



Staying Connected.

No 39 May 2023



Run for the members, by the members.

Happy May 2023

I extend the warmest greetings to all our members, new and established, and thank you for enrolling for another year!

There is much to look forward to this month – we all hope the coronation of King Charles III is a peaceful and joyous occasion for everyone! Our own party has sold out, and I look forward to listening and dancing to The Easy Thomas Blues Band with members and guests.

After that, we have our AGM to look forward to on Monday 15 May and this year, we will be entertained by The Dukeries Singers, arranged by our member John Banbury. Be prepared to enjoy the audience involvement bit as well!! I was sad to miss the event at the Methodist Church which I believe was a huge success for the performers including our very own Ukulele Band! Well done to you all!

At the AGM, we need to vote-in our committee for the next year, so please come to the meeting as we have to register attendees to make the meeting official - and we need your votes. Thank you for supporting us!

On a serious note, we also urgently need to recruit one or two people into the role of Deputy Chair. We have members who have undertaken this role over the past 30 years, and now it is time to look to the future.

We have many, many new members and I know there will be someone has skills and a few hours per month to support Dukeries u3a. Please consider this as we are a thriving u3a and a wonderful sociable group. (See advert in this newsletter).

Our aim is to recruit more volunteers, to take on smaller roles. We are run for the members, by the members. The positions are not hard work, and can be very enjoyable.

Live, Laugh, Learn. Keep your mind alert and enjoy a high standard of well-being!!

Enjoy the holidays in May – I hope the sun shines on us all!

Best wishes

Leslye x



Recent comments passed to the chair,

"Hi Leslye,

Your newsletter is excellent it's easy to read, full of interesting things taking place and very informative. What a brilliant u3a you have. "

And the other comment from a neighbouring u3a news editor,

" I must congratulate you on your newsletter which conveys what a lively and positive u3a you are! I particularly like the way Dukeries u3a interacts with the community and other u3a's."

And finally from John Banbury,

"The singalong went very well and the Ukulele players were especially brilliant."

Thank you John Harris for editing the contributions from our members!

It is wonderful to receive this feedback! Leslye...

What does the role of Chair/Deputy Chair include?

Dukeries u3a *MUST HAVE*, a Chair and Deputy Chairs to be able to operate.

These people would share the following:-

- *Book and facilitate a monthly Committee Meeting
- *Welcome members at monthly meetings
- *Attend 3-6 meetings per year in North Nottinghamshire to represent Dukeries u3a
- *Ensure Dukeries u3a complies with the rules in the constitution

Training and support will be given to volunteers who feel they can contribute to keeping Dukeries u3a running.

It is vital that we recruit one or two Deputy Chairs in May, to comply with u3a rules.

Email Leslye on du3achair2020@gmail.com for more details



Committee 2022

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Barry Callieu *barry.callieu@icloud.com*



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Barbara Baglee *barbarabaglee@gmail.com*



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Pam Hardwick *secretary1@gmail.com*



Committee Member

Kevin Mulloy *agarden8@outlook.com*



Group Meeting Times

	1st in month	2nd in month	3rd in month	4th in month
Mon			Monthly Meeting & AGM. 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 Cancelled. 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

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Sing-a-long in Ollerton



Our brilliant Ukulele group worked their magic at a sing-a-long get together held at Ollerton Methodist Church

during the month, when the roof was raised by community singing compered by one of our members, John Banbury, who entertained us with some of the best and worse jokes I had ever heard. The audience sang their way through a wide range of songs, 'Singing in the Rain', 'You'll never walk alone' and 'Over the rainbow' for example followed by a break for refreshments when a large quantity of cakes were munched through, all washed down with coffee or tea.

Suitably refreshed, John Sellers gave a short piano recital followed by more singing rounded off with a rendition of 'Sweet Caroline', lead by our Ukulele group. Much thanks to John Banbury and all the musicians, singers and caterers who made a fun afternoon possible.

John Harris



 SHERWOOD
FOREST

CELEBRATING THE CORONATION AT SHERWOOD



Sunday 7th May

RSPB Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

Free entry. Bring your picnic blankets, chairs and flags.

11am	Dukeries Ukeries
12.30pm	Nottinghamshire Band of the Royal Engineers
1.15pm	Major Oak Pop Choir
2.10pm	Edwinstowe Bellringers
2.45pm	Nottinghamshire Band of the Royal Engineers

Timings are approximate

Robin Hood, Maid Marian and King John will also be in attendance and we have activities including flag making, zen art and sunflower seed planting.

The Nottinghamshire Band of the Royal Engineers will play two different sets of music, celebrating our past (VE Day) and present (King's Coronation).

It's a day for picnics and making memories with family and friends, so don't forget your picnic chairs, blankets and flags to wave
Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

Dukeries u3a will also have a Gazebo at the celebration.



We intend to staff a gazebo provided by RSPB at a Charles III Coronation event



featuring the Band of the Royal Engineers and other entertainments on Sunday 7th May.

All materials etc will be provided but we do need some member-helpers to assist our Publicity team at the following times:

- A. 0930-1030 1 able-bodied member to assist Kevin Mulloy with setting up the Tables and chairs and a display.
- B. 11am - noon x 1 member
- C. noon - 1pm x 1 member
- D. 1pm - 2pm (fully-staffed)
- E. 2pm - 3pm x 1 member
- F. 3pm - 4pm x1 or 2 members
- G. 4pm x 1 able-bodied member to assist Kevin Mulloy with packing away tables and chairs etc

Any member(s) happy to help out please reply to agarden8@outlook.com or phone or text Kevin Mulloy on **07988620714** quoting the index letter of the time slot when available.

Many thanks.... *Kevin Mulloy (assistant to Ann Street)*

VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM COURTS OF JUSTICE

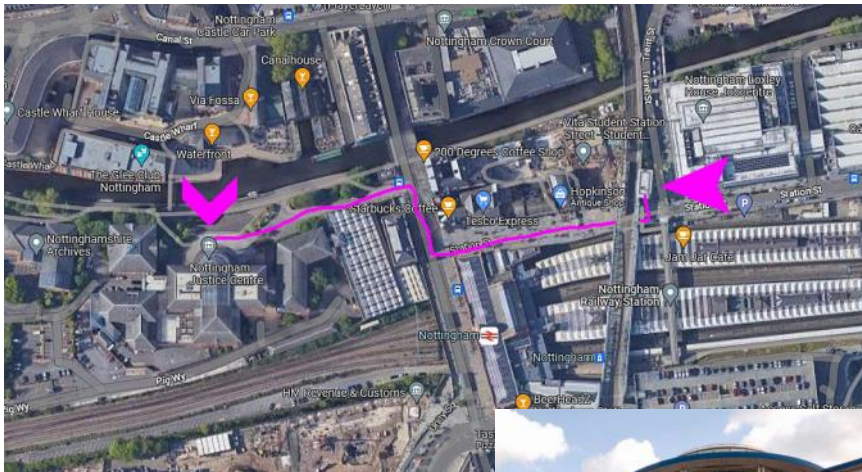


Wednesday 10th May at 10am.

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.



Speaker for June 2023

19 June 2023 2pm

Phil Cooper - Amazing Animals of Costa Rica and The Rainforest of the Austrians.



This presentation showcases video (and some still photographs) taken on Phil's 2018 trip to this fabulous country. There are some unique shots of sloths, one of mother and child and another of a rarely seen encounter

between two alpha male sloths. Howler, Spider and Capuchin monkeys using their prehensile tail to move from branch to branch provide an often-amusing spectacle. Other animals featured are the Tentmaker Bats and White Lined Bats, Agouti, Coati, Caiman and Green Iguana. Brightly coloured birds such as Hummingbirds, Toucans, Curassaw, Acorn Woodpecker, Scarlet Macaw, Flame Coloured Tanager and Emerald Toucanet, are a delight to watch. The places visited represent the full variety of environments, from high altitude cloud forest (at Savegre) , to transitional forest (Manuel Antonio Reserve), to tropical wet forest (Tortuguero) to rainforest (Esquinas). The photo is of a cheeky Capuchin monkey who stole the lunch of one of Phil's party.



The title mentions the Rainforest of the Austrians. Hear about the inspirational Michael Schnitzler who as a conservationist has obtained over \$4 Million from his Austrian sources to purchase land and develop Esquinas Lodge. Amazingly he has done this in between travelling to between Costa Rica and Austria, where he is an internationally admired violinist and concertmaster of the Vienna Johann Strauss Orchestra.

The Dukeries and Forest Singers

jointly present

2023 Summer concert



Saturday 3rd June 7 pm (doors open 6.30pm)

St Lawrences Church, Skerry Hill Mansfield NG182PR

Saturday 10th June 7 pm (doors open 6.30pm)

Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road Ollerton NG229AP

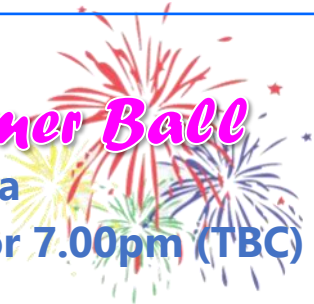
Tickets available through any performer or call Audrey 01623408270 (Mansfield concert) / Margaret 07896491314 (Ollerton concert) to arrange collection



u3a Members' Summer Ball

Forest Town Arena

Saturday 22 July 2023 6.30 for 7.00pm (TBC)



**Welcome Drink served by Butlers
on arrival**



Buffet



20-piece Swing Band

**Car or taxi sharing can be arranged
£15 per person (TBC)**

**Tickets available after AGM on
Monday 15 May**

This event is hosted by Forest Town u3a





**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!

DIARY DATES 2023 FOR DUKERIES U3A

MAY 7		MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SHERWOOD FOREST
MAY 8	4.15pm	A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP 2 COURSE MEAL AND LIVE BAND JUBILEE HALL (SOLD OUT)
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	12.30	MEMBERS' MEETING
JUL 22	7pmTBC	SUMMER BALL, FOREST TOWN ARENA
AUG 14	12.50	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

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



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)**

Could you Help?

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.

Here is a rundown of the role of Speaker Finder

Book 8 speakers a year on topics of interest to our members, keeping within our budget. This is generally done by email.

Liaise with speakers on equipment of ours they might want to use and timings for talks. Many speakers prefer to use their own equipment.

Ensure equipment is ready for them and greet and look after speakers at the meeting.

Ensure payment is made and thank you email sent.

Advertise speaker on website, Facebook, local press, local radio and on posters. *(this might be a role performed by a publicity person)*

Can join Notts Google speaker finder group who share ideas for speakers and recommend those who have given a good talk.

The speakers are already booked for 2023 with fees and dates agreed. Ann has some ideas for 2024 to pass on and is willing to meet with the new speaker finder to share her experience.

Please contact Ann annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk or
Leslye du3achair2020@gmail.com

Could you give it a go?

Air Ambulance



At the April meeting we had a bring and buy stall which included quite a lot of home grown plants, among other bits and pieces. I am delighted to announce that we raised £63.07 for our chosen charity. My thanks go to all who donated and bought goods at this event.

Also to add to this is the amount of £50.00 which has been donated by my dear friends Mic and Sylvia who sold some of their 'gardenalia'. Many thanks to them once more.

Although the Air Ambulance is our chosen charity at this time, there will be an opportunity for members to vote at our AGM for any other charity.

My cheque for £113.07 will be forwarded to Air Ambulance this week making a total of £3,844.67 raised thus far.

Thank you so much

Pam Hardwick

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



Wellow park is just coming into it's best time of year, if you can walk half a mile on a muddy and rough track, try to get down there in the next few weeks, it's well worth it. Park at Wellow Dam on the A616 and follow the track into the woods about half a mile. You won't regret it.

John Harris



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

Upcoming Trips

David Austin Roses, Shropshire

Friday 9th June

Any questions please contact myself or Marie



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

At the Ambleside Centre, Yew Tree Rd, Ollerton

*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**



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**

**3 May, 17 May, 31 May
(every two weeks afterwards)**

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



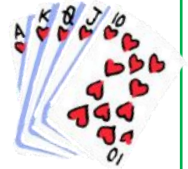
Book Club



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



May 3rd - tbc.

May 17th - no meeting

May 26th visit to The Holocaust Museum, **if you haven't paid already for this trip, please pay at the upcoming AGM.**

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 11th May

The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry

[Click for trailer here.](#)

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

Military History

At the last general meeting Stephen Hall mention a Military History group at Retford.

Members attend from several U3A groups across the area, many are ex servicemen but by no means all and the talks are very wide ranging, for example, Stephen has spoken about the Lafayette Escadrille in the First World War and The Royal Air Force in Malta, Cyprus and Gibraltar.

The group also organises trips out to differing locations of historical military significance.

Lots more information can be found on the Retford U3A website.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/retford/page/123784>

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

The next lunch is at
The Lyon,
Farnsfield on the 2nd May
Regards Beryl



Knit n' Natter

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

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





The Photography group meets on the 4th Friday of the month at Ambleside, junction of Ambleside & Yew Tree Rd opposite Yew Tree Park, Ollerton, meeting starts at 1.30pm.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME.

For more information, contact, Stefan Ziemba

stefziemba@btinternet.com



Three members of the Photographic group on a recent outing to photograph woodland flowers.....I think they had just heard it was going to be their round at the pub later.

Editor.

Ramblers Rambles.....



Sadly we only made one Ramble this month due to Holiday commitments for group members over Easter.

However it was a super walk chosen by group member Milan Petrovic and was a bit of a trip down memory lane for him as the walk took the Ramblers to RAF Newton where he was stationed for some of his time in the service.

The group parked at the riverside at Gunthorpe, then crossed the road to continue up to Shelford and Saxondale Villages before returning via the RAF Newton site to the River.

A very pleasant walk in super unexpected sunshine and everyone reported that they had really enjoyed this new excursion.

Our next walk will be on 2nd of May to Pleasley Vale, if anyone would like to join us ?

**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?

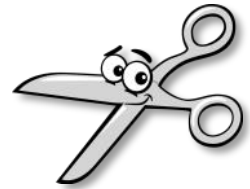
Sewing machines available for use, a basic sewing kit and any sewing projects, if you have any.

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.

Soft Tennis sessions take place currently at Jubilee Hall in Ollerton on Fridays at 2pm and at New Clipstone sports hall/Parish office on Mondays at 2pm.

Anyone wanting to join the Soft Tennis "WhatsApp" group or have a discussion with the Group Leader about possible participation please text your contact details to **TennisKev on 07988620714** else email him at agarden8@outlook.com

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



For the past few weeks we have been meeting at Ollerton House whilst the renovations are underway at the Jubilee Hall. We have grown over that time, 3 more 'Friends' have joined our happy band, which is great. We have been practising for the Sing Along with the Dukeries Singers which took place on Tuesday 18th April. What a lovely, fun afternoon that was. A real treat.

We are still meeting at 10.00am each Thursday, at Ollerton House at present and 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*



North Muskham Ferry



A break from work in the mining town of Ollerton in Nottinghamshire. The lorries used to deliver coal from the local collieries are now polished, shining and taking part in the carnival parade. Milk floats from Sherwood Dairy join the colliery trucks in the parade, a funfair draws in the crowds and, as we're in Robin Hood country, the Merry Men of Sherwood Forest make an inevitable appearance.

[Click or tap here....](#)

And click on the little green box, bottom right of the picture marked 'Watch for free.'

u3a*Newsletter***April**

The National newsletter is available on the link below. You can register to have a copy sent directly to you each month.

<https://mailchi.mp/u3a/your-u3a-national-newsletter-april-2023?e=5eabb48112>





Share your family memories of WW2

You are invited to take part in 'Their Finest Hour', a Heritage Lottery-funded nationwide campaign organised by the University of Oxford to collect and preserve the everyday stories and objects of the Second World War.

As these personal stories are fast fading from living memory, it is vital to preserve them and the wartime objects that often accompany them. As well as artefacts from the front, there are the experiences of those at home, including women and children.

How can you help?

- Subscribe to a national email group where u3a members can share views, air your Q&As with 'Their Finest Hour', and generally keep in the loop at <https://forms.office.com/e/ctt2eu6v2c>
- Attend the u3a Online Learning Event, date tbc.
- Share this message in your u3a, on Facebook, and in your newsletters.
- Go to a 'Digital Collection Day' to bring your stories or volunteer at it.
- Run a collection in your activity group over several meetings.
- Go online and upload your war-related stories and materials at <https://theirfinesthour.english.ox.ac.uk/>

'Digital Collection Days' are being run at a host of museums, libraries, services charities, and schools across the country, from Belfast, Cumbria, and Edinburgh down to Essex, London, Oxfordshire, and South Wales. u3a members volunteered at one of the first 'Days' in Oxford:

“It's like 'Flog It!' or 'Antiques Roadshow' without the valuation! There's so much you can do, from meet-and-greet to what I enjoyed the most, showing someone their husband's war record online - he flew Lancasters - helping them understand more about their family story.”

Ally Edwards, u3a Evesham and District, 10 March

There are connections between 'Their Finest Hour' and u3a groups, for example, genealogy, local history, creative writing, photography, storytelling, getting our members confident in using technology, and combating loneliness. Find out more on <https://theirfinesthour.english.ox.ac.uk/>

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.



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
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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

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



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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