

Happy New Year

Sending you positive messages
for 2024!



Dear Members

I hope you have made more memories over Christmas 2023. I have been told reports of the memorable concerts our members have been involved in, showing a high level of community spirit and goodwill, as well as some raising money for charities. Well done to all of you!

Thank you to the members of our events team, Kevin, Elaine, Pam, Jean and David for helping to plan and organise our Christmas party this year! It was great to have new Presenters on board and you did an amazing job. Jean, sadly could not attend on the day, but she is still thanked for arranging with Santa himself, to come with little gifts for each party-goer. He was most impressed with our rendition of the Dukeries u3a's version of the 12 days of Christmas! I am sorry that some key people could not attend because of illness – you were missed!

You will be hearing more from The Members of the Events Team during the year, as trips and other events are being organised for you.

Have a look at the adverts in this newsletter for visits to **Veolia Recycling Centre, The Great British Car Journey and Bletchley Park**. We will be offering visits both near to home, and a bit further away, throughout the year, with a variety of price points to hopefully suit many of you! Members of the event team will be available at the meeting in January, so put your names down on the lists available.

As you know, the time is coming nearer and nearer for me to step down from my role as Chair. I have really enjoyed my time in this role and I need to move on! My time is running out and u3a rules are that we cannot operate without a Chair, and a Deputy Chair!

So, I can't move on until we appoint one or two new members onto the committee, to take on the role of Co-Deputy Chair. The team needs two more volunteers, to join us – and wow, what a team we have now! The best ever!

If you feel you could offer yourself, to attend a two hour meeting each month, to support the running of our wonderful U3A, **please step forward** and chat to us about the roles!

You won't be seeing much of me after 20th December until 20th January, as I am taking some holiday. Should you have any queries, do contact other members of the committee, the names of which are listed in this news-sheet, I am sorry to miss the speaker in January – I hope you all enjoy the meeting.

Until we meet again, keep safe and let's make 2024 the best year!

Live, learn, laugh and love
Leslye x



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Group Meeting Times

	1st in month	2nd in month	3rd in month	4th in month
Mon			Monthly Meeting 1pm. Jubilee Hall	
Tues	Ramblers 6-8 m 9.30 Jubilee Hall Tuesday Lunch Club 12.30 for 1.00 pm	Bridge Group 1pm till 4pm Jubilee Hall	Ramblers 6-8 m 9.30 Jubilee Hall	Bridge Group 1pm till 4pm Jubilee Hall
Wed	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre History Group 1.15 to 3pm Ambleside Centre	Sewing Bee 10am to 12pm Ambleside Centre Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre 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 Workshop 1.30pm Nat Hist, S&T 2pm Plough Inn, Warsop	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	Photography Ambleside 1.30pm
Sunday Lunch Club 4th Sunday in Month 12.30 for 1.00pm				

Sunday Social Group has been suspended due to lack of interest.

Ukulele Concert at Pearlthorpe In Aid of Cancer Research



Our Concert at Perlethorpe on Sunday December 3rd, was a real roller coaster. After several weeks of practising hard, all the tickets were sold out, members, friends and family had baked cakes for the refreshments, Perlethorpe Church and Village Hall had been decorated for Christmas, we were ready!! However, we couldn't plan the weather. Sunday December 3rd we all woke up to heavy snow. Phone messages came in fast and furious, players were snowed in, guests made apologies and to top it all it was not safe to access the church.

But, all was not lost. Our friends at Perlethorpe pulled out all the stops to make our concert possible. The road to the Village Hall was cleared and the facilities reorganised at the last minute, so that we could use the hall for both the concert and refreshments afterwards. What a wonderful fun afternoon we had, playing to an audience of over 80 who had braved the snow.

Everyone joined in the sing-along with enthusiasm and Christmas spirit, and empty plates were a good indication that the refreshments were appreciated. The prize of a £40 voucher from Bella Vita Restaurant Ollerton was won by Mrs G. Batty and the lovely basket of fruit, donated by Mrs B. Lee, was won by Mrs. S. Kyle

I am delighted to tell you that the wonderful sum of £770 pounds was raised for Cancer Research U.K.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity and support which made this possible. *Linda Bond.*

Here are a couple of video's from the concert.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScaaG1XY23I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gl2rxU2kFJc>



“ Cheeky Blinders ”

**New group starting Tuesday 13th
February 2024**

Do you play the Banjolele or do you want to learn?

We are a new group of Banjolele players who meet every **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Ollerton House Pub** between **11.00 a.m. and 12:30p.m.** to strum, fingerpick, sing and generally have a lot of fun.

For more information please contact Sue on **07812 156406**



O' CHRISTMAS TREES, O' CHRISTMAS TREES!!

St Mary's Church, Edwinstowe held a Christmas Tree Festival in November. The U3A were delighted to take part again and using the theme of 'Colours of the U3A', the trees were dressed in White,



Yellow and Blue. The stunning display of trees transformed the Church, for four days into an amazing Christmas wonderland. At the end of the festival the U3A tree was moved to Ollerton Library where it will remain on display until 2nd January.

St Paulinus Church, New Ollerton held their Christmas Tree Festival, in December where another U3A tree was displayed, also till the 2nd January. St Paulinus Church became another Christmas wonderland.

Jane Young

Christmas Party!!



Our Christmas party this year was graced by a surprise visit from Santa who gave out gifts to all those members who had been 'good' during the past year and remarkably, everybody who attended, had. Even I got a gift. A big thank you to Leslie & the Social team who worked so hard to provide an

entertaining evening. Including a dance elimination contest and the most unusual rendition of the twelve days of Christmas, I have ever heard.

If you don't believe me, watch the video.

<https://youtu.be/Zii0pQeA59U>

John Harris

January's speaker



January's speaker is former pop star Vince Eager. In an illustrated presentation Vince will recall the heady days when, as a major pop star in the late 1950s & 60s he appeared on prime time television most Saturday evenings on such shows as the "Six Five Special",



"Drumbeat" and "Oh Boy". Vince takes you behind the scenes whilst touring with pals such as Joe Brown, Billy Fury, Marty Wilde, Adam Faith, Cliff Richard, Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent and many more. He reveals



the mischief and mayhem they created, including an altercation with TV's

smallest big star! It's fascinating and not to be missed! The meeting is on

Monday 15 January 2024 at Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton, doors

Charity Raffle

Donations for the Charity

Raffle at the Beetle Drive on 27 January.

We are thankful for new items for this raffle.

Please bring your unwanted Christmas gifts or other items, to Jubilee Hall at the Members'

Meeting on January 15. Please give them to, **Pam Hardwick or Jean Parry-Williams.**

You can also bring donations on the night of the Beetle Drive.



THANK YOU!!

February's Speaker

The Nuclear Deterrent and my part in your Survival

A light-hearted journey through a young man's work on Nuclear Submarines.



Jerry came from a humble background and undertook a long apprenticeship in HM Naval Dockyard, Rosyth. After qualifying as a technician, he carried out testing and calibration on Britain's first two nuclear submarines. He spent some years in the UK defence industry holding directorships in BAe Systems, GEC, Marconi and Thorn-EMI Simtec. As quality director In Simtec, he is credited with solving problems that prevented manufacture of the army nerve agent detector, NAIAD. Whilst serving as a civil servant in Swan Hunter Shipyard he identified the problem of crippling corrosion affecting naval ships in the River Tyne. His packed career includes management of the UK's largest professional photography lab; winner of the prestigious Management Today national customer service award; patent for the first play anywhere CD; and a Master of Science degree in Management and Technology.

Jerry joined Pearson / Edexcel / BTEC in 2000 and, as managing director, transformed the UK exam system. His authorising signature appears on literally millions of A levels, GCSEs and SATS tests. He was in regular conflict with exam regulators, and was often featured in national press and TV news. His book on advice to teachers, parents and students was ground breaking.

Jerry's most recent achievement is joining u3a, which he describes as a brilliant organisation!

SATURDAY 27th JANUARY

**DUKERIES USA
PRESENTS A**



BEETLE DRIVE

**A few tickets left,
on sale at January meeting.**

Members £3 Guests £4

Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road,

**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.



Veolia

Often wondered where the items you put in your re-cycling bin go to?

Are you sure you are re-cycling the correct items?

Veolia, Mansfield have offered us an opportunity to visit their re-cycling centre on

FRIDAY 1 MARCH Arrive 9.45 for a hot drink Session starts 10.00 – 12.00

Warren Way Crown Farm Industrial Park

Forest Town Mansfield NG19 0FL

Need a lift – car sharing is possible

There are 20 places available for this most interesting talk and view of the working re-cycling plant. Please note that there are metal stairs up to the plant, with no access by lift. *Sorry, this would not be a suitable trip for people with restricted mobility.*

On the day, please wear a warm jacket, with flat robust shoes or boots.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR NAME AT THE JANUARY MEETING OR BOOK BY

EMAIL WITH LESLYE ON

du3achair2020@gmail.com

Places and final details will be confirmed at the meeting in February, or by email.

Dukeries Events Team





Journey back in time to look at 130 Classic cars, from the golden ages of British car design and manufacturing.

Starting with the Austin Seven, through to the Morris Minor, classic Mini, Ford Escort and everything in between.

See excellent examples of your previous cars, and those of your

parents! Audio headsets to guide you through the exhibition.

There is also a Café.

Friday 22nd March Meet at 10.30am £15 per person

To book your place, put your name on the list on the **events table** at the **January Members' Meeting**. Payment to be made in full at February's Meeting.

More information visit <https://greatbritishcarjourney.com>

**It is easy to get there by car
We can organise car sharing too!
Unit 4, Derwent Works, Ambergate
SAT NAV Postcode: DE56 2HE**



Trip to visit Bletchley Park

Friday 26th April

Bletchley Park is an English country house and estate in Bletchley, Milton Keynes (Buckinghamshire) that became the principal centre of Allied code-breaking during the Second World War. Dukeries u3a is arranging a day out in 2024.

8.20 am Assemble Jubilee Hall, Ollerton Free parking for cars

Coach leaves 8.30 am

11.30am approx. Arrive at Bletchley Hall Café to buy refreshments

Look at maps and information.

12.30 Guided Tour

1.30pm Time to visit Bletchley Huts, museum and gardens.

Free multi-media guides are available to each person, to bring your trip alive with information and stories. Please Note - Bletchley House is accessible for wheel chair users. This trip includes walking outside to visit the various huts.

4.30pm Coach takes us to The Stadium where you can buy a meal in a range of restaurants. Shops also available.

6.15pm Board the coach for the journey back to Jubilee Hall.

The cost for the trip, which includes an entry ticket which lasts 12 months, guided tour and coach travel is approx. **£49** (non-refundable)

Payment to secure booking the visit and coach, will be required in full in February.

For more information, visit <https://bletchleypark.org.uk/>

Interested? – Register your name at the Dukeries Members' Meeting, on **Monday 15 January**.

Dukeries u3a contact - Elaine Biddulph

Email jebbie567@yahoo.co.uk



Evening Cruise on the Trent from Newark.

Wednesday 10th July

Here are the details of the trip...

Coach will pick up in Forest Town, Edwinstowe and Ollerton

Arrive at Colwick Marina. The boat departs 6.30pm,

Meal includes chicken, salads, potatoes and breads (vegetarian on request). Black Forest Gateau and cream as dessert

Voucher for 2 drinks from the bar.

DJ on board for music

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

Ticket, which includes all the above, is **£37 per person.**

The tickets will go on sale at the February Members' Meeting



The Dukeries u3a Events Team wish you an exciting New Year!

**What would you like to do in 2024?
Where would you like to go?**

We are waiting for your ideas and suggestions!

Speak with any member of the Team!

Elaine Biddulph

Pam Hardwick

Leslye Henstock

Kevin Morrell

Jean Parry- Williams

David Ryszka

Jane Young

HAPPY 2024!



USED POSTAGE STAMPS



Please cut out and save all postage stamps from letters and cards this year. We have had a request to save them for a charity, and a collection box will be available at the meeting in **February**.

THANK YOU!

Chinese New Year

The Springwater, Calverton

Thursday 8 February 2024

7 pm Meal 9 pm Entertainment

Followed by Fireworks

Fully Booked!

This event is now full but if you would like to go on a waiting list, email Leslye

du3achair2020@gmail.com



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

**Fully Booked,
waiting list available,
Contact Leslye.**



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

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.



DIARY DATES FOR DUKERIES U3A 2024



MON JAN 8		COMMITTEE MEETING
MON JAN 15	12.30	MEMBERS' MEETING
SAT 27 JAN	6.15	BEETLE 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

FRI 1st MAR		Visit to VEOLIA. Details on page 12
FRI 22 MAR		Visit to The Great British Car Journey, Ambergate 10.30am
WED 12 JUNE		North Notts u3a's Picnic and Games in the Park, Venue TBC
WED 10 JULY		TRENT RIVER CRUISE COACH, TWO COURSE MEAL, TWO FREE DRINKS, DISCO
SAT 21 SEPT		Notts u3a's Conference Day

Air Ambulance



At our annual Christmas party we raised the grand sum of **£115.00** This included two personal donations from our lovely members.

I have today forwarded this amount to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance who will be forwarding the certificate.

We also sent the proceeds from fund raising at the Edwinstowe Lights Switch on of £50.00 which was doubled during the week of campaigning for charity plus a personal donation of £7.50.

I am so happy to say that we have smashed our target and the balance now stands at **£5,107.36**

On behalf of the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance I thank you all for your valuable support.

Pam Hardwick , Charity Coordinator.

October 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>

Your Generosity is Appreciated



Thank you for continuing to support our chosen charity, The Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance. We raise money through our Bring and Buy tables at monthly meetings, where we are happy to accept new, and pre-loved items in good condition, to sell onto others seeking a bargain! The plant sales this year have been plentiful – thank you “Members who Garden”, for sharing your produce to make our gardens bloom!



Charity Raffle at the Beetle Drive on 27 January

We are thankful for new items for raffles or tombola. Please donate any unwanted Christmas gifts or items, labelled for the Beetle Raffle. You can bring them to **Jubilee Hall** at the Members’ Meeting on **January 15th** and give them to Pam Hardwick or Jean Parry-Williams.

You can also give items to any member of the committee at any time.

The Air Ambulance is a vital charity and Dukeries u3a is proud to support it.

Pam Hardwick

Dukeries on the Web

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Dukeries

u3a

To find Dukeries u3a on the web, just click,

[HERE.](#)

Interest Group Leaders

All Sorts/Gardening	Jane Young	du3agroups23@gmail.com
Bridge	Georgina Batty	0777 2649281
Book Club	Ann Mounsey	01623 824789
Bowling	Alan or Val Saunders	01623 631993
Creative Writing	Mike Mounsey	01623 824789
History	Barbara Baglee	01909 239661
Knit & Natter	Ann Mounsey	01623 824789
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

Just in case...

If you have any health issues that you think may affect your participation in, or enjoyment of, the activities of Dukeries u3a, you might wish to disclose them voluntarily with the Group Leaders of the groups you join.



Please have an "in case of emergency" card with you at all times and/or enter details onto your mobile phone.

The All Sorts Crafts & Gardening Group



The ladies of the group enjoyed a morning making Christmas wreaths and table decorations assisted by Sue and Pam.



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.**

Christine **01623 422113**

Group leader for more information

contact, Jane Young, du3agroups23@gmail.com

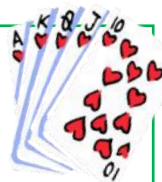
Book Club



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 - this may be the group for you! Unfortunately, we cannot offer tuition at present - but if you have an elementary knowledge of the game, we are sure that you will enjoy these sessions. We have a wide range of abilities playing, and there is always much help on offer for the less experienced, (and often somewhat nervous!) players, from the more talented ones, who are very kind and encouraging.

It is not necessary to have a partner, as we all rotate in a friendly fashion, thus enjoying a social chat with everyone. Card-playing, conversation and tea and biscuits - what more could you want?

This group meets at the **Jubilee Hall, Wellow Rd, Ollerton, NG22 9AP, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month - 1pm until 4pm.** There is a sub of **£3 per session** to cover the rent.

You are very welcome to come along to visit us and watch at no charge, to see whether you might like to join us - there are no obligations !

For further information, either, turn up on the day, or contact **Georgina Batty on 077726 49281.**

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



No history group meetings in January, fresh start in February and can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy new year!

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 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,

New members always welcome.

Barbara Baglee

01909 239661

barbarabaglee@gmail.com



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



**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

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

Photography Group

Here's some examples of pictures taken by the group. If you are into Photography or would like to learn, why not come to one of our friendly meetings?



NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME.



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

For more information, contact, Stefan Ziembra

stefziembra@btinternet.com

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)
01623 861595)

Knit n' Natter

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

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



Ramblers Rambles.....

Sadly our first walk of the month succumbed to a downpour and had to be cancelled. However the Ramblers have been together quite a lot in December.

Seventeen of us enjoyed a fantastic Christmas get together with wonderful food, wine, conversation and laughter at the Carpenters Arms in Walesby. We had a wonderful evening together.



Our only Ramble of the month was on 19th December, when we had a gentle Christmas walk with seasonal goodies and a drink. We went to Clumber Park to see the Shuan the Sheep statues and enjoyed mulled wine, liqueurs, sausage rolls and mince pies at the end of the walk. A lovely way to end the year.

Thank you to all the Rambling group for making our walks so interesting throughout the year. We look forward to more of the same in 2024



Best Wishes, Stephen & Kate.

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.



If you are looking for something to watch during the long cold January evenings, you might try Canal Boat Diaries. It's of particular interest to our members because in episode two Robbie travels the Chesterfield canal. The whole series of four films are on waterways in our area and still available on the BBC iPlayer on the following link. Just click to follow.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001lmjn/canal-boat-diaries-series-4-1-sheffield-to-keadby>

Savoy Film Group



Thursday 11th January

Call the theatre for more information.

01909 481900

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

Sunday Lunch Club

Sunday

17th December

Please contact the organiser **Maria Pitrolino**
for more information.

Contact number is **07904 269549**

Sunday Social Group

has been suspended due to lack of interest.

Twenty four members enjoyed
an excellent Christmas meal at
Bella vita
A lovely party to end the year
Happy Christmas to all and a
healthy 2024

Regards Beryl

Tuesday Lunch



No lunch in January,
Next meeting
Tuesday 6th feb 2024
At **Rose cottage**
2 or 3 course meal

£16

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 braved the cold weather recently and enjoyed a lovely walk at Vicar Water and refreshments at Rumbles Cafe afterwards.



Here are some of the WhatsApp Walkers at Thaymar ice cream parlour, Bothamsall, after enjoying a lovely Christmas Lunch on December 19th.



If you would like to join the group please contact **Hazel or John Frances on 07484 728027** You'll be made most welcome.
Regards Hazel

Jubilee Ukulele Group



The Ukulele Group had a "memorable" evening playing at a Cheese and Wine event in aid of St Andrew's church, Skegby, Church Improvement Fund on Saturday 4th November. Memorable as a really joyous evening, the audience were fantastic. They joined in with such enthusiasm and were so appreciative it made the evening worthwhile after a horrible dark, wet journey, where most of the group got lost with the road closure and poor diversion signing round via Stanton Hill. I managed to take a wrong turn going home as well. Ended right back where I started at the church hall!!!

Watch Skegby Sing-a-long.

[Click or tap here.](#)

We are now working hard preparing for our own concert, in aid of Cancer Research at Perlethorpe Church on Sunday 3rd December.

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

New Homes Wanted?

Jo Catling has a number of items she no longer needs and is happy to give them to other members for a contribution to either Cancer Research or the British Heart Foundation.

Please give Jo a call on **01623 836526** if you are interested in anything on the list below.

- > 2x4 drawer metal filing cabinets
- > 3 used wooden trestle tables
- > Plastic circular patio table green
- > Parasol plus plinth base
- > 4 linen patio chairs foldable green

- > 2 striped loungers foldable
- > 1 lounge with arms and padded base foldable
- > 2 red heavily soiled patio chairs foldable
- > Office chair wheeled
- > Office chair stationary

- > Hoses various
- > Cloches
- > Bucket with various hand tools
- > Pick
- > Rake
- > Small rake

- > Hard hat and gloves
- > Unused carpet - piece
- > Drapes and druggets



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



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,



ON AIR

Non Stop Music

The best music with top of the hour news updates

[Listen Live](#)

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

[Facebook Page](#)



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

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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