

# Warsop & District



Issue 54 May 2022

## Notes from the Chairman

Hello everybody.

Dave Buckinger has stepped down as joint chair of our u3a, which leaves myself as the Chair. As you know Mel has taken over as membership secretary so hopefully I can give my full attention to the role.

As you are all aware we have had no choice but to move our meeting from the second Friday of the month for May, this Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> was the only viable day we could move to. Again apologies to the members that share memberships with Sherwood. Thank you for your patience. We are working to ease the situation. Junes meeting is expected to go ahead on the second Friday.

We are still short of committee members especially a secretary is needed also a group co-ordinator. If anybody is willing to have a go on the committee whether in the roles mentioned or not let me know.

Upcoming events.

Get your tickets for the quiz, always a good do, you can bring a friend, you are in luck you have me as quiz master again!!! There is a Jubilee Garden Party on the Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (IT'S FREE), details in the Social events section of the newsletter and you will be getting an invite.

If anybody has any ideas for activities or new groups let me know and we will see what can be done.  
Jim

## Items of interest

### **MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

Could you please collect plastic tops from bottles of milk to raise money for the JOHN EASTWOOD HOSPICE. Any you have please bring to the meeting on Thursday.

Could I also ask if anyone has a stash - big or small - of unwanted wallpaper - ends of rolls etc? I work with the Probation Service in conjunction with Ollerton Furniture Project to "upcycle / shabby chic brown furniture" and struggle for bits of wallpaper to put in the back of cabinets; book cases and also line drawers.

Happy to show case some of our work or just look on the furniture projects web site / Facebook .....

Many thanks in anticipation.

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.

## New Timetable for Main Meetings-

10.15 Start / Introduction

10.30 Speaker

11.30 Coffee/ Pay monies /Opportunity to talk to Speaker and view any visual aids they have brought/  
Buy raffle tickets / View book and jigsaw table.

11.55 Notices

12.00 Raffle drawn

12.15 Meeting ends

u3a Week 2022 is 17<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Raffle** made £50 for our funds. Thank you. **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED PLEASE**

**Books and Jigsaws** made £7.50 for the funds Thank You. From now on the books will be sorted into genres e.g. Crime Non- Fiction Historical etc so it will be easier to find a book you like.

## Group News

We would like to have a meeting for approx. 10mins during the coffee break of Group co- ordinators. If you not going on Thursday do not worry about it we will speak to you at some point.



## Strollers

This is a NEW GROUP which will be starting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 10am at The Carrs. The walks will be a maximum of 2 miles and possibly involve a cup of tea/coffee. To find out more contact Pat or Sue, contact details can be found at the end of the newsletter.



## Garden Group

On 12<sup>th</sup> of April a small group of garden clubbers went to Jacksdale Garden Centre. A nice lunch was had and a few plants were bought. The next garden clubbers outing on the 10<sup>th</sup> May is to Glapwell nurseries. The clubbers agenda for June is yet to be decided. Linda





## CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS!!!

The regular monthly meeting time and day for of the new Warsop u3a Book Group is 2pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Plough in Warsop. The Plough are letting us use the back room.

The new group aims to be more inclusive with members choosing their own book and giving a critique at the meeting and a general discussion on current popular authors and titles.

The meeting is scheduled to last for an hour and a half and there will be a refreshment break where tea and coffee will be available at the Plough at a cost £1.10 per cup.

If anybody would like more details or to discuss joining the group please don't hesitate to contact me, Mel Mitchell.



## Walking Group

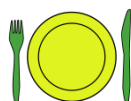
Our April walk started at Pleasley village on a lovely Spring morning and proceeded to walk along the picturesque bank of the River Meden where we saw many wild flowers including wild garlic, wood anemones, celandines, blue bells and many others. After walking along the disused railway line and then passing the Spinning Mills which are now used for many various industries and offices and as an added bonus of a coffee van with seating. After being duly refreshed we carried on through the woods and back to the river and on our way we were treated to the drumming of a woodpecker. Why not join us for our next walk Thursday 19th May when we will be starting from The Carrs at 10.00 am and walk towards Wood Lane and hopefully seeing all the bluebells.

Val



## The Friendship Group

A group of 11 met at the Plough on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, when we played dominoes and card games. We will not be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June as it is our u3a Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Our next get together will be the 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm.



## Luncheon Group

At our luncheon this month we decided that as the June luncheon falls in Jubilee week we will cancel the luncheon, as other events are taking place that week.



## History Group

The Warsop & District U3A History Group met on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April in St Teresa's Church Hall at 10.15am.

We enjoyed a very interesting talk given by Dennis Hill, a local historian. The talk had the unusual title of 'Mansfield Miscellaneous,' and we spent the next hour learning some very interesting facts about our hometown.

We began with a conundrum - when other towns like Mansfield were increasing in population why was there a drop in Mansfield's population in 1851? The answer it seems was due to the overzealous activity of the commission appointed to govern the town in 1823. In 1824 a detailed survey of the town identified the extent of overcrowding, poor sanitation, and poor housing in the town. The commission set about clearing slums, rebuilding homes and improving standards of sanitation. All this cost money which had to be raised through rents and rates. Consequently, these were so high that many could not afford to live in Mansfield! It was also the reason a pit wasn't sunk within the town.

We learned Mansfield had an abundance of charities, making it one of the most charitable places in the Midlands.

It also had some interesting characters. There were eccentrics like Charles Thompson who purchased a piece of land near Southwell Road in Berry Hill and instructed that upon his death he should be buried there 20 feet deep upright. Another character by the name of Whitehead was so frightened of dying from the plague, he built a tower in Berry Hill where he locked himself away when the plague came to Mansfield. Ironically, he was the first to die of it as he had unknowingly taken infected bedding into his tower with him. The tower has since been called Whitehead's Folly.

There have been the Mansfield villains too. John Darrel, born 1562, was son of a local farmer, He posed as a clergyman, claimed to be a witchfinder and performed exorcisms until he was exposed as a fraud. William of Radmanthwaite was born and raised in Mansfield in the 1300s. He became a member of the notorious Coterel Gang who committed many heinous crimes. The gang were arrested, taken to trial and sentenced to death in 1331. William was reprieved by the king and appointed his tax collector!

Then there were the good. Herbert John Greenhalgh -1819-1897 was a most loved and considerate employer in the town, employing local people at three mills in the town. He was greatly interested in sport and encouraged his employees to play football at Field Mill. The football team he sponsored, Sherwood Rangers, were the forerunners to Mansfield Town FC.

Mansfield can also boast its contribution to the arts. Mansfield man, Robert Dodsley, 1704, became a poet. One of his poems, 'The King and Miller of Mansfield' was made into an opera and performed annually in Mansfield.

There were more than eleven theatres / cinemas in the town. Alvin Stardust lived here before embarking on his music career and the Beatles performed in the 1960s at the Granada, now Primark. Before the railways Mansfield was well connected with other areas of the country having numerous coaching inns in the town. The steam bus, Pioneer, was introduced in Mansfield in 1898. It could carry 22 passengers and tow a trailer to carry a further 22 passengers. Unfortunately, the rubber wheels came off the vehicle when it turned corners.

We also had some visionaries in the field of engineering. In 1872 Mansfield had its first pumping station. The first gas works was built in 1824 and the first electricity plant in 1903. In 1935 demand for electricity had grown so much the plant had to change from DC to AC. This changeover was a slow process so in order to obtain sufficient power the mill on Bath Lane reintroduced the use of its water wheel in 1930.

Next month the history group are visiting Rufford to discover the story behind this ancient site. We will be meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at The Carrs at 10am to leave at 10.15am. The cost is £5 parking per car at Rufford.



## Photography Group

The Photography group has continued operating Online, with the last 'Themed' challenge being SPRINGTIME set by Bob Thomson .

The first Face to Face Photography group meeting was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 22 at Rufford Mill, Ollerton. Once again we were well treated by the weather gods as it was a warm, sunny spring morning. The avian population were also very obliging and happy to wait and pose. The date, time and venue of the next Face to Face meeting will be published on the Warsop u3a Facebook page and Warsop u3a Web site. Members of the group will be contacted by email as usual.



Joyce O'Neil



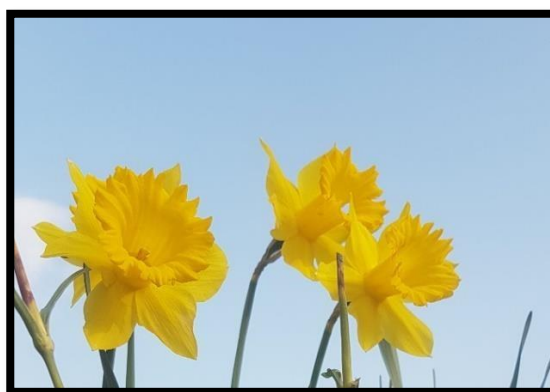


Rufford Mill



Joanne  
Wheatley

Ann Ballinger



Zena Inger

The next 'Themed' challenge is **F is for ?** set by Zena INGER.



Once again the 'Themed' challenge is open to ALL u3a members, if you have any photos that fit the challenge, please upload them onto the Warsop u3a Facebook page so that we can all enjoy them!

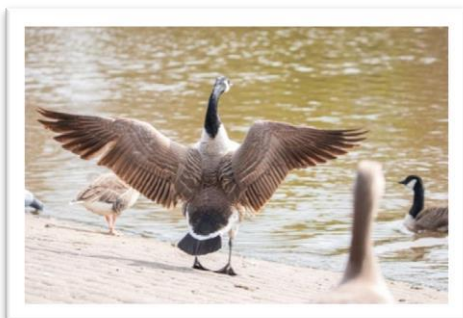


Betty Trinder

Bob Thomson



Rufford Mill



Chris & Jim Shervey



## Craft Group



These are flowers we made using wool pom poms, dowel with green wool wrapped around them and felt leaves. The leaves have wire in them so they can be shaped. We enjoyed making them and I think you will agree they look lovely. Next Craft group meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> May.

## Bridge Club

The Dukeries u3a Bridge Group meet on the **Second and Fourth** Tuesday of each month, each session runs from 1 - 4PM. We meet at the Jubilee Hall which is situated on Wellow Road in Ollerton NG22 9AP. The cost of each session is currently £3. We are hoping to reduce this to £2 in the near future.

**All U3a members are welcome to attend our group.**

**Our biscuits are always at premium level!**

If you would like to discuss the above please ring me.

## Social Events

**Quiz night**, Thursday 28th May, 7pm, The Plough Inn.

Our next quiz will be held later this month and will include a light supper of jacket potatoes with a choice of toppings or pie and peas.

The cost is just £5 and each u3a member may bring one non-member.

Betty Trinder will be standing in for me, as I won't be able to come to the May meeting. Please pay Betty and don't forget to let her know your food choice.



So far only 13 people have booked so please check your diaries and come along to what is always a great evening with lots of humour and a fair amount of rivalry!

**Jubilee Garden Party**, Friday 3rd June, 2pm, Oakroyd, Forest Road, Warsop.

Chris and Jim have very generously offered their garden as a venue for a garden party to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee.

There will be tea, light refreshments and, knowing Jim, I suspect, quite a bit more!

As this is a free event it will be members only.

Jim will explain more at the meeting and Chris will take names of those wishing to attend to make sure we get sufficient sandwiches and cakes. Please let her know your dietary requirements, e.g. gluten free.

Visit to **Floral Media, Caunton**, Thursday 30th June 10.30am £25.00

This is an enjoyable day out for a guided tour around this beautiful garden.

Tea and coffee will be served on arrival, followed by a guided tour of the garden. Lunch is preceded by a flower arranging display and after lunch people may wander the garden at their own pace and visit the small shop.

Depart between 3.30 and 4 pm. Make your own way there, car share may be possible, each u3a member may bring one non member.

Please see Betty to pay for this event. We must have a minimum of 20 in our group.

Dukeries u3a.

Have messaged to ask if any of our members would like to join them for a couple of events they have planned. These are;

Coach trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens Friday 20th May, 8am from Jubilee Hall, Ollerton £22 plus extra for a chip shop tea on the way home. Back in Ollerton for 8pm.

Indoor Jubilee street party Saturday 4th June, 4-8pm, Jubilee Hall, Ollerton. £5. Take your own alcohol and glass.

For these events contact Sharon

Also, they are planning a trip to a dairy farm, contact Lesley Henbstock.

Jen

## Speakers for the main meetings

May 12th: Jonathan Smith

Metal Detectorist

June 10<sup>th</sup>: John Smith

People Watching/Body Language

July 8<sup>th</sup>: Dr Ann Featherstone

A Brief History of Pantomime

August 12<sup>th</sup>: Peter Amour

Oasts, Coasts and Orchids

A photographic journey to country houses and the coast of south-east England

## MAY QUIZ FAMOUS PLACES IN LONDON. From the letters work out the place e.g. TOL Tower of London.

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1 HP         | 2 TS        |
| 3 GP         | 4 NC        |
| 5 TM         | 6 HMSB      |
| 7 TS         | 8 BP        |
| 9 CH         | 10 KP       |
| 11 AM        | 12 AH 13 WA |
| 14 SPC 15 TB | 16 WB       |
| 17 GT        | 18 WB       |
| 19 PS        | 20 SPS      |
| 21 HOP       | 22 LP       |
| 23 NHM       | 24 TG       |
| 25 TM        | 26 SM       |
| 27 NPG       | 28 NG       |
| 29 IWM       | 30 TE       |
| 31 SH        | 32 LE       |

## MAY QUICK QUIZ All the answers start with the letter R

- 1 Watership Down is a novel about which animals?
- 2 In which film did Dustin Hoffman star as an autistic man who was a genius with numbers?
- 3 What is R in the Nato Phonetic Alphabet?
- 4 Which ancient city is said to have been founded by twins suckled by a she wolf? 5
- Who wrote the Jungle Book? (first name R)
- 6 What is another name for German Measles?
- 7 Which country's troops were the first to enter Berlin in 1945?
- 8 In the Bible what is the name of Jacob's wife?
- 9 Manfred von Richthofen flying ace of WW1 was nicknamed the?
- 10 Which town in Nevada is sometimes called "The Biggest Little City InThe World"?

## WELL I DIDN'T KNOW THAT! LONDON BRIDGE

- 1 There has been a bridge across the Thames in London for nearly 2,000 years.
- 2 The first London Bridge was built by the Romans in 43AD.
- 3 In 1014 the existing London Bridge was destroyed by Vikings. They attached cables to the bridge from their ships then rowed off causing it to collapse!

4 The first stone bridge was started in 1176 finished in 1209 and lasted for 600 years.

5 The practice of putting Traitors heads on London Bridge started in 1304.

**ANSWERS APRIL QUIZ** Make as many words as you can from these letters, every word must contain the letter U.

**U T B T N E R A L**

Abut Atune Aunt Beau Blue Bluer Blunt Blunter Brutal Brute Burn Burnt

Butane Butter Luna Lure Lute Nature Nebular Neutral Nutter

Rebutt Rule Rune Runt Ruttle Rural Taut True Truer Traunt Turn Tube Tuba

Tuner Turntable Turtle Ultra Unable Urban Urbane Utter

*If you found more than these well done.*

**ANSWERS APRIL QUICK QUIZ** All the answers start with the letter Q

- 1 Which band wrote /sang Bohemian Rhapsody? **QUEEN**
- 2 Name a small ground nesting bird? **QUAIL**
- 3 Who does Alice meet playing croquet in Alice in Wonderland? **QUEEN OF HEARTS**
- 4 What is a group of 5 musicians called? **QUINTET**
- 5 Name a fast ballroom dance? **QUICK STEP**
- 6 What is the rock opera by The Who called? **QUADROPHENIA**
- 7 The name of a Scottish drinking cup? **QUAICH**
- 8 To cut something into four pieces is to ----- it? **QUATER**
- 9 Name a golden/ yellow fruit similar in appearance to a pear? **QUINCE**
- 10 Which branch of Physics deals with study of matter and energy? **QUANTUM**



## 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](http://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.**

## Website & Facebook

Warsop & District U3a Facebook & Web site

The Warsop & District u3a Web site has now been updated.

Any Interest group Leader/Organiser/Facilitator that would like an event/workshop/ speaker or any other information regarding their group advertising on the Web site and Facebook page please let me know.

Bob Thomson

## North Notts Network Group

Warsop & District U3A is a member of the NNNG (North Notts Network 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.

## 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.

The deadline for including articles/information in the next newsletter is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**. If you would like to have anything included in the newsletter, please send contributions to Chris Shervey.

Committee Members	Role
Jim Shervey	Chairperson
Rosie Woollings	Deputy Chairperson & Speaker Finder
June Whittle	Business Secretary
Linda Crossley	Treasurer
Mel Mitchell	Membership Secretary
	Groups co-ordinator
Chris Shervey	Newsletter editor
Jennifer Thomson	Social Events



Rob Thomson	Website & Facebook manager
Ann Ayodele	Refreshments rota
June Whittle	Raffle
Betty Trinder	Social events assistant
Ann Ballinger	Assistant IT manager
Dave Buckinger	Committee member

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Group	Name	Email	Tel
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STROLLERS	Sue Cox Pat Magness		
HISTORY GROUP	Barbara Spybey		
BOOK GROUP	Mel Mitchell		
CRAFTS			
GARDENING	Linda Crossley		
LUNCHEON	Yvonne Brown		
FRIENDSHIP GROUP	Betty Trinder		
PHOTOGRAPHY	Bob Thomson		
SOCIAL EVENTS ORGANISER	Jennifer Thomson		
NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY			

INTEREST GROUP TIMETABLE					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <sup>st</sup>		2pm <b>BOOKS &amp; LITERATURE GROUP</b> The Plough Warsop	<b>LUNCHEON GROUP</b> Various locations Please sign up before attending,		2pm <b>FRIENDSHIP GROUP</b> The Plough Warsop
2 <sup>nd</sup>		10am <b>GARDENING GROUP</b>			<b>MAIN MEETING 10.15</b>  Warsop Ex Service Mens Club
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am – 12pm <b>CRAFTS GROUP</b> The Adam Eastwood Building, Warsop	10am– 12pm <b>HISTORY GROUP</b> Catholic Church Warsop		10am <b>WALKING GROUP</b> Carrs Car Park 10am	
4 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm <b>NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</b> The Plough Not active at the present moment		10.am <b>STROLLERS</b> Carrs Car Park 10am		
	<b>Additional groups</b> <b>LUNCHEON GROUP</b> – arranged once a month at a local restaurant. <b>Please contact the Group Leader before attending.</b> <b>PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP</b> - Please see Newsletter for details of online challenge. Group meets on a Wednesday once a month as agreed by members.				