



Staying Connected.

No 37 March 2023



Stepping into Spring

I would like to greet our new members, many of whom have just moved into Edwinstowe, Ollerton and surrounding areas. Dukeries u3a offers you a warm welcome, and lots of opportunities to make new friends as you join interest groups, social events and trips.

On Monday 20 March our Interest Leaders will showcase their groups at Jubilee Hall. There will be refreshments available and our current members will be renewing their memberships as well as new members signing-up. We will setup at 12.00, and the doors will be open from 12.30 to 3.00pm. Please bring your friends to meet us.

Dukeries u3a is a group run for the Members, by the Members. As we become fully-functioning, it is my wish and mission for us to get back to pre-covid status, enjoying many events, meetings and trips. In order to do this, I hope many of you will take on a small role, to keep Dukeries u3a functioning. *What could you do?*

Our Social Events are being planned, based on your suggestions. *Keep those ideas coming in!!*

Tickets for the Supper and Beetle Drive are now on sale for Friday 24 March, the doors open at 6.15. (See the advert in this newsletter). It is a ticket only event and they are selling fast.

We are celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in style. On Bank Holiday Monday May 8, from 4.30pm, we are inviting you to a special party with great British food and a superb 4 piece band which will raise your spirits and get your feet dancing! Dukeries u3a is subsidising this event for its members but guests are most welcome. Book your place soon to avoid disappointment and the tickets will be on sale on Monday 20 March!

Looking ahead to a special Proms Night on Saturday November 11 at The Hostess Restaurant, we will be taking deposits at our next meeting on Monday 20 March for this fast selling event.

So, with thanks to our Editor John, and all the members of the Committee, I am looking forward to our Events in Spring.

Now, relax with a cuppa, or a drop of your favourite tippie and enjoy reading your newsletter, knowing that you can enjoy your Senior Years with u3a and Step into Spring with a Smile!!

Warm wishes to you all!

Leslye x



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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 1 pm 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 1 pm 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 Mah 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 Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall	Ukulele group 10 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Mah 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 in Month 12.30 for 1.00pm				

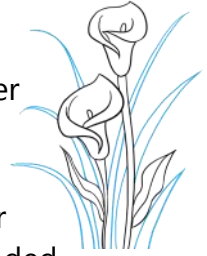
Soft Tennis. Phone TennisKev on 07988 620714

FRANK EYRE

We are sad to announce the passing of our member
Frank Eyre.

Frank, a gentleman with a smile, enjoyed coming to our members' meetings and joining members at our lunch clubs. He had a passion for History, and attended our groups in the past.

We send our love to his wife Barbara, who wants to continue to attend our events. Barbara, we look forward to seeing you in the future and we will ensure you will not feel on your own!



Methodist Women in Britain



2pm Tuesday 18th April
2023

Methodist Church Hall,
Forest Road, Ollerton NG22 9QS

Come along and sing. Meet old
friends and make new ones.

Everyone welcome.

If you need CVS transport, contact (in advance) John Banbury on 07759-086132

Free Entry Refreshments available- donations welcome.

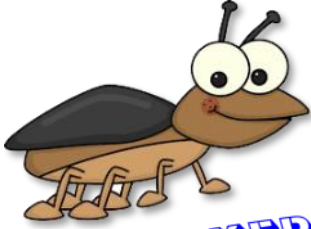
Speaker for April



Chris Cassell is an experienced archaeologist with 15+ years working across a variety of research, commercial and community projects. He has undertaken fieldwork at nationally and internationally significant sites – including Stonehenge and the Alhambra, Spain – and specialises in project planning, digital mapping and fieldwork recording techniques.

Chris will reveal **What Lies Beneath Sherwood Pines** and tell us about the **WW1 Camp at Clipstone**.





**FRIDAY 24
MARCH 2023**

**DUKERIES USA PRESENT
BEETLE DRIVE WITH SUPPER**

Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road,
Ollerton, NG22 9AP
Doors open 6.15pm
Take your seats 6.45pm
Hot Supper served 7.00pm



**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS,
GLASSES AND A PEN.**



**Members £8
Guests £10
Tickets available at
Members' Meeting
Monday 20 February
Prizes and Raffle**




**DUKERIES U3A PRESENT
A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP!
CELEBRATE THE CORONATION
MONDAY 8th MAY 2023**

DRESS TO IMPRESS FOR THIS ROYAL OCCASION
JUBILEE HALL, WELLOW ROAD, OLLERTON, NG22 9AP

4.15 Doors open 4.45 Fun and Games 5.30 Hot Meal
British Favourite by Culinary Delights Catering Company
Bangers & mash, peas, gravy,
Cornflake tart or apple crumble with custard
Tea and coffee (*vegetarian and gluten free options available*)
Bring your own drinks

**EASY THOMAS BLUES BAND play for entertainment
and dancing 6.30**

These professional musicians play music to get your feet tapping!!

TICKETS DU3A MEMBERS £13 GUESTS £16

Tickets on sale at the meeting on Monday 20 March

All welcome!

VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM COURTS OF JUSTICE

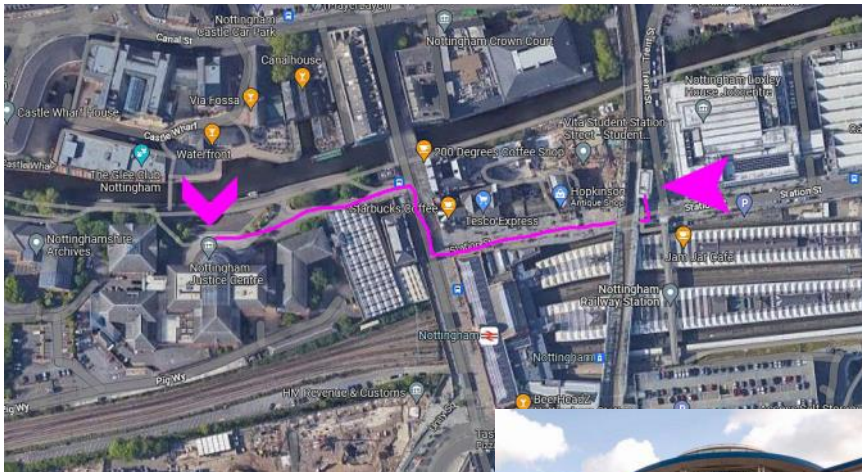


Wednesday 10th May at 10am.

A visit to Nottingham Law courts have been arranged. The first hour will be an explanation of the proceedings of the court held in one of the courts followed by an hour observing a case in progress.

There is room for 16 on the tour so please contact Ann Street annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk as soon as you can. She will also be collecting names at the members meeting.

There may be a carpark near by but looking at the map, the law courts are only 3 minutes approx. walk from the central railway station tram stop so Park & Ride may be the simplest and cheapest option.



The tram stop is on the elevated section over the railway station with a staircase down to road level marked by the right hand arrow.





Evening Cruise on the Trent from Newark.

Would members who have paid a deposit for the **Evening river cruise on Wednesday 12th July** please pay the balance of **£29.00 due on Monday 17th of April** at the members meeting.

Here are the details of the trip...

Coach will pick up in Forest Town, Edwinstowe and Ollerton

Arrive at Colwick Marina. The boat departs 6.30pm,

Meal includes chicken, salads, potatoes and breads (vegetarian on request). Voucher for 3 drinks from the bar.

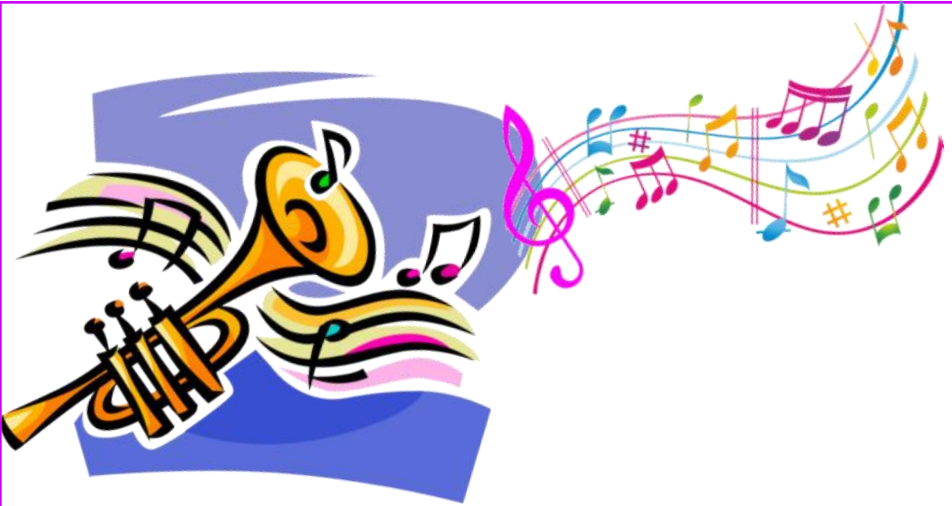
DJ on board for music

Boat returns at 9.30pm Coach departs for the return journey.

Ticket, which includes all the above, is £34 per person.

All tickets sold.





**WARSOP & DISTRICT U3A INVITE
DUKERIES U3A
TO JOIN THEM FOR**

“LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS”

**Saturday 11th November 2023, 7pm,
doors open 6.30pm**

**The Hostess Restaurant, Sookholme,
featuring Shirebrook Miner’s Welfare Band
3 course meal followed by celebratory music.**

Flag waving obligatory!

**To secure a place for this popular event
Pay £5 deposit at**

Dukeries Members’ Meeting 20 March

Family Tree Research

A Family History Researcher is once again offering his services to any member who needs help researching their family history.

One of our members has had help which resulted, after 18 months research in a history as far back as Henry VIII. Are you, perhaps related to our Henry, or perhaps Richard III? Contact

chambobon70@gmail.com

providing only your name for more Information.



David Austin Roses, Shropshire *Friday 9th June*

*Coach trip to see an
amazing collection of
roses.*

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HELP WANTED

Now that we are fully functional, after overcoming lockdown and the winter months, we are committed to supplying interesting and exciting social events, new activities to learn and opportunities to make new friends. We also try to keep costs as low as possible to enable us to socialise in the present economic climate. Heaven knows, we deserve some fun!

Right now Ann Street is looking for someone to take over the role of Speaker Finder. All the speakers for this year have been found so there is no pressure to produce results straight away.

Lots of time for research.

Contact Ann on annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk

In May we have our AGM when new and returning committee members are voted in. A number of positions will need to be filled to ensure that our u3a can continue. Have a think about it, if you can spare a few hours a month, why not give us a hand?

Please contact Leslye on
du3achair2020@gmail.com



Help Wanted!

Air Ambulance



I am looking for someone to take over the bring and buy stall at our monthly meetings because I am under doctor's orders not to lift and carry weights. Could you take home a couple of boxes of goods, keep them and bring them back to the next members' meeting? We have all enjoyed the bargains and the outlet for our unwanted items and the bonus of knowing that we are contributing to this great life saving charity. You have helped me raise over £3,333.00 in the past five years and I had hoped to reach a total of £4,000.00 by the end of this year. Please help if you can
 Email me on Du3asecretary1@gmail.com

What a fun meeting this February, we had donations of £32.94 generated by the bring and buy table. This will be added to the December collection of £23.75 with my thanks to you all for your participation.

A special thanks also to Colin who made a personal donation of £40.00, so generous.

Added to this my sincere thanks go to Sylvia and Michaela, great friends of mine who have donated their 'pet sitting' fee of £50.00 and also for the pots of plants which they have sold totalling £42.50. They are happy to have these amounts attributed to our u3a donation. So a grand total of £189.19 will be "winging" (excuse the pun) it's way to our Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance Charity. We are having a raffle next month and would appreciate your donations of prizes. Let's keep the love flowing. Pam

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A stylized sun with concentric orange and yellow circles, flanked by two white, fluffy clouds.

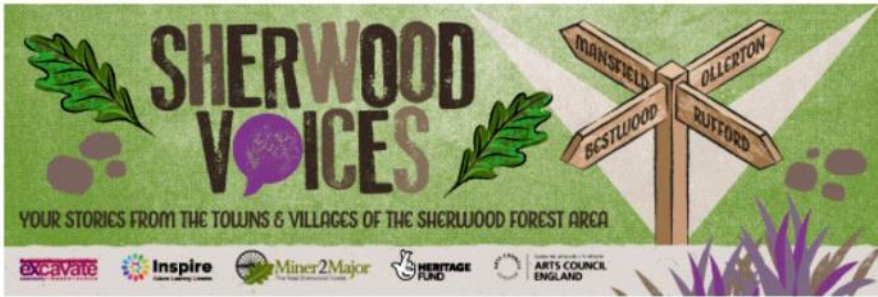
SHERWOOD VOICES

A SERIES OF **STORYTELLING AUDIO WALKS** AROUND THE
TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF THE SHERWOOD FOREST AREA



FEATURING WALKS IN AND AROUND:

BESTWOOD | CALVERTON | CLIPSTONE | EDWINSTOWE | NEWSTEAD | OLLERTON



Hi All,

I would like to invite you to the launch of the Ollerton Sherwood Voices project.

**Lifespring Church, Ollerton
Wednesday 15th March 10 am.**

Andy Barratt of Excavate Theatre has been working on a project called Sherwood Voices (A walking project based on stories from the towns and villages of the Sherwood Forest area). One of these stories is based in Ollerton.

Initiated by the Nottingham community theatre company

[Sherwood Voices – A walking project based on stories from the towns and villages of the Sherwood Forest area](#)

[Ollerton – Sophie’s Story – Sherwood Voices](#)

Please let me know if you are able to attend.

Kind Regards
Andy

07469 818546
Andrewoxnard@nandscvs.org



Ideas for Activities 2023

Your skills and knowledge are needed!!!

Could you lead an interest group or put together a short course?

There are lots of topics our members could benefit from, here are but a few suggestions:-

Using your smartphone

Servicing a bicycle

Arranging flowers

Sending emails, and saving files

Cleaning and restoring garden furniture

Bird watching

Art for beginners - painting

You might be able to put together a few sessions which our members find useful.

Have an idea? Email or chat to Jane or Leslye?

**Dukeries u3a, created for the members
Run by the members**



DIARY DATES 2023 FOR DUKERIES U3A

MAR 13	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
MAR 20	12.30	MEMBERS' OPEN DAY AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
MAR 24	6.15	BEETLE DRIVE AND SUPPER, JUBILEE HALL
APR 11	09.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
APR 17	12.30	MEMBERS' MEETING
APR 18	2.00	CONCERT AND SING-A-LONG METHODIST CHURCH OLLERTON
MAY 7		MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SHERWOOD FOREST
MAY 8	4.30	A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP JUBILEE HALL PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION
MAY 9	11.00	COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 15	12.30	MEMBERS' MEETING AGM AND CONCERT
JUN 12	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
JUN 19	1230	MEMBERS' MEETING
JUL 10	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
JUL 12	5.00	COACH PICK UP FOR RIVER CRUISE AND MEAL
JUL 17	1230	MEMBERS' MEETING
AUG 14	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
AUG 21	1230	MEMBERS' MEETING INDOOR GARDEN PARTY
SEP 11	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING

SEP 18	1230	MEMBERS MEETING
OCT 9	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
OCT 16	1230	MEMBERS' MEETING
OCT 27	7.00	HALLOWEEN PARTY CLIPSTONE FANCY DRESS
NOV 11	6.30	HOSTESS RESTAURANT NIGHT AT THE PROMS BRASS BAND AND MEAL
NOV 13	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
NOV 20	1230	MEMBERS MEETING
NOV 24		QUIZ NIGHT
DEC 11	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
DEC 18	1230	MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Guaranteed cash prize every week

www.newarkandsherwoodlottery.co.uk and
search 'Newark & Sherwood CVS'



**Newark &
Sherwood CVS**

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
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	Jamie Baranauskas	07961 508714
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



The All Sorts Group are planning some interesting things for the next 6 months, why don't YOU join us at our next meeting which will be **Wednesday 1st March** at Ambleside **10 am till 1 pm.**

Upcoming Trips

David Austin Roses, Shropshire Friday 9th June

A tour of the gardens is optional and is £10.00

Please let me know if you want to go on the tour.

Total cost is £ 25 00 plus £10 for the tour.

If people want to stop for supper on the way back let me know and I will look for suitable Eateries.

A £10.00 NON REFUNDABLE deposit is required.

Full payment by Monday 15th May.

Coach is booked and filling nicely.

We also occasionally meet on the **2nd & 4th Wednesday** afternoons **1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.**

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 1 pm.



The all sorts enjoyed a visit to Felley Priory garden, at Snowdrop time. What a hidden gem of a place.

The gardens and scenery are stunning, especially the topiary. Lots of history and a pear tree that was

planted in 1557 and still produces!!!

Some purchases were made at the gardens nursery, my car smelt wonderful! We ended the visit at the all important Tea Room which is so quaint with delicious food, I can highly recommend the hot chocolate All in all a fab day and the group will be visiting it again in the summer, so why not join us.



Everyone is welcome to join our group meetings 1st an 3rd Wednesday 10 till 1pm

Next meeting **Wednesday 1st March**

Preparing pots & gardens for spring/summer followed by a visit to

Hollybecks garden centre on

Friday 10th

To chose plants ready to plant up at next meeting.



Sharon.

The All Sorts group had a very enjoyable morning on the 15th.

After a welcome to new members and the 'compulsory' drinks and cake, we were given a very interesting demonstration of Tunisian crochet by Christine Yates, who taught us how to do the simple stitch.



I've never known it so quiet, full concentration was needed and further sessions are being planned.

Next meeting is
**Wednesday 1st
March**

'Preparing our
gardens for spring
and summer'.

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

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 -
£3 (including refreshments) *Mike Mounsey*

Knit n' Natter

This small (but very active!) group have lots of good ideas. After knitting many children's garments for the Ukraine Relief Fund – now ready for dispatch – Barbara Wardle came up with the wonderful suggestion of knitting woolly hats representing Christmas puddings, snowmen and Santas to fit Terry's Chocolate Oranges. They looked absolutely terrific!



We knitted and sold as many as we could in the time and have made £103 for the Air Ambulance, thanks to everybody's support.

Now on to the next venture!



Ann Mounsey – Group Leader

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

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



History Group



Wednesday 1st March

The Artist Norman Rockwell.

Presented by Tony Brewer.

Wednesday 15th March

'Pot Luck!'

The History Group are planning to visit **The National Holocaust Centre on Friday 26th May**. All members are welcome. The cost will be **£7.50 + the cost of a light lunch** (optional). We will be using our own transport but will try and arrange car sharing where needed.

Put your name down and pay at the next members meeting or come along to the History group, you will be most welcome.

Barbara...

Do you have an interest or passion for a time, person, place or event but don't want to commit to regular meetings? If you would like to come along for one session and share with us you would be more than welcome. Just get in touch.

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,

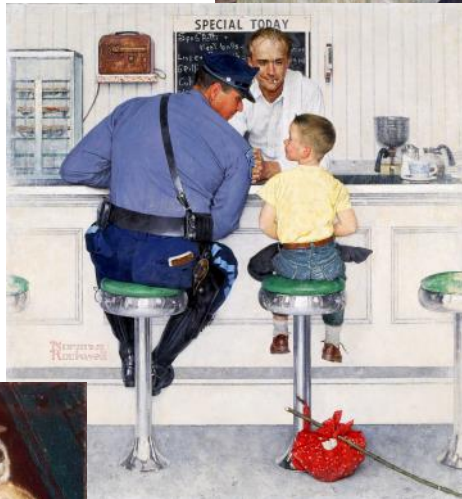
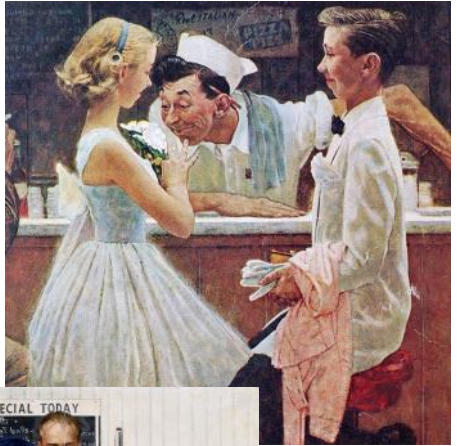
Barbara Baglee

01909 239661

barbarabaglee@gmail.com

History Group

Wednesday 1st March Tony Brewer will be giving a talk at **Ambleside on Norman Rockwell**, who was a very accomplished American artist who became famous for his cover illustrations of everyday life created for The Saturday Evening Post magazine over nearly five decades. Here are a few examples of his work.



Top, *After the Prom*.
 Middle, *Reconsidering*.
 Bottom, *A Scout is always helpful*.

Mah Jong

1ST, 3RD & 4TH
THURSDAY EACH
MONTH



Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road,

Ulverton, NG22 9AP

Arrive 1.00 pm Play 1.15 to 3.15 pm

Mah-Jong is an interesting game which originated in China. 3 or 4 players play together using small tiles which depict the different suits

Tuition for Beginners is available at each session in March.

New members are very welcome, contact us to register your name

Refreshments available

£1 - £2 per session depending on numbers attending

For further information, contact Christine Yates,

Group Leader **01623 422113.**



LEARN LAUGH
LIVE

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!!

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



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 12th January

Please call the Cinema for more information

01909 481900

***Remember to bring your u3a
membership card***

Photography Group

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME.



Photography group meets on the 4th Friday of the month at Walesby Church Hall, Walesby, meeting starts at 1pm.

Some recent pictures celebrating winter...



Catkins-Jenny



Hurry Home - Tony

For more information, contact, Stefan Ziemba

stefziemba@btinternet.com

More pictures on page 38

Ramblers Rambles.....



We managed 2 walks in February and on both occasions were blessed with lovely sunny if somewhat chilly weather. Our first walk started from the car park at Vicar Water, around the big lake past the "golden hand" and then into Sherwood Pines.

This walk was introduced to us by our member Laurie Patterson and

has become a winter favourite with the Ramblers as it is on good paths throughout.

The walk is about 7 miles and is through lovely forest and as you can see from the picture we stopped at the recreated trenches in Sherwood Pines before our return to Vicar Water.

Secondly we travelled over to the Teversal Trail at Silverhill and walked the old railway line towards Pleasley, we stopped at a beautiful sculpture of a miner for a photo before turning back on ourselves to walk along the old colliery railway. Again this is an excellent winter walk as it is on good paths. We even got a lovely coffee at the Teversal Trail cafe at the end of the walk.



As the days get warmer we will start to walk a bit further afield, but as I always say the pleasure of Rambling is not only the exercise but the conversation too !

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

Cheers, Kate & Stephen Hall

07877 792969.



South forest Leisure Centre
 Clipstone Road, NG21 9JF
 1st Friday of the month
 12pm till 4pm

*Meetings at Ambleside have been cancelled
 for the foreseeable future.*

Contact **Christine Storer on 07980 511308**
for more information.

Sunday Lunch Club

Sunday 26nd March.

From January, Sunday lunches will be organised by

Maria Pitrolino-Baranauskas.

Contact number is **07904269549**



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?

Sewing machines available for use, a basic sewing kit and any sewing projects, if you have any.

Contact Christine or come along on the day.

Group Facilitator– Christine Yates

(enquiries 07799 701763)

Groups Co-ordinator – Jane Young



u3a learn,
laugh,
live

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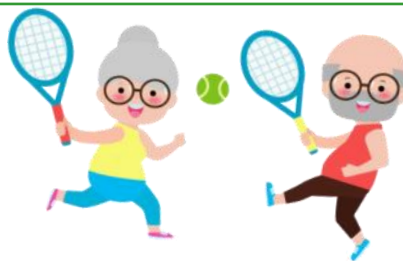
NEWSBITES!

Sharing ideas across 34 u3a's in Nottinghamshire

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

*Click on the link for the
latest Newsbites*

Soft Tennis



Soft tennis is a fun way to keep fit, especially for seniors.

Indoor "soft-tennis" sessions are currently held at Jubilee Hall, Ollerton (usually Fridays 2pm) and at Clipstone Sports Hall (usually Mondays or Thursdays 2pm). All equipment is provided. Cost from 1st March is increased to £5 per session to cover venue hire fees.

Text or Phone TennisKev on 07988 620714 for dates and times.
Cost £5.00 per session

Jubilee Hall at NG22 9AP *Next to the Ollerton House pub.*
 Wellow Rd (A616), Ollerton, Newark.

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

TennisKev 07988 620714 to book a place.

Please include contact details, phone or email.



Tuesday Lunch

Nineteen members had a lovely time at Rose cottage.

The next venue will be **Forest Lodge hotel Edwinstowe** on **Tuesday 7th March**



*Regards
Beryl*



Jubilee Ukulele Group



Thursday 2nd February was National Ukulele Day. When folks all over the world strum their favourite tunes and celebrate the joy and friendships that come from playing ukulele with a group of people.

Jubilee Ukulele Group celebrated the day at their usual Thursday session, followed by lunch at Bella Vita, Ollerton, which gave us all time to socialise and enjoy each other's company.

The ukulele is one of the easiest instruments to learn how to play. Learning just a few chords can put you well on your way to playing a few simple pop songs. It's a great instrument to use when introducing younger children to playing music, so something you can enjoy with you grandchildren

If you wish to join this great group of people, you will be made most welcome. If you can already play, *wonderful*, if you want to learn, *fantastic*. We can loan you a ukulele while you try it out. Just let me know. Contact **Linda Bond 01623 861595** and come along any **Thursday morning. for a 10.00am start in the Jubilee Hall**

Bar, cost £1, you will be very welcome.

Keep smiling and start strumming.

Linda



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.

If you would like to join the group please contact **Marie** by text **07756765839**. Or **Hazel** on **07484728027** You'll be made most welcome.



Sherwood, near the Medusa Tree.

Regards Marie & Hazel



Do you fancy yourself as a singer?
Would you like to try?

Have you wondered whether you could sing in a choir. No test or audition, just turn up and give it a go...

Here's a few words from John Banbury, a member of the Dukeries Singers...



"We as a choir believe anyone can sing and is good enough to be part of the group, we would like to get that over to anyone Interested, most people think they cannot sing well enough but I can assure you that's not the case, I was a guy who only sung to himself in the shower, now I am really enjoying singing with folks. You only have to see what Gareth Malone achieves in the workplace getting people to sing, its just that we need people to come and try, they will be surprised what they can do and that we don't have auditions or checks on the way people sing."

So, if you fancy giving it a try, contact....

John Banbury
07759 086132

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Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/dukeriessingers/>

New Year - New Learning - New Hobbies

Would you like to run a subject or activity group for us in the new year?

There's a world of possibilities?

We thought you might like to see what is on offer in other activity groups in the North Notts Area. *See next page.*

We can also request to join groups in neighbouring u3a's. *see below.*

Nottinghamshire Network of u3as

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

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

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...](#)

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1	Abacus	1	67	Desert Island Discs	2	133	Music Making Choir	3
2	Angling / Fishing	2	68	Darts	1	134	Music Making Folk	2
3	Antiques	4	69	Dining Breakfast	3	135	Music Making Guitar	4
4	Archaeology	2	70	Dining Lunch	25	136	Music Making Recorder	4
5	Architecture	3	71	Dining Afternoon Tea	2	137	Music Making Steel Band	1
6	Armchair Travel	2	72	Dining Evening	11	138	Music Making Swing	1
7	Art Appreciation	15	73	Dining Fine	1	139	Music Making Ukulele	16
8	Art Practical General	12	74	Dining In	1	140	National Trust	7
9	Art Practical Drawing	7	75	Dining for Solos	2	141	Orienteering	1
10	Art Practical Painting	8	76	Discussion / Current Affairs	22	142	Philosophy	8
11	Art Practical Pastels	1	77	DIY	1	143	Photography	23
12	Art Practical Portraiture	1	78	Doll's House & Miniatures	1	144	Pickleball	3
13	Art Practical Watercolours	6	79	Dominoes / Triominoes	1	145	Play Reading / Drama	12
14	Astronomy	2	80	Drink Beer	6	146	Poetry	11
15	Aviation & Aerospace	1	81	Drink Coffee	9	147	Psychology	4
16	Backgammon	3	82	Engineering & Innovation	1	148	Pub Visiting	4
17	Badminton	5	83	English	1	149	Quizzes	11
18	Bird Watching	9	84	Entertainments Unlimited	1	150	Railway Enthusiasts	2
19	Board Games General	19	85	Etymology	1	151	Railway Modelling	1
20	Bonsai	1	86	Exercise / Keep Fit	5	152	Reading Aloud	2
21	Books / Literature / Reading	33	87	Family History / Genealogy	19	153	Religion	2
22	Book Exchange	3	88	French	23	154	Remarkable Women	1
23	Bowling Indoor Bocula	1	89	Friendship & Support	2	155	Rummikub	7
24	Bowling Indoor Bowls	7	90	Fun with Languages	1	156	Science Technology General	14
25	Bowling Boules / Petanque	4	91	Gardening General	25	157	Scrabble	16
26	Bowling Outdoor Bowls	6	92	Gardening Horticulture	1	158	Shakespeare	3
27	Bowling Ten Pin	4	93	Gardening Practical	3	159	Singing	14
28	Bridge	19	94	Gardening Visits	10	160	Snooker	5
29	Buddies (singles events)	1	95	Geology	3	161	Spanish	12
30	Canasta	14	96	German	9	162	Swimming	1
31	Card Games	8	97	Gogglebox	1	163	Table Tennis	18
32	Chess	3	98	Golf	1	164	Table & Indoor Games	6
33	Church Visiting & History	5	99	Greek	1	165	Tai Chi	9
34	Cinema / Film	18	100	Growing Old Disgracefully	2	166	TED Talks	1
35	Climate Change	1	101	History General	16	167	Tennis Soft (Indoor)	3
36	Climbing Indoor	1	102	History English	1	168	Tennis	2
37	Computing / IT General	11	103	History Irish	1	169	Theatre Visits	14
38	Computing Beginners	2	104	History Landscape	1	170	Travel / Visits	18
39	Cookery General	4	105	History Living (of members)	1	171	Trivial Pursuit	1
40	Cookery Cake Decorating	1	106	History Local	16	172	University Interest	1
41	Craft General	22	107	History Military	2	173	Walking	34
42	Craft Beadwork	2	108	History Natural	1	174	Walking Long Distance Paths	5
43	Craft Calligraphy	3	109	History Social	1	175	Walking Nordic	1
44	Craft Crochet / Knitting	15	110	Holidays	11	176	Weekenders	5
45	Craft Dressmaking	3	111	Humour	1	177	Whist	2
46	Craft Flowers	4	112	Information Exchange	1	178	Wildlife and Nature	5
47	Craft Jewellery	1	113	Italian	9	179	Wine	24
48	Craft Needlecraft	6	114	Jigsaws	1	180	Woodcarving / Woodworking	1
49	Craft Paper / Card	5	115	Kings Card Game	1	181	Yoga	5
50	Craft Sugarcraft	3	116	Latin	5	182	Zumba	2
51	Craft Quilting	4	117	Litter Picking	4	183		
52	Creative Writing	18	118	Mah Jongg	12	184	Totals	1073
53	Cribbage	3	119	Medicine First Aid	1	185	Totals	1073
54	Croquet	7	120	Meditation & Mindfulness	2			
55	Crosswords	8	121	Memory Course	2			
56	Curling / Kurling	5	122	Miscellaneous Activities	6			
57	Cycling	13	123	Motoring Motorcycling	1			
58	Dancing General	1	124	Movement to Music	1			
59	Dancing Ballroom	1	125	Murder Mystery Books	1			
60	Dancing Barn	1	126	Museums and Galleries	2			
61	Dancing Belly	1	127	Music Appreciation General	14			
62	Dancing Circle	1	128	Music Appreciation Classical	7			
63	Dancing Country	5	129	Music Appreciation Jazz	2			
64	Dancing Folk	2	130	Music Appreciation Opera	3			
65	Dancing Jive	2	131	Music Appreciation Popular	2			
66	Dancing Line	3	132	Music Making Various	5			

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



We have a new internet radio station recently launched in our area, serving Bilsthorpe, Ollerton, Wellow, Edwinstowe, Blidworth, Boughton, Clipstone,



Non Stop Music
The best music with top of the hour news updates

[Listen Live](#)



Farnsfield, Lowdham, Rainworth, Rufford and the surrounding areas. It's proving very popular so why not give it a listen.....

[Facebook Page](#)



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



The u3a National Newsletter is available on line and all you need to do is fill in a few details on the link below and you can get your own copy emailed to you every month.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/newsletter>

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