

**MONTHLY MEETING – 10.00 a.m. on TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023**

Our next monthly meeting which will take place on Tuesday 11 April at St Peter's Church on Sheepwalk Lane, Ravenshead, will feature Ravenshead u3a member Katy Roberts. Katy is a volunteer speaker for the charity Canine Partners and she will talk about the work of the charity which trains and provides assistance dogs, transforming the lives of people with a variety of disabilities. Katy will be accompanied by Yellow Labrador, Faye, a Canine Partners meet and greet dog, and her handler.

Join us for an enjoyable meeting with refreshments and news of Ru3a events!  
And remember to bring your reusable mug for your hot drink.

For all information about our events, groups and trips please visit our website:  
<https://www.ravensheadu3a.org.uk>

**RAVENSHEAD u3a AGM on TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023 AT 10 a.m.**

Please note that our next AGM will take place on Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 10 a.m. at St Peter's Church on Sheepwalk Lane, Ravenshead.

We will be losing a number of committee members this time as their terms come to an end so we are looking for new committee members (also known as trustees). If you would like to know more about the role of a trustee or how the committee works please get in touch with John Butler, Business Secretary by email – [ravensheadu3a@gmail.com](mailto:ravensheadu3a@gmail.com) – or speak to any other committee member in person at one of the monthly meetings. Interested members are invited to attend a committee meeting to observe the business and discussions.

Please give this some serious thought. We know there are many members out there who are capable and willing but may just need a little prompt! Can you fill one of those seats on the committee? Please come forward and get in touch. We need you!

All the AGM documents (Agenda, Minutes of the 2022 AGM, independently examined accounts, and nomination form) are now on our website under the heading "News & Events".

## MESSAGE FROM TERRY MOORE, OUR BEACON ADMINISTRATOR

### BEACON – Improvements to the Beacon Members' Portal

The Beacon Team have informed us of a change to the login method of accessing the Member's Portal of Beacon. This access can be used to renew your membership online or to check your own details for changing a telephone number or email address, for example. It also gives you greater access to groups information. Currently the login process can cause issues for you as extra spaces or capital letters etc. will prevent you from logging in. You need to type in exactly what we have recorded on our database about you!

The Beacon team have informed us that they are making the process easier, once you have gone through a process of logging in and proceeding with changing to an email and password system. This is their message:

"On 18th April we will be introducing an updated way for members to login to the Beacon Members Portal. From the 18th, after the first login as usual, members will be asked to set a username and password (the username will be your email address). This will then be your ongoing login to the Beacon Members' Portal. There is a simple process for anyone who forgets their password!

This only affects how individual members access the members area of Beacon, not any other aspect.

Hopefully this will go smoothly, but if you have any problems contact Terry

## GROUPS UPDATE FROM ANNE ELDRIDGE, OUR GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

If anyone needs any further information on the following, please contact me by email.

### 1. SALSA – NEW GROUP

Following positive feedback from the 23 members who attended the Taster Session on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we now have a new Group! The sessions will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 12 – 1 pm starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. No previous experience is necessary, sessions are open to both men and women and you don't require a partner. Huge thanks to Katy and Eric Roberts for their time at the Taster and for kindly agreeing to act as Group Leaders.

### 2. PETANQUE – NEW GROUP

A Taster Session was enjoyed by 10 members at the Leisure Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Our thanks to Councillor Martin Smith for explaining the background of the game and giving us some introductory tuition. The new Group will be set up as soon as possible and all those attending and expressing interest will be contacted with dates. (The day of the week and times are not yet available).

### 3. LUNCHEON – REVIVED GROUP

Following last month's discussion, Chris Dean and Jennie Kerr have kindly agreed to be Group Leaders and lunches will be organised by various members. The Group is now up and running and the first lunch will be organised by Sue Owen and Pam Bayliss on the 10<sup>th</sup> May at Ramsdale Golf Club. Booking is necessary and further details can be obtained from Sue at [ru3asue@outlook.com](mailto:ru3asue@outlook.com)

### 4. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

If anyone is interested in joining one of these proposed Groups, please contact me for further information.

- 4.1. Running – No experience necessary, running up to 5 K. Men and women, all you need are appropriate running shoes. Sessions will be local and held in the daytime.
- 4.2. Dog Friends
- 4.3. Family History
- 4.4. Holiday Spanish
- 4.5. Play Reading
- 4.6. Creative Writing
- 4.7. Classical Guitar
- 4.8. Electric Guitar

### 5. WEEKENDERS GROUPS – NOTICES

- a. Weekenders Games. The meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April has been cancelled. The next meeting will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- b. Weekenders Planning (Coffee Morning). The meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> May has been cancelled due to the Coronation. The next meeting will therefore be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 10 am. Everyone welcome.

Anne Eldridge  
Annelesley.eldridge@gmail.com  
Ru3a Groups Co-ordinator

#### INVITATION FROM JUDY WALKER – ONE OF THE WEEKENDERS LEADERS

I would like to invite all members, as well as the Weekenders, to the Weekenders coffee mornings which take place on the first Saturday of every month 10 a.m. until 12 noon. But please note the May meeting is cancelled because of the Coronation so our next coffee morning will take place on Saturday 3 June 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Centre at St. Peter's.  
Cost £1.

Judy Walker  
Weekenders Group Leader (Planning Group)

## TRIPS UPDATE FROM OUR TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR, HALINKA RAJCHEL

All trips leave the Sherwood Ranger at 9.30 a.m. and depart from the venue at approximately 3 p.m. unless stated otherwise.

Contact details for Halinka Rajchel:

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Once you have paid for a trip, it is very important to let me know if you are unable to go for whatever reason as we have reserve lists and members may be able to go in your place.

### Trips information April to October 2023

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April Melton Mowbray Trip is full but a reserve list is available.

Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> The Workhouse in Upton, Southwell.

This is a National Trust attraction, so members of the NT have free entry and only pay £4 for travel.

For other trippers entrance is £14 (please note prices may increase from March 2023) plus £4 for travel.

This trip is now full but your name can go on the reserve list.

Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>, Cleethorpes

A day out in Cleethorpes. Calculating the mileage has been quite difficult as there are several routes which can be taken. Therefore, the revised cost for travel is £16 per member.

MONDAY Trip is full

TUESDAY Trip 1 place available

NEW TRIP Bakewell Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>

We depart from the Sherwood Ranger at 9am. Cost of travel is £7

There are numerous dance shows starting at 11am in various outside venues in the town all within two minutes walking distance from each other. There is also the farmers market and an opportunity to view a well dressing in Bakewell. An opportunity not to be missed.

A full programme of events will be available towards the end of April on the internet. The dance shows finish at approx 4pm. If we have rain, the dances will be held in the town hall.

NEW TRIP A visit to the Veolia Recycling Centre is booked for Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

This is a new trip organised by Chris Dean.

Members have to make their own way and meet at 10 a.m. at the venue:

Veolia, Warren Way, Crown Farm Industrial Park, Forest Town, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG19 OFL

14 places available.

There is no charge.

The visit lasts 2 hours.

The working site is only accessible by an outdoor gridded metal staircase and consequently is not suitable for wheelchair users or visitors with mobility issues. The staircase is quite steep, whilst most visitors do not have any difficulty in using this it may make some visitors reluctant to take part.

Sensible flat, covered footwear must be worn by all visitors. Hard hats and high visibility jackets will be provided for the site tour.

If there are sufficient members interested, Chris Dean is prepared to organise lunch at Tom Cobbley following the visit.

There will be a sign-up sheet at Tuesday's meeting.

NEW TRIP Wakefield National Mining Museum Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We depart from the Sherwood Ranger at 9am. Cost for entry and travel is £15

An underground tour of the mine is included and this lasts for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

There are various exhibitions and stories relating to the coal mining industry and these are in the museum on ground level.

There is also a cafeteria on site but if you prefer, you may bring your own packed lunch.

THIS IS A NEW DATE Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>

A two-hour river cruise starting from Colwick, Nottingham along the River Trent.

This also includes a 2-course meal.

Cost of trip including lunch, cruise and travel is £24.

There are 3 places available on the community bus.

If you prefer to use your own transport but wish to join our group on the cruise the cost of cruise plus 2-course meal is £19.

Halinka Rajchel

Ru3a Trips Co-ordinator

## RED CROSS BASIC FIRST AID WORKSHOPS

The Red Cross is offering us some basic first aid workshops. Some of you may have attended the previous series of workshops a few years ago and may wish to refresh your knowledge and skills. Places will be limited to 15 per session. Sessions are free but there will be a charge of between £1 and £2 payable on the day to cover room hire – Room 3 at the Centre at St Peter's.

The first session took place on Wednesday 5 April. The second session planned for 26 April is cancelled as a result of too few numbers but it is hoped the session on Wednesday 31 May will still go ahead. The session will last 1½ hours and take place at the Centre. If you would like to join the session on Wednesday 31 May at 10.15 a.m. please sign up at next Tuesday's meeting.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our next monthly meeting  
on Tuesday 11 April at 10 a.m.

Maria Gabrielczyk

*Chairman*

On behalf of the committee