



Staying Connected.

No 52 June 2024



Run for the members, by the members.

Reflections from the Chair

Dear Members of the Dukeries u3a Family
For me, May 2024 was a month full of warmth! Firstly, the sunshine eventually came out!

Secondly, I was supported by the warmth of love from family and friends as my daughter and I had a journey through the challenges of bereavement. Such times change us, don't they? When I asked my daughter, "When did you become smarter and wiser than your mum?", she replied, with a trinkle in her eye "Children are born smarter, Mum!" Perhaps they are

Thirdly, as I stood on the stage at our recent AGM, hoping that we could ensure an informative and enjoyable afternoon for everyone, I again felt such warmth in the room. I saw the smiles on faces and heard laughter from our members and I knew our Dukeries u3a family were attending to support our wonderful group.

We had nearly 50% of our membership attend the AGM. Thank you to each and every one of you who were able to attend, to vote in our new committee and resolutions.

We have so many new members – hello to you! Two new members approached me to say how welcomed they have felt, and one of said she has already made two new friends.

That is what Dukeries u3a is all about!

Good health wishes to those of you who are unwell at the moment. May the warmth of the sunshine continue to bring some joy to you, and to all of us, in our lives and activities for a few more months.

Leslye x

PS. Keep Dukeries u3a going! We need a new Chair to do this! Could you Chair our monthly meetings?



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Group Meeting Times

	1st in month	2nd in month	3rd in month	4th in month
Mon			Monthly Meeting 1pm. Jubilee Hall	
Tues	Ramblers 6-8 m 9.30 Jubilee Hall Cheeky Blinders Ollerton House Pub 10am till 11.30pm Tuesday Lunch Club 12.30 for 1.00 pm	Bridge Group 1pm till 4pm Jubilee Hall	Ramblers 6-8 m 9.30 Jubilee Hall Cheeky Blinders Ollerton House Pub 10am till 11.30pm	Bridge Group 1pm till 4pm Jubilee Hall
Wed	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre History Group 1.15 to 3pm Ambleside Centre	Sewing Bee 10am to 12pm Ambleside Centre Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre Creative Writing 2.15 to 4pm Walesby Church Hall	Sewing Bee 10 to 12pm Ambleside Centre Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm
Thurs	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Savoy Cinema Worksop 1.30pm Nat Hist, S&T 2pm Plough Inn, Warsop	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall	Ukulele group 10 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall
Fri	Scrabble 13.30 South Forest			Photography Ambleside 1.30pm

Sunday Lunch Club 4th Sunday in Month 12.30 for 1.00pm

Tuesday Lunch Club 1st Tuesday of the month 12.30 for 1

Soft Tennis Contact Paul Web 07803 606928

I was very sorry to miss this year's AGM, especially as I was to be presented with this marvellous reinterpretation by Pam Hardwick of the Ronald Searle cartoon I have been using since the first edition of *Staying Connected*. This was at the very start of the Covid lockdown, on the twentieth of March 2020. It was only four pages long but it quickly grew as members and the committee contributed with stories and poems and advice on services which were available at that time. I remember Tesco's delivery service was a lifeline. We even had online entertainments using Zoom organised by the one-and-only Leslye, later to be our chairman. We survived and the newsletter grew into today's effort, number 52. A big thank you to all the members who have supported me with articles, news and information over the years, and to Pam for producing my new editor image. Let's hope we can all go on enjoying life and u3a for as long as we can.



John Harris, Editor.



The u3a Friends Newsletter is available online and all you need to do is fill in a few details on the link below and you can get your own copy emailed to you every month.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/newsletter>

Latest News available on this link.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/latest-news>

Air Ambulance



Thank you so much to all our members who voted in favour of Air Ambulance as our chosen charity at our AGM.

I have emailed Sally Mundy who is my contact at the LNAAC and who I finally met face to face at the 30th birthday celebrations on 13th. She is thrilled to know that we are continuing to support them.

So at the bring and buy table today we raised £72.50 and I thank you all for your support. I have also added £100 to this total which is money received from my private gardening group of friends who support Air Ambulance through our donations.

So, just between you and me our running total is now £5,745.50 well on the way to our goal.

Please read this month's interesting newsletter from LNAAC.

Pam Hardwick

Charity Coordinator.



Latest Air Ambulance News [CLICK HERE](#)



The latest video from Lines & Notts,

Air Ambulance.

[Click Here](#)

THE ROLE OF DUKERIES U3A CHAIR, AND DEPUTY CHAIR COULD YOU VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME?

The Chair

- 1/** Agrees the agenda for the committee meeting with the Business Secretary, and chairs the meeting, (two hours, third Monday each month).
- 2/** Attends 3 meetings per year, usually in Ravenshead, with other Chairs from u3a's around Nottinghamshire.
- 3/** Takes part in organising and opening the Monthly Members' Meetings.
- 4/** Writes a foreword for the monthly newsletter.
- 5/** Supports other Committee Members in their roles where necessary.

Deputy Chair or Chairs, a role that could be shared.

The role of Deputy Chair is to support the Chair, in all of the above, and maybe, in the future, move into the role of Chair.

DIARY DATES FOR DUKERIES U3A 2024



MON 10 JUN

MON 17 JUN

WED 26 JUNE

FRI 28 JUNE

MON 8 JULY

WED 10 JULY

MON 15 JULY

SAT 27 JULY

MON 12 AUG

MON 19 AUG

COMMITTEE MEETING

MEMBERS MEETING

PICNIC IN THE FOREST

NORTH NOTTS U3A FUNDAY IN
SHERWOOD FOREST

VISIT SOUTHWELL MINSTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

TRENT RIVER CRUISE COACH,
TWO COURSE MEAL, TWO FREE
DRINKS, DISCO

MEMBERS MEETING

BLACK & WHITE SUMMER PARTY
SWING BAND A BUFFET, FORREST
TOWN ARENA

COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMER CELEBRATION
(TO BE CONFIRMED)

MON 9 SEPT
 MON 16 SEPT

COMMITTEE MEETING
 MEMBERS MEETING

SAT 5 OCT

60'S, 70'S, 80'S DISCO, UNWIN ROAD
 POLLY BOWLS CLUB, UNWIN ROAD,
 SUTTON IN ASHFIELD NG17 4HN

MON 14 OCT
 MON 21 OCT
 FRI 25 OCT

COMMITTEE MEETING
 MEMBERS MEETING
 HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS PARTY
 FOREST TOWN ARENA WITH
 FANTASTIC READY STEADY 60'S BAND

MON 11 NOV
 MON 18 NOV

COMMITTEE MEETING
 MEMBERS MEETING

MON 9 DEC
 MON 16 DEC

COMMITTEE MEETING
 MEMBERS MEETING
 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Bikers?

Any motorcyclists out there who would like to meet for ride outs, chat, coffee???



Contact Paul Webb

07803 606928

[email paulmweb@hotmail.com](mailto:paulmweb@hotmail.com)

Dukeries u3a Events Team

Your Events Team would love to receive your ideas for social days and evenings, trips and special events.

Please send these to:- du3achair2020@gmail.com or chat to us at meetings.

Our team includes

Barbara Broomhead Elaine Biddulph Leslye Henstock

Kevin Morrell Jane Young Jean Parry-Williams

Pam Hardwick David Ryszka

Learn Live Laugh *Leslye Henstock*

Speaker for June...

Andy Smart returns by popular demand. Andy spent most of his working life with the Nottingham Evening Post and its associated newspapers, starting as a junior reporter on the weekly Notts Free Press, working his way through titles including the Free Press (assistant editor), Recorder series (editor), Long Eaton Advertiser and Stapleford and Sandiacre News (editor), Nottingham Post, various news desk positions; finally as a feature writer and editor of the Bygones magazine before retirement. He covered Mansfield Town for several years.



His talk today is on the history of Nottingham's theatres. Lots of stars, showbiz stories, theatre anecdotes etc.

Expect even a bit of audience participation!

Dukeries u3a Annual Garden Party (Inside)

Monday 19 August 2024, Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

We are looking forward to getting together at this exclusive event for members only.

Are you a new member, solo or in a twosome? We will reserve tables where you can meet others. You won't be alone and there will be someone to greet you on arrival.

How to book

Collect your ticket (free) at our meeting on June 17
Add your name to the food list

On the day you also need to bring

Your own plate, dish, cutlery, drink and glass Pen/pencil

Times

Setting up from 11.45 Doors Open 12.30 Party starts 1.00pm

Finishes about 3.30pm

More details to follow!



Anyone for Golf?

Meet up for a friendly game of golf or come along to chat about the game afterwards.

Contact Paul Webb

07803 606928

[email paulmweb@hotmail.com](mailto:paulmweb@hotmail.com)

Car Parking at Jubilee Hall

Members of Dukeries u3a are allowed to park cars at Jubilee Hall when they are not using the meeting rooms.

If members are meeting, to embark on a trip or a walking activity, it is requested that they park cars at the rear of the building, especially so if the hall is booked out to other users on the day.

We are not charged for parking, so please be considerate and comply with this request. *Thank you!*



u3a
North Notts Neighbourhood Group
**INVITE YOU TO A
PICNIC IN THE FOREST**
WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE

**AT SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE
EDWINSTOWE, MANSFIELD NG21 9RN**

This is a FREE EVENT from 11 – 3
ALL DAY CAR PARKING £5

All welcome to join us for a Fun Day of

Activities Musical Entertainment Prizes

Games

Cafe On Site

Walks

Bring tables, chairs, blankets & picnic



More information available in newsletter

**A visit to Southwell
Minster Friday
June 28th
Tickets £15.00**



Itinerary:-

10-00am Guided talk in and around The Minster

11-35am Pause for lunch and/or shopping

1-30pm A seated concert in The Minster

2-30pm concert ends

2-45pm Meet at The Minster for a guided walk to The Bishop's Palace, The Garden & The Song Room, tour lasts 1 hour.

Car shares may be possible.

Whole tour is easy walking and wheelchair accessible

Please book your place on or before the next monthly meeting, 20th May, Contact number **07809 876614** . Please leave a message and I will get back to you. **Payment in full at or before the next monthly meeting, if paying in cash please have the correct money.** Jean Parry-Williams. Jean.pw@outlook.com

On concert days it is advisable to book lunch in the Refectory.
01636 815691 <https://www.southwellminster.org/theme/refectory-and-shop/>

We have been advised that it also gets busy in the town so advance booking there is advisable as well.

Church Street carpark is opposite the minster. Six hours £4.70



Evening Cruise on the Trent from River Lodge, Nottingham.

Wednesday 10th July

Here are the details of the trip...

Coach will pick up in Forest Town, Edwinstowe and Ollerton

Arrive at River Lodge. The boat departs 6.30pm,

Meal includes chicken, salads, potatoes and breads (vegetarian on request). Black Forest Gateau and cream as dessert

Voucher for 2 drinks from the bar.

DJ on board for music

Boat returns at 9.30pm Coach departs for the return journey.

Ticket, which includes all the above, is **£37 per person.**

***Tickets selling fast. Email Leslye
on du3achair2020@gmail.com***



**u3a Members' Black
and White Summer
Event**



Forest Town Arena

Saturday 27 July 2023 7.00pm

Complimentary Pimms on arrival

Buffet

20-piece Swing Band

Car or taxi sharing can be arranged

£15 per person

**Tickets on sale at
Members' Meeting**



*This event is hosted by Forest
Town u3a*

The Dukeries Singers

at The Jubilee Hall, Ollerton, NG22 9AP

Contact: Barry on 01623 822200 or at dukeriesingers@icloud.com

TICKET
£10
INCLUDES
OUR
LEGENDARY
BUFFET

SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 15th June 2024 at 7:00pm

Special Guests

The GentleMen

SUMMER

Ukulele sing-a-long



Hosted by Deacon Dave Keegan



2pm Tuesday 9th July
2024

Methodist Church Hall,
Forest Road, Ollerton NG22 9QS

Come along and sing. Meet old
friends and make new ones.

Everyone welcome.

If you need CVS transport, contact (in advance) John Banbury on 07759-086132

Free Entry Refreshments available- donations welcome.

Sutton In Ashfield u3a Disco

**Saturday 5th October
2024**

**Venue Polly Bowls Social Club
Unwin Road, Sutton in Ashfield
Notts NG17 4HN**

**Tickets £6.00 including refreshments
and Fully Bar available**



Contact June Hall, mobile 07976 637601



Walking Tour of Newark

Approximately a one hour tour of Newark in the company of Sam Millard who entertained the history group recently with a fascinating explanation of the origins of many of our well known nursery rhymes.

On this tour he will give us some of the history of Newark and the Civil War in the actual locations.

This tour would be suitable for mobility scooters and will start at **2pm** in the early afternoon of **Wednesday 4th Sept** at the **band stand in Newark Castle**, going from there to the river and then on into the centre of the town to finish, a perfect location to find some refreshments.

So if you would like some fresh air with some fascinating history thrown in please contact John Harris, jghollerton@gmail.com or see him at the monthly meeting

Ticket price £4 per person

Interest Group Leaders

All Sorts/Gardening	Jane Young	du3agroups23@gmail.com
Bridge	Georgina Batty	0777 2649281
Bowling	Alan or Val Saunders	01623 631993
Cheeky Blinders	Sue	07812 156406
Creative Writing	Mike Mounsey	01623 824789
History	Barbara Baglee	01909 239661
Mahjong	Christine Yates	07799 701763
Photography	Stefan Ziembra	01623 860293
Rummy Kub	Linda Bond	01623 861595
Ramblers 6-8m	Stephen Hall	07877 792969
Scrabble	Christine Storer	07980 511308
Sewing Bee	Christine Yates	077997 01763
Soft Tennis	Paul Web	07803 606928
Sunday Lunch Group	Maria Pitrolino	07904 269549
Tuesday Lunch Club	Beryl Lee	079678 01467
WhatsApp Walkers	Hazel & John Francis	074847 28027
Ukulele	Linda Bond	01623 861595

Just in case...

If you have any health issues that you think may affect your participation in, or enjoyment of, the activities of Dukeries u3a, you might wish to disclose them voluntarily with the Group Leaders of the groups you join.



Please have an "in case of emergency" card with you at all times and/or enter details onto your mobile phone.

North Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Group (NNNG)

The following u3a's belong to the NNNG:-

Ashfield, Dukeries, Forest Town & District, Mansfield & District, Rainworth & District, Sherwood, Sutton, Warsop & District, Work-sop & District and Retford (tbc)

What does this mean?

Anyone from a NNNG u3a can join an activity group, or join a trip. Membership cards must be shown. This is based on places being available.

If you wish to join activity groups, attend meetings and join social events, in any other u3a, you will need to purchase an Associate Membership from them.

Non NNNG u3a members can join an activity group but must complete an Affiliate Membership form.

Non u3a Guests on trips, must complete a one day membership form.

Dukeries u3a welcomes members from other u3a's on these terms.

NNNG actively encourages these opportunities to share members' skills, talents and experience. Learn, Live, Laugh

The All Sorts Crafts & Gardening Group



Mad Hatters Tea Party!

Members are invited to attend a morning of flower arranging by Sue North on Wednesday 19th June at Ambleside, 10 till 12 or later.

Coffee and tea will be provided, but please bring along your own Cup Cake and a spare to share.

Mad Hats are welcome but not obligatory along with flowers to make your own arrangement.

Group leaders are now Christine Yates and Jane Young who look forward to welcoming you to the All Sorts Group.

We meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday morning in the month, 10am till 12 pm** at the **Ambleside Centre**, Yew Tree Rd, Ollerton

We also occasionally meet on the **2nd & 4th Wednesday** afternoons **1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.**

Group Leaders, Christine **01623 422113**

Jane **07980 378979**

For more information contact, Jane Young,

du3agroups23@gmail.com

New members always welcome!

Bowling Group



Bowling Dates for May 2024

12th June

26th June

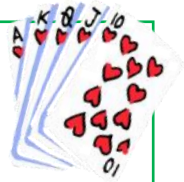
The new season of bowling has started at Ollerton Bowls Club, Whinney Lane, Ollerton. If you fancy giving it a try, come along to any session wearing flat shoes and instruction will be given. You will be most welcome.

The playing time is **1.30 to 3.30 p.m.** There is a charge of **£4.00 per session** which includes a cuppa and biscuits during the half time break. Free car parking is available.

For further information contact Val or Alan Saunders on
01623631993



Bridge Club



Not to be confused with National, International or any other conventional Bridge clubs ! If you enjoy playing cards and social interaction - this may be the group for you! Unfortunately, we cannot offer tuition at present - but if you have an elementary knowledge of the game, we are sure that you will enjoy these sessions. We have a wide range of abilities playing, and there is always much help on offer for the less experienced, (and often somewhat nervous!) players, from the more talented ones, who are very kind and encouraging.

It is not necessary to have a partner, as we all rotate in a friendly fashion, thus enjoying a social chat with everyone. Card-playing, conversation and tea and biscuits - what more could you want?

This group meets at the **Jubilee Hall, Wellow Rd, Ollerton, NG22 9AP, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month - 1pm until 4pm.** There is a sub of **£3 per session** to cover the rent.

You are very welcome to come along to visit us and watch at no charge, to see whether you might like to join us - there are no obligations !

For further information, either, turn up on the day, or contact **Georgina Batty on 077726 49281.**

Creative Writing Group



The Creative writing group will meet on the **Third Wednesday in the month**
2.15 to 4pm.

Meetings will be held at **Walesby Church Hall** - all welcome -
£3 (including refreshments) *Mike Mounsey*



“ Cheeky Blinders ”

Do you play the Banjolele and would you like to join us?

We are a new group of Banjolele players who meet every **1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the smaller room at Jubilee Hall**

between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to strum, fingerpick , sing and generally have a lot of fun.

For more information please contact Sue on **07812 156406**



U3a Friends, the u3a online magazine has been given a facelift and a new section offering discounts and deals for members. I haven't had time to check it all out but members can have a look for themselves at [‘Click Here’](#)

And **u3a Extra** with products & services [‘Click Here’](#)

John Harris, Editor.

u3a friends 



Lancaster & Morecambe u3a rowers have set themselves the challenge of a rowing relay covering a course of 35 miles down the River Lune. The event is just one of the many ways that Lancaster & Morecambe u3a are celebrating their 35th anniversary.

Sign up link on page 5.

History Group

Wednesday June 5th

For our May meeting Sam Millard gave us a fascinating insight to the story behind some of our popular Nursery Rhymes.



We have an equally interesting but very different presentation for our meeting on **June 5th**.

Our own John Wheeldon will be telling us the story of 'The Anarchy,' one of the darkest periods of English History. It tells the story of the English Civil War between Stephen and Matilda. This took place between 1138 and 1153.

All are welcome and the cost will be **£1**.

Do you have an interest or passion for a time, person, place or event don't want to commit to regular meetings? If you would like to come along for one session and share with us you would be more than welcome. Just get in touch. The group meets on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **Ambleside Community Centre**, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton from **1.15 to 3pm**.

Cost **£1.00** per session.

For more information contact,

Barbara Baglee

01909 239661

barbarabaglee@gmail.com

Mah Jong



1st, 3rd & 4th
Thursday each month

*Jubilee Hall,
Wellow Road,
Ullerton, NG22 9AP
Arrive 1.00 pm
Play 1.15 to 3.15 pm*

Mah-Jong is an interesting game which originated in China. 3 or 4 players play together using small tiles which depict the different suits

New members are very welcome.

Refreshments available

£1 - £2 per session depending on numbers attending

For further information, contact
Christine Yates,
Group Leader **01623 422113**.



*Pam's recent
Mar Jong*

Photography Group

Photo's from last months topic,
'Nature & Wildlife'.

If you are into Photography or
would like to learn, why not
come to one of our friendly
meetings?

The Photography group meets
on the **4th Friday** of the
month at **Ambleside
Community Centre,**



Junction of Ambleside & Yew Tree Rd
opposite Yew Tree Park, Ollerton, meeting
starts at **1.30pm.**

*For more information, contact,
Stefan Ziembra*

stefziembra@btinternet.com





Jenny Fox



George Hodgson



Susan Brewer



Susan Brewer

Rummikubs Group



We meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday each month**,
in the restaurant at
The Ollerton House pub, Wellow Road, Ollerton,
2.00 – 4.00pm.

Rummikubs is a very easy game to pick up and I may be a little biased, but I think the company is good. We are lucky to have the use of Ollerton House Restaurant. Several members of the group take the opportunity to have lunch prior to the meeting, which is one of the many advantages of meeting here. Should you care to join us, you are most welcome. Originally we played a variety of indoor games, like dominoes, backgammon cribbage etc., until everyone preferred Rummikubs. I am quite happy to investigate doing this again if anyone is interested. There is no fee, but I do expect you to buy a drink.



*Cheer's Linda Bond (howardbond1@yahoo.co.uk
01623 861595)*



Ramblers Rambles



The Ramblers got two walks in this month.

The first one was a favourite of our group, starting from South Anston and walking through the woods, which at this time of year are absolutely full of wild garlic into South Anston and then down to the Cuckoo Way along the Chesterfield Canal, stopping for delicious ice cream at Turnerwood, beside the canal, before heading around Lindrick golf course and back to the cars.

The day started a little overcast but soon became lovely and sunny and Stephen had an extra treat of being the only boy with 4 girls on the walk!



He looked after us very well.



Our second walk started from Gunthorpe Bridge via Caythorpe and Hoveringham back to the River Trent.

This is a lovely flat walk through some very picturesque villages and farmland and we discovered a fabulous cafe for coffee and cake or scones at the end of the walk.



We even made friends with a Robin with a penchant for coffee and walnut cake.



Our next walk will be in June and will be around Kirton

All the best

Stephen & Kate. 07877 792969

We walk on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, leaving Jubilee Hall at 09.30.

You do not need any specialist equipment to join the Ramblers apart from good walking shoes and a decent coat, however you should be able to walk up to 8 miles.

Soft Tennis

The Soft Tennis group is now up and running and we currently have 7 members and we are looking for new members.

We are using the Scout Hall on Back Lane in Ollerton, and we currently meet on Wednesdays in the early afternoon every fortnight but we might go to weekly in the future. There are generally 2 rooms available so the more players the merrier

It's good, safe, simple and easy exercise and all you need is comfortable clothing and suitable footwear and don't forget your water bottle!

Paul has a WhatsApp group, and his number is 07803 606928.

If you are not familiar with WhatsApp, then text Paul on the same number or email paulmwebb@hotmail.com





South Forest Leisure Centre
 Clipstone Road, NG21 9JF
 1st Friday of the month
 1:30pm till 4pm

Contact **Christine Storer** on **07980 511308**
for more information.

Dukeries on the Web

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Dukeries
u3a

To find Dukeries u3a on the web, just click,
HERE.

Savoy Film Group



13th of June



The origin story of a renegade warrior before her encounter and team up with Mad Max.

2nd Thursday in the month at the **Savoy Cinema, Worksop.**

Doors open 1.30pm for coffee,

film starts at 2pm.

Tickets cost £4.15 including coffee, no need to book, just turn up.

***Remember to bring your u3a
membership card***



sewing Bee

Dukeries u3a Sewing Bee

Dukeries u3a has Talent!

Linda, a member of Dukeries u3a Sewing Bee Group has produced this sign

from material and machine embroidery. It is fantastic! Thank you Linda - we are lucky to have you and your skills !

The group meets at Ambleside Community Centre in Ollerton two Wednesdays per month from 10.00 to 12.30. Anyone is welcome from total beginners to skilled stitchers. It is a self-help group where people can make, alter and up-cycle garments and sewing projects. The group has sewing machines and sewing equipment.



2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month. 10.00am to 12.00, Ambleside Community Centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton

Sewing machines available for use, a basic sewing kit and any sewing projects, if you have any.

Contact Christine or come along on the day.

Group Facilitator– Christine Yates

(enquiries 07799 701763)

Groups Co-ordinator – Jane Young

Our meal this month
will be at the **Dog and
Duck on the 23rd June** and

Sunday Lunch Club

please reserve a.s.a.p.. Deposits and booking cut-off point will be
the **17th June** at the monthly meeting.

The July Sunday Lunch is cancelled ... sorry for any inconvenience
caused but will resume as normal from August.

Please contact the organiser **Maria Pitrolino** for more information.

Contact number is **07904 269549**

Next meeting

**Bella Vita, Ollerton
4th June**

Tuesday Lunch



16 members enjoyed a lovely meal at The Lion Farnsfield on Tues-
day.

Looking forward to Bella Vita, Ollerton

Regards Beryl golferberyl@yahoo.co.uk

WhatsApp Walkers....



The WhatsApp walks take place on a **Thursday every two weeks at 10.30am**, they are mostly local walks of 3 to 4 miles, we meet at suitable local starting points relevant to the walk, some of the starting points can be accessed by public transport, If a lift is required our friendly members are always willing to oblige. We usually contact everyone by WhatsApp but will also contact by phone call or text message.



Our latest circular walk was to Archway house and Sherwood Forest starting at the Dukeries Lodge in



Edwinstowe and finishing there for refreshments later. It was the warmest day of the year so far and not too many muddy puddles around now.

If you would like to join the group please contact

Hazel or John Frances on 07484 728027

You'll be made most welcome.

Regards Hazel.

Jubilee Ukulele Group



At the request of one of our long term members, Norah Staley, sixteen of the ukulele group went along to Clipstone Hall Care Home, on Tuesday 12th March and entertained the residents for an hour. We all, residents and 'strummers' alike, thoroughly enjoyed the morning and look forward to a repeat visit later in the year.



The group meets each **Thursday, 10.00- 12.00pm** at the Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton **NG22 9AP**. Cost £1.00. You do not need to be able to read music, though a good singing voice is always welcome. I do have a spare ukulele to lend if you want to 'Try before you Buy.'

Contact **Linda Bond 01623 861595** and come along any Thursday Keep smiling and start strumming.

Linda

The Creative Writing Group

The Creative Writing Group have vacancies in our friendly group which meets on the **3rd Wednesday monthly at Walesby Church Rooms from 2.15 to 4.00.** We would like you to join us in exercising our creative muscles. You do not have to have been a whiz in English at school, just to enjoy learning about different writers and writing styles, led by our facilitator Mike Mounsey. The cost is **£3** which includes learning materials and refreshments. Please contact Mike on shallow1958@gmail.com if you would like further information.

We have a few copies left of our recently published book, 'Inspirations', full of poems, short stories and anecdotes produced by our group. The book would make a lovely gift for yourself, family or friend. They will be on sale at the members meeting in June or you can reserve a copy to collect at the June meeting by contacting Ann at annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk. The cost is £3 with profits going to the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.





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Workshop u3a. Hello Dukeries!

Here is some information about our steel band, **STEELPANTASTIC**. We have the opportunity to recruit new members and it would be lovely if anyone from the Dukeries group was interested in joining us.

Have you ever fancied having a try at playing a steel pan? No previous musical experience is necessary. The group meets every **Thursday, between 2-5**, (these times include setting up and putting away the pans), at **Crown Place community centre, Workshop**.

If you do fancy coming along to have a listen and try, contact

Pat Durrant: patmdurrant@outlook.com

or Jean Williamson: ploverdene@googlemail.com

You will be made most welcome by our very friendly group.

Catherine Williams c.williams@sheffield.ac.uk

Even if you decide it is not for you, you would be made most welcome by our very friendly group.

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DUKERIES SINGERS

June Summer Concert*

Date for the diary Saturday 15th June 2024 starts at 7pm at Jubilee Hall, A616 Wellow Road, Ollerton NG22 9AP

Outgoing MD Vicki Melling will perform solos of Shirley Bassey's curtain-raising 'Big Spender' and the enduring anthem 'You'll never walk alone'.

Special guest performers "The Gentlemen" will also be thrilling the audience once again with their famous harmonies.

Dukeries Singers own male-voices promise laughs galore with a solo rendition of "Paddy & the bricks" by Danny Twomey as well as a "spoof" of 'Is this the way to Amarillo' by the combined basses & tenors.

A complete harmony by sopranos, contraltos, tenors and basses of the whole Dukeries Singers Choir of 'Hallelujah' {as made famous by Leonard Cohen} is promised and the, by now, customary buffet, is included in the cost of £10 per person. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Dukeries Singers or from Committee member Barry Callieu on 01623-822200 or via email at dukeriessingers@icloud.com

*The final Concert programme is subject to change due to any unforeseen circumstances.

The Dukeries Singers Diary (...performing at Ollerton unless otherwise indicated)

1st June St Paulinus church family fun day,

15th June Summer Concert, Jubilee hall.

6th July Edwinstowe Festival, 9th July Singalong Ollerton Methodist church, 28th Sept Harvest Festival St Paulinus church.

You may have read about the publication Newsbites News in our Dukeries newsletter. I hope some of you have opened the link to see what is happening around u3a's in Nottinghamshire.

Maria Gabrielczyk, the Editor, thanks u3a's for their contributions for Newsbites News, which goes out every two months.

Any member of Dukeries u3a can promote an upcoming event, or report on a recent interesting activity. Simply send your article to Ann Street or Jane Young, who will check it over and send the item for you. The maximum word count is 300 words, and photos must be good quality and clear. Remember that over 2 months lead time is required if you are promoting an event in the future.

Do check out Newsbites News in the future.

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Leslye Henstock



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NEWSBITES!

Sharing ideas across 34 u3a's in Nottinghamshire

<https://nottsnetworkofu3as.weebly.com/>

*Click on the link for the
latest Newsbites*

For our members interested in local history, there are a couple of websites you might like to check out.

The Minor2Major project covers subjects which include, Landscape Partnerships with local associations e.g. NCC, NDC, RSPB, and

Inspire. The landscape refers to both natural and people history. There are publications available about the Model Villages of the Notts Coalfield, Colliery Stables & The Notts Pit Pony and Country House Stables of Notts. More details can be found at



<https://miner2major.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Also Sherwood Voices which is a series of short local walks in the Sherwood Forest villages. An audio guide can be downloaded or ask at the library/council offices.

More information at



<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/sherwood-voices-walks/>



Walk & Talk

With RSPB Sherwood Forest and Mind Nottinghamshire
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 10am

- Free wellbeing group walk
- Approximately 40 minutes of very gentle-paced walking to the Major Oak and back
- Mobility scooter accessible
- Meet at the Main Visitor Centre Car Park (If arriving by car participants will be given a permit for free parking on arrival)
- Refreshments and toilets available at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

Wellbeing is just one step away...

For further details, contact: carol.hallam@rspb.org.uk





This station is aimed at baby boomers, the generation of people born between 1946 and 1964. The station is available on DAB and there are two extra channels, BOOM ROCK & BOOM LIGHT both available on line.

More information [Click Here.](#)



Our Good to Know telephone groups invite a different guest speaker each week to discuss issues that matter to older people. Topics include scams, the cost-of-living crisis, social care, benefits and finding new social connections - things that are simply 'Good To Know' about.

Since our Good to Know Groups launched, we've had guest speakers from organisations including Step Change, Mind, Parkinsons UK, and Cruse as well as specialist advisors from Independent Age benefits and social care teams. Think of these groups like a cup of tea and a chat at a community centre, but over the phone in the comfort of your living room. The groups are particularly great for older people unable to get out and about or to online activities, but anyone over the age of 65 is welcome. You can view our website here to read more and to see what events we have coming up - <https://www.independentage.org/get-support/telephone-groups/good-to-know-groups>

Do you fancy yourself as a singer?
Would you like to try?

Have you wondered whether you could sing in a choir. No test or audition, just turn up and give it a go...

Here's a few words from John Banbury, a member of the Dukeries Singers...



"We as a choir believe anyone can sing and is good enough to be part of the group, we would like to get that over to anyone Interested, most people think they cannot sing well enough but I can assure you that's not the case, I was a guy who only sung to himself in the shower, now I am really enjoying singing with folks. You only have to see what Gareth Malone achieves in the workplace getting people to sing, its just that we need people to come and try, they will be surprised what they can do and that we don't have auditions or checks on the way people sing."

So, if you fancy giving it a try, contact....

John Banbury
07759 086132

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Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/dukeriessingers/>

Dukeries u3a – Membership to March 2025

Membership subscription by bank transfer
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The Dukeries Third Age Group
Please reference Subs and Your Name

Email Wendy Neighbour to confirm your payment
membersdu3a@outlook.com

Complete your application form on your next visit or from our website

Membership can also be renewed at meetings – simply collect a form, fill in your details and seal it in the envelope provided with your cash or cheque (*made payable to The Dukeries Third Age Group*).

Full membership to 31 March 2025

£20 per person

Includes £4.00 subscription to u3a National.

Full associate membership* to 31 March 2025

£10 per person

**(For people who are full members of another u3a group. Proof required)*

**Dukeries u3a is now open to all Adults/Seniors
(regardless of employment status)**

Health and Safety Information

Members of Dukeries u3a each have the responsibility to keep themselves safe, keep others safe and avoid making an environment unsafe, when taking part in activities.

Please continue to do the following: -

Avoid meeting others if you feel unwell or are infectious

Continue wearing a mask if want you to protect yourself and others

Avoid touching other people (hand-shaking, hugging and kissing) if you feel uncomfortable and want extra protection against infection.

Frequently wash your hands for 20 seconds and avoid touching your face. Ensure that equipment is clean to use in Activity groups.

Event and activity organisers, please ensure windows and doors are open to ventilate the rooms

If you are leading an activity, you do need to keep a register of names at each meeting and file it.

When signing up for a physical activity, please ensure it is within your capability (for example signing up for a walk which is too long for you)

Wash hands before serving refreshments, and ensure all crockery and utensils are clean before and after use.

If we each take on the responsibility, to protect ourselves and safeguard our friends, we will all enjoy our social lives.

Thank you.

Chris Neighbour, Health and Safety, Dukeries, u3a

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Please send contributions for the next issue to jghollerton@gmail.com as early as possible and not later than the 27th of the month.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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