

Warsop & Distict



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Notes from the Chairman



Firstly, a reminder that the newsletter is our method of getting information to all our members, everybody gets a newsletter every month. It has come to our notice that not all members are checking the newsletter for current information on Warsop u3a. Please take a few minutes each month to check up on recent events and what is going to happen in the future.

Secondly, many of you will have noticed that parking at the Oaklands is sometimes a little cramped. Please be aware that extra parking is available through the big black gates, which should be open for us, on the opposite side of the Oaklands centre. Much safer than parking on the road.



The speaker Dr Tim Grey from the meeting in November gave a very interesting talk on the East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme. He did not charge but asked for donations. He has been in touch to thank us for the donations we made at the meeting. £196 was raised.

While we are on the subject of speakers, the speaker for January is unable to come and talk to us. Sylvia Ellis one of our members has kindly stepped in to talk to us about bats. The talk title is 'Batty About Bats'.

The Rotary club raffle has been a success, we came away with 13 prizes of the 124 on offer. I must thank Dave and Val Buckinger for leading the sale of these tickets.

The Barn dance took place last Saturday evening, with many of us making ourselves look foolish by getting it all wrong, but with good food and a bar available it didn't seem to matter. The evening went very well and was enjoyed by members and visitors alike. Thank you to Jen Thomson for organising the event.

The Social events section of this newsletter is well worth a read, it outlines all that has gone on this year on the social side and some of the things we can expect next year.

The next meeting on the 19th December is our Christmas Party, there will be music, entertainment you can all join in with and food, don't forget the food items that many of you volunteered to bring. I have seen what is planned and it looks like a good morning out to me.

There will be the usual raffle, with the main prize being a large food hamper donated by Asda supermarket well worth winning, so bring your change to have a go on the raffle.

Lastly congratulations to the craft group who received £30 as a prize for their decorated bike when the Tour of Britain bike race went through Warsop.

See you all on Monday.

If I don't see you on Monday have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim Shervey
Chair



The deadline for including articles/information in the next newsletter is **Friday 6th January** Send contributions to Chris Shervey.

Rota for refreshments and greeting

Starting Monday 19th December at the Oaklands

Please be there around 9.30 am. Any problems please let me know: 07460760870, thanks Ann.

Date	Refreshments 1	Refreshments 2	Meet & Greet 1	Meet & Greet 2
19 th December	Jean Hayes	Pat England	Glenys Fearn	Ray White
16 th January	Angelina Taylor	Patricia Scattergood	Chris Wilson	Brenda Pearce
20 th February	Sheila Easom	Maureen Long	Moiria Heslop	Barbara Hartshorn
20 th March	Zena Inger	Christine Chapman	Jean Hayes	Pat England
17 th April	Janice Thorlby	Audrey Gilbert	Ann Ballinger	Betty Trinder

Items of interest u3a 40th Anniversary Film

Show & Refreshments

Arnold u3a would like to invite members from u3as across Notts to a film show on 20th January 2023 from 2 – 4 pm at the Bonington Social Club, High Street, Arnold.

Two films will be shown, one of Arnold u3a and Carlton & Gedling passing the beacon on 20th September and the other about the Highfields event on Saturday 24th September. The videos were filmed by Arnold u3a members Greg Foster and Brian Cluff and Brian put it all together into the films.

Tea/coffee and a jam scone with cream will be provided during the break.

The cost of the event is not set yet and will depend on the number of people who come but it is likely to be £4.

Please would you publicise this widely to your members and get back to me asap with numbers. These can be individuals contacting me or u3as giving group numbers.

I will need payment in advance, but we can sort that out in January.

I have seen the films and they are very good. It is great to see, for example, the flash mob dancers performing, and the Worksop steel band.

Rosie Allen

Milk Bottle Tops

Could you please keep collecting plastic tops from bottles of milk to raise money for the JOHN EASTWOOD HOSPICE. Bring to the main meetings. Also any unwanted wallpaper.

A big thank you to everyone who has brought bottle tops and wallpaper. Barbara Hartshorn

Cups Please will as many of you as possible bring your own mug for your tea or coffee. This is not only more environmentally friendly but also would save us a lot of money as the paper disposable cups we use are surprisingly expensive. Ann.

Raffle The November raffle raised £70 pounds for funds. Thank You. **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED PLEASE ESPECIALLY ONES SUITABLE FOR MEN.**

Books and Jigsaws Made £8.90 in November. The books are sorted into genres e.g. Crime Non-Fiction Historical etc so it is easier to find a book you like. Please note there will be no jigsaws or books at the Dec meeting.

Website & Facebook

The Warsop & District U3A website can be found at the address below. If any of the group leaders/facilitators would like to advertise/ promote any of their future activities, please contact either Bob Thomson or Ann Ballinger.

www.u3asites.org.uk/Warsop

Warsop & District U3A have a Facebook Page. It is a closed group page which can be seen by the public but they can't post or comment on the posts on the page. What this means is that you have to be invited to join the group or have your request to join accepted. Also you need to be on Facebook which some of you may not be. As a member of the group you will be able to put your own posts on the page, please keep them relevant to the U3A and what it stands for. We would ask that you don't put anything on that is in anyway party political or anything that may be offensive to others who may be of a different creed or religion. Hopefully everyone will join, use the page and find it useful.

One of the things that puts people 'off' Facebook, is the 'bad press' some of the Social sites get. You can join Facebook, choose only to join the Warsop Facebook page and not be involved in any other site, or Friends requests (usually from people that you have never heard of!) The choice is entirely yours.

To request to join the Warsop u3a Facebook page, contact either Ann Ballinger or Bob Thomson, email addresses as per the Website.

Group News



Theatre Group



Theatre Group

A reminder, the play we are going to see at the Robin Hood Theatre is the matinee performance on Saturday 17th December. Curtain up at 2.30 pm.

Jen

Silver Surfers

Savoy cinema Worksop. Wednesday 21st December. 11.30am. Ticket price £4.15.

Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical

An adaptation of the Tony and Olivier award-winning musical. Matilda tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind and a vivid imagination, dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results.



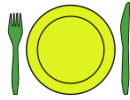
Strollers

"Strollers - we will not be meeting in December due to the proximity to Christmas.

January 25th 2023 - Meet Carrs Car Park 10.00 am for car share to Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre. Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year to everyone. from Pat and Sue.

International Dining

This group will resume next year.



Walking Group



Garden Group



Sorry no current information.

The garden group will not be meeting until March 2023. The date will be in the Newsletter and the WhatsApp page. Linda

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE SOME WELL ROTTED HORSE MANURE (FREE OF CHARGE)
PLEASE SEE JIM.



CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS!!!

.....The December Book Group met at the Plough Inn, Warsop, at 2pm on Wednesday 7 December and we were pleased to welcome Yvonne to the group.

Many different books were discussed and reviewed by the members and of the various books reviewed the 'Book of the Month' for December was considered to be:-

The Evening and the Morning

Ken Follett

This tome set in 997 BC/CE by best selling author Ken Follett was written as a prequel to his famous novel The Pillars of the Earth.

The story centres round two main characters, Edgar a talented shipbuilder who escapes from his home village following a Viking raid in which he and his family lose everything. Following the raid what remains of his family move inland trying to find work. Edgar spends many years clawing his way up social scale, and along the way falls in love with Ragna who is the wife of the local chieftain.

The second main character is Ragna, a Norman Princess who against her parents' wishes comes to England to marry a local Chieftain. Hopelessly in love with her new husband Ragna soon comes down to earth when she realises that everything is not what she has been led to believe. For one thing her husband had been married before and his former wife lives within the family as does his widowed matriarchal Mother. Both women make life difficult for the new bride as she struggles to adjust to her new life.

The story interweaves the lives of Edgar and Ragna in a time when life was hard and brutal and corruption was rife.

There are some other interesting characters, Blod the Welsh slave girl, Bishop Wynstan who was not only corrupt but a selfish greedy, ruthless, sociopath and finally Aldred, a monk who has a great ambition to build a school and a library within his Abbey.

The intertwining of the lives of these characters produces a graphic story about the harsh realities of life at the end of the Dark Ages.

Considered a good read if not a little drawn out in places, but recommended.

There will be NO Book Group meeting in January. Therefore the next meeting is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday 1 February, at the Plough Inn, Warsop.

So please come and join us for a lighthearted entertaining afternoon discussing books and whatever topics that transpire.

If you want more information, please contact meMel



Photography Group

The Photography group continues with both the Online 'Themed' challenges and the 'Face to Face' monthly meetings. This month the 'Themed' challenge was 'Things beginning with either G or H', and the 'Face to Face' meeting was held on Friday 18th Nov 22 at Thoresby park. The weather gods were again in our favour as there was a short gap between the heavy rain bands, which allowed us to get around some of the park!

Many thanks to Jen Thomson, Chris & Jim Shervey for taking part in the Online challenge!

Joyce O'Neil – Glorious Bloom/Hot food



Ann Ballinger – Goat/Horses



Betty Trinder – Thoresby/Glasses



Joanne Wheatley-Hope/Hands



Yvonne Panner Rospaw -Green/Geometry



Bob Thomson -Thoresby /Hyena



Jen Thomson – Handmade



Chris & Jim Shervey – Goat/ Horse



The next Online 'Themed' challenge is 'Things beginning with either I or J'.

The Friendship Group



Nine members met at the Plough Inn on the 2nd December for a Beetle Drive. This was a change from our usual cards and dominoes and I think everyone enjoyed the change. Pam did an excellent job of organising everything and there were prizes for the highest and lowest scorers. The next meeting is to be on the 6th January, 2023 at 2.00 p.m. at our usual venue The Plough Inn. Betty

Bowls

The Welbeck Bowling Club is now closed until April 2023



Bridge Club

The Dukeries u3a Bridge Group meet on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at the Jubilee Hall(NG22 9AP) from 1 – 4PM. The cost of each session is currently £3. All U3a members are welcome to attend.



Craft Group

This month we had another go at Macrami, this time making a Christmas Angel. (Speaking for myself I found this much easier than the Macrami keyrings we made) We all had a good time but Sue had underestimated how quickly we can take on instructions and we ran out of time. So the angels were finished at home. The photo shows an angel being made and a finished one. Chris



History Group



At the meeting of the history group on Tuesday, 15th November 14 members and two visitors attended. Bob Massey came to speak to us about the historical origins of Halloween traditions. He took us on a journey back to Celtic times when the festival of Samhain (*sow in*) was celebrated to mark the end of the summer and the harvests. It is easy to understand that in these early times when folks relied entirely on the natural world for survival the prospect of a harsh winter ahead brought with it dread. Fewer hours daylight and mists prompted people to believe this was a time associated with death and otherworldly spirits walking the earth. As one time of year passed into another huge bonfires were built, and sacrifices made to pray for the return of the sun and good harvests to come. Hollowed out turnips (replaced by the pumpkins today) with carved faces and a candle inside and animal skin costumes were used to ward off any evil that may harm the group's survival. Offerings of food were left for the spirits of ancestors who were believed to return to walk the earth at this time.

Later the Roman festival of Feralia, which marked the passing of the dead, was incorporated into celebrations along with the Roman festival of Pomona, the celebration of the fruit harvest symbolised by the apple – and hence the tradition of apple bobbing.

By the 9th Century Christianity was established in the UK. Many of these pagan customs were Christianised by rededicating them to a Christian saint or belief. In 1000AD the church dedicated November 2nd as All Soul's Day or All Hallows, a day to honour the dead and this was celebrated with bonfires and parades, like the pagan Samhain. It was from 'Hallows', meaning 'souls, we have today's name of Halloween – 'een'

meaning eve. Distributing soul cakes replaced the ancient practice of leaving food out for ancestral spirits. According to Roman Catholic belief the souls of the dead went to purgatory before entering heaven or hell; they did not return to roam the earth. The ghosts must therefore be evil spirits and demons.

Ghost stories proliferated in Victorian times with the popularity of Gothic novels and drawing room seances. Candlelight made Victorian homes very atmospheric for telling ghost stories as they flickered and cast odd shadows on the walls. The advent of gas lighting was often responsible for hallucinations of ghosts. Halloween became a national holiday in the USA in the late 1800s, many of the traditions taken there by immigrants from Ireland and other parts of Europe. Americans spend \$6 billion a year on Halloween. It is gaining popularity again in this country as it becomes more commercialised and scary Halloween movies have become box office hits.

We hope Bob will return next year to tell us about Bonfire Night customs.

The history group does not have a meeting planned in December as it would fall very close to Christmas.

On January 17th we meet again at 10am St Theresa's Church Hall when Dennis Hill will be joining us again to speak about Newstead Abbey and its owners. Hope to see you there. Merry Christmas to you all and wishing you a very happy new year.

Barbara, Sue and Tamar

Warsop & District U3A History Group Calendar of Events-2022

Date		
December 2022	No meeting as very close to Christmas	

17 th January 2023	Newstead Abbey and its owners – Denis Hill	St Theresa's Church Hall 10am
21 st February 2023	In house	St Theresa's Church Hall 10am
21 st March 2023	Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest Adrian Gray	St Theresa's Church Hall 10am
18 th April 2023	Visit to Southwell Workhouse	Meet at 10am at The Carrs Warsop

Group Leaders

Group	Name	Email	Tel
WALKING GROUP	Brenda Pearce Pam Hick		
STROLLERS	Sue Cox Pat Magness		
HISTORY GROUP	Barbara Spybey		
BOOK GROUP	Mel Mitchell		
CRAFTS	Zena Inger		
GARDENING	Linda Crossley		
FRIENDSHIP GROUP	Betty Trinder		
INTERNATIONAL DINING GROUP	Chris Wilson Brenda Pearce		
THEATRE GROUP	Jennifer Thomson		
SOCIAL EVENTS ORGANISER	Jennifer Thomson		

INTEREST GROUP TIMETABLE					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 st	10am – 12pm CRAFTS GROUP The Adam Eastwood Building, Warsop		2pm BOOKS & LITERATURE GROUP The Plough Warsop		2pm FRIENDSHIP GROUP The Plough Warsop
2 nd		10am GARDENING GROUP Venue agreed by members			
3 rd	MAIN MEETING 10.15 Oaklands Centre Warsop	10am– 12pm HISTORY GROUP Catholic Church Warsop		10am WALKING GROUP Carrs Car Park 10am	11.am PHOTOGRAPHY Venue to be agreed by the members.
4 th			10.am STROLLERS Carrs Car Park 10am		
	INTERNATIONAL DINING -Location and time as announced THEATRE GROUP - Location and time as announced PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP -Please see Newsletter for the on line challenge.				



North Notts Network Group

(North Notts Network Warsop & District U3A is a member of the NNNG Group of U3A's).

This means that you as a member of Warsop & District can ask to join an interest group in another U3A that is also in the NNNG.

Please note that joining another U3A's interest group depends on whether there is space in the group. A U3A will give priority to its own members.

Social Events

By the time this newsletter is circulated all our Christmas festivities will have taken place and, for the majority of you, I won't be asking for money at our December meeting/party.

However, those members going to the Chinese New Year celebration at Springwater Restaurant on 23 January must let me have the balance due at this meeting. I am collecting on behalf of the Notts u3a Network and need to forward payment to their treasurer by the end of December. You may pay in cash or by cheques made payable to T.R. Hardman. The event is timed at 6.30pm for 7pm.

Past events

During 2022 we have held 3 quiz nights with supper at the Plough Inn, all have been really good fun and there will be more in 2023, hopefully the first one sometime in February or March. If you've not attended one of our quiz nights come and join us one evening, you will witness the good natured competition first hand and may end up winning our highly coveted trophy! A caveat, the winning team has to set the questions for the next quiz!

On 12th March, 39 of us enjoyed a Barn Dance at the Oaklands. We were entertained by professional caller, John Shakespeare, and enjoyed a buffet supper with drinks from the bar. One participant said they hadn't laughed so much for years!

We all enjoyed it so much that we had another one on the 10th December. 44 people booked for this one, 9 from neighbouring u3a groups.

In early June we celebrated our late Queen's Jubilee with a garden party at the home of founder members Jim and Chris. There were games, a bran tub, some questionable outfits and afternoon tea in the sunshine. A lovely afternoon.

Later in June, 24 of us visited Floral Media in Caunton, where we had a lovely day wandering in the beautiful garden; visiting the new Jungle Room where owners Paula and Steve have their indoor plant collection and enjoying a flower arranging display. The beautiful arrangement was then raffled for charity. We also saw the newly planted cutting field. Steve and Paula plan to sell their locally grown flowers to nearby florists thereby reducing the carbon footprint and expense of importing flowers. After a delicious lunch we were able to relax before heading for home.

December has seen us celebrate with our Christmas festivities, the Barn Dance and Christmas Lunch for 33 of us at the Foxglove in Forest Town.

Nothing has yet been planned for 2023, there will, of course, be more quiz nights and I am hoping to arrange a cruise along the River Trent with afternoon tea in Spring. Please, if anyone has suggestions for other events, do let me know. I like to arrange things which will appeal to as many as possible, so all suggestions will be considered. I shall also continue to let you know about activities being arranged by the Dukeries u3a, to which we are always invited. Let's make 2023 as fulfilled as we possibly can!

Speakers for the main meetings



December 19th Christmas Party

2023

January 16 th	Batty About Bats	Sylvia Ellis
February 20 th	Masters of Mirth the sequel	Mike Storr
March 20th	The Wild West in song	Steve Allen
April 17 th	Weird + Wonderful Ways of Predicting the Future	Elaine Parkins
May 15 th	Road safety (more interesting than it sounds)	Autumn Rose
June 19 th	Baroness Bolsovers Afternoon Tea Etiquette Demonstration + participation required!!	Baroness Bolsover
July 17 th	Bees, Ants and Wasps	Graham Appleby
August 21 st	Lesley Taylor Talks Rubbish	Lesley Taylor
September 18th	Annual General Meeting	

October	16 th	Funny Turns	David Moylan
November	20 th	Inspector Hopkins Discovery	Ian Morgan
December		Christmas Party	

CHRISTMAS QUIZ Christmas Customs Around The World, In Which Countries Do These Customs Occur?

- Where do they begin Christmas Day with porridge made of rice and topped with cinnamon? SWEDEN FINLAND DENMARK
- Where do they have a traditional model of a Yule Goat? NORWAY INDIA SWEDEN
- Where do they celebrate Christmas with a Giant Lantern Festival? JAPAN CHINA PHILLIPINES
- Where do they go to KFC for Christmas dinner? MEXICO JAPAN INDONESIA
- Where do the children put out their shoes? (if they have been good they get sweets in them. If they have been bad they get a rotten potato!) GREENLAND ICELAND NORWAY
- Where is it traditional to have a seafood Christmas dinner on the beach? BALI NEW ZEALAND TASMANIA
- Where do people visit their relatives with an offering of pork stew on Christmas Day? JAMACIA MARTINIQUE BARBADOS
- Where do they put red candles in the windows for Christmas? FRANCE GERMANY IRELAND
- Where does Christmas dinner consist of a baked ham and rum cake? TRINIDAD BARBADOS JAMACIA
- Where do they not have Christmas dinner until the first star appears? HUNGARY POLAND ESTONIA
- Where does the Las Pasadas occur? (a religious march, featuring Mary and Joseph) BRAZIL CHILE MEXICO

- 12 Where is traditional to make your own advent calendar? AUSTRIA
SWITZERLAND GERMANY
- 13 Where do they celebrate with fireworks on the 24th and 25th Dec? PERU
COSTA RICA EL SALVADOR
- 14 Where does Christmas dinner begin at 10pm on Christmas Eve and then
presents exchanged at midnight? PORTUGAL BRAZIL ARGENTINA

DECEMBER QUICK QUIZ All the answers start with X

- 1 Name a wooden percussion instrument?
- 2 Common abbreviation of Christmas?
- 3 To take picture of bones?
- 4 Song sung by Olivia Newton John?
- 5 Comic book heroes?
- 6 TV talent show?
- 7 Name given to a fear of foreigners?
- 8 Chemical element discovered in 1890? 9 Persian king from
486-465BC ?
- 10 Political activist (last name)



ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER RIDDLES

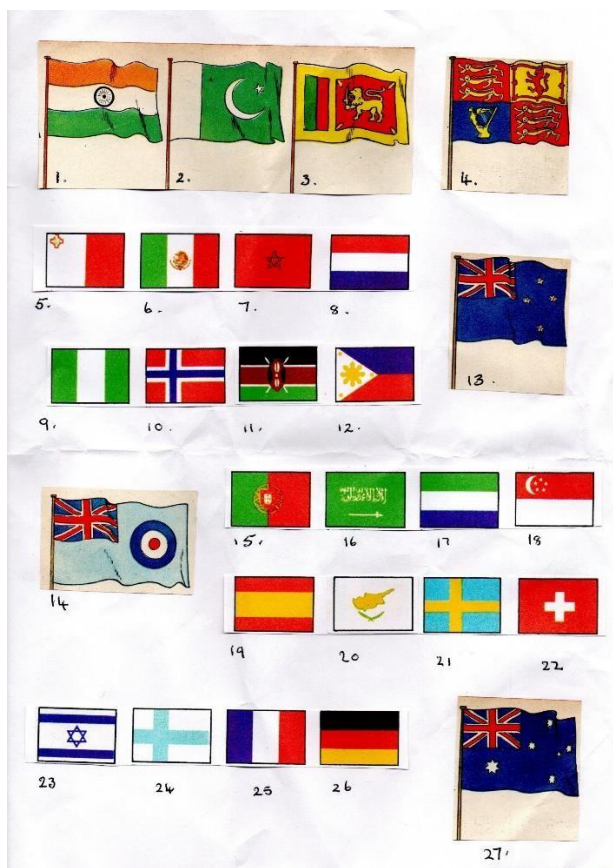
People make me, save me, change me raise me. What am I? Money

What is heavier a ton of feathers or a ton of bricks? They both weigh the same

What starts with T, ends with T and has T in it? A teapot

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER QUIZ

Which flags or associations do theses flags belong to?



- 1 India 2 Pakistan 3 Sri Lanka 4 Royal Standard 5 Malta
 6 Mexico 7 Morocco 8 Netherlands 9 Nigeria 10 Norway
 11 Kenya 12 Philippines 13 New Zealand 14 Royal Airforce 15 Portugal
 16 Saudia Arabia 17 Sierra Leone 18 Singapore 19 Spain 20 Cyprus
 21 Sweden 22 Switzerland 23 Israel 24 Finland 25 France
 26 Germany 27 Australia 28 Ghana 29 Greece 30 Guyana
 31 Hungary 32 Zimbabwe 33 NATO 34 Olympics 35 United Nations
 36 Union Jack 37 Merchant Navy 38 St George 39 St Andrew 40 St Patrick
 41 Fiji 42 St Lucia 43 Zaire 44 Canada 45 Austria
 46 Tanzania 47 Thailand 48 Trinidad 49 Bolivia 50 Brazil
 51 Chile 52 China 53 Japan 54 Turkey 55 USA

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER QUICK QUIZ All answers start with the letter W

- 1 In which musical do you find the Sharks and Jets? WEST SIDE STORY
- 2 Who is the Austrian equivalent to Robin Hood? (first name W) WILIAM TELL
- 3 In which 1960's film is Alan Bates mistaken for Jesus by a group of children?
WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND
- 4 Which composer wrote the Flying Dutchman? WAGNER
- 5 What was Fred Flintstones wife called? WILMA
- 6 Which poet wrote The Daffodils? WORDSWORTH
- 7 In the pantomime Aladdin what is his mother called? WIDOW TWANKY
- 8 Which castle was badly damaged by fire in 1992? WINDSOR
- 9 Which county cricket team plays at Egbaston? WARWICKSHIRE
- 10 Who was Prime minister four times?(first name W) WILLIAM GLADSTONE

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Robin Hood Lottery

Warsop and District U3A is a registered cause with the Robin Hood Lottery.

To buy a ticket you can register on line at www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk and set up regular payments. If you buy a ticket every week for a year Warsop U3A will receive £26.

Remember the more members that have a go (specifying Warsop & District U3A) the more money we get for our funds.

Committee Members	Role
Jim Shervey	Chairperson
Mel Mitchell	Deputy Chairperson
Irene Clay	Business Secretary
Linda Crossley	Treasurer
Mel Mitchell	Membership Secretary
Jim Shervey	Speaker Seeker
Chris Shervey	Groups co-ordinator
Chris Shervey	Newsletter editor
Jennifer Thomson	Social Events
Jennifer Thomson	Welfare Officer
Rob Thomson	Website & Facebook manager
Ann Ayodele	Refreshments rota
June Whittle	Raffle
Betty Trinder	Social events assistant
Ann Ballinger	Assistant IT manager