



**Learn, laugh, live**

Issue 171

July 2023

**General Meetings** are held at Enderby Civic Centre, 3rd Wednesday at 1.45pm doors open 1.30

Among the guiding principles on styles and methods of learning is the recognition that the pleasures of learning are a driving force in U3As and that U3A members see themselves as both learners and teachers.

## **ENDERBY AREA NEWSLETTER**

### **Message from the Chair**

Hello Everyone

I need to remind everyone that we are coming to the end of our financial year in August, so it will be soon be time to renew your Membership. Unfortunately the Membership fee will have to increase, as everything we pay for keeps going up.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting in October when we elect our Committee for the following year. If you think you could help by serving on this, please talk to a Committee Member, they all wear Badges on a 'necklace' so you can spot them!

Check out Members Corner, we have received a very nice letter thanking us for a donation to Asthma+LungUK passed on by Mike Storr, last month's speaker.

Esther Jones

### **Items for newsletters**

Items for the August Newsletter should be sent to [vwmeasday@gmail.com](mailto:vwmeasday@gmail.com) or phone Vaughan on 07443 645292 By **4th of August** please.

## **TRIPS AND SOCIAL**

### **Outings**

No outings are currently planned, as there were not enough people wanting to go.

### **Theatre**



Jesus Christ Superstar @ Curve Theatre on Thursday 15th February 2024 @ 2.15pm.  
Cost £37.00 pp if all 20 tickets sold or £38.00 pp if under 20 tickets sold.  
Payment due @ October meeting.  
Please see or call Bev Sabin if you would like to go on 07742426899 or 01162478577



## GROUPS



### Walking

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

The group continue to walk on the second Thursday of the month. Details are emailed to the group members and are also included on the Enderby U3A walking groups Facebook page.

The August walk will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Contact Colin Hall on 0116 2865418 if you would like more details on our walks, which are an average of 5 miles.

### Wednesday Luncheon Club

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday



Wednesday luncheon 26<sup>th</sup> July at the Narborough Arms 1pm.

Contact Gill on mobile 07986 574937



### Stroll and Lunch

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July we planned a visit to Bouskell Park in Blaby.

We should have done a circular stroll with a short detour to visit the Peace Gardens.

However, the entrance from the park to the gardens seems very overgrown.

There is a great deal of history to the park, going back beyond medieval times.

Several information boards explain the developments and one about the Ice House

Lunch at our now "usual" venue of Grove Farm restaurant.

No Stroll and lunch in August due to school holidays.

### Knit and Natter

1<sup>st</sup> Monday – 2pm



The next knit and Natter will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August, at Pat B's house, please let her know if you are going at the next U3A meeting or phone Margaret on 01162866189.

We have been busy knitting blankets, for Bloodwise and the appeal for

Ukraine 

## Bird Watching



We need a new group leader for birdwatching, would someone like to lead this group?

Here is a “Blast From The Past”

Welney 25 Feb 2022

Just four of our group made the trip out to Welney which is situated in The Fens. This is the time of year when we hope to see two different swans namely the whooper and the bewick. These are visitors from Iceland making the 1200 mile trip. Well it had been very wet lots of the fields around the reserve under water so the swans were scattered to areas of dry land but there some quite close to the main viewing hide which is a splendid place, my kind of place to bird watch from so the whooper swan was easily viewed with it's yellow patch on its beak but the bewick was nowhere to be seen; should be plentiful having arrived from Siberia to spend the winter heading back in spring. The bewick is the smallest of the swans other species on view goldeneye black tail godwit poachard dunlin avocet marsh harrier and pintail but for me best spot of the day was the tree sparrow, sparrows in general are not so common now.

## Sunday Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Sunday luncheon 13<sup>th</sup> August 1pm venue to be decided at our Sunday lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> July at the Whetstone golf club. Contact Gill on mobile 07986 5749



## Craft

4<sup>th</sup> Monday 1.45pm

The next meeting for the Craft Group is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Enderby bowls club at 1.45pm. We need to bring fabric sewing kit craft mat.

Please contact Angela on 01162 865465 if you are interested in joining this group.



## Canasta and Games



Monday 1.45pm.

The canasta and games group continue to meet at the Enderby Bowls club. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in the month starting at 1.45pm.

The next meetings will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and the 14<sup>th</sup> of August.

There is a meeting fee of £2 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

There has been a reduction in the number of people coming to the meetings. We are hoping that this is mainly due to people taking holidays earlier in the year. We are, therefore, still looking for new members to join this group. No experience is required and so come and try out a new interest. Ring Sandy for more details on 0116 2865418.

## **History Research**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 2pm



The next History Research Group will take place on 18 July 23, 2pm, at Jenny's. Thereafter, the group will be taking a 'sabbatical' until 19 September 23, 2pm, at Jenny's.

Did you know that Margaret Roper, the highly educated daughter of Sir Thomas More, was the first non-royal female to have her writing published in 1524? She was extremely close to her father, who became Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII, after the fall of Cardinal Wolsey, who died at Leicester Abbey whilst en route to his certain execution. Unfortunately, Thomas More faced his own end in 1535, when he felt unable to adjure to Henry becoming the Supreme Head of the Church of England.

Thomas' decapitated head was salvaged by Margaret and buried with her on her death in 1544.

## **Gardening Interest**

1st Wednesday 2pm.



For our June meeting we met at the Botanic Gardens near Oadby, where our guide, Peter, was waiting for us.

He was most informative about both the origins of the gardens (four wealthy people's houses and gardens) and the many species of plants and trees that are growing there.

It was very hot, and many legs were feeling quite 'rubbery'; although Peter had carefully stopped to talk under the shade of the many large trees as we progressed around the gardens.

By the time we assembled for our refreshments, we were glad to sit down in the relative coolness of one of the houses. Nevertheless everyone enjoyed it, and we said we must go again in a different season, when maybe we would dare to enter the glasshouses!

## **Ten Pin Bowling**

No more bowling until after the school holidays

For any further information please telephone Jean Marsden on 07801490469.



## **Short Mat Bowling**

Monday – 10am - 12 noon

Short mat bowls each Monday morning at Enderby Bowls Club 10 am to 12 noon. Come and try us out and start the week off joining our group. Cost is £2.00 per session. Contact Gill on mobile 07986 574937



## **Italian**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – 2.15pm

Not much to report this time. We are hoping to continue with meetings through the Summer Holidays with dates to be arranged to fit in with any commitments. The next meetings will be July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>

For any further information you can ring Elizabeth on 0116 2750373.



## **Kurling**

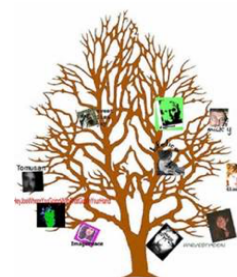
Tuesday afternoons – 1.45pm



Every Tuesday at 1.30pm  
At the Enderby bowls club, Mill Lane, Cost £2.00.  
If you are interested, just come along on Tuesday afternoon to see what Kurling is all about.

## **Genealogy and Family History**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 2pm



We have decided to suspend our meetings until after most people have taken their holidays. We shall be meeting again on 28<sup>th</sup> of September. This again is a week later than the usual meeting would take place, but hopefully after that things can return to the normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Sandy can be contacted on 0116 2865418. If anyone wants any help with their search for ancestors, please give her a call.

## **MEMBERS CORNER**

### **Tea Duty**

Refreshments will be served today by Ann Burton and Sandra Haines.

Next month it will be Sandy and Colin Hall

### **Facebook**

If anyone can help set this up, please contact Vaughan on 07443 645292 as he is unsure about how to proceed.

### **Welfare**

If you know of any member who is ill and would appreciate a card please contact Joan Brown on 0116-2865649.



## **Thank you letter** received from Asthma + Lung UK

I'd just like to say, on behalf of everyone here at Asthma + Lung UK, a huge thank you for your fantastic donation of £50 following Mike Storr's presentation to Enderby & District U3A.

£50 could help to pay towards our specialist Helpline team to support two people on our Helpline via phone or WhatsApp, offering lifesaving advice to the people who need it. Since 2020, our helpline team has provided advice and a listening ear to more than 50,000 people and we have helped people with lung conditions connect and get support from each other at our 150 support groups up and down the country.

It's amazing how much of a difference your donation can make which is why we'd like to thank you again for helping us. As the UK's only charity supporting everyone with a lung condition, we are determined to transform lung health, investing in even more world-leading research and urging the government to triple its research spend, fighting for clean air for all and ensuring everyone with breathless symptoms gets the diagnosis, treatment and care they need.

Thank you so much,

*Michela* MICHELA LODOVICH I Community Fundraising Manager 0207 078 7942

## **Dog and Gun Parking**

Please display a U3A tag on your dashboard if using their parking area. Margaret will supply a tag. This is only available for monthly General Meetings.

## **Notices table**

This is now situated at the rear of the hall after you have paid your sub, and we recommend you take time to study or glance at the information on this table.



It is one way we try to reach all of our members with information that may be of interest to them.

If you have something you wish to post on this table get in touch with Joan Brown and she will let you know if it's possible and if you have questions regarding anything on this table speak to any committee member (details overleaf). Your input is highly valued!

## **Memory Joggers**

Please remember, if you change your address, phone no, or email, to fill out a Change of personal details form, as we cannot contact you without up to date details. Thanks

Raffle prizes; If you are having a clear out please donate to our monthly raffle. Prizes can be given to any committee member

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## **Enderby Area U3A Speaker Programme 2023**



19th July - Wilful Murder? - Andrew Lound

16th August - A Camera in the Garden - Richard Adams

20th September - Calke Abbey - Stephen Hartley

If, through your other pursuits, you come across good speakers who you think might suit Enderby U3A please let Cynthia Reader-Blackton or other committee members, know.

## **Your Committee 2022/23**

Chair	Esther Jones
Treasurer	Linda Jayes
Secretary	Sue Dixey
Minutes Secretary	Ann Burton
Group Co-ordinator	Vaughan Measday
Newsletter Editor	Esther Jones
Speaker Secretary	Cynthia Reader-Blackton
Membership Secretary	Anne Bannister
Welfare	Joan Brown
Executive Member	Gill Mayer
Executive Member	Sandra Booth
Executive Member	Jerry Brennan



Membership Secretary - Anne Bannister 07933 165200

Remember this is your U3A so let's make use of it

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