

Warsop & Distict



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HAPPY NEW
YEAR TO ALL

Notes from the Chairman

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year.

I am looking forward to a more stable year ahead in the u3a, especially as we now have a welcoming venue.

There are some photographs of our Christmas party just below after my notes. We had a good time with an excellent selection of food organized by Ann and provided by members. There was also carol singing with Roger providing excellent musical accompaniment and background music when we were all sung out.

Memberships for the next year are due soon, our year ends in March and we the committee are going to look at what the membership charges will be for the next year. Mel will then let you know what they are and how to renew your memberships in the next newsletter.

The speakers booked for the next year have a good mix of topics and look to be quite entertaining, something to look forward to. So please encourage friends, neighbours and anyone you can think of to come and join us. Increasing our membership is the best way to keep our membership charges down.

Natural History, Science and Technology was an interest group that used to run quite successfully before covid struck and I it would be nice to get this group going again. So, there will be a sheet for you to express an interest in this group at Monday's meeting and if you can't make the meeting and are interested let me know and I will add you to the list.

Jim Shervey
Chair

The deadline for including articles/information in the next newsletter is **Friday 10th February** Send contributions to Chris Shervey.

Pictures of the Christmas party





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: thanks Ann.

Date	Refreshments 1	Refreshments 2	Meet & Greet 1	Meet & Greet 2
16 th January	Angelina Taylor	Audrey Gilbert	Chris Wilson	Brenda Pearce
20 th February	Sheila Easom	Maureen Long	Moirra 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

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. Thank you Barbara Hartshorn.

NO MORE WALLPAPER FOR THE PRESENT TIME THANK YOU.

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 December raffle raised £102 pounds for funds. Thank You. **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED PLEASE ESPECIALLY ONES SUITABLE FOR MEN.**

Books and Jigsaws The books are sorted into genres e.g. Crime Non- Fiction Historical etc so it is easier to find a book you like.

U3a Website and Facebook update

Due to some technical problems in the u3a Webmaster site just before Christmas 22 the whole site became inaccessible and had to be rebuilt from scratch. The u3a technicians were able to recover the typed data, but the photographic data was lost.

I have been trying to find and copy photos from interest groups that were posted on the u3a Facebook page, but if any Interest Group leader/ Facilitator has any photos that they would like posting on their groups Web pages could they forward them to me by email please.

Also if Group leaders take any photos of their groups events that they would like posting on the Web or Facebook please forward them to me at the same email address.

Thanks in advance

Bob Thomson

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



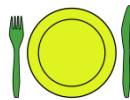
We saw an amusing play at the quaint Robin Hood Theatre in Averham before Christmas. Let's plan our next outing.

We'll meet on Friday 3rd February in the Plough at 2pm. (The Friendship group have booked the back room for their monthly meeting.)

Please may I ask all members to do a little research of what's on and where, so we may discuss and choose our next trip.

Jen

International Dining



We have provisionally booked a Banquet Style evening meal at the following:

Venue :The Mangrove Indian Bistro & Grill, Dame Flogan Street, Mansfield. NG18 1 DJ Date:
Tuesday 14th March 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Price: £22 per head

We will be taking bookings at the February meeting together with a non-refundable £5.00 deposit. Chris & Brenda

Walking Group



Hopefully the weather will be kind to us for our winter walks.

January- Thursday 19th. The walk is around Birklands/Warsop approximately 3 1/2 miles. Leaving The Carrs car park at 10.00 am prompt.

February- Thursday 16th. The walk is around Nettleworth Manor/Mansfield Woodhouse approximately 4 miles. Hopefully the snowdrops will be out as they carpet part of the route. Leaving The Carrs car park at 10.00am prompt. Or the car park off The Fairways, Mansfield Woodhouse adjacent to the football fields at 10.15am.

Brenda & Pam

The Friendship Group



Eight members enjoyed an afternoon of Scrabble, cards and chat for our first meeting of the year. It was enjoyed by all. All members welcome.

The next meeting is to be on the 3rd February, 2023 at 2.00 p.m. at our usual venue The Plough Inn. Betty



Photography Group

The Photography group has decided to suspend the 'Face to face' meetings until April 23 due to the increasingly cold/wet weather and rising numbers of Flu and Covid cases.

The online 'Themed' challenges still take place each month, and the last one was 'Things beginning with I or J'.

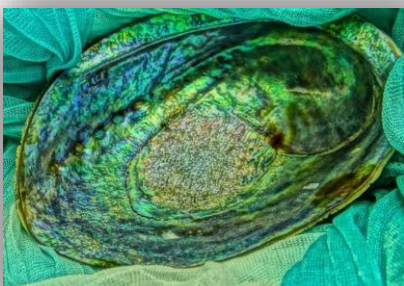
Joyce O'Neil - Jetty & Jewellery



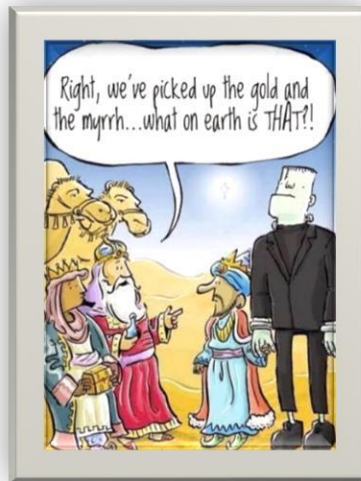
Betty Trinder - Jelly Fish & Ice



Yvonne Panner Rospaw - Iridescent & Jewellery



Jo-Anne Wheatley - Icing & Joke



Ann Ballinger - Ice & Jelly



Jim & Chris Shervey – Ice & Baby Jesus



Bob Thomson – Indigenous People & Jeep



Next months 'Themed' challenge is 'Things beginning with either K or L' The challenge is open to ALL u3a members to take part!

Garden Group



Gardening group will resume in March with a group meeting to discuss the summers outings. Date, venue and time yet to be arranged.

Linda

If anyone would like some well rotted horse manure (FREE OF CHARGE) please see Jim

CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS!!!



.....The members of the Book Group decided against a January meeting as the date was so close to the Christmas/New Year holidays.

Therefore there is no book review this month.

The good news is the next meeting of the Group is scheduled for Wednesday 1 February, 2pm at the Plough in Warsop.

I look forward to seeing all members then and we will be pleased to welcome any new members to our lowbrow not highbrow group.

If you would like more Information please contact me

Regards

Mel

Strollers



We are meeting on 25th January 2023

Meet Carrs car park 10.00 am for car share to Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, Edwinstowe.

Pat and Sue.

Silver Surfers

The Lost King. Tuesday 17th January, 1.00pm Mansfield Odeon.

Finding the remains of King Richard III under a carpark in Leicester.

A Mann Called Otto. Wednesday 18th January, 11.30am Savoy Worksop.

Based on the comical and moving # 1 New York Times bestseller, A Man Called Otto tells the story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower who is very set in his ways. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that will turn his world upside-down. Experience a funny, heart warming story about how some families come from the most unexpected places.

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

There was no meeting in January, the next meeting is Feb 6th 10am at the Adam Eastwood building Warsop.

History Group



Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the first History Group meeting of 2023 on Tuesday 17th January, 10am at St Theresa's Church Hall.

Our guest speaker is Denis Hill, who will be talking about the history of Newstead Abbey and its owners.

Please may I remind everyone that the first quarterly subs are due if you have not yet paid them. These are £6 each.

We will be sharing the calendar of events planned for the coming year. These have been chosen based on the responses the group gave in the questionnaire last year. All the speakers have been booked but we have had to make some alterations to the planned visits due to circumstances beyond our control. We will be sharing this with you on Tuesday.

Refreshments will be available.

Barbara, Sue and Tamar.

Warsop & District U3A History Group Calendar of Events-2022

Date		
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		
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Social Events

Quiz Night Thursday 2nd March at the Plough 6.45 for 7pm.

Our first quiz night of 2023 has been booked. As usual, we'll enjoy a light supper together at 7pm of pie and peas or jacket potatoes and a choice of toppings. Then the fun begins, join in for a chance to win our coveted trophy!

Please note that there has been a price increase to £6 per person. As usual, each u3a member may bring one guest.

Chinese New Year

The tickets for this event have arrived and will be distributed at the January meeting. Please get in touch if you cannot collect your ticket at the meeting.

I am still hoping to book a cruise on the River Trent in the Spring, so watch out for further details. If anyone has any suggestions for future activities please let me know.

New members are welcome to join us.

Welfare

If you know if any members who are currently not well enough to attend meetings, please let me know. I shall send them a card to let them know that their u3a friends are thinking of them and wish them well.

Jen

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.				

Speakers for the main meetings

2023

January 16 th	Batty About Bats	Sylvia Ellis
February 20 th	Masters of Mirth the sequel	Mike Storr
March 20 th	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 18 th	Annual General Meeting	
October 16 th	Funny Turns	David Moylan
November 20 th	Inspector Hopkinsons Discovery	Ian Morgan
December	Christmas Party	

RIDDLES

No matter how little or how much you use me, you change me every month. What am I?

Which five word letter becomes shorter when you had two letters to it?

I am not alive but I can grow, I don't breath but I need air. What am I?

JANUARY QUICK QUIZ All answers start with Y

- 1 River in China?
- 2 Large shaggy animal?
- 3 Brand of yoghurt drink?
- 4 British bird with yellow and brown plumage?
- 5 Northern British City?
- 6 National Park in Wyoming USA ?
- 7 Root Vegetable?
- 8 Infamous British Mass Murderer?
- 9 USA University founded in 1701?
- 10 Country with coastline on the Red Sea?

JANUARY QUIZ Fill in the missing middle e.g. Maids a milking *ladies dancing* Lords a leaping

- 1 Harold MacMillan ??? Harold Wilson British Prime Ministers
- 2 Shakespeare in Love ??? Gladiator Oscar Winners
- 3 Squadron leader ??? Group Captain RAF ranks
- 4 Fellowship of the ring ??? Return of the King Lord of the Rings Trilogy
- 5 Sagittarius ??? Aquarius Signs of the Zodiac
- 6 Help ??? Revolver Beatles Albums
- 7 Tom Baker ??? Colin Baker Dr Who
- 8 Light Heavy Weight ??? Heavyweight Boxing Weight Divisions
- 9 George IV ??? Victoria British Monarchs
- 10 Liberte ??? Fraternite Cry of French Revolution
- 11 Marquis ??? Viscount Hierarchy of Nobility
- 12 Omicron ??? Rho Letters of the Greek Alphabet
- 13 Echo ??? Golf NATO phonetic alphabet
- 14 George Washington ??? Thomas Jefferson Presidents of the USA

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

- 1 Where do they begin Christmas Day with porridge made of rice and topped with cinnamon? SWEDEN
FINLAND DENMARK
- 2 Where do they have a traditional model of a Yule Goat? NORWAY INDIA SWEDEN
- 3 Where do they celebrate Christmas with a Giant Lantern Festival? JAPAN CHINA PHILLIPINES
- 4 Where do they go to KFC for Christmas dinner? MEXICO JAPAN INDONESIA
- 5 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
- 6 Where is it traditional to have a seafood Christmas dinner on the beach?
BALI NEW ZEALAND TASMANIA
- 7 Where do people visit their relatives with an offering of pork stew on Christmas Day? JAMACIA
MARTINIQUE BARBADOS
- 8 Where do they put red candles in the windows for Christmas? FRANCE
GERMANY IRELAND
- 9 Where does Christmas dinner consist of a baked ham and rum cake?
TRINIDAD BARBADOS JAMACIA
- 10 Where do they not have Christmas dinner until the first star appears?
HUNGARY POLAND ESTONIA
- 11 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 and BRAZIL ARGENTINA

DECEMBER QUICK QUIZ ANSWERS All the answers start with X

- 1 Name a wooden percussion instrument? XYLOPHONE
- 2 Common abbreviation of Christmas? XMAS
- 3 To take picture of bones? X RAY
- 4 Song sung by Olivia Newton John? XANADU
- 5 Comic book heroes? X MEN
- 6 TV talent show? X FACTOR

- 7 Name given to a fear of foreigners? XENOPHOBIA
- 8 Chemical element discovered in 1890? XENON
- 9 Persian king from 486-465BC ? XERES
- 10 Political activist (last name) MALCOLM X

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.

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.



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