a groups are not in competition with each other. We are moving more towards collaborating with social events, activity groups, trips and holidays, in order to keep costs as low as possible for our members.

Also, here in North Nottinghamshire, Dukeries u3a belongs to the North Nottinghamshire Network Group. This means that if you see an activity group in a neighbouring u3a, which you would like to join, simply contact the group leader. If they have spaces available, you can apply to join without having to be an Associate Member of that u3a.

For example, Bowling at The Lammas Leisure Centre Sutton -in-Ashfield. Last week, four of us enjoyed free car parking, expert tuition, loan of bowls from 1.15 to 3.00pm, play on a superb indoor bowling green for £4.00 per person. Groups meet every Tuesday and there are total novices going. Why don't you have a go!

Our thriving Ukulele Group welcomes and benefits from members from four other local u3a groups who come along on a Thursday morning to create music together.

So, Networking really works and benefits us.

Thinking about meetings, what a terrific turn out we had for our October Members' Meeting! Thank you so much. We need to get back to full groups once again, and even though Covid is still around us, we are sensible not to attend a meeting if we feel ill or have a virus. This reduces our chances of becoming ill from a u3a meeting. We also collected money for the Air Ambulance. Bargains galore!!

Our November Quiz and Supper Night is almost sold out, just two tickets left! Please ensure you collect your tickets at the next meeting. The bottle raffle already has about 14 prizes – thank you generous people!!

Christmas Party Monday 19 December – collect your tickets at the November Meeting. This is for Dukeries u3a members only and there is no cost, except you are asked to bring a donation of food. You must have a ticket to attend, and they are going fast.

So, enjoy November. Try a new skill! Exercise a bit more! And don't forget to have a few laughs each day!!!!

Leslye x

*Thank You Kevin Morrell
For the loan of a Brother Sewing Machine!*



We now have three machines so come and
have a go!

We sew, chatter and help each other with projects!

Wednesday mornings 10.00 – 12.00

Ambleside Community Centre

See dates in this newsletter



Dukeries u3a Sewing Bee Group

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Group Meeting Times

	1st in month	2nd in month	3rd in month	4th in month
Mon			Monthly Meeting 1pm. Jubilee Hall	
Tues	Ramblers 6-8 m 9.30 Jubilee Hall Tuesday Lunch Club 12.30 for 1.00 pm	Bridge Group 1pm till 4pm Jubilee Hall	Ramblers 6-8 m 9.30 Jubilee Hall	Bridge Group 1pm till 4pm Jubilee Hall
Wed	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 12pm Ambleside Centre History Group 1.15 to 3pm Ambleside Centre	Sewing Bee 10am to 12pm Ambleside Centre Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 12pm Ambleside Centre History Group 1.15 to 3pm Ambleside Centre Creative Writing 2.15 to 4pm Walesby Church Hall	Sewing Bee 10 to 12pm Ambleside Centre Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm
Thurs	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Mar Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Savoy Cinema Worksop 1.30pm	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Mar Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall Scrabble 13.30 Ambleside Commu- nity Centre.	Ukulele group 10 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Mar Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall Book Club 11am Ann's House
Fri	Scrabble 13.30 South Forest		Knit n'Natter 2pm Ann's House	
Sunday Lunch Club 4th Sunday each month 12.30 for 1.00pm				

Short Tennis Thursday 10th Clipstone 1.30 to 2.30

Friday 18th Jubilee Hall 1.30 to 2.30

Future Dates for Your Diary



- Friday 11th Nov 50's,60's & 70's music.
Forest Town Arena 2pm to 4 pm
- Monday 14 Nov Committee Meeting Jubilee Hall 1.00pm
- Monday 21 Nov Members' Meeting Jubilee Hall 12.30pm
- Friday 25 Nov Quiz Night with Supper Jubilee Hall
6.30pm start 7.00pm
- Sunday 27 Nov Jubilee Hall Craft Fayre See Ad in this
Newsletter
- Wednesday 30 Nov Open Event Ambleside 10.30 – 12.00
Coffee, Cakes, Chat
New members
- Saturday 10 Dec Barn Dance and Supper Warsop
(see advert)
- Monday 12 Dec Committee Meeting Jubilee Hall 1.00pm
- Monday 19 Dec Members' Christmas Party Jubilee Hall 12.30 for
1.00pm
- Monday 18 Jan 2023 Members' Meeting Jubilee Hall 12.30 pm

Also, check out the dates when our Christmas Tree is on display, and go to see it!

Speakers for November

Three speakers at the monthly meeting this month.

Ellen Slater, Age UK, a short presentation on their Digital Inclusion Programme. Starts at 1pm followed by refreshments.

Followed by,

Sharon Pinkett and Helen Hall A talk on the Air ambulance service at 1.45pm approx.

It is with heavy hearts that we have to inform you of the passing of our dear friend and fellow member

Nick Mason.

Nick served on our committee sharing his extensive knowledge and expertise in computer skills. He was a kind, considerate and humble person who brought a great sense of humour to our group.



He will be sadly missed. *The Committee*

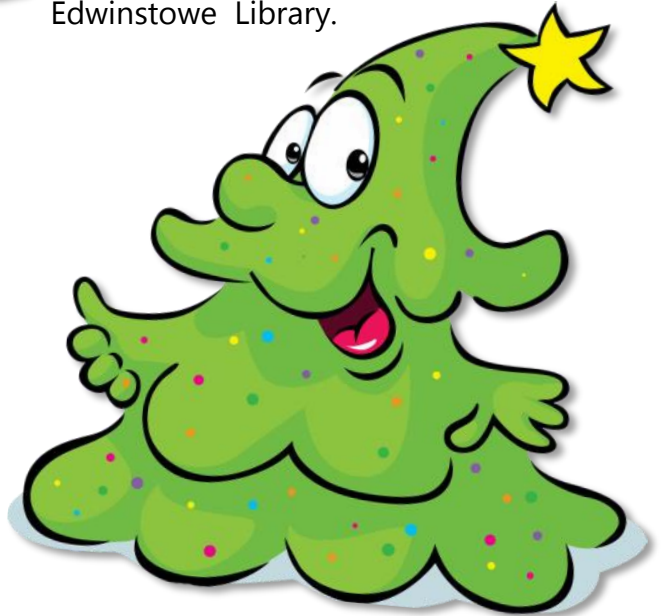
Dukeries u3a Christmas Tree



Our Dukeries Christmas tree will be on show at
Edwinstowe, St Mary's Christmas Tree
Festival **Thursday 24th to**
Sunday 27th November.



It will then move on to New Ollerton, St
Paulinus Church, **3rd and 4th December.**
Also appearing at our Christmas Party
and, yet to be confirmed,
Edwinstowe Library.



*Yes - it is only 8 weeks
until Christmas!!*



CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY 19 DECEMBER – 12.30 UNTIL 3.30
This is a Members Event, which is free of charge, but tickets will be issued.

Collect yours from Leslye at the members' meeting in November.

Bring a donation of food

Enjoy our famous Ukulele Band



The Table Challenge – not been done before – it's fun!

And more!!

Secret Santa (Optional)

Buy a Christmas Gift (£5 in value). Women buy for a lady. Men buy for a gent. Wrap the gift to disguise what it is. Attach a gift tag which states

To "Du3a Male from Santa"

To "Du3a Woman from Santa"

Hand in your gift on arrival at the party and collect a raffle ticket. During the party you will be invited to collect a gift from Santa's Grotto when your number is called out. Take your gift home to open on

Christmas Day!



BOTTLE RAFFLE FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2022

We need bottles galore!



We will be raising money for our chosen charity, The Notts/Lincs Air Ambulance, on our **Quiz Night 25th November**.

Donations can be brought to the November meeting or given to any committee member. All donations most welcome.

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale on the night, or, if you are unable to attend, have a word with Pam at the members' meeting.

Tickets £1 each.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank You Kevin Mulloy

Never thought I would ever hold a tennis racket in my hand again, and actually hit a ball and run around a court!

For those of you who are ex tennis, squash and badminton players who have not picked up a racquet for years and years – come and have a go! It is such a laugh! Soft Tennis – see advert in this newsletter!

It's easier than you think!

Leslye



Christmas Craft Fair
Sunday 27th November
OLLERTON JUBILEE HALL
11.00 TILL 3.00

Christmas gifts & Decorations
from local crafters
Unique gifts for your family



Free Entry,
Free Parking
Refreshments available



Worksop u3a

Hello Dukeries! Here is some information about our steel band, **STEELPANTASTIC**. Due to a number of factors we have recently lost several members from the band and are now looking to recruit new members. It would be lovely if anyone from the Dukeries group was interested in joining us.

Our busy year is culminating on Saturday, with a visit to Ashfield u3a. After that we are taking a rest from gigs until next year

So, now is the ideal time. Have you ever fancied having a try at playing a steel pan? We are looking to recruit some new members for the band. No previous musical experience is necessary. The group meets every Thursday, between 2-5, (these times include setting up and putting away the pans), at Crown Place community centre, Worksop. If you do fancy coming along to have a listen and try, contact Pat Durrant: patmdurrant@outlook.com or Jean Williamson: ploverdene@googlemail.com

Even if you decide it is not for you, you would be made most welcome by our very friendly group.

Catherine Williams c.williams@sheffield.ac.uk





Coffee & Chat

All Dukeries USA members are invited to a Coffee and Chat morning
at Ambleside Community Centre, Ollerton NG22 9UR

On 30th November 2022

From 10.30-12.00 pm

Drop in and have a coffee with us

Open to all members, we would especially like to see new members who
can come and have a chat about what's on offer.

So pop along we'll be delighted to see you

If you fancy a couple of hours of 60s and 70s music, a local group called Turn Back Time perform every second Friday of the month at Forest Town Arena 2 till 4pm. It's a Forest Town u3a music group gathering, and very well attended. Jean and I went along recently and were made most welcome. There is a bar serving hot and cold drinks and the entry fee is £1. There is also a good size carpark. Bring your membership card.



A relaxing afternoon with our friends in Forest Town

John Harris



Short Tennis

Indoor Tennis

We have two sessions arranged for this month.

Thursday 10th November 1.30 to 2.30pm at Clipstone & Friday 18th November 1.30 to 2.30pm at Jubilee Hall

A new activity, unlike any tennis you have played before. No scoring or serving overarm—the aim is to get aerobic exercise at your own pace and as if a beginner to improve your hand and eye coordination.

Players can take a break and have a rest whenever they want and come and go as they please.

It's still free to play. All kit provided, turn up dressed for sport and wearing plimsols or trainers.

Beginners welcome. Participants to self certify health wise.

Clipstone Sports Hall at NG21 9DL, access via *New Clipstone Village—turn off Mansfield Road into 5th Ave then 1st left & 1st right.*

Carpark on the left through double gates and round the back of the sports hall.

Bring a bottle of chilled water.

Tel (or prefer Text) to **Kevin Mulloy 07988 620714** to book a place. Please include contact details, phone or email.



KEEP FIT IN THE WINTER MONTHS

We have been invited to join together with Mansfield u3a, to keep playing bowls throughout the Autumn and Winter months. The Lammas Centre is easy to find in Sutton in Ashfield and it has a large car park outside.

You don't have to commit to every week. Some of our members want to alternate on a two-weekly basis with other activity groups. Bowlers of all skill levels are welcome!

For more information speak to **Paul Sanderson**
paulsanderson168@gmail.com **07592 016 691**



BOWLING COACHING

FOR BEGINNERS

Every Tuesday from 18th October

1.30 – 3PM
LAMMAS LEISURE CENTRE
SUTTON IN ASHFIELD

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
 – JUST BRING FLAT-SOLED SHOES

COME AND HAVE A GO – £4 A SESSION

Further information
Contact MIKE LAKE 07963 705623
mikejlake@btinternet.com

QUALIFIED DBS CHECKED COACHES

U3A Contact - Paul Sanderson







Like Films? Enjoy Opera?

Two new groups are starting on Zoom. Enjoy the group discussions from the comfort of your own home.

The members meet to discuss films and operas which they have selected and are available, usually free on the internet or TV.

The groups meet once a month and are hosted by
Carlton and Gedling u3a.

Simply email the following group leaders to join in.

Opera - Paul Martinez

pkmartinez14@gmail.com

1st Wednesday in the month 10am-12pm

Films - Sue Warren

sue.warren2011@gmail.com

4th Monday in the month 2pm-3.30pm

For more information see page 32

The BBC is 100 years old this month. It seems it's always been there, first just sound and later with pictures, all my life. If I look back to my childhood, my memories of home life are highlighted with tunes and one liners from the



radio so often on in the corner of the living room. 'He's fallen in the water', from the Goon Show, 'With a song in my Heart' played at the start of two way family favourites. I can never hear that tune without the wonderful smell of Mums Sunday lunch coming to mind. 'I'm very worried about Jim', Mrs dales diary. Charles Hill, the radio doctor, giving sound advice in a very slow, ponderous



voice. I could go on but I suppose my favourite memory would be the voice of John Arlot commentating on a cricket test match. My grandfather, who ran the shop downstairs was an avid cricket fan and my long suffering mother would leave the radio tuned in to the commentary for hours on long summer days, so he could run up the stairs between customers to find out the latest score. I never knew what long leg and silly-mid-on meant but that Hampshire country voice will always take me back.



I wonder if any other members have similar memories of the BBC in those radio days before moving pictures took over which they could share in this newsletter?

If you do please email to the Editor, jghollerton@gmail.com

Interest Group Leaders

All Sorts/Gardening	Sharon Pinkett	07739003251
Bridge	John Wheeldon	01623 822691
Bowling	Leslye Henstock	07946 702296
Creative Writing	Mike Mounsey	01623 824789
History	Barbara Baglee	01909 239661
Mahjong	Christine Yates	077997 01763
Quiz Enthusiasts	Leslye Henstock	07946 702296
Rummy Kub	Linda Bond	01623 861595
Ramblers 6-8m	Stephen Hall	07877 792969
Scrabble	Christine Storer	07980 511308
Sewing Bee	Christine Yates	077997 01763
Soft Tennis	Kevin Malloy	079886 20714
Sunday Lunch Group	Christine Yates	077997 01763
Tuesday Lunch Club	Beryl Lee	079678 01467
Ukulele	Linda Bond	01623 861595

DUKERIES U3A CAR SHARING SCHEME



Now we are socialising once again, we would like to refresh our car sharing scheme. This enables non-drivers to come to meetings. It could also link members who live near to each other so they might be able to take turns to drive, which would save money and benefit the environment.

If you feel you can offer a lift to Jubilee Hall or other activity venues, simply put your name on the list at the next meeting.

We will need the village or area in which you live, your name and phone number (mobile if you use one) which we would then publish in our newsletter.

If someone lives near to you, they could contact you to see if you are able to offer a lift.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS TO HELP OTHERS.

The All Sorts & Gardening Group

If you would like information about the group please contact me,

pinkettsharon@gmail.com

Or 077390 03251

We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday morning in the month, 10am till 12pm

Sharon



Book Club

Every fourth Thursday of the month, 11am, at

Ann's House,

Contact Ann Mounsey on 01623 824789 for more details.....



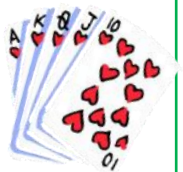
Bridge Club

Not to be confused with national, international or any other conventional bridge clubs. If you enjoy playing cards and social interaction then this could be the group for you. We have beginners and also good and intermediate players. We don't have critics to frighten you off. You don't need a partner and you will be part of the friendliest group you have ever met and you will get a cup of tea. We meet in the Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton NG22 9AP.

The group meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month starting at **1:00pm until 4:00pm**. Admission is £2

You are welcome to visit us and watch at no charge and judge whether you would like to join us.

For further information contact John Wheeldon 01623 822691



Air Ambulance



Count down to our goal of £3,000.00.

I think it is a dead cert.

If not we will all be held upside down by our ankles until the loose change falls out of our pockets and into the collection box.

Pam xx



Creative Writing Group



The Creative writing group will meet on
the **third Wednesday in the month**
2.15 to 4pm.

Meetings will be held at **Walesby Church Hall** - all welcome -
£2 (including refreshments) *Mike Mounsey*

Knit n' Natter

**Third Friday of the
month, 2pm, Ann's house.**

*Contact Ann Mounsey on 01623 824789
for more details.....*



History Group



The November programme for the History Group.

Wednesday November 2nd

Tony Brewer, Decades of Photography.

Wednesday 16th November

Crichton Miller. The Order of The Fleur de lys. *(See next page)*

Come along to both and enjoy an entertaining and informative afternoon. We meet at Ambleside Community Centre, Yew Tree Road New Ollerton. 1.15pm to 3pm.

We will be taking a break in December and will resume in January.

The group meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Ambleside Community Centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton from 1.15 to 3pm.
Cost £1.00 per session.

For more information contact,

Barbra Baglee

01909 239661

barbarabaglee@gmail.com



History Group in November



Coming up on **Wednesday 16th November, 1:15pm**

open to all....

We have a special extra speaker in November. If you have an interest in the history of Europe and Britain's place in it, have heard of the Crusades and the Knights Templars and wondered about the reasons our history developed the way it did then Crichton's talk will be of interest to you.

Crichton is a Knight Commander of The Order of the Fleur De Lys that was formed by Rene I King of Jerusalem 1439-1480 as the new Knights Templars, which grew out of the original Knights Templars, surviving in Scotland at least until 1358.

In 1358 a safe conduct given by the English allowed a group of 60 knights of the Temple to go abroad to support their "Brethren of the Sword". The Brotherhood of the Sword was a daughter Order of the Templars formed to fight the pagans of Livonia (Modern Latvia/Lithuania). Their leader was Alexander Montgomery younger brother of William Montgomery of Eaglesham. A small town to the south of modern-day Glasgow.

They all perished in a bog in Livonia, but the family and 60 other families retained the Templar heritage and ancient knowledge to the present day.

The Order of the Fleur de Lys formed the La Garde Écossaise Du Corps Du Roi (Scots Guards) to protect members of the French Royal Family during The Hundred Years War.

The last of the fighting companies of the Order of the Fleur de Lys in the UK were absorbed into the British Army as the first Royal Regiment, The Royal Scots (1st of Foot).

We plan to hold this talk at Ambleside community centre in Ollerton and it would be helpful if members would indicate their intension to come along by replying to jghollerton@gmail.com

The meeting is open to all members.



Photography Group

Anyone interested in the continuation of the
Photography group please contact
Stefan Ziemba stefziemba@btinternet.com

Mah Jong

*1st, 3rd & 4th Thursday in
the Month*



Jubilee Hall

1:15 pm to 3 pm.

Hi everyone, John Wheeldon is relinquishing the leadership of Mahjong as he is taking over the Bridge Group.

Mahjong is continuing with some slight changes. We will be starting at 1:15pm (you can still start to arrive at 1pm) and we will be missing out the 2nd Thursday in each month when people are going to the Savoy cinema in Worksop. New members are very welcome even if you have never played Mahjong before, come along and give it a go. Anyone needing further info can contact me on **01623 422113**.

Christine Yates

Scrabble

South forest
1st Friday of the
month
1.30 till 4pm

N₁ **E**₁ **W**₄
Ambleside
3rd Thursday of
the month
1.30 till 4pm

In addition to the well established Scrabble event on the **First Friday of the month at South Forest** there is a new opportunity to play on the **Third Thursday at Ambleside Community centre**, Yew Tree road, right in the centre of Ollerton, not far from the surgery. Both events start at

1.30 pm and finish at 4pm.

Please bring your own refreshments

Contact **Christine Storer on 07980 511308**



Scrabble meetings are continuing during this recent upsurge in covid. Please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable with that.

Contact **Christine Storer on 07980 511308**



sewing Bee

Dukeries u3a Sewing Bee

2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month. 10.00am to 12.00,

Ambleside Community Centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton

Love to Sew? Want to Sew?

Bring your portable sewing machine, a basic sewing kit and any sewing projects, if you have any.

We already have a machine and will be building up sewing kits .

Contact Christine or come along on the day.

Group Facilitator– Christine Yates

(enquiries 07799 701763)

Groups Co-ordinator – Jane Young



u3a learn,
laugh,
live

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
NETWORK**

NEWSBITES!

Sharing ideas across 34 u3a's in Nottinghamshire

<https://www.nottsu3anetwork.org/news.html>

*Click on the link for the
latest Newsbites*

Savoy Film Group



2nd Thursday in the month at the Savoy Cinema, Worksop.

Doors open 1.30pm for coffee, **film starts at 2pm.**

Tickets cost £4.15 including coffee, no need to book, just turn up.

Thursday 10th November

Emily



The film imagines the transformative, exhilarating and uplifting journey to womanhood of a rebel and a misfit, one of the world's most famous, enigmatic, and provocative writers who died too soon at the age of 30.

Written and directed by Frances O'Connor.

Stars Emma Mackey, Oliver Jackson-Cohen, Adrian Dunbar.

[Trailer click or tap here..](#)

Remember to bring your u3a membership card

Ramblers Rambles.....

It was lovely to see

nearly all the Rambling group back from many different Holidays for our first walk in October, we certainly had plenty of news to catch up on whilst we walked. Stephen and Milan had been out and plotted a route that was mostly new to us as a group and this was to Gedling Country Park and the Lambley Dumble.

It was a super day for a walk and within 5 minutes of leaving the car park we were in lovely rolling countryside, just right for getting us all back into Rambling mode.

The walk was about 7 miles and finished at the 1899 café in the Country Park for a well earned coffee.

The café is called 1899 because that is the year the Gedling colliery was sunk and the Country Park covers some of its former grounds but you would never know that if you ventured there !

Our second walk took us to Gunthorpe on the River Trent, this used to be a favourite walk with the Rambling group before lockdown and so it was lovely to return to an old stomping ground.



It was also lovely to have Colin back with us from his adventure holiday.

The walk takes you from the River via Caythorpe and Hoveringham and back to the River and is about 7 miles long.

The weather was so kind to us and I picked up loads of walnuts which are now drying by the log burner.

Our next walk will be (can you believe it) on 1st of November and will be to East Bridgford.

**We walk on the first and third Tuesday of each month,
9.30 at Jubilee Hall.**

Cheers, Kate & Stephen Hall

07877 792969.



Sunday Lunch Club

Here are the photos from our lunch at Forest Lodge. I was unable to send them to the last newsletter as I was in hospital.

Last Sunday we were at the Lion in Farnsfield but I forgot my tablet so no photo's I'm afraid.

Our next venue **27th November** will be to the **Carpenters at Walesby** and then on **18th December** we are going to The **Hostess at Sookholm**. Both of these are 12-30 for 1pm as usual.

These will be my last dates as I am standing down as Sunday lunch organised so anyone who would like to take it on please contact me on **01623 422113 or 07799701763**. *Christine Yates*



Tuesday Lunch Club

First Tuesday in the month. 12.30 for 1pm
Tuesday 1st November West Retford hotel

Regards Beryl **07967801467**



Rummikubs Group



We meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday each month**,
 in the restaurant at
The Ollerton House pub, Wellow Road, Ollerton,
2.00 – 4.00pm.

In spite of other summer attractions, 12 or more of us still meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month, at Ollerton House. As new players have discovered it is a game that is easy to pick up, but not so easy to give up!!

October Dates; **Wednesday 12th and 26th**, come and join us.

Linda Bond (howardbond1@yahoo.co.uk
 01623 861595)



Jubilee Ukulele group



Our group has grown and we have, banjolele, wash board , and spoon players, as well as ukulele players varying in expertise from ability to play 3 or 4 chords, to accomplished players, However, we can always make room for more!! We can teach you to play a ukulele, but if any guitar players etc. fancy joining us, or if you just enjoy singing do contact **Linda Bond 01623**

861595 and come along any **Thursday morning. for a 10.00am start in the Jubilee Hall Bar**, you will be very welcome.

Keep smiling

Stay safe.

Linda Bond

howardbond1@yahoo.co.uk

01623 861595



If you are a twitter user u3a has a twitter account and you can find it at,

@u3a_UK



WhatsApp Walkers....



The WhatsApp walks take place on a **Thursday every two weeks at 10.30am**, they are mostly local walks of 3 to 4 miles, we meet at suitable local starting points relevant to the walk, some of the starting points can be accessed by public transport, If a lift is required our friendly members are always willing to oblige. We usually contact everyone by WhatsApp but will also contact by phone call or text message.

The WhatsApp Walkers enjoying a circular walk around Creswell Crags which finished with refreshments at Welbeck garden centre



If you would like to join the group please contact **Marie** by text **07756765839**.

Or **Hazel** on **07484728027** You'll be made most welcome.

Regards Marie & Hazel

Warsop & District u3a
BARN DANCE
SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER

The Oaklands Centre, Oakfield Lane, Warsop, NG20 0JE

7.00pm Start

£15.00 per ticket

Professional Caller

Buffet and a Bar

To apply for tickets

Contact Jennifer Thompson, on

07762 476901 or

email jennifer568@btinternet.com



Film study group

Nearly all of us have computers, laptops or tablets. All of us have TVs, many with some sort of 'smart' capability. Many of us love films and there are loads of interesting films available for free on YouTube, BBC iPlayer and All4. What we do is select a couple of films to watch, then discuss and share our thoughts about them. Quite often, especially with classic films, we can find short YouTube videos to enrich our understanding and enjoyment of the film.

We meet on the fourth Monday in the month, 2 – 3.30 pm. We alternate a focus on a couple of classic films from the history of cinema with a focus on more recent films. We watch the films at times of our own choosing and then meet over the internet using zoom for the discussion and to choose our next films. To be able to join the Zoom discussion you will need a computer/laptop/tablet with a camera and microphone capability.

Opera study group

At each meeting we discuss an opera we have all watched in the preceding month and one of us introduces the next opera we are going to watch in the next month. So far, we have never had to pay to watch an opera, since there are so many operas available to stream for free.

We are a mix of opera novices and quite experienced opera fans and everyone is welcome whatever your level of prior knowledge. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, 10am to 12 noon. To be able to join the Zoom discussion you will need a computer/laptop/tablet with a camera and microphone capability.

We have been watching operas on YouTube, usually on the Operavision website. The Operavision operas are usually high quality in performance, picture and audio. There are around 30 operas available at any one time and they are usually available for a couple of months each. The repertoire is particularly strong on operas which are less well known although there are lots of popular classics as well. Although we are not terribly advanced technically we are making use of the zoom facility for the host to introduce the next opera by showing clips using the shared screen function



**AGED 55 OR OVER
WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?**

ACTIVE
Leisure Sport Wellbeing

FREE weekly swim session
at Dukeries Leisure Centre

Every Wednesday 10:30am - 11:30am

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Dukeries u3a (Du3a) is a member of the North Notts Network Group of u3a's (NNG).

This means that Du3a members can ask to join an Activity Group run by other u3a's who participate in NNG.

Please note that joining another u3a's group depends on whether a space is available in that group. Each u3a will first give priority booking to its own members.

[Link to the website here...](#)

Health and Safety

Please be Considerate.

Members of Dukeries u3a each have the responsibility to keep themselves safe, keep others safe and avoid making an environment unsafe when taking part in activities.

Please continue to do the following: -

Take a test if you feel unwell and avoid meeting others, **if you test positive for any infectious disease don't come to any u3a meeting.**

Continue wearing your mask if want you to

Avoid touching other people (hand-shaking, hugging and kissing) if you want extra protection.

Frequently wash your hands for 20 seconds and avoid touching your face. Sanitise your hands before handling equipment and games. (Sanitiser is available for use in our cupboard at Jubilee Hall) and Ambleside Community Centre

Event and activity organisers, please ensure windows and doors are open to ventilate the rooms

If you are arranging activity groups, you do need to keep a register of names and contact information.

If serving refreshments, please consider the safest way to avoid cross-contamination of infection.

If we each take on the responsibility, to protect ourselves and safeguard our friends, we will be able to enjoy our social lives.

Thank you for your kind consideration

Leslye Henstock, Chair Dukeries, u3a



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