



# Staying Connected.

No 45 November 2023



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

## Autumn is here!

Dear Members

First of all, a big thank you to John Harris for an interesting foreword in last month's newsletter!

October has brought many challenges and our hearts and love go to our friends in Dukeries u3a who have had floods in their homes. It is an awful situation to be in and I know many of us are willing to help you in whatever way we can. Just say the word and we will be there.

As you know, Dukeries u3a is run by the members, for the members, and we always need new people to take on a small role to keep our social group running smoothly. I was heartened by the words of James Bartlett, at our last meeting, who said how welcomed and included he and his partner have felt since joining us, and that sums up how friendly and inclusive Dukeries u3a is. Thank you to each of you for making this happen! Thank you also James, for putting yourself forward to join our Committee!

We have a few roles we would like to fill. Our Events Team has a space for another person to join our group which is exploding with ideas for 2024!



We are also looking for someone to write a press release each month to be sent to local newsletters – could that be you? The other interesting role, for one or two people, is to book speakers for our monthly meetings. U3a's share details about people giving talks, and there are lots of presenters out there who would love to speak to us, so this is a rewarding role to enjoy doing for a year. (If I wasn't so busy, I would love to do that myself!)

There will be a Committee reshuffle before the end of the year and with this in mind, I have pledged to continue in my role as Chair, for a few more months, to ensure continuity and development. I have been touched by your many words of encouragement for me to continue - thank you so much.

So now, have a look at our diary dates in this newsletter, and join in the fun.

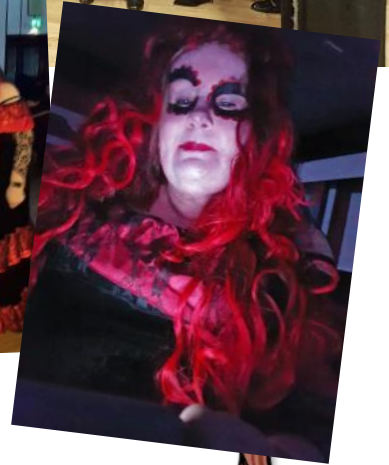
Good health and love to you all – I am now going to swot up for our forth coming quiz night – the competition is on!! *Leslye x.*



Tough questions were faced at the Mansfield Quiz Night, but our intrepid team won through to third place!! Well done Dukeries!

# Halloween Party

There were some very spooky people dancing to the Moonshiners at the Halloween Party in Clipstone  
 140 u3a members from Forest Town, Mansfield and Dukeries made incredible efforts to delight and fright us all



Congratulations to Bobbie Thompson, our white ghost, who won a prize for looking very different from everyone else!  
 I did not recognise her at all!!  
 We Seenagers know how to party!! See if you recognise anyone!!

*Leslye x*



## Committee 2023

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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  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  <b>Nat Hist, S&amp;T 2pm Plough Inn, Warsop</b>	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	Photography Ambleside 1.30pm
<b>Sunday Lunch Club 4th Sunday in Month 12.30 for 1.00pm</b>				

**Sunday Social Group 2nd & 4th Sunday in Month 4 till 6.30pm**

## *New Speaker for November.*

The advertised speaker for November has unfortunately been taken ill and had to cancel. Luckily Ann Street has managed to find a replacement at very short notice.

Dr Steve Wallace is the Project Manager of the Sherwood Observatory and Space Discovery Centre. His talk will be about the development and future plans for the Observatory, followed by an illustrated talk about the James Webb Space Telescope (replacing the Hubble telescope).



Sherwood Observatory



## EDWINSTOWE STREET FAYRE AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS THURSDAY NOV 23 4.30pm till 7pm

This is an event that Du3a supports and so we are looking for volunteers to help with the stall on the day and also if you have any suitable unwanted things cluttering up your cupboards, which would make suitable Tombola prizes. Why not bring them to the monthly meeting in November and we will make good use of them. Our stall will be set up in the afternoon and the Fayre runs from 4.30 till 7pm. Could you help set up or give an hour of your time to help with the stall during the event? If you can please email Ann Street [annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk)



Members may recall an ad that has appeared a few times in the newsletter for free help offered to trace a members Family Tree. Over the past months this genealogist has helped a number of our members with this and I have received a testimonial from a member that I would recommend to all. The Genealogist is now looking for someone else to help and readers will find the ad and testimonial on pages **37 & 38**.



## Jubilee Ukulele Group



Jubilee Ukulele

Group will be playing on  
**Saturday November 4th at 7.30pm at  
St Andrew's Church Hall,  
Skegby, NG17 3DD**

This is a cheese and wine evening to raise funds  
towards upgrading the Church's heating.

Tickets are available via

**Linda Bond 01623 861595.**

Cost £10 and £2 for a further glass of wine and  
our enthusiastic performance.

*Maybe you would care to join us.*

*Linda*



*Dukeries u3a Annual  
Quiz Night,  
Friday 24 November*



Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road,

Ollerton NG22 9AP

**Doors Open 6.30pm Quiz starts 7.00pm**

**Supper 7.45 pm**

**Only a few tickets left!!**

Email Leslye for availability.

[du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com)

**Supper -**

**Chicken and vegetable casserole with mash,  
bread roll, tea and coffee.**

**Vegetarian and gluten free options available.**

**U3a members £10 per person**

**Non-members £11 per person**

**Just bring your own drinks and glasses, and a pen!**

**Up to four players per team.**

**New member? We will place you with other teams!**

**All welcome! Prizes for the winning team!**

**How to pay for this ticket-only event**

**Bank transfer** The Dukeries Third Age Group

**60-17-2 account 90045998**

**It's a good social evening, (it's not Mastermind)  
so anyone can join in the fun!!**

# Du3a Christmas Party

**Monday 18th December**

**Tickets going fast! Entry by ticket only!**

**DOORS OPEN 12.30**

**PARTY 1.00pm to  
3.30pm**

**FREE Members Exclusive  
Event!**

**Jubilee Hall Ollerton**

**Food and drink – please bring your own**

**Dress – Festive Party Wear**

**Christmas Activities to win prizes!!**

**Bring a few £1 coins for the charity games**

Add your name to the list by sending a message to Leslye

Email [du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com)

All tickets will be issued on Monday November 20th  
at the Members Meeting



# THE JUBILEE UKULELE'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

3rd December 2023 @ 2-3pm.

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

**EDWINSTOWE  
HAND BELL RINGERS.**

Featuring  
Christmas Bells.



At the traditionally &  
beautifully decorated,

St Johns Church

Perlethorpe, NG22 9EQ.

Thoresby Park Estate.

This is a unique opportunity  
so wrap up warm & enjoy....

Tickets, call Sue North. 01623 823115

Also available at the door

***(In aid of Cancer Research)***

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!**

**SATURDAY 27th JANUARY**

**DUKERIES USA  
PRESENTS A**



# **BEETLE DRIVE**

**Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road,  
Ollerton, NG22 9AP**

**Doors open 6.15pm Choose your table,  
chatter and drink**

**Take your seats by 6.45pm Play starts 7.00pm**

**Bring your own drinks, glasses and a pen  
Nibbles served during the break**

**Beetle is good fun, easy to play,  
Full instructions will be given on the night.**

**Come and join in!**

**Guests are most welcome.**

**Prizes for the winners.**

**Charity Raffle £1 per ticket.**

**This is a Ticket Only Event.**

**Members £3 Guests £4**



# *Chinese New Year*

*The Springwater, Calverton*

*Thursday 8 February 2024*

*7 pm Meal 9 pm Entertainment*

*Followed by Fireworks*

*We are putting together tables of 12*

£5 deposit payable by  
20th November  
Balance £25 approx,

To book – email Leslye  
[du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com)



Pay by bank transfer

**The Dukeries Third Age Group**

**Sort Code 60-17-28**

**Account 90045998**

Please reference with **"Chinese and your name"**

Or pay at the Members' Meeting

Monday 20th November

Car sharing possible – Everyone welcome!

# Murder! Mystery!

## “NOT SO CIVIL WAR”

The Olde Barn Hotel, Toll Bar Road,  
Marston, Lincolnshire, NG32 2HT

Sunday 17 March to Monday 18 March 2024

*Fancy yourself as Miss Marple or  
Hercule Poirot?*

*Then come and join in the fun!*



The details are:-

Arrive any time after 3pm on Sunday 17 March.

Check-in and access your bedrooms.

Relax in the hotel, bring games to play, use the swimming pool,  
steam room, jacuzzi, sauna

(Beauty treatments may be pre-booked, additional cost)

Dress Code Smart. Sparkle if you want!

6.45pm Assemble for group photo Buy your own pre dinner  
drinks

Take your seats by 7.15pm

7.30pm Start of the mysterious happenings

8.00pm Service begins for 3 Course Meal

After the murder has been solved there will be  
music to dance to until midnight!

On Monday morning, have a leisurely breakfast  
(hot and cold buffet from 7am to 10am) and  
check out before 11pm

*(Go to Jubilee Hall at 12.30 for Dukeries  
Members' Meeting)*



The price for the above is **£119 for two people** sharing in a double or twin room, single rooms **£99 for one person**  
Guests welcome.



Contact Leslye [du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com) to put your name on the list. If you are solo and willing to share, let us know.



To secure your place on this event, **telephone the hotel on 01400 250909, reservations.** State that you are with **Dukeries u3a.**

Please tell the receptionist if you require specific room requirements or dietary needs.

Payment in full is required. In the event that you are unable to attend, you need to give 48 hours notice and you can transfer to another event on another date.

No refunds are given.

Dr Gray, who you may remember, last month, gave a fascinating talk on how he developed the, all volunteer, **East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme**, would like to thank all those who donated to the fund at the meeting. The sum of £104.61 was collected on the day and anyone who missed the opportunity to donate to this little known but essential service, we all hope we will never need, can donate on line at <https://emics.org.uk>



# 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](mailto:annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk)



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[\*\*HERE.\*\*](#)



## DIARY DATES 2023 FOR DUKERIES U3A



SAT NOV 11	6.30	HOSTESS RESTAURANT, NIGHT AT THE PROMS BRASS BAND AND MEAL
MON NOV 13	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
MON NOV 20	12.30	MEMBERS MEETING
TUE NOV 21	8.45am	TRIP TO THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SHOW
THU NOV 23	4.30pm	EDWINSTOWE STREET FAYRE AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS <i>U3A STALL, CONCERTS, FOOD UNTIL 7.30pm</i>
FRI NOV 24	6.30pm	QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER
MON DEC 11	12.50	COMMITTEE MEETING
MON DEC 18	1230	MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



## 2024

MON JAN 8		COMMITTEE MEETING
MON JAN 15	12.30	MEMBERS' MEETING
SAT 27 JAN	6.15	BEEBLE DRIVE
MON 12 FEB		COMMITTEE MEETING
MON 19 FEB	12.30	MEMBERS' MEETING
THU 8 FEB	7.00	CHINESE NEW YEAR MEAL/ ENTERTAINMENT/FIREWORKS THE SPRINGWATER, CALVERTON
MON 11 MAR		COMMITTEE MEETING
SUN 17 MAR		MURDER MYSTERY OVERNIGHT EVENT THE OLDE BARN HOTEL GRANTHAM
MON 18 MAR	12.30	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND OPEN DAY

## FUTURE EVENTS

WED 12 JUNE		NOTTS U3A FUN DAY
WED 10 JULY		TRENT RIVER CRUISE COACH, TWO COURSE MEAL, TWO FREE DRINKS, DISCO

# Air Ambulance



Running total to date is **£4735.31**, could we make it £5000 by the years end?

So my thanks, on behalf of the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, to all of you who take part in this essential fundraising.

See you all soon and look out for the next Air Ambulance news-letter

*Pam Hardwick*



**August 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>

**National u3a newsletter for October available on this link.**

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

## **Interest Group Leaders**

All Sorts/Gardening	Jane Young	du3agroups23@gmail.com
Bridge	Georgina Batty	0777 2649281
Bowling	Alan or Val Saunders	01623 631993
Creative Writing	Mike Mounsey	01623 824789
History	Barbara Baglee	01909 239661
Mahjong	Christine Yates	07799 701763
Photography	Stefan Ziembra	01623 860293
Rummy Kub	Linda Bond	01623 861595
Ramblers 6-8m	Stephen Hall	07877 792969
Scrabble	Christine Storer	07980 511308
Sewing Bee	Christine Yates	077997 01763
Sunday Lunch Group	Maria Pitrolino	07904 269549
Tuesday Lunch Club	Beryl Lee	079678 01467
WhatsApp Walkers	Hazel & John Francis	074847 28027
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 Crafts & Gardening Group**



**Weds 15th Nov.** All sorts group  
Sue And Pam will demonstrate making table decorations and wreaths for Christmas.

**Weds 29th Nov.** All sorts and Sewing  
Norah will demonstrate Bargello also called Florentine Needlework.  
You will all be able to have a go.

**Weds 6th Dec.** Sue and Pam will be back to help you make your own table decorations and wreaths.

**Weds 20th Dec.**  
Christmas Fudde at Ambleside.

*Hope to see lots of you. Christine*    **01623422113**

We meet 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.**

Group leader for more information contact,  
Jane Young, [du3agroups23@gmail.com](mailto:du3agroups23@gmail.com)

## 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 **Georgina Batty 0777 2649281**

## 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

At our October meeting we enjoyed an excellent presentation on Bess of Hardwick, thanks to the hard work of John Harris.



The topic for **November 1st** will be

## Gunpowder, Treason and Plot

All welcome.

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 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*

*New members always welcome.*

## Natural History, Science and Technology

The group meets on the **2nd Thursday of the month at 2.00pm in the Plough Inn public house, Warsop.**

The Plough is on the A60 opposite the Doctors surgery and Fire station and next to The Co-op.  
Upcoming topics-

Please feel free to come and join us. Members of Dukeries u3a are welcome to offer talks to the group.

To book your place and to get further information on topics telephone **Chris on 01623 846128**

*This group is hosted by Warsop u3a*



**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*



# 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.**

### *Winter is on it's way!!*

Now is a good time to enjoy indoor activities, especially with good company and warmth. Rummikubs is a very easy game to pick up and I may be a little biased, but I think the company is good. We are lucky to have the use of Ollerton House Restaurant. Several members of the group take the opportunity to have lunch prior to the meeting, which is one of the many advantages of meeting here. Should you care to join us, you are most welcome. Originally we played a variety of indoor games, like dominoes, backgammon cribbage etc., until everyone preferred Rummikubs. I am quite happy to investigate doing this again if anyone is interested. There is no fee, but I do expect you to buy a drink.



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

## *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)*

## **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>

# Ramblers Rambles.....



The Ramblers have had two lovely walks this month and on both occasions we have enjoyed very pleasant autumn weather and great company. Our first walk was from The Limes cafe via the old railway track into Sherwood Pines.

It had rained a lot in the previous days so we needed a walk that was dry underfoot and this one is a great venue for good footpaths, once you get over the steep embankment of the old railway line!

As you can see from our photo we also delved back into the past with a visit to the reconstructed trenches in Sherwood Pines. It was such a pleasant day that we even got a coffee outside, which is a bonus too.



Our second ramble took us on a walk that we will always associate with Howard, who started the Ramblers group. We went to Cromford, in Derbyshire and walked from the Mills along the canal. This is a favourite walk for the Ramblers and we do it every year. In the past we had seen work being undertaken on a derelict cottage close to the canal.

Well, this time, we were invited to go inside and take a look.

The cottage is called Aqueduct cottage and was given, in 2012, as a shell to the Derbyshire Wildlife trust who have, with a team of volunteers and experts, lovingly restored this dwelling to its former glory, it is stunning and is now used by the Wildlife trust as an exhibition space.



The area behind the cottage is a 45 acre wood where there is plenty of wildlife to see.

We continued our walk up over the hill and through the woods, back to Cromford for a well deserved cuppa in the cafe at the Mills.

This was a super day out.

Our next walk is on **Tuesday 7th November**, venue still to be decided.

*Kate & Stephen x*

**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.**



Please note that the December meeting will be at 12pm at South Forest in order that we can have a meal for those who wish. The group will then play scrabble as usual.



**Savoy Film Group**

**Trailer**



## Thursday 9th November

In the summer of 2014, Bernard Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines. He had staged a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades at the D-Day Landings 70th anniversary. It was a story that captured the imagination of the world as Bernie embodied the defiant, "can-do" spirit of a generation that was fast disappearing. But of course, it wasn't the whole story. It was an inspirational but sanitised retelling of one man's need to come to terms with the lasting trauma of war.

Bernie's adventure, spanning a mere 48 hours, also marked the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Rene (Glenda Jackson) – THE GREAT ESCAPER celebrates their enduring love but always with an eye to the lessons we might learn from the Greatest Generation.

**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.

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



# 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





# Du3a Sunday Group

## at Edwinstowe

This is a new group started by Maria Pitrolino which will be based in Edwinstowe at the Lynds Community centre with the purpose of members getting together socially to enjoy games, craft projects or just come along for a chat and a cup of tea. Starting at **4pm until 6.30pm. Cost £1.00 per session** to cover cost of tea & biscuits.



Possible typical activities could include games such as Ludo, Dominos and card games excluding Bridge. Crafts might include sewing, card and Jewellery making. It's entirely up to the members attending.

The venue is the **Lynds Community Centre in Lynds Close, Edwinstowe, NG21 9RB** and the building is at the far end of the close on the left beside a two storied house..



Parking is very limited at the venue but there is parking in the East lane carpark a short distance away and also at the entrance to the close on either side of the road..

**2nd and 4th Sunday in the month.**

For more information contact **Maria on 07904 269549**  
or **Jamie on 07961 508714**

## *Sunday Lunch Club*

**Sunday October 22nd**

Please contact the organiser **Maria Pitrolino**

for more information.

Contact number is **07904 269549**



## *Tuesday Lunch*



15 members enjoyed lunch at the little John Ravenshead  
Next event will be at the **West Retford hotel on November 7th.**

*Regards Beryl*

## 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.



We all enjoyed a lovely circular walk from Bothamsall and the Three Bridges last Thursday August 31st stopping along the way to pick some blackberries and calling at Thaymar Ice Cream Parlour afterwards. If you would like to join the group please contact



**Hazel or John Frances on 07484728027** You'll be made most welcome. *Regards Hazel*

## Jubilee Ukulele Group



What a good time we had playing for a sing along at St Paulinus Church, Ollerton in support of the Food Bank.

Now we are busy preparing to play on Saturday November 4th at St Andrew's Church, Skegby to entertain the guests at a Cheese and Wine Evening to raise funds towards some renovations.

The Group have decided to put on a Christmas Concert in aid of Cancer Research. We are delighted to have Perlethorpe Church as a venue, together with the use of the Village Community Centre for refreshments afterwards. Date – **Sunday December 3rd**, starting at **2pm. Tickets - £3.00** including tea/coffee and cake. Do come and join in the fun. Bring a smile and your voice, OH and remember- churches are often chilly, Come Prepared!!.

The group meets each **Thursday, 10.00- 12.00pm at the Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton**

**NG22 9AP.** Cost £1.00. You do not need to be able to read music, though a good singing voice is always welcome. I do have a spare ukulele to lend if you want to 'Try before you Buy.'



Contact **Linda Bond 01623 861595** and come along any Thursday

Keep smiling and start strumming.

*Linda*

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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.

## **My new family...**

As an only child whose parents and all relatives, (apart from one distant cousin) had passed away, I often felt saddened by my lack of family. I had considered having a go at tracing my family history, and even started a couple of times, but I really didn't have much of an idea how to go about this, especially as I didn't even know my grandparent's forenames. I picked up the Genealogist's details from a U3A newsletter, and asked him for help. I had no idea what he would do, or what magic he would weave, but I now have family information dating back to the early seventeenth century, with so much information, my head reels.

In my family there were quite a few tragedies - so many children died so young. I have a distant pair who left a truly enormous sum for the era. And I have a million ordinary people. But they are *my* ordinary people. From being a family of one, I now have a wealth of ancestors - sadly, none of whom were highwaymen or courtesans, but they bear my name - or should I say that I bear theirs. I have a family, thanks to the Genealogist. I will never be able to thank him enough for what he did - but I hope that he will understand that my gratitude is boundless. I can't repay him for the time he took researching my family, but I will always be grateful. I hope to start looking for a different branch of my family over the winter months, and maybe even try to find some distant relatives of my generation - who knows what that could bring.

Thank you Genealogist - you really are a miracle worker.

*A Du3a member.*

*The Dukeries Singers*

Tickets £10

# CHRISTMAS FEEL GOOD CONCERT

*7.00pm Saturday 9th December 2023*

*Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton*

Featuring,

**'The GentleMen'**

&

Edwinstowe Hand Bell Ringers

*'Christmas Bells'*

**For Tickets contact Alison**

**01623 863450**

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**Musical Director Vicki Melling**

Tickets include light refreshment.

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# Walk & Talk

With RSPB Sherwood Forest and Mind Nottinghamshire  
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 10am

- Free wellbeing group walk
- Approximately 40 minutes of very gentle-paced walking to the Major Oak and back
- Mobility scooter accessible
- Meet at the Main Visitor Centre Car Park (If arriving by car participants will be given a permit for free parking on arrival)
- Refreshments and toilets available at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

## Wellbeing is just one step away...

For further details, contact: [carol.hallam@rspb.org.uk](mailto:carol.hallam@rspb.org.uk)





## 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...](#)

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



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[Facebook Page](#)



Our Good to Know telephone groups invite a different guest speaker each week to discuss issues that matter to older people. Topics include scams, the cost-of-living crisis, social care, benefits and finding new social connections - things that are simply 'Good To Know' about.

Since our Good to Know Groups launched, we've had guest speakers from organisations including Step Change, Mind, Parkinsons UK, and Cruse as well as specialist advisors from Independent Age benefits and social care teams. Think of these groups like a cup of tea and a chat at a community centre, but over the phone in the comfort of your living room. The groups are particularly great for older people unable to get out and about or to online activities, but anyone over the age of 65 is welcome. You can view our website here to read more and to see what events we have coming up - <https://www.independentage.org/get-support/telephone-groups/good-to-know-groups>

## Dukeries u3a – Membership to March 2024

Membership subscription 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*).**

Full membership to 31 March 2024

**£12 per person**

Full associate membership\* to 31 March 2024

**£8 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  
23 Paddock Close  
Edwinstowe  
Nottinghamshire  
NG21 9LP

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

# 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.

It is hoped that any member participating in activities has had two vaccinations to prevent COVID.

In addition, please consider the following:-

- \*Wear your face mask when near to other people **if you wish to**
- \*Keep your distance from people. Avoid touching other people (hand-shaking, hugging and kissing). It's hard to do but necessary for the time being.
- \*Frequently wash your hands **for 20 seconds**. Sanitise your hands and avoid touching your face
- \* **Open windows when travelling by car with others**

**If you are arranging activities inside**, keep to government regulations and guidelines

Also

**Take a register of names**

**Ventilate the room**

Chairs should be well spaced.

**Encourage members to sanitising hands on entry to the room**

Consider use of toilets.

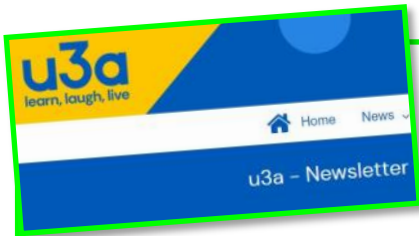
If serving refreshments, consider the safest way to avoid cross-contamination.

If we all take responsibility to protect ourselves and safeguard our friends we will all be able to enjoy our social lives.

Thank you **for your kind consideration**

*Leslye Henstock*

Chair Dukeries u3a



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

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

Back issues are also available on this link.

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

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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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