

## LEAD U3A E-NEWS No. 232 of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### U3A Drama Revue

Back from their outstanding (and surprising) success with last year's "Knock Your Socks Off" Revue, the Drama Workshop Group presented us on Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> with their second offering – a playlet in 2 parts, with the title of "Radio Long Eaton".

And what a second offering it was!! From the linguistic loquacity of their magnificent MC to the terminal tones of Maureen May's programme music, exceeded only by the fortunate brevity of the piece, the superlative acting talents of the Group were on display for everyone to see!!

The audience, possibly intimidated by the unexpected re-appearance of the previously missing Lion, laughed loudly and clapped enthusiastically in all the right places, and their own dramatic abilities led us all to believe (possibly erroneously) that they enjoyed the performance as much as the actors on stage. The volume of applause at the end was more likely due to the fact that it had finished – or the promise of the coffee and biscuits to follow!!

However, in spite of many requests to the contrary, The Drama Workshop Group would like you all to know that they will be back again next year ("Oh yes, they will!!") with a show that will be bigger, brighter, better...

Promising "More glitter than Strictly, more Drama than Poldark, next year's offering will give us Haute Couture Costumes, Divine Divas, Poetry to rival William McGonagall, Tight Rope Walking and even a Flying Trapeze.....and the observant amongst you may also spot a lurking lion"

We would like to thank profusely all the people who made this year's production such fun, from Lee who helped us with the venue, the Committee who encouraged us, Keith with his amazing publicity skills, but to the audience "Chiefly Yourselves" for supporting us. And we are delighted you all seemed to find it as much fun as we did.

"Hasta Luego Baby. We'll be back!!!"



### Unwanted, good condition mobile phones for Africa

Many thanks to U3A members who have donated various items for me to take in the past to people in Kenya!

I am now collecting unwanted, modern, mobile phones. They must be in good condition, working, with good batteries and not locked to any network. If you have such an unwanted phone, please have a word with me. Many thanks, David Pinney 0115 877 9669 [lead.u3a@live.co.uk](mailto:lead.u3a@live.co.uk)

## U3A Churches and Cathedrals

We have now finished our visits for this year, and we ended with a visit to two churches in Rutland. St. Andrew's Church, Stoke Dry and St. Andrew's Church, Lyddington both administered under the watchful eye of Reverend Jane who gave us a talk at both churches about their history. In between visits, everybody adjourned to Uppingham for lunch. Despite being about a 100-mile round trip, everyone seemed to really enjoy the day and they are hopefully looking forward to next year's visits.

Our visits started with a trip to the Mosque in Leicester followed by trips to Ashband, Breedon on the Hill, then Southwell Minster, Ashford in the Water and Hucknall. All churches were very different but all equally interesting. We were joined on many of our visits by members from Beeston and Derby which was nice. Thank you to everyone who joined us and thanks to Jan Goodman who helped me this year by arranging half the visits.

Hope to see many of you next year joining us on some of these visits.

Hilary Wells

## Autumn U3A Fine Dining

I hope you haven't eaten too much over the summer and so will be hungry for our next Fine Dining visits.

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October to The Dragon at Willington, where we will have a private dining room and bar. The cost will be £28.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November to Lagans Indian restaurant in Beeston, where we will have a selection of starters and either a vegetarian or meat thali. The cost will be £26.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December to Yew Lodge, Kegworth. Having looked at other venues Yew Lodge is still by far the best value and the food and service are always good. The cost will be £25.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next U3A meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September and I will require full payment for The Dragon and a £10 deposit for each of the other 2, so if you want to go to all three you will need to pay £48. If you will not be at the meeting but want to go to one or all of the lunches please contact me and I can let you have the menu for the Dragon and arrange for you to send me a cheque.

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## Heritage character encounters Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2 pm.

Enjoy a guided heritage tour around the grounds of some of the historic houses on University Park, Nottingham. Discover more of the rich history of the properties and their inhabitants and gain an insight into one of the prominent and colourful individuals with a strong connection to the estate. This insight is given in the form of fun, dramatic sketches. It's £4 per person.

Book please by emailing [BW-FOUP-Events@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:BW-FOUP-Events@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk).

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**Family Event**  
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Free entrance with plenty of parking  
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Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September • 11.00am – 3.30pm

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