

**Issue 70 September 2023**

**Warsop & Distict**

A person in a floral shirt pointing

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At our August meeting Leslie, from Veolia, gave us a very informative talk about what and how we recycle. Even though I had heard a talk from Leslie some years ago it seemed I was still getting it wrong in some areas.

As you are aware our September meeting is Annual General Meeting, don’t let that put you off, we are hoping to have some fun and raise a few pounds with the silent auction that is taking place around the AGM. All proceeds go to Warsop u3a.

Sorry I have to go there again. We are short of committee members or people to help with some of the roles the committee has so far undertaken, but don’t necessarily have to be done by committee members. If you think you might be able to help speak to any member of the committee for further information.

It is with disappointment that I have to report that the Barn Dance scheduled for October has been cancelled. See social events section for more detail.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM on Monday. Also there should be a bit of fun around the silent auction as well.

Jim Shervey

Chair

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

Rota for refreshments and greeting.

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

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| Date | Refreshments 1 | Refreshments 2 | Meet & Greet 1 | Meet & Greet 2 |
| September 18th | Sonia Attwood-Vlaming | Janet Harford | Brenda Pearce | Chris Wilson |
| October 16th | Audrey Gilbert | Zena Inger | Jillian Greer | Barbara Hartshorn |

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Don’t forget it is the Silent Auction on Monday at the AGM. Please bring your 50p’s and £1’s along all proceeds go to our funds and pay towards speakers and membership fees. (A Silent Auction is when the items are placed on a table, if you wish to bid you write your bid and name on the paper with the item. To bid higher you simply write a higher price and your name on the paper).

**Dukeries u3a Annual Quiz Night, Quiz Friday 24 November 2023**

**Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton, NG22 9AP**

**Doors Open 6.30pm Quiz starts 7.00pm Supper 7.45 pm**

Supper - Chicken and vegetable casserole with mash, bread roll, tea and coffee

Vegetarian and gluten free options available.

U3a members £10 per person Non-members £11 per person

Just bring your own drinks and glasses, and a pen!

Up to four players per team. New member? We will place you with other teams!

All welcome! Prizes for the winning team!

**How to pay for this ticket-only event**

**Bank transfer** The Dukeries Third Age Group 60-17-28 account 90045998

Please reference with “Quiz23 and your name”

In **cash or by cheque** at the Member’s Meeting on Monday 18 September

Please **enter your names, and food order**, with

Leslye or Kevin, Events Team at the monthly meeting.

Or, **send details** of **names and food orders by email** to Leslye. (Details on Dukeries Website).

It’s a good social evening, (it’s not Mastermind) so anyone can join in the fun!!

Group Folders- At each main meeting the group folders are out for members to see what each group has been doing and they also give you an insight if you think you may wish to join that group. The first page of each folder is the sign up sheet if you would like to join or just wish for more information. If anyone has an idea for a group they would like to start let me know. Chris.

Robin Hood Lottery 

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

To buy a ticket you can now 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.**

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. Thank you Barbara Hartshorn.

CupsPlease 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. £61made at Aug meeting. RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED PLEASE ESPECIALLY ONES SUITABLE FOR MEN.

Books and Jigsaws 50p. £8.95made at Aug meeting. WE HAVE HAD LOTS OF NEW BOOKS AND JIGSAWS GIVEN SO PLEASE HAVE A LOOK. The books are sorted into genres e.g. Crime Non- Fiction Historical etc so it is easier to find a book you like.

**Group News**

**Theatre Group**



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No report this month.

**Welfare**

Don't forget to notify me if you know of any members who have been unable to attend meetings for 2 or 3 months due to illness. Thanks, Jen.

**Social Events**

I won't be at the general meeting in September, we're going away for a week.  
However, Betty will be standing in for me, so anyone who has booked for The Last Night of the Proms may pay their balance. There will be one more opportunity to pay for this at the October meeting. The full cost for this event is £30 each. It's at The Hostess on Saturday 11th November, doors open 6.30pm. Don't forget your flags!

Barn Dance  
Unfortunately it was decided at the recent committee meeting to cancel the Barn Dance scheduled for October. There are only 25 people wanting to attend which would potentially lead to a large financial loss, as 25 is well below the number costings were calculated on.

Thanks, Jen.

**The Friendship Group** 

Six members of the Friendship Group met at The Plough in Warsop on the 1st September to enjoy a pleasant afternoon playing cards.   The next meeting will be on the 6th October at 2.00 p.m. at The Plough.

Betty

**Bowls**

The Lawn Bowls season is in full swing. Our u3a members are invited to join Welbeck Bowling Club who have a very nice club house in a lovely setting on the Welbeck estate. Anyone who would like a trial go at bowls can contact Linda Crossley to make arrangements.

Dukeries u3a has a bowls club/group with access to the bowling green at Ollerton, if anybody is interested. It is not lawn bowls, but crown green bowls. A whole different ball game! If you are interested ask me for contact details. Chris Shervey

**International Dining**The next evening excursion for the International Dining group will probably be in the new year. But don’t worry there was talk of a lunchtime visit for the group. Watch this space.

**Walking Group**

The walk for August was Maun Valley Trail to Parliament Oak. The tree so named as in 1212 King John held a Parliament under the tree when it was part of Sherwood Forest.



We did however do a number of detours firstly to the Spa Ponds and secondly to the man made lakes at Sherwood Fishery which was a first for some on the walk.

Autumn is definitely on its way as the hedgerows were laden with blackberries hence we did a bit of hedgerow foraging. Looks like blackberry and apple pie will be on the menu!!

September - Thursday 21st Poulter Country Park

October - Thursday 19th Gleadthorpe.

We will be putting together a programme of walks for 2024. If you have any suggestions or a favourite walk which you are willing to lead please let us know.

Regards Brenda & Pam

**Garden Group** 

The garden group went to Dobbies Garden Centre and then to Arrow Farm for lunch, their original destination being changed because of the dreadful weather on Tuesday.

**Discussion Group**



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The first meeting of the Discussion group will take place on Monday 25th September 10.30 -12.30 at the Forest Lodge in Edwinstowe. The price is £2.50 per session. There is plenty of parking. Also there is the opportunity to stay for lunch if you wish to do so.

**Silver Screeners**

# Savoy cinema Worksop. For the over 50’s. Every Wednesday at 11.30. £4.15, includes a drink and free raffle.

# MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3. 20th September

From writer and director Nia Vardalos, the worldwide phenomenon returns for a fun filled global adventure in MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3, releasing on 8th September 2023.

After a death in the family, the Portokalos family travel to a reunion in Greece for a heartwarming and hilarious trip full of love, twists and turns.

**Photography Group**

The Aug 23 ‘Face to Face’ meeting to Hardwick Old Hall was cancelled to predicted adverse weather, but the online ‘Themed’ challenge continues.

This months challenge was ‘Anything that begins with either Y or Z’

Joyce O’Neill – Y = Yellow Car / Yellow Flowers

A close-up of a yellow car

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Joanne Wheatley – Y = Yellow Leaves Z = Zonkey

A stone path with yellow leaves on it

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Betty Trinder – Y = Yarn

A close-up of a pair of cotton spools

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Jim & Chris Shervey – Y = Yatch at Yarmouth IOW & on the Solent

A body of water with birds on it

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Bob Thomson – Y = Yeoman of the Guard Z = Zebra

A person in uniform and hat

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As usual a BIG thanks to Jim & Chris Shervey for joining in!

The next online ‘Themed’ challenge is ‘ Signs of Autumn or Reflections’.

As usual this challenge is open to ALL u3a members.

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**Strollers**  

A group of women sitting on a bench

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Our next stroll is on 27th September, meeting at the Carrs car park at 10.00 am for car share to Thoresby Park.

Why not join us, everyone welcome.  
  
Pat and Sue

**Bridge Club**

The Dukeries u3a Bridge Group meet on the Secondand 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** ****

Only five members came to this months meeting due to holidays and sickness. Anne Poultney kindly brought her stock of craft things and we each decided on a different thing to make.

**History Group** 

The history group visited Southwell Workhouse in August. The visit was well attended and enjoyed by members of the group. We were blessed with a beautiful, dry day for our visit.

We were met by David, a National Trust volunteer, who gave us an introductory talk about the history of the workhouse before we split into groups to tour the workhouse and the infirmary.

Southwell Workhouse, also known as Greet House, was built in 1823 and used as a ‘blueprint’ for other workhouses in the country. It was the suggestion of Reverend John Thomas Becher, a social reformer and clergyman who lived in Southwell. He, along with others, devised the ‘workhouse test,’ the rule that no relief should be given to the able-bodied without them entering the workhouse. Southwell Workhouse served 49 parishes. His workhouse system was an economic measure which reduced tax as well as a moral crusade to teach the poor to ask for help only as a l

ast resort - as many believed at that time that part of the ‘poverty’ problem was due to idleness.

Paupers, children, vagrants and the sick went to the workhouse. Families were split up; men, women and children were separated whilst there. The building was in use to house homeless families up to the 1970s.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 19th September is a visit to Bakewell Old House Museum. Following lunch in the town there is the option of a heritage walk, self-guided trail or free time to explore the town. We will be meeting at the Carrs.

Barbara, Sue and Tamar

**Warsop & District U3A History Group Calendar of Events**

**2023**

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| 19th September 2023 | Visit to Bakewell Old House Museum and Town Heritage Trail | Meet at 9.45am at The Carrs Warsop |
| 17th October 2023 | Presentation - Secret Passages and Hidden Tunnels  By James Wright | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| 21st November 2023 | Presentation – Curious Occupations?  Denis Hill | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| December | No meeting as very close to Christmas |  |

**2024 - Proposed Calendar of Events for Warsop & District U3A History Group**

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| 16th Jan | Hayman Rooke - Denis Hill | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| 20th Feb | Four Kings. Chris Shervey | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| 19th Mar | Visit to Hardwick Hall - |  |
| 16th Apr | Mining Communities  Denis Hill | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| *21st May* | The Story of Boots  Chris Weir | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| 18th Jun | Visit to Richard 3rd Museum Leicester or Lincoln Castle and Cathedral. |  |
| 16th July | Early History of Mansfield  Denis Hill | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| 20th Aug | In house presentation  Eminent Local Sporting Personalities  Roger Holland | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| 17th Sept | Historic Mansfield Trail  Denis Hill | Meet in Mansfield Town Square 10am |
| 15th Oct | Nottinghamshire’s Dark Side  Chris Weir | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| 19th Nov | Medieval Buildings & the English Civil War  James Wright TBA | St Theresa’s Church Hall 10am |
| 17th Dec | No meeting as very close to Christmas |  |

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**Natural History, Science and Technology**

A screen showing a diagram of dna

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It was nice to see some new people at the group, hope to see you again.

Future meetings

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| Weds 18th Oct afternoon | Visit to Veolia | Fully booked |
| Thurs 9th Nov | To be announced |  |
| Thurs 14th Dec | No meeting |  |

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| Group Co-ordinators | | | |
| Group | Name | Email | Tel |
| NATURAL HISTORY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | Chris Shervey |  |  |
| WALKING GROUP | Brenda Pearce  Pam Hick |  |  |
| STROLLERS | Sue Cox  Pat Magness |  |  |
| HISTORY GROUP | Barbara Spybey |  |  |
| CRAFTS | Zena Inger |  |  |
| GARDENING | Linda Crossley |  |  |
| PHOTOGRAPHY | Rob Thomson |  |  |
| FRIENDSHIP GROUP | Betty Trinder |  |  |
| INTERNATIONAL DINING GROUP | Chris Wilson  Brenda Pearce |  |  |
| THEATRE GROUP | Jennifer Thomson |  |  |
| SOCIAL EVENTS ORGANISER | Jennifer Thomson |  |  |
| DISCUSSION GROUP | Mary Morris |  |  |

**COULD GROUP LEADERS PLEASE COLLECT THEIR BADGES WHEN COLLECTING THEIR LANYARDS. (Then members at the meeting can identify who they may need/want to talk to)**

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| **INTEREST GROUP TIMETABLE** | | | | | |
|  | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** |
| **1st** | **10am – 12pm**  **CRAFTS GROUP**  The Adam Eastwood Building. Warsop |  |  |  | 2pm  **FRIENDSHIP GROUP**  The Plough Warsop |
| **2nd** |  | **10am**  **GARDENING GROUP**  Venue agreed by members |  | **2pm**  **NATURAL HISTORY**  **SCIENCE AND**  **TECHNOLOGY**  Plough Warsop |  |
| **3rd** | **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. |
| **4th** | **DICUSSION GROUP**  **10.30 -12.30**  **Forest Lodge**  **Edwinstowe** |  | **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. | | | | |

Speakers for the main meetings

2023

September 18th Annual General Meeting

October 16th Funny Turns David Moylan

November 20th Inspector Hopkinsons Discovery Ian Morgan

December Christmas Party

2024

January 15th Wild West with Songs Steve Allen

February 19th A Family History(Title to be confirmed) Peter Slater

March 18th ‘Mind Your Motoring Manners 1928’ Paula Cornwell

April 15th Knickers a Brief History Janet Stain

**North Notts Neighbourhood Group**

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, as long as the group is not oversubscribed at the time of your request you can join the group without joining the host u3a

The u3as in the NNNG are Mansfield, Sherwood, Dukeries, Rainworth, Forest Town, Ashfield, Sutton in Ashfield, Hucknall and Warsop.

**Data Protection Rules**

**Warsop & District U3A is committed to treating all people equally.**

Anyone wishing to see the Privacy and Data Protection policies may view them on the Warsop & District U3A website, alternatively please ask Rob.

**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 or change the information shown, please contact Bob Thomson.

**Facebook**

Warsop & District U3A has a Facebook Group. It is a private group which can be seen by the public but only members can see who’s in the group and what they post.

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 Bob Thomson, email address as per the Website.

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| 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 |