

OCTOBER 2022 Newsletter

The last day of the 2022 Tour of Britain. It passed through Ruddington the day the Queen died. Photo by David Swan.

Welcome

Thank you to all of you for your understanding as to why we cancelled our September monthly meeting, as we had to pay our respects to our Queen on that day.

I'm confident that there will be some new faces at this month's meeting, so let's all try and make them welcome and show and tell them what u3a is all about. The more members we have, means more interest groups will be formed, to the benefit of us all. Please remember to tell relatives, friends and neighbours about our u3a and encourage them to come to one of our monthly meetings. Anyone who is retired or semi retired is eligible to become a member. It still amazes me how so many of our local residents have never heard of the u3a, even though there are over 40 different u3a's in Nottinghamshire and the u3a membership in the UK is approaching half a million. We do still need help on our committee, so please let me know if you'd like to know more about what becoming a committee member involves. I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible at our next monthly meeting on Monday October 17th at 2:00pm.

Kind regards
Peter Wakelin
Chairman

Our Speaker: Ray Hutchins

REMEMBRANCE



Ray Hutchins is a retired local government officer who used to run some of the leisure centres and other leisure facilities in Rushcliffe. He is married to Pat and they live in Wilford. Ray's interest in Remembrance was prompted when he helped clean the two war memorials in St Wilfrid's Church in the village, became aware that very little was known about the men who were commemorated on the plaques, and resolved to do something to remedy the omission.

Future Programme

Monday 21st November	Tall Ships	Peter Pickering
Monday 19th December	Masters of Mirth	Mike Storr
Monday 16th January 2023	The biggest Worsted mill	Bob Massey
Monday 20th February	Fire Prevention	Craig Langton
Monday 20th March	From Barrow to Baghdad and back	Philip Caine
Monday 17th April	Nottingham Street Pastors	Lynne Miles

INTEREST GROUP LISTINGS

Time	Group	Venue	When	Leader	Contact
MONDAY					
10.30 am	Gardening	Various	TBC	Mike Davey	mrdavey004@btinternet.com 0115 9841687
7.00 pm	Wine Tasting	MH	4th Monday of month	Paul Clarkson	redbus84@hotmail.com
TUESDAY					
10.00 am	Book Group	MH	2nd Tuesday of month	Maureen Thompson	maureenfthompson@outlook.com 07496 679953
10.00 am	Painting & Drawing	EPC	2nd & 4th Tuesday of month	Liz McAdam	lizmcadam26@gmail.com 07973 615754
2.00 pm	Scrabble	MH	Fortnightly	Di Brown	diandhoward@hotmail.com 07754 008754
WEDNESDAY					
10.00 am	Photography	EPC	2nd Wednesday of month	Ann Hooley	annhooley@virginmedia.com 0115 9211832
9.30 am	Walking 5-8 miles	various	4th Wednesday of month	Paul Clarkson	redbus84@hotmail.com 07496 679953
10.30 am	Table Tennis	MCH	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	Steve Lowe	lowe_steve@sky.com
THURSDAY					
10.00 am	Tai Chi	RVH	Weekly**	Judy Hasson	syhasson@aol.com 07505 844009
11.00 am	Tai Chi	RVH	Weekly**	Judy Hasson	syhasson@aol.com 07505 844009
12.00 pm	Beginners' Tai Chi	RVH	Weekly**	Judy Hasson	syhasson@aol.com 07505 844009
		** Classes restart on 27th October			
10.30 am	Petanque	White Horse	3rd Thursday of month	Chris Murdon	rudd_u3a@yahoo.com

THURSDAY					
1.30 pm	Lunch Club	various	TBC	Margaret Marshall	margaretmarshall70@gmail.com 07914 414848
2.00 pm	Petanque	White Horse	1st Thursday of month	Chris Murdon	rudd_u3a@yahoo.com
2.00 pm	One in one	Notting ham	TBC	Pete Wakelin	peter.wakelin1@gmail.com
2.30pm	Travellers' Tales	The Hub	2nd Thursday of month	Peter Davison	pandcdavison@ruddington.pl.us.com 0115 9845733
3.30pm	French	MH	TBC	Sheila Johnson -Marshall	sheilajohnsonmarshall@hotmail.com 07929 520201
FRIDAY					
10.00am	Knit-a-lot	Philos	Fortnightly	Sandy Maltby	Sandymaltby989@gmail.com
2.00pm	Monthly Quiz	FKC	Last Friday of month	Barbara Breakwell	ruddington2012@virginmedia.com
2.30pm	Spanish (Intermediate to advanced)	MH	Alternate Fridays	Debra Lowe	debra-lowesky.com 0115 9844504
VARIOUS					
9.30am	Cycling	Various	TBC	Tracy Meakin	tracymeakin@sky.com

VENUE GUIDE

EPC Elms Park Committee Room

FKH Framework Knitters Chapel Room

MCH Methodist Church Hall

MH Members Home

RVH Ruddington Village Hall

TBC To be Confirmed

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Co- op Local Community Fund

We are very pleased to announce that our u3a has been chosen to be part of the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The fund supports projects across the UK that help to deliver the vision 'Co-operating for a fairer world'. Since 2016 over 30,000 projects have shared a staggering £85 million. We will have to develop a project which meets their criteria. This is an exciting opportunity to bid for more funding.

Fees

Last month we reported the Third Age Trust's proposals for increasing their annual per capita charge, currently £4.00, in line with the national old age pensions update. Your committee initially resolved to oppose these. However, following the recent significant deterioration in the national finances and the increased inflation forecasts, the committee resolved to support a small increase for 2023/4.

At the hybrid national AGM on 6th October there was considerable opposition from the 595 u3as attending (mostly on line) and neither the Board's resolutions or the 19 amendments voted on were approved. Thus the national Board will have to reduce its budget or hold an EGM to make new proposals.

Interest Group Updates

Wine tasting

The group is continuing to sample wines from several countries all made from one grape. In October it was Chardonnay and we discussed our personal preferences.

Book Club

The group is continuing to meet monthly . We have read books from a variety of genres with books being chosen by the members. Our number is limited because we meet in each others houses but we would willingly supply a list of future books and offer support to anyone wanting to start another group.
(Many u3a have more than one group)

Lunch Club

The next lunch club will be on Thursday 3rd November at The Ferry, Wilford at 1.30pm

One in one

The next meeting will be on Thursday October 27th. Starting at 2:00pm at The Cross Keys, which is on the corner of Fletcher Gate and Byard Lane, Nottingham (both the No.10 bus and the tram stop just past this pub) followed by 3:00pm at The Pitcher & Piano and finally 4:00pm at The Kean's Head on St Mary's Gate.

Tai Chi

classes restart on 27th October.

Painting and Drawing

The Painting and Drawing Group moved away from our usual water colour materials at the last session to try acrylics.

The majority of us have not used these before and it made for a very interesting morning.

We were grateful for the guidance that Peter and Graham gave us and also for their generous donation of all the materials .

They showed us some examples of work and we had a go at painting with strips of card on boards that Athena had donated previously .

It was quickly apparent that it's a very messy paint to use and that the white tubes of paint are most important !

We all agreed that it was well worth a try and we plan to have another go at the next session .

As usual everyone is welcome to come along for a taster session , if you want to join us just bring yourself and an apron! Liz McAdam

Theatre Tour

Over 20 members and guests signed up for the backstage tour at the Theatre Royal on Saturday 29th October.

Scrabble

The scrabble group continue to meet. We have recently welcomed a new member who now resides at Manor Lodge, the new Churchill development in Manor Park and he kindly hosted a meeting there. Another new member will be joining us shortly.

NEW THE HERITAGE OF THE NIGHT SKY 17th November



We have been offered an evening visit to the Clifton campus of Nottingham Trent University to hear Dr Dan Brown, "AstroDan" explore how our cultures link to the sky but also how light pollution and Elon Musk's Starlink program is endangering this heritage. A visit to the planetarium and observatory are included. Maximum attendance is 20. There is a charge of £5.00 per head. Arrival 6.45 for 7.00 pm start. Use the South Gate from the A453

to access the car park. **Please sign up at the October monthly meeting, or contact Di Brown at DiandHoward@hotmail.com**

The Flint Street Nativity Lace Market Theatre Visit.

Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm - cost £12

This funny, nostalgic and poignant play, where the children are played by adults, is sure to delight and fill you with Christmas cheer. Like all good Nativity plays, the story includes a number of well-known Christmas carols - though some of the words are unconventional! - be prepared to sing along. There are still seats available. You can sign up at the monthly meeting or contact the organiser, Chris Davison on 0115 9845733 or by email.ing pandcdavison@ruddington.plus.com. She will need payment by **21st November**. There is a loop hearing system but no wheelchair access.

Walking Group



The walking group, led by Paul Clarkson, enjoyed a lovely day out in Derbyshire. A nice cafe stop at Milldale followed by a scenic walk along the River Dove.



Photography

In September our theme was “speed”. As the Round Britain cycle race passed through the village there was an ideal opportunity to photograph the riders.

In October we tackled black and white portraits which was more challenging, but less dangerous than standing in front of the cyclists! As always, new members are very welcome and if you would like to know more about the group please contact Ann Hooley.

Travellers’ Tales

In October we were shown photographs of the amazing Mosques and Madrassas and saw traces of the great silk road in Uzbekistan, the heart of Central Asia.



At our November meeting we will be in the American mid-west including Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore and Little Bighorn with Graeme Garner.

Our meetings are held at The Hub on Musters Road starting at 2.30pm. There is a £2 per head charge to cover room hire. New members welcome.