



# Staying Connected.

No 40 June 2023



**Run for the members, by the members.**

Words from the Chair.

May has been quite a month! Whether you are a Royalist or not, I am sure you are pleased the celebrations for The Coronation went smoothly and peacefully. Our party was also a joyful time and I hope the attendees enjoyed most or all of the occasion.

Thank you so much, to those of you who were able to attend the AGM. I was delighted to see so many supporters and helpers on the day! Thank you also to Members of the Committee, for their input and help on the day.

Dukeries u3a is thriving! We now have members coming forward to volunteer to keep Dukeries u3a going into the future. Our decision to create two Deputy Chair positions will really help when I step down from the post in December 2023, and we will continue to have two Co-Deputy Chair positions for the future.

We still have the need for 1 or 2 people to become Speaker Finders for 2024, and we have had some interest so my fingers are crossed!!

Also, new members are now offering to run different activity groups. We really are starting to grow and become more diverse. The groups will become more established in readiness for the latter part of the year, when we are less likely to be in the garden or on holiday.



Our association with the community is also strengthening with members like John Banbury and our Jubilee Ukulele Band getting involved in concerts. This is wonderful and thank you once again to The Dukeries Singers (which includes several Dukeries u3a members) for entertaining us at the AGM.

So – who has ideas for the Indoor Garden Party in August? What would you like to do? Please send ideas as soon as possible! Register at the June Members' Meeting to book your place. As I relinquish the Role of Chair, I am looking forward to arranging some days out in 2024. Where would you like to go? Start to send in requests please!

Finally, we do have members who are not in the best of health at the moment and we send our love to you. My best wishes are sent to all of you in the hope that you enjoy the summer months to the full. Lockdown is starting to be a distant memory and we are living life to our fullest again! Join us at our Summer Social (Buffet and Swing Band) on 22 July! See advert in this newsletter. Leslye x



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## Group Meeting Times

	1st in month	2nd in month	3rd in month	4th in month
<b>Mon</b>			<b>Monthly Meeting 1pm. Jubilee Hall</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	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
<b>Wed</b>	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre  <b>History Group 1.15 to 3pm Ambleside Centre</b>	Sewing Bee 10am to 12pm Ambleside Centre  Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre  <b>History Group</b>  Creative Writing 2.15 to 4pm Walesby Church Hall	Sewing Bee 10 to 12pm Ambleside Centre  Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm
<b>Thurs</b>	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall  <b>Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall</b>	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall  Savoy Cinema Worksop 1.30pm	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall  <b>Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall</b>	Ukulele group 10 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall  <b>Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall</b>  Book Club 11am Ann's House
<b>Fri</b>	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 14th & 28th June, Page 19**

# Sherwood Forest Coronation Celebration



Sunday 7th May was the only dry and sunny day during the three day holiday and luckily that was the day fixed for the Sherwood celebration. U3a

were there promoting all the good things available to members. Many thanks to those who helped at the stall on the day and huge thanks to Kevin Mulloy who master minded the operation and I think was on duty all day. Some of our members sang in the Major



Oak Pop Choir, which gave a very impressive performance to the crowds of listeners sitting around the stage, accompanied at times by the Nottinghamshire band of the Royal Engineers. It was a very enjoyable musical afternoon.

*John Harris*

# Dukeries Coronation Celebration



The Easy Thomas Blues Band did us proud at the Coronation Celebration held at Jubilee hall. The proceedings kicked off with a Twenty One Bum salute which, I'm sure, the king would have very much appreciated. He unfortunately couldn't come but we had a local representative in the form of Pete Davis to keep an eye on things. Following the royal salute it was time for a 14 question quiz organised by Chris Neighbour which showed me how much I don't know about the Royal family, but never mind, the food had arrived. Sausage, mash, peas & gravy and very good it was too. I believe some people managed to get



extra sausages but unfortunately I missed out on that. Apple crumble or cornflake tart followed which set us up for a session of bingo and then time for the band and dancing. The band played a storm, I've never seen a player with so many mouth organs and I think he used them all during the course of the evening. A great range of rhythm & blues songs kept us on our feet or, at least tapping our feet, until the end of the evening and the grand finale when Kevin Morrell joined the band with his train whistle.



A big thank you to Leslye and the committee for all the work involved in the organization of a first class do..

*John Harris*



## VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM COURTS OF JUSTICE



Ann Street organised trip to the Nottingham Lawcourts proved both very interesting and entertaining.

We first met

our two guides, both local magistrates, for a talk on the procedures used in the courts of justice. They explained how they came to be magistrates and the responsibilities of presiding over a court of law. This included a chance to occupy the seats of court officials and three magistrates going through their various functions . Later we



were taken to two of the courts which were hearing cases and sat in the public gallery to watch the proceedings. The tour was rounded off by a return to our original empty court for a rundown and explanation of the cases we had witnessed. In the picture above you can see three of our members as temporary acting



magistrates and they certainly look the part. *Probably sending some poor unfortunate traffic warden down for life....* Members might like to know that the law courts are generally open to the public and sitting in a court in action is free of charge and quite fascinating to watch.

*Thank you Ann for organising the trip.*  
John Harris



# 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.

# Dukeries Singers

The choir had a great time performing following the U3A AGM meeting and would like to thank all your members for the kind reception we received. We hope that in the short time we had with you we gave an impression of what the choir is about and how much fun we have together at our concert rehearsals. We meet on **Wednesday's at 7pm at The Methodist Church, Forest Road, New Ollerton** and would be delighted if any of your members would like to join the group, there is no excuse anymore you can sing as you proved so very well and you won't need to audition, you don't have to have perfect pitch, nor be able to read music just come along and join in, we are very friendly more than a choir, we are a family.



Singing is not only good fun, its good for our health and well-being it improves moods, lowers stress, boosts immunity, enhances memory, improves mental health, increases happiness, and makes us more positive people. singing releases endorphins, serotonin, and dopamine the happy chemicals which boosts our moods and counts as an aerobic

activity as it introduces oxygen into the lungs leading to better circulation. Why not come and become part of the choir haveing a weekly workout with us.

We have our summer concert coming up on **10th June at The Jubilee Hall at 7pm** and we would be absolutely delighted if U3A members would join us, the cost is £8.00 and we have 2 choirs, soloists, quartets performing as well as a brilliant sing-along supported by our very own Jubilee Ukuleles and you will get a chance to hear the Edwinstowe Hand Bell Ringers too. Please do come along.



*John Banbury*  
07759 086132

*Pictures by Stefan*

The Dukeries Singers and The Forest Singers  
present:

# Summer Concert

The Jubilee Hall, Ollerton.

10th June 2023



**The full details & program for this concert  
were emailed along with this newsletter.**



# *u3a Members' Summer Social*

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 on  
Monday 19th June**

*This event is hosted by Forest Town u3a*



**WARSOP & DISTRICT U3A INVITE  
DUKERIES U3A  
TO JOIN THEM FOR  
“LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS”**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 19th June**

Reserve a place by emailing Leslye  
on [du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com) or text 07946 702296

*Tickets selling very fast!*

## DIARY DATES 2023 FOR DUKERIES U3A

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

# 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](mailto:annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk) or  
Leslye [du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com)

## Could you give it a go?

# Air Ambulance



At our AGM (which incidentally was a great afternoon) we raised £65.58 at the bring and buy stall.

I have added to this another contribution from Mic and Sylvia who have once again been pet sitting and selling 'gardenalia' in total of £50.00. My thanks on behalf of Dukeries u3a for their continued support of our chosen charity.

Many thanks also to all our lovely members for their involvement in this fund raising and also for voting to continue to support the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance in the coming year.

(Just between us we have now smashed our £4,000 target)

I would be delighted to receive suggestions for fund raising and help with the bring and buy table.

*Pam Hardwick*



## April Mission update

[Click or tap here.](#)



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	Alan or Val Saunders	01623 631993
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](mailto:pinkettsharon@gmail.com)

or **077390 03251**

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# NEWSBITES!

*Sharing ideas across 34 u3a's in Nottinghamshire*

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## 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**

**14th & 28th June**

**(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**

*For further details,  
Contact Alan or Val on  
**01623 631993***



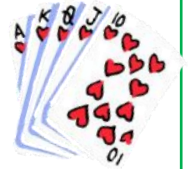
## Book Club



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



Next meetings 7th & 27th June

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\*](mailto:barbarabaglee@gmail.com)

## Military History

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>

# 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 8th June

[Trailer](#)



Adapted from Judy Blume's book, by Kelly Fremon Craig and Directed by Kelly Fremon Craig.

For over 50 years Judy Blume's classic has connected with readers through its relatable story, achingly funny details and candid exploration of life's biggest question.

11 year old Margaret (Abby Ryder Fortson) is uprooted from her life in New York City for the suburbs of New Jersey. She relies on her mother, Barbara (Rachel McAdams) who is also struggling to adjust to life outside the big city, and her adoring Grandmother Sylvia (Kath Bates) who isn't happy they moved away and likes to remind them every chance she gets.

Margaret navigates new friends, feelings and the beginning of adolescence.

***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**.



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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.**

The Rummikubs group is continuing to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 2.00pm at Ollerton House, throughout the summer. Several members of the group take the opportunity to have lunch at Ollerton House prior to the meeting which is one of the many advantages of meeting here. Should you care to join us, you are most welcome. The game is very easy to pick up and is an enjoyable way to escape gardening at this time of year!! There is no fee, but I do expect you to buy a drink. Cheers ! Linda Bond



Linda Bond ([howardbond1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:howardbond1@yahoo.co.uk)  
01623 861595)

## Tuesday Lunch

The next lunch is at  
Bella Vita  
Tuesday 6th June



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](mailto:stefziemba@btinternet.com)*



If you are a twitter user u3a has a twitter account and you can follow it @u3a\_UK



## Ramblers Rambles.....

Our first walk was requested by Ramblers Group Member, Colin Barrett which he was unable to attend but we had a fab walk, thank you Colin.



We set off from the car park at Mansfield Woodhouse station, over the old pit tip which is now all grassy and filling with trees to Radmanthwaite and then cross country to the old William Hollins/Viyella Mills in Pleasley Vale where we stopped at the chip shed for refreshments (and chips) before returning via Little Matlock to the car park.



I even got to go on a swing !

This is a super walk which we have done before and I think will be requested again, apart from the first climb onto the hill it is easy going and conducive to lots of conversation.



Our second walk took us from South Anston via a very pretty stream through a woodland filled with wild garlic and an assortment of beautiful flowers, through the village and down onto the canal on the Cuckoo Way.

We stopped for ice cream and to watch the fire brigade practice getting across a river by ladder then returned via the Lindrick Golf Course to the cars. It was lovely to have Graham Robinson walking with us again and it was a pity that Rosemary could not join us as this is one of her favourite walks.

**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 25th June.**

Please contact the organiser Maria Pitrolino for more information.

Contact number is **07904269549**



# sewing Bee

## Dukeries u3a Sewing Bee

### Dukeries u3a has Talent!

Linda, a member of Dukeries u3a Sewing Bee Group has produced this sign

from material and machine embroidery. It is fantastic! Thank you Linda - we are lucky to have you and your skills !

The group meets at Ambleside Community Centre in Ollerton two Wednesdays per month from 10.00 to 12.30. Anyone is welcome from total beginners to skilled sewers. It is a self-help group where people can make, alter and up-cycle garments and sewing projects. The group has sewing machines and sewing equipment.



**2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month. 10.00am to 12.00, Ambleside Community Centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton**

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

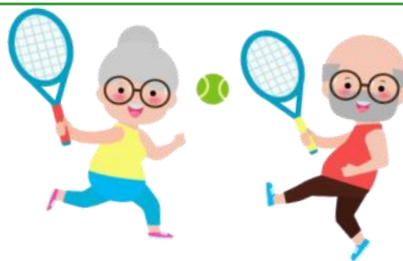
Contact Christine or come along on the day.

Group Facilitator– Christine Yates

**(enquiries 07799 701763)**

Groups Co-ordinator – Jane Young

# 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](mailto: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



We are now back in our usual meeting room, the bar at the Jubilee Hall. 9.45 for a 10.00am-11.30am meeting each Thursday. Cost £1.00. Any questions please contact me 01623 861595.

In June we are going to be playing a few numbers at the Summer Concert of The Dukeries and Forest Singers on **Saturday June 3rd at St. Lawrence's Church Mansfield** and on **Saturday 10th June at the Jubilee Hall**. 6.30pm doors open for 7.00pm start.

Tickets £8.00 including light refreshments.

Available from John Banbury or myself.

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**

**u3a***Newsletter*

Harpenden u3a showcasing the benefits of the u3a movement at Harpenden Seniors' Fair.

## April

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

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## 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

[chambonbon70@gmail.com](mailto:chambonbon70@gmail.com)

Providing only your name for more Information.

## **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](mailto: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)**

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

Dukeries Singers  
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Edwinstowe  
Nottinghamshire  
NG21 9LP

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

# 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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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,



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## Non Stop Music

The best music with top of the hour news updates

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[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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