



Notice Board



Our next meeting

Thursday January 11th at 10.00am

Mansfield Hosiery Mills Sports and Social Club

Our Guest Speaker – David Moylan **Funny Turns**



Funny Turns is a one man variety show featuring comedy, music, magic and hilarious routines remembering some of the country's greatest entertainers.

Website: www.u3asites.org.uk/sutton-in-ashfield

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE Newsletter and website items to Steve Shaw at s59shaw@ntlworld.com Tel: 01623 469010 – Closing date for articles last day of the month. Any members wishing to submit articles for publishing must get approval through the committee.



BOOK STALL – Please support the book stall as profits help support and subsidise U3A activities. Because of the number of books and limited storage, help is required to take a bag of books home with you.



PHOTOS – Photographs are taken from time to time at U3A events. These may appear in the U3A or Third Age Matters newsletter, website or facebook pages. If members do not want to be in these photos, it is their responsibility to remove themselves before they are taken.



Bottle Tops- We are now collecting bottle tops again – more details in January newsletter.



Sutton in Ashfield U3A
THE THIRD AGE TRUST

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Ho Ho Ho- Tis the season to be jolly – Christmas is always a busy time for families and friends as they enjoy the build up to Christmas day. As we enjoy our time, we also think about those who do not have loved ones and will be having a quiet Christmas. Friendship is at the heart of the U3A so why not, if you are able, bring the spirit of Christmas to a friend or neighbour who may feel isolated or alone.

There's more to Christmas,
There's more, much more to Christmas,
The candlelight and cheer,
in the spirit of sweet friendship
that brightens all the year,
it's thoughtfulness and kindness,
it's hope reborn anew,
for peace and understanding
and goodwill to all of you.



Thanks must go to those who have been organising social events, trips, productions, demonstrations and parties over the last few weeks – your enthusiasm and dedication is appreciated by everyone.

As some of you know Ann Bulmer had a fall recently and although on the mend, she is taking a break from group leading. Elaine McSpurren and Ann Sheffield will be leading the Afternoon Tea group and Peter Creek the International Dining group – THANK YOU for stepping in.

*We wish you all a very Happy Christmas
and a healthy new year.*



Drama Crafts

Cinema Arts

DRAMA GROUP - Every Monday
1.00pm to 3.00pm at Pretty Polly Bowls Club
No meetings during January
Group Leader: Peter Dowdle on 01623 455696

CLASSIC CINEMA CLUB Wednesday 10th January
2pm at The Oasis Club Bar, 28, Outram Street,
Sutton In Ashfield, NG17 4AX.

The Treasure Of The Sierra Madre (1947) 126mins.

Starring Humphrey Bogart, Walter Huston, Tim Holt, Bruce Bennett. Directed by John Huston.

In this classic adventure film two down on their luck Americans searching for work in 1920s Mexico convince an old prospector to help them mine for gold in the Sierra Madre Mountains.

Contact David Cutts for more details. Tel: 07801 424618 or
email davidlcutts53@gmail.com

CRAFT GROUP 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays
10.00am at Teversal Visitor Centre, Carnarvon Street, Teversal,
NG17 3HJ

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 5th JANUARY.

We try a variety of crafts and welcome new members and ideas,
If interested in joining the group, contact Pam

Contact: Pam Shaw on 01623 469010 or 07713 570457

KINGS CARDS – Mondays 10am to 12 noon
at the Tin Hat, Chapel Road, Selston, Notts NG17 6BW
Group Leaders: Leaders Andrea Westwood Tel: 07990 034961
and Mick Winterton Tel: 07854 415482.



BOARD GAMES 4th Wednesday

No meeting in December

10am at Polly Bowls Sports Club.

Come along and challenge those brain cells.

Group Leader: Jenny North 01623 441402

Discussion Group 4th Thursday of the month

approx 2 till 4pm in members homes. Due to space constraints this group is currently full. **Why not start a second discussion group.**

Group Leader, David Shooter (01623) 437851 mobile 07741 028588



DECEMBER CRUISE – Monday 18th December

Coach leaves Lammas at 10.00am

Contact: David Keward 01623 629771

MEMBERSHIP LIAISON - Hi all, hope you are keeping well. I am your link with the committee and will try to keep you informed. Please remember to seek me out at meetings to share your news, tell me of any concerns you have or just have a chat. I also undertake to send out cards for anyone who has a special celebration, who is poorly or who has suffered a bereavement. Let me know if you would like a card sent to another U3a member.
Best wishes. Avril Dowdle. 01623 455696

Thinking about starting a new group?

If anyone has got any ideas to start new groups up, then please talk to June Hall and she will help you to get things started. Our group leaders are the backbone of our group and do a fabulous job providing members with a wide range of interest and social groups.

June Hall, Groups Co-ordinator on 07976 637601

Dining Out

INTERNATIONAL DINING GROUP

January 10th Gurkha Chulo 6.15pm for 6.30pm,
240 Nottingham Road, Selston, NG16 6AD.
Contact Peter Creek 07531631115.

SINGLES SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

No lunch during December

Group Leader Kevin Parnham 01623 555321

AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

December Lunch is pre Booked and full

No Afternoon Tea in January

PUB LUNCHEON GROUP Next Lunch

Black Bull, Mansfield Woodhouse at 2.00pm

Menu selection and details at January meeting

Group Leader David Keward: Home 01623 629771
mobile 07715 358111. Email address d.keward@sky.com

GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP Tuesday 9th January

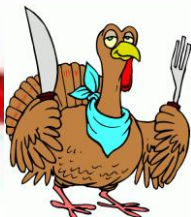
**9.30am The Bold Forester, Botany Avenue Road,
Mansfield. NG18 5NG**

Group Leader: Steve Shaw on 01623 469010 or email
S59shaw@ntlworld.com

FISH FRIDAY 3rd Friday, Booking essential

SEA FISH, Sutton in Ashfield

Group Leader: Sandra Lee 01623 471087 or 07941 685789



Keeping Active



WALKING GROUP Wednesday 3rd January

Rufford Country Park, Rufford Abbey.

Start: Carpark, sign posted of the A614 **Time:** 10:15 for 10:30 am.

Terrain: The walk is wholly within the area of Rufford Park, Woodland, Lakes and fields. Suitable for any weather that January throws. After walk: The Rose Cottage - drinks, nibbles or Food.

Group Leader: Ron Hicken Tel: 01623 439293 or 07871 796444

STROLLERS GROUP, 4th Thursday of the month

The December stroll will be on **Thursday 21 December**, **meeting at 10.30 am** at the car park at **Brierley Forest**, followed by drinks in the café at the Woodend, then Christmas lunch at 12.30 pm. If your boots are muddy, please change them before going in to lunch. Don't forget your Christmas jumper!

Date for January's stroll will be Thursday 25th.

Group Leader Gill Hefford Tel: 07717 628879

INDOOR BOWLS - 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

1.30pm to 3.30pm at Pretty Polly Bowls Club, Unwin Road, Sutton in Ashfield, NG17 4HN. Cost £1.50 including tea and biscuits. New members always welcome.

Group Leader: June Hall Tel: 07976 637601

TEN PIN BOWLING - 1st Friday of the month

1.15pm for 1.30pm start. Mansfield Super Bowl, Stockwell Gate, Mansfield. NG18 1LG. MEMBERS PAY £8.50 for two games, shoe hire and coffee/tea

Group Leaders : Kathleen Handley Tel 01623 552741
Bernard Jeffries Tel 07747 397350

CROQUET GROUP (Summer until end of September)

Mondays 10am – 12 noon, Sutton Lawn

Group Leader Mary Fenton Tel 01623 552742

SNOOKER GROUP

Triple S, SKEGBY - Every Thursday 2pm to 4pm

An annual £5 membership of Triple S is now due

Group Leader: Mick Winterton Tel 07854 415482

GROUP CONTACTS

Group	Leader	Contact details
Afternoon Tea	Ann Bulmer	01623 440725
Board Games	Jenny North	01623 441402
Classic Cinema Group	David Lawson-Cutts	07801 424618
Croquet Group	Mary Fenton	01623 552742
Craft Group	Pam Shaw	01623 469010
Discussion Group	David Shooter	01623 437851
Drama Group	Peter Dowdle	01623 455696
Fish Friday Group	Sandra Lee	01623 471087
Grumpy Old Men Group	Steve Shaw	01623 469010
Indoor/ Outdoor Bowls	June Hall	01623 559808
International Dining	Ann Bulmer	01623 440725
Kings Cards Group	Mick Winterton / Andrea Westwood	01623 451758 07990 034961
Pub Luncheon Group	David Keward	01623 629771
Singles Sunday Lunch Group	Kevin Parnham	01623 555321
Snooker Group	Mick Winterton	01623 451758
Strollers Group	Gillian Hefford	07717 628879
Ten Pin Bowling Group	Bernard Jeffries/ Kathleen Handley	07747 397350 01623 552741
Theatre Visit Group	David Lawson-Cutts	07801 424618
Walking Group	Ron Hicken	01623 439293

GROUP TIMETABLE

Day	1 st in the Month	2 nd in the Month	3 rd in the Month	4 th in the Month	5 th in the Month
M O N D A Y	Kings Cards 10am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>	Kings Cards 10am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>	Kings Cards 10am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>	Kings Cards 10am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>	Kings Cards 10am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am Summer only
T U E S		Grumpy Old Men 9.30am		Luncheon Group 12.30pm	
W E D S	Walking Group 10.00am	Classic Cinema 2.00pm	International Dining	Board Games 10am	
T H U R S	U3A Committee Meeting Snooker 2.00pm	U3A General Meeting Snooker 2.00pm	Afternoon Tea Group Snooker 2.00pm	Strollers 10.00am Discussion Group 2pm Snooker 2.00pm	Snooker 2.00pm
F R I D A Y	Craft Group 10am Ten Pin Bowling 1.30pm	Indoor Bowls 1.30pm <i>Winter only</i> Lawn Bowls <i>Summer only</i>	Craft Group 10am Fish Friday	Indoor Bowls 1.30pm <i>Winter only</i> Lawn Bowls <i>Summer only</i>	Craft Group 10am

Singles Sunday Lunch Group – Last Sunday of the month

THE GROUPS

Afternoon Tea Group,
Board Games Group,
Classic Cinema Group,
Croquet Group,
Craft Group,
Discussion Group,
Drama Group,
Fish Friday Group,
Grumpy Old Men Group,
Indoor Bowls Group (lawn bowls during the summer),
International Dining Group,
Kings Cards Group,
Pub Luncheon Group,
Singles Sunday Lunch Group,
Snooker Group,
Strollers Group,
Ten Pin Bowling Group,
Theatre Visits Group,
Walking Group

COMMITTEE CONTACTS 2023/2024

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David Shooter	Non Specific Role	07741 028588 01623 437851
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