

# Rutland u3a newsletter

December 2021



## A note from the Chairman

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas Lunch which I thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks to our Social Team, Diane, Sheri, Janice and Lynne who did such a great job arranging it all.

Thank Goodness we had it early in the month as things seem to be going in the wrong direction at the moment. Our village pub is closed until the end of the month because of Covid.

You will have received my e mail about our January meeting which will now be on Zoom. Ann Featherstone will be giving us an uplifting start to the year with her talk about Pantomime.

I will send the invitation out the weekend before.

I'm afraid our arrangement with the Museum is still uncertain but I will keep you informed.

It just remains for me to say a HUGE thank you to all the Committee and to our helpers for

keeping us going throughout this year and to wish you all A Very Happy Christmas.

Ros



Thank-you to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. If you have run or taken part in a U3A activity we would love to hear about it. Please send items for next month to: [rutlandu3a.info@gmail.com](mailto:rutlandu3a.info@gmail.com) or via the website

The deadline for publication for the next edition of the newsletter is 20th January 2022

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## 2021 Christmas lunch



On Thursday 2 December nearly 90 members gathered at the Barnsdale Lodge Hotel for what is our annual Christmas Lunch, but, since we were unable to meet last year, this was the first Social event we have been able to hold for nearly two years so it was very exciting! The room and tables looked most festive and all who supported the event were soon enjoying a drink, chatting with friends and /or making new ones.

Barnsdale put on a splendid lunch which was served with with their usual friendly and professional efficiency. It was a most enjoyable and relaxing occasion which the Social team hope is the prelude to some more occasions in the coming year when we can all participate.

The Social team and Treasurer worked hard to ensure that bookings were processed as easily as possible. Janice Ferguson is new to the team and is a great asset. Thanks are also due to Sheri Evans who did a sterling job making sure the menu choices were carefully listed and the table plans organised according to members' wishes.

Thank you to all the members who were able to join us and enjoy this festive occasion. Don't forget to book your place for the trip to Kilworth House outdoor theatre in June to see 'Carousel'.

In the meantime, 'Happy Christmas everyone'.

*Diane Case*



## Keeping Connected this Festive Season

To keep the u3a community connected over the festive period, the trust will, like last year, be sending out extra newsletter expresses - on 25 December and on 1 January. So that you don't miss out sign up: <https://u3a.org.uk/news/newsletter>



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## Meeting via Zoom - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am

Anne Featherstone, a retired university lecturer, author of non-fiction books and historical novelist will be giving us a guide to the history of the pantomime. In this talk she looks at the peculiarly British tradition, pantomime, which burst upon the London stage more than 250 years ago. With its grotesque Dame, girls playing boys and breathtaking scenery, it is still going strong and Ann will talk about interesting moments in its history from the Regency period to the present day.



## Theatre trip to Kilworth House Theatre to see Rodgers & Hammerstein's Carousel - Saturday June 25th 2022 - coach departs at 12.30pm

A giant of the musical stage, multi-award winning 'Carousel' is a vibrant and timeless story of passion, loss and redemption with some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beautiful and enduring songs of all time including 'June Is Bustin' Out All Over', 'When The Children Are Asleep' and the immortal 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.



The Kilworth House Theatre is a stunning open-air theatre is dedicated to producing and presenting large scale professional musical theatre and has been recognised in the national press as one of the Best Outdoor Theatres in the UK. The auditorium has magnificent sail-like canopies provide protection for the whole audience in the event of inclement weather

Tickets for the 2.30pm performance cost £56 to include coach travel to and from Kilworth.

We will be taking bookings at the Jan meeting, if paying by card, cash or cheque.

Members paying online should download the booking form on the Rutland u3a website <https://u3asites.org.uk/rutland/events> and, when completed, bring it to the meeting in January or send it to the address on the booking form.





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## Possible new Advanced French Group



There will be a preliminary, informal meeting about the possibility of forming an Advanced French Group at 11am on Tuesday, 25 January at The Lord Nelson in Oakham.

Anyone interested is most welcome to attend and/or contact Sharon Pratt, Ru3a Groups' Coordinator via [Rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com](mailto:Rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com) or 07796931818.

## French For Fun Group

This group is looking for new members and all are welcome. The next meetings are on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January from 2pm to 4pm - at the Lord Nelson.

If you are interested please contact Sallie Chester, the Group Leader, by email via the French for Fun group page on the Rutland u3a website.



## English Country Dancing

We had a great time as we learnt three new dances in December – Parson's Farewell, Rufty Tufty and Alexander's Birthday English Country Dance – all of which can be viewed on Youtube. Now we can all perform a straight Pousette too! Why not come and join us? No experience is necessary. The next meeting is 2pm on Wednesday 5 January at the VAR building in Lands End Way, Oakham.



For any further details please contact the group leader, Pam Hornby via the group webpage.



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## News from the groups

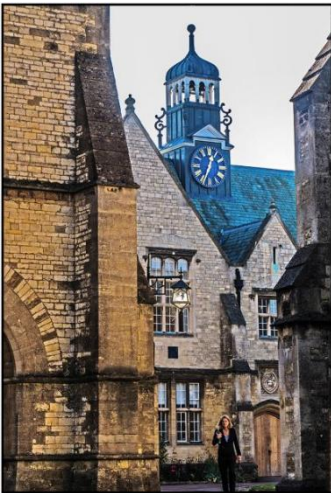
The photographic group have looked back at Autumn for some of this month's beautiful images





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## News from the groups



### Papercrafts Group

*This month the Papercrafts group again had a Christmas theme making a choir of angels using paperback books and a Christmas bauble.*



### Pressed Flower Group

The latest handiwork from the Pressed Flower Group made in their December meeting are these lovely book marks and gift cards



## **University Dissertation Project**

### **Are you over 60?**

**Have you retired during the pandemic  
or 6 months before?**

A 3rd Year Medical Student at the University of Nottingham is looking to recruit participants, for a study that she is undertaking, for her research project.



Would you be interested in being interviewed about your experience of retiring during the pandemic for a University Dissertation Project?

**Email: Khaleah  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Year Medical Student at University of  
Nottingham)  
at [mzykl8@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:mzykl8@nottingham.ac.uk) for more information**



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