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## NEWSLETTER



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## **Words from the Editor: Bill Harrison**

Well, here we go once again back at the keyboard that leads me to the u3a Newsletter and the break with protocol. This August edition of the Newsletter hopefully finds all our members double jabbed and feeling more secure. As the Government strives to return us back to normality, we see the prospect of the Mansfield u3a once again meeting up. Some of our groups are leading the way (see reports), this includes our Gardening Group's wonderful visit to Flora Media (cover photo of Paula/Steve), who, as I type, are presenting their skills along with our u3a resident garden advisor Martin Fish; a wealth of knowledge between them.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ian Blackwell, a much loved and valued member of the u3a.

"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." Aristotle  
"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant".  
Robert Louis Stevenson.

Inspirational quotes by two inspirational people, let us not focus on what brings unhappiness, but what gives us the pleasure to carry on being a member of the u3a.

We welcome our new members: Josie Bunting, Honor Wynn-Higgins and Theresa Armstrong.

We sincerely hope you have many happy years with Mansfield u3a.

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# u3a Anniversary Quilt competition 2021-2022

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the u3a movement 2022

In 2022, the u3a will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a number of national events are planned throughout the year. Because there are so many Craft groups, there will be a competition to create an Anniversary quilt as a lasting souvenir of the occasion.

This quilt is envisaged as a *Moment in History* for future generations of u3as, showing engagement by many members, raising local and national profiles and demonstrating the skills and talents of u3a members to the public. It will encourage recruitment and overall awareness and is intended to form part of the u3a Archive in a permanent repository.

From the blocks submitted by u3a members, 40 will be chosen for the Anniversary quilt. The following rules apply to the creation of the quilt.

## RULES

### The Anniversary Quilt blocks

- Each finished block must measure 10"x10" and fit within the centre of a square measuring 12"x12" to enable a 1" border around the edge of your design.
- Preferred material for the block is PFD calico to accommodate a range of sewing techniques (patchwork, appliqué, embroidery, painting, printing and machine embroidery). Embellishments such as beads or raised objects must not be used as these could be damaged by the long arm quilter when the quilt squares are assembled.
- All materials must be sewn on securely.
- **Your submission must be on the theme of Positive Ageing as demonstrated by the u3a Learn Laugh Live strap-line**
- Your block must have a title which describes the activity depicted.
- Each contributor must send a photograph, a short biography (maximum 200 words) and a brief description of the design of their block.
- You will be asked to send your completed block once the competition has closed. Please do **not** send your completed block at this stage.

## Data and copyright for Anniversary quilt

- Worldwide copyright for the quilt will remain with the author but all entrants must give permission as the author of the submitted square for the Third Age Trust and Third Age Trust Trading Ltd to hold, process and display the work on their website, social media accounts and in other Trust media eg Third Age Matters magazine, in relation to this competition. You will always be credited alongside your story, if chosen.
- The Third Age Trust and Third Age Trust Trading Ltd will have the right to edit and publish the submitted work on their websites, social media accounts, in Third Age Matters and/or in an eBook.
- The Third Age Trust may contact you only in relation to your story and your data will not be used for any other purpose.

## Eligibility and submission for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quilt

- The competition is open to current u3a members. For the avoidance of doubt, any entrant must be a member on **15 August 2021** and remain a member until the end of 2021.
- Entry is free but limited to one block per member or u3a Interest group.
- Entries must be received between **14 August** and **15 November 2021**.
- **You must submit your entry via the online form on the Third Age Trust website, which will be open between these times.** You can send a photograph of your block (**NOT the finished block at this stage**) plus a short biography and a brief description of the design as soon as it is ready, within this window only. Please ensure you submit your entry in good time and preferably not on the last day. Please note that the Third Age Trust can make no allowances for any technical issues which prevent or delay submission eg internet problems, and you are encouraged to submit your entry in good time.
- **You will receive information for the despatch of your physical block later.**

## IMPORTANT

The Judges' decision is final in all matters. Judges and organisers will not enter into any correspondence/discussion with any entrant.

Any entries not conforming to the above rules and specifications will not be accepted.

If you are interested then please contact Carole Harrison, Business Secretary on [businesssec.mansfieldu3a@gmail.com](mailto:businesssec.mansfieldu3a@gmail.com)

## **The news that sadly Ian Blackwell had passed away recently.**

Ian has been a stalwart of the u3a for many years. In fact, he and Pat are recorded as having paid their subscriptions in June or July of 1999 - thus being Founder Members.

From what I can gather, Ian was born in a house where B&M currently exists and where there was, at one time, a railway.

He was someone with a deep and detailed knowledge of Mansfield and its history and his memories enlivened many a conversation, especially in the Antiques and Collectables Group and the Local History Group.

With a background that included relatives on the Welbeck Estate, he had a deeper connection to the area than most.

Not only that, but he had been a keen cricketer in his youth and followed County Cricket and local clubs assiduously.

During their happy marriage, he and Pat scoured the antiques fairs and shops for 'bargains' and this fuelled the success of the group that Pat, with Ian's help, ran.

We offer Pat all our sympathy at this difficult time.

### **Sincere thanks: Pat Blackwell**

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who has contacted me since Ian passed away in June.

I have had so many cards, messages and phone calls.

There has been so much support. What a wonderful group we belong to.

Thank you.

Pat Blackwell



## **An Appeal: by Linda Leivers**

### **National Police Aid Charity**

Now we are able to get out and about, can I make an appeal on behalf of NPAC.

We are an international charity with its base and origins in Mansfield. We have been established for 30 years and have delivered aid to many countries during that time. The current aim of the charity is to deliver much needed aid to villages, hospitals, schools and orphanages in Africa. Please see our Facebook page.

The charity is entirely self-funded. We are dependent upon donations of goods to sell in our charity shop or to be shipped out in containers.

The charity has a larger project for 2022. The aim is to deliver 50 ambulances, a fire engine and two hearses over land to The Gambia. This country does **not** have an ambulance service which results in unnecessary deaths and suffering.

Can I appeal on their behalf for bric-a-brac, books, CDs, small working electrical goods, flat screen TVs, garden tools, clothing, mobility aids, towels, bedding and curtains. All of which will be sent abroad, together with sewing machines.

We will also be grateful for good quality furniture, clean beds, sofas, etc. Which can be collected by arrangement. To arrange this please call and leave a message on 08448701999, if possible, you could email a photo and details to [enqs@npac.org.uk](mailto:enqs@npac.org.uk).

**Our shop is located at the old Pit Head Bath on Long Stoop Way, off Crown Farm West, NG19-0FS. We are open from 9-2pm on Saturdays except for bank holiday weekends.**

If in doubt please give me, Linda a call on 01623 471963

Thank you for your help

## Survey Results

1. Number of u3a members who responded to the Survey - 35
2. Coffee Morning on 24.08.2021 - 27 of people who responded said yes they would attend
3. AGM on 21.09.2021 - 27 of people who responded said yes they would attend
4. Face-to-face Group Meetings -  
July - 16 people said they were happy to meet, 5 (N/A) new members who had not attended any groups yet  
August - 18 said yes, 5 (N/A) new members  
September - 25 said yes, 5 (N/A) new members
5. Bus Trips -  
August - 19 said yes, 2 (N/A) new members  
September - 26 said yes, 1 (N/A) new member
6. Theatre Trips -  
September - 13 said yes, 10 (N/A) new members  
October - 21 said yes, 8 (N/A)

Thank you to those who replied

Carole Harrison Business Secretary.

We have been informed by the Nottinghamshire Network of u3as that Mr Chris Hartny-Mills, our PR Advisor has decided to stand down from this role.

Chris did some great work helping with arrangements for the recent u3a Day and general publicity advice.

If anyone is interested in taking on this role then please let Carole Harrison, our Business Secretary know on:

[businesssec.mansfieldu3a@gmail.com](mailto:businesssec.mansfieldu3a@gmail.com)

## **YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME A GROUP LEADER:**

We have lost the following Groups - Science and Technology, Scrabble, Cinema and Current Affairs. Anyone interested in taking any of the Groups over?

We are now losing the Craft Group (run by Ruth Colly) and Dining with Friends (run by Jacqui Hampshire).

Again, if anyone is interested in taking any of them over then please contact:  
Lynne Payne [lynnepayne1@me.com](mailto:lynnepayne1@me.com)

The Pudding Club is on hold at the moment as is the Bowls Group until COVID is sorted. Dave Drew is hopeful Indoor Bowls will pick up in October.

Theatre visits/Afternoon Teas, Antiques and Collectibles, Gardening group, Golf, Soft Tennis/Indoor Curling, Solo Dining, Mini-breaks and Writing for Pleasure are all continuing either by Zoom, and/or meeting up from September.

Pathfinders and Strollers have already recommenced and Shufflers are hoping to start in September.

I'm assuming all other groups who haven't contacted me are either running as usual in one format or another.

Regards

**Lynne Payne Groups Co-ordinator**



## **Mini Breaks: Jacqui Hampshire**

### **The Chesford Grange, Warwickshire 20th-23rd May 2022 (Friday-Monday)**

An historic Manor House surrounded by 17 acres of countryside with the River Room restaurant overlooking the River Avon. Also, with Bar and outdoor terrace plus Spa and Gym and free Wi-Fi Meal basis.

Dinner, bed and breakfast (please note tea / coffee isn't included at the evening meal).

Direct coaching from our pick-up points, 3 nights' accommodation with dinner, bed & breakfast en-suite rooms and complete luggage handling (Government guidelines permitting).

Full day (Saturday) spent in Stratford upon Avon. Visit to Simms Antique village, another visit to be arranged nearer the date as plenty of attractions close by.

£359 per person and limited single rooms. Deposit £50 per person due 16th August 2021.

We have an extension on this until we know our meeting dates. Balance Due 25th March 2022.

'Just for Groups' can provide optional insurance for £25 per person.

This does include cover for COVID-19. Hopefully it will have moved away by then!!

Please contact Jacqui either by email [jhampshire09@talktalk.net](mailto:jhampshire09@talktalk.net) or mobile should you like more information prior to our meeting.

Thanks in advance

Jacqui Hampshire

## **Holiday Reminiscing: by Sheila Pegg**

August is a time when most members would be packing their cases and jetting off to warmer climates, as we are restricted to travel, I would love to receive reminiscences of your favourite holiday time/destination.

### **My First Solo Holiday**

When I first became single again after 37 years of marriage, I decided that I still wanted to go on holiday and did not want to rely on my family to include me in their arrangements.

So, sitting at my laptop, I scoured the internet and sourced a flight to Tenerife, added a hotel and sat looking at the button which said PAY NOW. I admit to feeling apprehensive but screwed up my eyes, turned my face away from the screen and pressed. There, I'd done it! No going back now. Both daughters were horrified at what I'd done.

A few weeks later, I was sitting on the plane waiting for take-off. I swear that if the steward had approached me and said, 'Would you like to get off?' I would have been down those steps and back in a taxi as quickly as possible.

However, I am so glad I did this and would encourage anyone in a similar position to grit their teeth and do something, anything, out of their comfort zone.

Sheila.

## **HISTORY GROUP: Phillip Tucker**

History Group will reconvene on **Wednesday 22 Sept at Mansfield Bowling Club.**

A diverse programme has been arranged covering all aspects of our history.

Members are encouraged to participate as they see fit.

So far, we have looked at subjects as diverse as how the justice system evolved, the history of theatre and costume, Nottinghamshire's English Civil War particularly the little-known massacre at Shelford near Gunthorpe.

Members generally prepare a 1500-to-3000 word presentation on their chosen subject. Robin Hood anyone? You'd be surprised what Manorial Pipe Rolls show!!

Regards Philip Tucker

## **Newsletter article from Denise Whitsed Forest Town u3a**

### **Potters June 13 2022**

As you all may remember we do an annual visit to potters every June and alternate Christmas.

I have reserved rooms for June 13 2022 and a deposit is usually due the month after our visit in June previous year.

At the moment Potters is fully booked this year due to their 5-star service and going all-inclusive.

The price is approx. £469/£489 with many types of upgrades available if I book this through a travel agent Inc. travel it would be at least another £30 plus in previous years.

In previous years I have booked a bus separately and passed on the booking discount to all the members and sorted all the rooms etc myself, so if anyone is interested, I require members to ring and see if a room type is available, please and send a deposit of £50 to myself within a week.

Room types are:

Bungalows  
Bungalow plus  
Hotel - premier -deluxe.

This holiday includes 4 meals a day plus all drinks and 5-star west end style shows and full day time programme, pool and spa.

I can be contacted on:

**Mon to Fri 9.00 am to 4.00pm or by email**  
**Denise 07791941502**  
[deewhits@aol.com](mailto:deewhits@aol.com)

Many thanks

**Denise Whitsed**

## **Recycling: Marie Barrow**

We all know the importance of recycling & perhaps members may wish to recycle the following locally:

### **1. Superdrug, Stockwell Gate**

Collect used tablet packs (prescription or over the counter).

Just place in the big bin in front of the Pharmacy (towards the rear of the shop). Any used medicine bottles can be handed in at the Pharmacy.

Superdrug, Clumber Street, Nottingham - don't have a Pharmacy so can't accept the above, but they do have a Makeup Recycling Bin - all used mascara, lipsticks, eyeshadow etc accepted.

### **2. Marks & Sparks**

Most of the larger supermarkets have containers for batteries. M & S also collect used batteries - the bin is near the food hall in the Mansfield store.

Both Giltbrook & Nottingham stores also accept used batteries.

All the stores have re-introduced the clothes swapping scheme which sends clothes to Oxfam.

### **3. Crisp packets**

Can be recycled with other plastics to make waterproof sleeping bag liners. Several charities use these to help accident patients and the homeless.

### **4. Plastic milk bottle tops**

Are collected & recycled by the John Eastwood Hospice & Rainworth Boy Scouts.

Linda Leivers will forward any contributions of crisp packets or bottle tops. If you have any, please contact Linda on :07933 266358.

Thank you.

## **Family History Group: Hosted by Ken Gilbert**

Six members of the family history group met on Zoom Tuesday morning to talk about the military histories of their ancestors.

Topics ranged from soldiers stationed in the USA just prior to the American civil war to prisoners of Germany and Japan in the World War Two.

Everyone talked about a member or members of their family. Things on view included newspaper clippings, old photographs, new photographs found on the internet, a power point display and a model aircraft made from the damaged Perspex of a RAF bomber.

Just before the end of the meeting the topic for the September meeting was decided.

We will be talking about emigration from Britain and immigration to Britain. Please join us if you have a tale to tell, everyone is welcome, the more the merrier. The meeting will be Tuesday 28th September at 10am.

## **GARDENING GROUP: Marilyn Dibble, Janet Whitlam**

Hi everyone

We had a fabulous day at Floral Media, Steve and Paula were brilliant hosts. The gardens were amazing and the food superb.

I have e-mailed Steve and Paula to give our thanks.

We will start back to our live meetings on **Tues 7 September** (Covid willing) still at St. Peters' Centre at 10.00am.

I will up-date our web page when I have some firm bookings. Some of our older speakers have now retired. So, I'm looking for fresh sources.

New members are very welcome.

There isn't a meeting in August so see you all in September and have a great summer hopefully with sunshine!

Take care

Marilyn



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## July 2021

Hello everyone and hope you are all keeping well and enjoying your garden.

It's good news that we can now get out and about more and fingers crossed, later this month restrictions will be eased even more. Of course, visiting gardens and open spaces is probably as safe as you can get considering the situation and when we had a few days away a couple of weeks ago, we visited some lovely gardens in Northumberland.

It's also a busy time in the garden and now that we've had some rain, the lawn and weeds will start to grow again! Where we are in North Yorkshire June was very dry with virtually no rain and as a result some plants were starting to struggle. No matter how much you water from a tap, it's never as good as rain that falls from the sky. Fortunately, the heavy showers we've had over the past few days have certainly started to freshen up the garden.

July is also a busy month for me working at Flower Shows. After Hampton Court Flower show where I'm judging, I'll be attending a run of shows giving talks, demonstrations and Q&A sessions. At the Great Yorkshire Show I'm giving talks and will be joined by Jill for some cookery demos on the Wednesday & Thursday. Jill and I will also be at the Belvoir Castle Flower show and the week after I'm at RHS Tatton Flower Show for the week. The final show in July is the Chorley Flower Show, where again Jill will be on stage giving cookery tips from our book – Gardening on the Menu. If you are planning to attend any of the shows, please do come along and say hello.

Fortunately, August is a quiet month when it comes to shows, so hopefully I'll be able to catch up in my garden and have a rest!

Keep safe everyone and we look forward to seeing some of you in autumn when we are out and about giving talks to clubs and societies.

Best wishes

Martin & Jill

## **The gardener's diary with Martin Fish**

Deadhead roses on a regular basis by either snapping off the old blooms or trimming the flowering stems down by a third to encourage new growth and a flush of new flowers in late summer. Any blooms damaged by rain also need trimming off.

If hanging baskets dry out, take them off the hook and stand them in a bucket of water for half an hour to soak in water before re-hanging on the bracket.

Continue mowing the lawn, but if the weather is dry and growth slows down, lift the height of cut slightly to help keep the grass green. Using a mulch mower is a great way to help keep the grass green and healthy as the mulched clippings add nutrients back to the soil.

Early summer perennials such as herbaceous geraniums and astrantia can be trimmed back to tidy them up and to also encourage a flush of new growth and more flowers later in the season.

Once summer flowering shrubs such as philadelphus, weigela and deutzia have finished flowering, you can carry out some pruning to maintain a good shape and to prevent the bush from getting too large. Prune back long stems by half and thin out old, congested branches.

Clip privet and other fast-growing hedges, but before you start to trim, check that there are no birds nesting in the hedge.

Feed tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers once a week with a high potash tomato fertiliser to help the flowers and fruits develop.

Side shoot tomatoes weekly to remove the shoots growing in the leaf joints to keep the plants growing upwards. Removing side shoots also diverts energy to the fruits. Remember though not to side shoot bush or hanging basket varieties of tomatoes!

There is just about time to sow a late crop of dwarf French bean seeds directly into the garden. These should grow fast and produce a crop of tender pods in September.

Keep sowing salads and lettuce little and often to ensure you have a continued supply of salads through summer and into autumn.

By now apples should have completed their June drop, which is when the trees naturally cast small under-developed fruitlets. If any of the clusters are still crowded, you can thin to leave no more than four eating apples per cluster or two cooking apples. This way you will get better quality fruits in autumn.

For more weekly gardening tips and advice from Martin visit "Pots & Trowels" on Facebook or subscribe on YouTube for free.

### Happy gardening

Martin Fish. [www.martinfish.com](http://www.martinfish.com)



### Sent in by Ken White

A message from Tony Wardell...

A magnificent count of 32 BEE ORCHIDS this morning in the grass triangle at the Mansfield end of Alexandra Avenue, just off the main Mansfield Nottingham Road.

There is also Common Spotted Orchid there.





## FLORAL MEDIA: Garden Group visit.

A massive thank you to Paula and Steve for your outstanding generosity at today's Mansfield u3a Gardening Group meeting.

Our members thoroughly enjoyed their day, which started with a very warm welcome over Coffee/Tea. We were then transported into the wonderful world of passion, hard work and beautifully manicured gardens.

Your enthusiasm to produce perfection was evident in everything you presented our group with.

The stunning array of plants, combined with the veggie plot; every little nook and cranny were filled with an adventure.

There was even time to meet the three little piggies, who huffed and puffed and blew us away.



(Paula & Steve)

We received a wonderful demonstration by Paula of a hand tied flower arrangement, which was raffled off for the Wales to Wellow cycle ride for the Breast Cancer charity, of which over £105 was raised for this wonderful cause.

Our lunch was served with the commitment of a high-class restaurant. Big thanks to Steve on your kitchen skills, the empty plates were testament to the perfection you created.

It was a perfect day finished off with a trip into the plant sales, who can't resist with the quality of plants on offer, and reasonably priced.

Many thanks to Marilyn Dibble for arranging the Floral Media visit.

Photographs/ Report by Bill Harrison (courtesy of Floral Media).



The smiles say it all





A well-earned rest







The Manikin Garden



Real people



## TIME FOR LUNCH





Linda Wilson receiving her hand tied bouquet from Paula  
This was raffled off and raised £105 for their Breast Cancer Charity

## **Solo Dining: Sheila Pegg**

All the Solo Dining members are being contacted to see how they feel about resuming the group from August.

We may need to jiggle it about a bit and it may need splitting into two groups due to the size of the group.

Restaurants were struggling to accommodate us even before Covid.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take on a second group I would be pleased to hear from them.

There are alternatives that I would be happy to consider.

Solo Lunches and/or Solo Sunday Lunch Club might appeal to some of our members.

The intention is that no one should be excluded and that all members continue to feel valued and can attend at least one of the arranged venues.

Many thanks

Sheila

## **SHUFFLERS GROUP: Sylvia Newlyn**

New Shufflers Leader.

**Sylvia Newlyn contact No 01623 655893**

Shufflers resume on **Thursday 26 August** with a meet and greet at Sylvia's home from 12 noon onwards then every 4th Thursday venues TBD.

Please ring to confirm attendance. New members welcome.

Shufflers shuffle from the car to the Cafe and back again!!



## Strollers Group: by Susan Howlet

### Creswell Craggs on July 14

After a weekend of rain, we were once again blessed with good weather - bright and fresh and not too hot, for our walk to Creswell Craggs on 14 July.

Nineteen members, including new comers, assembled in the car park at the Dukeries Garden Centre. The fears that it was a long way from the Craggs were soon dispelled when we crossed the road and found the well-marked footpath.

It was a very pleasant stroll and the views around the lake were particularly beautiful.

When we returned to the Garden Centre many of us enjoyed light refreshments under the clear blue sky.



Our next visit is to the Teversal Trail on 11 August. We will meet in the car park, NG17 3HJ ready to set off at 10.30. Unfortunately, since we planned the programme, we have discovered that the visitors centre for toilets and refreshments is only open at weekends so it may be advisable to bring a drink and we may be able to find a pub close by.

Hope to see you there.



## Holiday Reminisces: by Kathleen Henshaw

Who hasn't seen Death in Paradise?

Our holiday just before lockdown when we visited some of the set for filming Death in Paradise.

I don't think we have missed an episode over the years and its popularity has to be, in part, due to the beautiful setting and scenery in the unforgettable town of Honore on the Caribbean Island of Saint-Marie.

Except it isn't. Honore in Saint-Marie I mean. It's actually filmed in Deshaies on the Basse-Terre Island, which is part of Guadeloupe



February 2020 we were lucky enough to visit this beautiful part of the world and couldn't miss the opportunity to take a few snaps.

Flicking through the photographs always cheers us up and I hope you enjoy reliving some good escapist TV moments with us.

First of all, ... Cathryn's Bar. Yes, it's a real bar! I can assure you that yes, we did try the local beverages while we were there.



It's not quite as fairy tale pretty as it appears in the series but sitting right on the white sand at the edge of the Caribbean Sea it does not disappoint.

Unfortunately, the crew remove the beach house our intrepid detective lives in when they are not filming but...that stunning beach setting, and the bent palm tree, can still work its magic.



The trip would not have been complete without a visit to the Police Station. This building is kept ready for filming and with the addition of a few extra props it serves as a tourist attraction while it is not in use.



Of course, all of this is just to attract tourists but Guadeloupe is a beautiful place and the people were working hard to make us feel welcome in their country.

We didn't mind contributing to their economy and we thoroughly enjoyed our trip and would recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity.

Apparently filming usually takes place in March and April and tourists in the area are often used as extras on the set.

I wonder how the locals have coped without visitors during the pandemic? We would love to return sometime and maybe you will see us in the next episode ...!



## **AN UPDATE FROM YVONNE KENNISON ZOOM MEETINGS**

Just wanted to let everyone know that we are keeping the licence going for Zoom even though things are opening up. Therefore, if anyone wants to hold a meeting for their group at any time, let me know and I will schedule it for you no problem.

The quiz has been suspended during the summer months, and although we are hoping that we will be able to have a live Quiz Night before too long, we will hopefully be able to re-start the online ones during the dark winter months.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

The Social Committee are going to host a Coffee Morning for us on Tuesday 24 August in St Philip Neri's Church Hall, Chesterfield Road South from 10.30 am until 1.30 pm. If it's a nice day and you have a chair you can bring, you will be able to sit in the lovely garden at the back of the hall.

There will be a raffle and a tombola stall but mainly it will be to get us together for a bit of social interaction after such a long time being kept apart.

We will still follow safety protocols to make sure we are all kept safe.

If you have any prizes for the raffle and tombola, please contact Linda Leivers, telephone 07933 266358 or 01623 471963, Elizabeth Ellis, Marie Barrow, Gill Mallinder or Sheila Whalley.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

## **JULY MEETING**

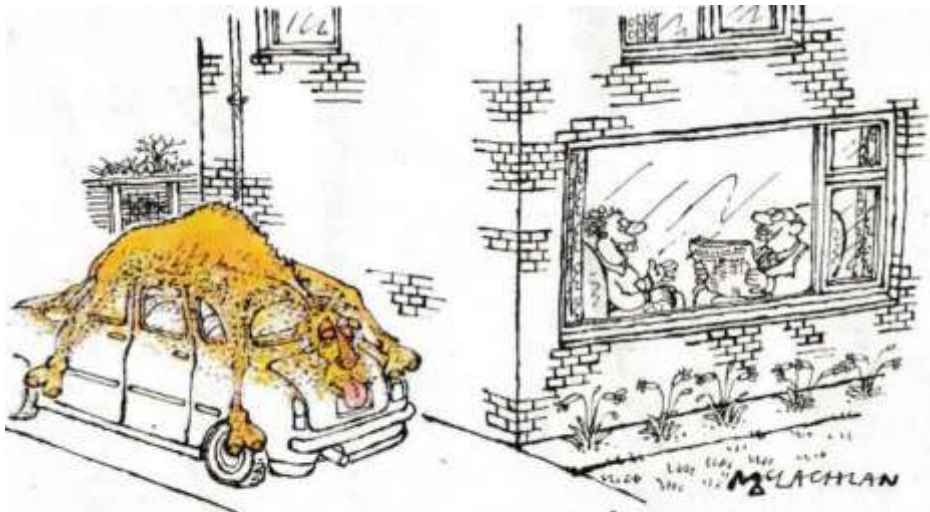
On Tuesday 20 July Stephen Dimmer from the Inflatable Theatre gave us a talk entitled "The Name's Bond, James Bond" which, of course, didn't take a lot of guessing what we would be listening to, but he certainly gave us a lot interesting facts. Firstly, about the author Ian Fleming's private life and his time in the Naval Intelligence Division which saw him privy to all the secrets of the far-flung British naval empire during the Second World War. He began his military career part-time with the rank of lieutenant but soon became a commander with three stripes on his sleeve.

Obviously, James Bond was created from Fleming's personal experiences. We were shown film clips and were reminded of all the actors and actresses who played central roles in all the films, together with background information about the actors who were considered for the role but weren't successful. It was a lovely trip down memory lane and reminded us all why we love the Bond movies.

I think we have all got our favourite Bond actor and whichever one we like best and I think we can all agree that they have brought a lot of enjoyment throughout the years. Casino Royal was written in 1952 and the first film Dr No came to our screens in 1962.

All these years later, we are still looking forward to the next one No Time to Die 59 years later. They say it is Daniel Craig's last one – I personally hope it isn't.

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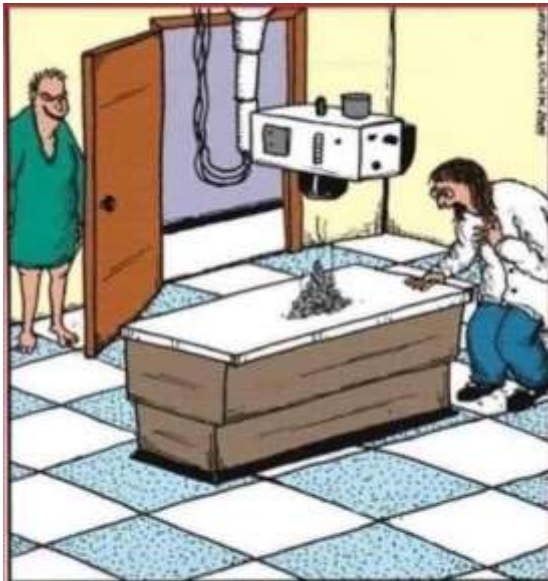


*"All that sand we're all getting on our cars recently, according to Muriel, blows all the way from Saudia Arabia – how ridiculous is that?!!"*



Shopping never causes heart attacks. Paying the Bill does. 😞





Having dumped the bag of ashes on the table, Stew hid behind the door and waited for the X-ray technician's reaction.

OMG, I have finally  
Discovered what's  
wrong with my  
Brain:  
on the left side,  
there is nothing  
right, and  
on the right side,  
there is nothing left...





## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

First of all, here's hoping that everyone is keeping safe and well. If anyone is struggling or needing any help in any way, please don't hesitate to let me or any of the Committee know. We will do our best to help in any way we can.

**Subscriptions 2021/ 2022 New members: £17. Associate members £8.50.**

Cheques payable to *Mansfield and District u3a*

**The Membership Renewal Form** can be downloaded from the website or will be available from the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

**Please Note:** All current members must complete all sections of the Membership Renewal Form to comply with Data Protection laws when paying their subscriptions. Thank you.

**Online Banking** is now available to members to pay their subscriptions online. As publishing details for this facility has compromised its security, members are asked to apply to the Treasurer.

[treasurer.mansfieldu3a@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.mansfieldu3a@gmail.com)

### Event and Visit Payments

Members are reminded that deposits and payments for events and visits organised by Mansfield u3a and its interest groups are non-refundable, but places may be offered to others.

Please note: if you go on a trip/visit organised by a company, cheques for the event must be made out to the company, not Mansfield u3a.

**Changes of Address, etc.** Please contact the Membership Secretary, Jean Hatton on (0793 5707582) if you've changed your address, phone number or email recently so that she can update our records.

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WHAT YOU DID, BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER  
FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL."

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