



Staying Connected.

No 38 April 2023

Run for the members, by the members.



April – New Growth and Opportunities!

Hello Members

I am just looking back over the past four weeks, which had many special highlights for me.

Receiving a card from King Charles, thanking us for sending our booklet of messages about The Queen, was most appreciated and a delightful surprise.

Our Open Day and membership renewal day was buzzing, with current and new members mingling together. Thank you to all our Group Leaders and all helpers who made the room so inviting and interesting. Our Activity Groups are now fully operational and steadily growing now that we are free from restrictions!

Thank you also to all members who have renewed their subscriptions until March 2024. Our Membership Manager, Wendy Neighbour, is doing a wonderful job recording and updating all your information and it has been an enormous help to her that so many people enrolled by bank transfer, post or on the day.

The Beetle Drive – what can I say! It was a super, special, social evening! The supper was delicious (thank you Culinary Delights) and the room was filled with laughter and whoops of joy when play was in motion. One new member sent me a text to say how included and welcomed she felt and that is what Dukeries u3a is all about! Friendship and Fun!

But the best is yet to come!!!! I am even more excited now for our Coronation Party, Bank Holiday Monday 8 May, which includes a two course meal with coffee followed by entertainment and dancing to The Easy Thomas Blues Band. Tickets for guests are £16 and Dukeries u3a members are subsidised at £13. What value for money!

However, I need your help! We have a few members on holiday so I have another 25 tickets to sell. Which of your friends or family would enjoy this? Do you have neighbours or colleagues who might like to come as your guests?

Tickets are on sale at the next Members' Meeting or email me to reserve your places. We are so lucky to get this band to play for us and I really don't want anyone to miss out!

Dukeries u3a is thriving and with your involvement, support and ideas we will have a successful 12 months ahead.

Hope to see you at the meeting on
Monday 17 April

Best wishes

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

Bowling starting Wednesday 19th April see page 12



**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, Other u3a Groups £15, Guests £16
To reserve your place, email Leslye
on du3achair2020@gmail.com or text on **07946 702296**
Payment secures your place and can be made at the Meeting on
Monday 17 April or by post or internet
banking. All details given on request.

All welcome!

Jubilee Ukulele Group

Our very own Ukulele group will be accompanying the singing at this Old Time Sing Along concert to which all are invited. It's going to be a great afternoon here in Ollerton, so why not come along and help raise the roof and cheer on our amazing Ukelele players. **The afternoon is open to all.**



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.

The concert program, as a printable PDF has been sent out as a separate file with this newsletter. If you need a replacement email John Harris jghollerton@gmail.com



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**.



Who do you think you are?

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

This service is completely free and confidential. The researcher is house bound and in his own words, 'does it for enjoyment and to keep himself sane.' he also asked that his name be withheld in this ad, but I can assure members he is genuine and I do know his name.

One of our members has had help which resulted, after 18 months research in a history as far back as Henry VIII.

Are you, related to our Henry, or perhaps Richard III?



Contact

chambobon70@gmail.com

Providing only your name for more Information.

RON NUNN

We are sad to report the passing of Ron Nunn who has been a member of Dukeries u3a for several years.

Ron enjoyed being part of the Bridge Group with his wife June.

We send our love to June, who will continue to be an active part of our group.



Dukeries u3a will be taking part in this event to promote our great organisation. Can you spare an hour between **10.30 & 2.30pm** to help at our promotion table? Please let Ann Street know if you can come along.

annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk

A full program with music, crafts, Major Oak Pop Choir, Dukeries Ukuleles and Edwinstowe Bellringers

CELEBRATING THE CORONATION AT SHERWOOD



With the
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BAND OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS
plus

DUKERIES UKERIES
MAJOR OAK POP CHOIR

And much more

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

RSPB Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

11am - 4.00pm

Bring your picnic blankets, chairs and flags

VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM COURTS OF JUSTICE

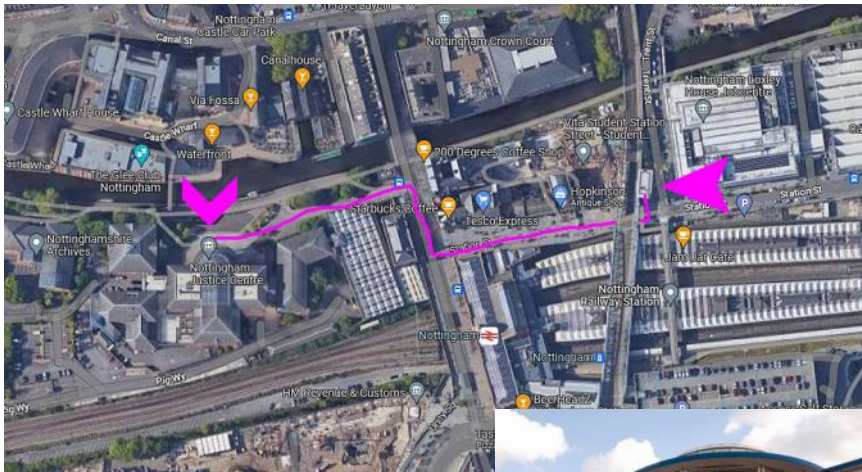


Wednesday 10th May at 10am.

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.





**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 17th April

**Reserve a place by emailing Leslye
on du3achair2020@gmail.com or text 07946 702296**

Tickets selling very fast!

Bowling Group



Are you single, a twosome, new to Dukeries u3a?

Do you want to have fun, exercise and fresh air?

Come and join us, make new friends!

Dukeries u3a Bowling Group

Ollerton Bowling Club, Whinney Lane, Ollerton

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 16 APRIL FROM

10.00AM UNTIL 3.00PM

FIND OUT ALL THE DETAILS

Starting Wednesday 19 April

(every two weeks afterwards

3 May, 17 May, 31 May (etc)

Arrive 1.20pm

Playing Time 1.30pm – 3.30pm

(with a break for refreshments)

No experience necessary, newcomers welcome Tuition will be given

Bowls available, or bring your own

Wear flat shoes

£3.50 per session (pay cash on arrival please)

Car parking free

All the above for £3.50 per session



Just a reminder.....

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.

Tickets sold out but a reserve list is in place



Beetle Night

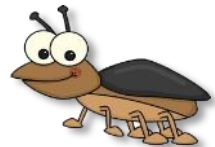


Our Beetle drive was a great success with 42 members and guests sitting down to a bowl of delicious Chicken

casserole and slices of bread and butter. Washed down with tea & coffee, or 'something stronger', and 'Seconds' available if you had room. The meal over, we had the rules explained to us, and then we were off. The first round was quite genteel until everybody understood what to do and then the pace and the dice started to fly. The excitement grew and pretty soon the hall was full of people frantically throwing dice, drawing beetle bodies, heads and legs as fast as they could, until the cry 'Beetle' brought the frantic activity to a halt. *Phew*, it was time to sort out who was to move to another table and who would be their next partner. Amazingly I started and finished with the same person opposite and with 14 games under my belt I'd travelled all around the room.

A most enjoyable evening, everybody had a good laugh, I can't wait for the next one.

Much thanks to Leslye and helpers for all the work it took setting everything up and arranging the food. *Cheers, John Harris*



New Sewing Machine

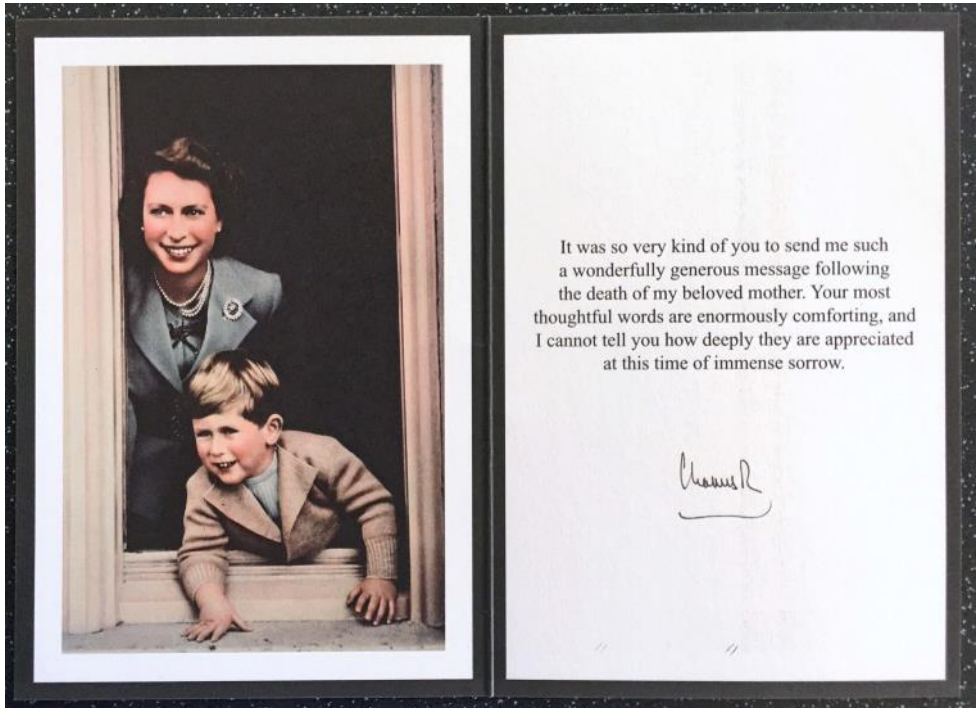


Councillor Lee Brazier presenting a cheque from Newark Council for a new sew machine for the Sewing Bee's at Ambleside.



RESPONSE FROM THE KING

Members may remember on the occasion of the death of Queen Elizabeth, we sent a card signed by many of our members to King Charles. We have received a response which I have reproduced below.



This is the front
of the card we sent
to the King.



DIARY DATES 2023 FOR DUKERIES U3A



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	4.15pm	A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP 2 COURSE MEAL AND LIVE BAND JUBILEE HALL
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
TBC		BARN DANCE

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

Win £25,000!

Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery

- Support the Door2Door service
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Guaranteed cash prize every week

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



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Sherwood CVS

Dukeries u3a – Membership Renewal

Memberships expires on 31 March 2023

Membership may be renewed by bank transfer

Sort Code 60-17-28 Account 91244358

The Dukeries Third Age Group

Please reference Subs and Your Name

Email Wendy Neighbour to confirm your payment

membersdu3a@outlook.com

Complete your application form on your next visit or from our website

Membership can also be renewed at meetings – simply collect a form, fill in your details and seal it in the envelope provided with your cash or cheque (*made payable to The Dukeries Third Age Group*).

Renewal for an annual full membership to 31 March 2024

£20 per person

Renewal annual associate membership* to 31 March 2024

£10 per person

**(For people who are full members of another u3a group. Proof required)*

**Dukeries u3a is now open to all Adults/Seniors
(regardless of employment status)**

Publicity!!

Something every organisation needs, and Ann Street, our publicity expert is looking for somebody to help with a view to eventually taking over the role. The work involves sending news items and photos about our group to the local press. contacting Bowe Radio, posting messages on our Web page and updating the notice board.

If you would like to help or find out more about this very important role within our u3a, please email

Ann Street annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk

David Austin Roses, Shropshire Friday 9th June

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

Details on page

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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

A new video explains what the service is all about, please view it's only two and a half minutes long.

Tap or click <https://youtu.be/M4u7r8izKC8>

Pam



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



At last meeting we had fun a morning at Marie's celebrating Christine's birthday with customary cake, tea and a little tippie. We set about making pom poms, great fun, thanks to Linda for running the session. Next meeting is our **Easter special**

on 5th April

Let me know if you'd like to come along.

Upcoming Trips

David Austin Roses, Shropshire

Friday 9th June

All those booked on the David Austin Trip can they please send me their emails ASAP I will be confirming total cost and itinerary in the email. I will be collecting all the trip money at April's meeting where you will be given your ticket

Any questions please contact myself or Marie

Newark Garden Show April 21st

Anyone who would like to come along,

you'd be more than welcome.

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.



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*

History Group



Wednesday 5th April

Rufford Abbey

Wednesday 19th April

The Workhouse at Southwell.

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

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 13th April



ALLELUJAH is a warm, humorous and deeply moving story about surviving old age. When a ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back. The film celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of staff battling with limited resources and ever- growing demands,

[Trailer here.....](#)

Based on a play by Alan Bennett.

Screenplay Heidi Thomas Directed by Richard Eyre

Starring: Jennifer Saunders, Judy Dench, David Jacobi

Show starts: 14;00

Film running time - 1 hr 39 mins

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

Mah Jong

1st, 3rd & 4th
Thursday each month



*Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road,
Ullerton, 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)



Tuesday Lunch

Apologies to the group

27 of us had a great lunch at Forest Lodge but I was enjoying myself so much that I forgot to take photos.

It was good to have 5 new members join the group.

The next lunch is at the **Angel Blyth**
on 4th April

Regards

Beryl



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.

For more information, contact, Stefan Ziemba

stefziemba@btinternet.com

Knit n' Natter

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

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



Ramblers Rambles.....



We had two rambler walks in March, both were well attended and both took place in the sunshine!!

Our first walk was along the Teversal trail from Silverhill to Hardwick Hall and return. The park at Hardwick looked wonderful in the Spring sunshine and there were lots of snowdrops and daffodils peeping out.

The café at the car park at Silverhill is proving very popular with the

Ramblers, I think they walk a little quicker in the expectation of a bacon or sausage butty when they get there. Our second walk was from Jubilee Hall through Old Ollerton and across the fields to Edwinstowe, then over the bridleways to Centre Parcs and into Rufford. Again we were incredibly lucky with the weather and the group enjoyed an almost 8 mile walk on this occasion but no sausage butties at the end! Our next walk will be on 4th April and will be from Gunthorpe Bridge around the old RAF Newton area. That's all for now



**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
1:30pm till 4pm

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

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
NETWORK**

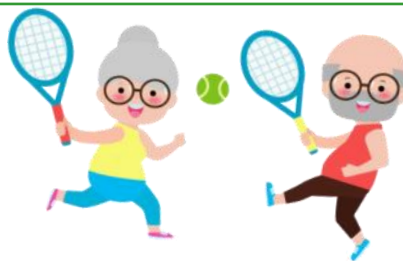
NEWSBITES!

Sharing ideas across 34 u3a's in Nottinghamshire

<https://nottsnetworkofu3as.weebly.com/>

*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.



Jubilee Ukulele Group



It was so good to chat to so many people at the Open Afternoon on Monday 20th March. As a result 2 or 3 more will be joining our Thursday sessions. At present we are meeting in Ollerton House Restaurant whilst the bar at the Jubilee Hall is being used for storage and a workshop during the refurbishment of the toilets.

Still 10.00am start.

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 your 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.

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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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**

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			

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



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

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