

## Our next meeting

Meetings start at 10am at Mansfield Hosiery Mills

March 10<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning

Enjoy a cuppa and a chat and find out what's on in the future

A chance to pay your Membership Fees for 2022/23

Primary Membership £18.00 Secondary Membership £14.50

## Welcome to today's Speaker



### Mike Newbold: My Extra Life.

Covering period in amateur dramatics and working as a tv extra for 17 years, Mike's talk is about the rules and regulations the pitfalls, the jargon, pay, and experiences encountered, meeting some interesting and strange people along the way.

Activities or items that do not vary from month to month along with group contact details are published in the quarterly newsletter that is normally published in October, January, April and July.



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# Sutton in Ashfield U3A



Website: [www.u3asites.org.uk/sutton-in-ashfield](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/sutton-in-ashfield)

## February 2022 Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

In January's newsletter we wished everyone a happy new year but it's been anything but that!

January saw two of our members pass away. Jean Griffin, our Chair, passed away in King's Mill Hospital after contracting Covid Pneumonia and we also lost Hilary Constable to terminal cancer. More information on Jean and Hilary can be found in the newsletter.

Following Jean's death, the committee decided to continue as we are until the AGM where we hope new Officers will be elected.

Since our return from our Covid lockdowns we have had a few groups that have ceased operating due to lack of leaders. It is important for the future of our U3A that we have our interest groups up and running so please think about how you can help. See the information in this newsletter.

In April we will be having our Annual General Meeting where once again we will require members to step forward to take up committee roles. All committee roles are appointed annually, and nomination papers will be available at the February meeting. We hope you will seriously consider putting yourself up for election so we can look forward to an exciting year for all our members.

**PLEASE NOTE – THE AGM will be held at Triple S Social Club**



## This month's group meetings

**Table Tennis** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 2pm – 4pm. Kirkb Festival Hall Leisure Centre , Hodgkinson Road, NG17 7DJ. Cost £1.



Contact: Avril Dowdle on 01623455696 or 07946 086374

### Strollers Group



**Next Stroll - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am**

Berry Hill Park, Lichfield Lane, Mansfield NG18 4RP

The next stroll, lasting about 45 minutes, Please wear appropriate footwear. We will have a drink afterwards in the cafe. Please sign up on the list at the February meeting or text Gill Hefford if you would like to join in, on 07717 628879.

**10 Pin Bowling** – The group now have a new Group Leader. Sign up at main meeting.

Group Leader – Kathleen Handley Tel: 01623 552741

**New Group**

### Pub Luncheon Group

**First Luncheon – Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm**

**REINDEER at Erdingly (Carvery or Fish and Chips)**

Sign up sheet available at the main meeting.

Contact: Mark Hollingworth – Tel: 01623 647491



### Interested in going to The Palace Theatre, Mansfield

Wednesday 16th March **OLIVER !** New Youth Theatre  
7.30pm. Tickets £13.50p.

Saturday 26th March **FAME: The Musical.** Academy Of Performing Arts. 7.30pm. Tickets £16.00 Concessions £14.00

Saturday 9th April **Chess: The Musical.** Heanor Musical Theatre Company 7.30pm. Tickets £14.00.

Contact David Cutts for more details Tel: 07801424618 or email davidlcutts@gmail.co.uk

### U3A FESTIVE BREAK SCARBOROUGH



**28TH NOVEMBER 2022**

**5 DAYS HALF BOARD CUMBERLAND HOTEL**

This will be our 4th U3A visit to the Cumberland on the south cliff at Scarborough. All rooms centrally heated, with TV, private facilities plus tea and coffee making.

**Your break includes:**

- 4 nights dinner bed and breakfast plus 2 lunches in resort, excellent varied menus.
- 1 full day and one half day excursion
- Entertainment every evening plus fancy dress competition
- Luxury coach travel directly to your hotel (NO STOPPING AT THE INTERCHANGE)
- coach pick up from Sutton in Ashfield, Kirkby and Mansfield only

**Cost £249.00 per person sharing twin or double**

Deposits £50.00 per person, cheques made out to

**ALFA travel Ltd**

For more information and to book contact Caroline Rhoades  
Ashfield U3A Holiday Organiser

Telephone 01623 721987 Mobile 07724210563

Email crhoades159@gmail.com

## **Jean and Hilary**

### **Jean Griffin**

*Jean was an extremely active member of our U3A and served on the committee for a number of years. She took on the role of Chair this year following the resignation of Alan Keegan and led with enthusiasm and experience. Jean was involved in a number of interest groups and also represented our U3A at regional level.*

There is no general funeral ceremony for Jean.

Her family has said it is a "Disposal"

A Direct disposal means that the body of the person who has died goes straight off to be cremated or buried without a funeral ceremony.

### **Hilary Constable**

*Hilary was a longstanding member of the Philosophy Group and enjoyed the Walking Group. She was also a past group leader of the Bowls Group. Members have said she was a lovely person who was an enthusiastic supporter of our U3A.*

Hilary's funeral will be taking place on Weds 16 Feb at 1pm at Mansfield Crematorium

**Rest in Peace Jean and Hilary.**



**Fish Friday** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 12 noon at Sea Fish, Sutton in Ashfield.

**Booking essential**

**Contact:** Sandra Lee 01623 471087 or 07941 685789

### **Grumpy Old Men**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Titchfield Tea House** March 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

30 Park View Way, Titchfield Park, Nottinghamshire,  
Mansfield NG18 2RN

To book in contact Steve Shaw on 01623 469010



### **International Dining.**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm CIAO BELLA Mansfield – Fully Booked**

**At this time there are no further International Dining Group  
Meals planned**

### **Drama Group**

Meets every Monday 1pm to 3pm  
Terversal Visitor Centre.

New members welcome. We have now started back after a short break and begin work on our next show.

Contact: Peter Dowdle 01623455696



**Beginners Bridge** 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10am to 12 noon at The Fox and Crown, 116 Dalestorth Road, Sutton in Ashfield, NG17 3AA. Learn the basics of playing Bridge. New starters welcome.

**Contact:** John Barsby on 01623 439803 or  
email: John.Barsby@ntlworld.com





## Gardening Group



**NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 8th March**

**At the home of Sue Crook**

Talk / demonstration on potting up

Free plug plants (if ready), Seed bank

Talk about getting ready for our washing basket displays

Garden book library

Group Contact: Sue Crook on 07756624612

**Future Diary Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May - Private visit to Shires Nursery**

**Craft Group** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays 10am at Teversal Visitor Centre, Carnarvon Street, Teversal, NG17 3HJ. We try a variety of crafts and welcome new members and ideas,

**A few places are now available**

**Contact:** Pam Shaw on 01623 469010 or 07713570457



**Walking Group** – The Walking Group is temporarily suspended and awaiting a new Group Leader

**Dominoes** - Due to lack of numbers the group is unable to carry on at this point of time.

**NO REFUNDS POLICY** – When you purchase tickets for events and are unable to go it is your responsibility to sell them to another member as no refunds will be given.



**Suggestion Box** can be found on our website and is open for “appropriate” comments and suggestions for the benefit of our U3A. For those who are unable to access the website please let a committee member have your suggestions. All suggestions will be considered in confidence. Thank you

## Group Leaders Wanted

Due to various issues we have a number of groups that require a Group Leader in order to restart/continue. As per our policies, Groups are unable to function without a leader and it is up to members to step up and lead our groups. We welcome new groups and hope to launch more in the future with your support. Current Groups which are suspended due to no leader are – Walking group, Art Group, Snooker Group, Afternoon Tea Group.

If you have been enjoying the benefits of our U3A over the years but have not thought about leading a group please think about it as the future relies on our wonderful group leaders.

Contact June Hall if you want to take on group and she will offer you all the support you need.



## Website and Facebook



**Volunteers Wanted** – We are looking for volunteers to take on the website and also to update the facebook page.

Updating both the website and the facebook page is not technical and easy to maintain as both are established. Handover support will be given.

This is an important role as anyone interested in joining our u3a or wanting to know more can find details on the site.

The new volunteers will take over from the AGM so plenty of time to find out more information.

**Interested? Contact any committee member.**