



Staying Connected.

No 53 July 2024



Run for the members, by the members.

Dear Members of the Dukeries u3a Family

I hope you are enjoying the sunshine – our country and it’s forests, meadows and gardens look splendid at the moment. Our Picnic in Sherwood was a fantastic way to spend 4 hours and I am sorry for those of you who could not make it. Thank you to all of our members who took part either by advertising the event, setting up and taking down equipment or performing on the day. Jubilee Ukulele Band and Cheeky Blinders Banjolele Band, you were fantastic and you put Dukeries u3a on the map. Your music was very much appreciated.

Looking forward to other events, do collect your tickets for the Indoor Garden Party in August at the next meeting.

We are also arranging a trip to the Black Country Living Museum in September – see the advert in this newsletter.

We have also had a recommendation about the Richard III exhibition in Leicester and we will be looking at arranging a trip in the future. Do let us know if you are interested.

My time as Chair is quickly running out, and I am still hopeful that someone will help us out, by taking over from me in August. I am passionate about Dukeries u3a and I cannot bear the thought that our wonderful group might not continue without someone to chair our monthly committee meetings.

I know you are out there! Please come forward.....

Until I see you again, enjoy your holidays, your gardens and summer life!

Good health and best wishes to you all,

Leslye x



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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

Speaker for July...

Come and listen to Stephen Booth's fascinating talk on his books and how he became a writer. Stephen is an established and popular writer of over 20 books, including his crime novels set in the Derbyshire Peak District featuring two main characters, detectives Ben Cooper and Diane Fry. For over 27 years, Stephen was a journalist for various newspapers and magazines including the *Workshop Guardian*. He also worked as a sub-editor for the *Daily Express* and *The Guardian*. In 2001 he gave this up to be a full-time novelist. Stephen has received many nominations and won awards for his crime writing. You will have a great opportunity to buy a signed copy of one of his books.



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*

Bilsthorpe Museum (1927 - 1977)



On 31 May, a small group from Dukeries visited the Bilsthorpe Mining Museum. On arrival we were warmly greeted by Cris who offered light refreshments before the start of our tour.

We watched a short video, with former miners talking us

through what life was like in the mine and how dangerous it could be. We were given the guided tour by an ex miner who explained about the equipment used and answered any questions.

Bilsthorpe Heritage Society began after the mine closed and was formed by volunteers who collected artefacts and memorabilia from the local mine, before it was lost in time. Also on display were domestic items from the 1940's 50's and 60's and we all recognised something from yesteryear.

By 1943 the war effort was in danger of grinding to a halt because of lack of coal. Therefore the government ordered 20,000 service volunteers mainly 18 year olds to work down the mines. Most of them would have preferred to serve their country in the military - these young men were called The Bevin Boys.

The museum accepts donations to keep it running, however, they are looking for alternative premises because the site is going to be redeveloped.

Pity the weather was not suitable for our proposed picnic lunch in the memorial garden, The Limes Cafe was a good alternative for a very substantial lunch.

The 2 hours we spent at the museum were very informative and interesting, I'm sure everyone enjoyed it. *Elaine Jebb*

Picnic in the Park

Those u3a members who were unable to come to the Picnic in the Park missed a treat. Firstly, we had sunshine, lots of it and sunshine isn't easy to find in this



damp little island of ours. The entertainment was endless and first class. Four bands, an electric guitar band, our very own Ukulele band, the Cheeky Blinders Banjolele band and an exotic steel band



all the way from Worksop. Also, I may add, a bunch of Robin Hoods men, at least I thought they were until they started to sing when it became apparent that no band of outlaws could sound as good as the Major Oak Chorus.

There were games to play, Boule and badminton, supplied by Paul who

organises soft tennis and badminton for our members. Throw the bean bag and chuck the welly, not sure which groups organised those, and not to mention two games, bagatelle and hoop the peg which were supplied by Leo Milner, another one of our members.



The sun shone down on us all day and I, for one went home knacked and somewhat browner. A big thank you to all the bands who played so well and the hard-working helpers who made the whole thing possible. A day to remember.... *John Harris*





I went along to the John Fretwell centre a few evenings ago to hear the Major Oak Pop Choir. I wasn't really looking forward to it as I didn't know what to expect and what does a 'Pop Choir' mean anyway? Was I in for a surprise? Around forty-five to fifty local ladies of all ages including three of our u3a members, Alex, Christine & Jane, singing their hearts out making the most amazing sound. They sang a wide range of songs, 'On my Own' from Les Misérables to the Rocky Horror shows 'Time Warp', which the audience were encouraged to join in with, including all the actions. A lovely rendition of the 'Ode to Joy' by Beethoven and pop songs like Bill Withers 'Lovely Day'.

Something for everyone. The show was supported by very professional sounding backing music and a coloured lighting system, which added the final touches to a first-class evening's entertainment. I hope to go again.....*John Harris.*

[Major Oak Choir web site.](#)

Southwell Minster

For my sins I'd never been inside Southwell Minster although I had walked around the grounds on a few occasions, so the recent Dukeries outing was a perfect chance to get acquainted with the place. Our guide, a lovely lady called Margaret, sat us down and started with a little talk on the general history of the building, one of the genuine places Cromwell knocked about a bit, or at least, his troops did.

The building, she explained started in 900 AD, although the site had been used by the romans way back a thousand years earlier, there's a small section of roman tessellated flooring visible in one corner.

She went on, the Southwell area soon came under the control of the Bishop of York who, needing a base closer to the border with his rival The Bishop of Lincoln decided to go for something impressive and so ordered the construction of the Minster we see today. The stone, by the way, came from Mansfield.

We were then taken on a walking tour around the minster taking in the stained-glass windows, many replacing windows broken out by Cromwell's men so they could stable their horses in the nave. Also, a medieval font and a huge brass lectern, that was discovered hidden at the bottom of the lake at Newstead Abbey, left there to hid it from the King's men during the reformation. Later we were introduced to the Chapter House, a round stone building connecting directly with the main church. Chapter Houses were not used for religious purposes but were part of the business function of the minster. This round stone house with a stone suspended ceiling was where the local Prebendaries or landowners came to do business under the, no doubt, watchful eye of the church. Each Estate or Prebend has a seat with its name carved into the back, sixteen all told, controlling all the land and people living in the countryside around the minster.



A great powerhouse in its day and still a very impressive building. The tour lasted about an hour and a half, and I for one, found it fascinating.

Unfortunately, Jean & I had to leave at lunchtime, but I understand from others that the lunchtime concert and the afternoon tour of the gardens and Bishops Palace were a great success.

Many thanks to Jean PW for arranging the day.

John Harris

The Bramley Apple Window



1st World War Memorial Window

Air Ambulance



Please read this month's interesting newsletter from LNAAC.

Pam Hardwick

Charity Coordinator.

Latest Air Ambulance News [CLICK HERE](#)

This month our total of donations to the Air Ambulance Charity amounts to £87.30.

The bring and buy table generated £35.00

The Mad Hatters' Tea party collected £12.30

(what a brilliant morning's fun).

There was a personal donation of £10 and my gardening friends donated £30 from the sale of plants.

So I say a big thank you to all our supporters, without your help we could not achieve these totals.

I look forward to our next fund raising event

See you all soon...*Pam (charity coordinator)*



The latest video from Lines & Notts,

Air Ambulance.

[Click Here](#)

Do you know who you are?

Our tame genealogist has now helped four of our members trace their ancestry. Would you like to know more about your families past, if so read on.....

Who do you think you are?

A Family History Researcher is once again offering his services to any members who needs help researching their family history.

This service is completely free and confidential. The researcher is house bound and in his own words, 'does it for enjoyment and to keep himself sane.' he also asked that his name be withheld in this ad, but I can assure members he is genuine and I do know his name.

One of our members has had help which resulted, after 18 months research in a history as far back as Henry VIII.

Are you, related to our Henry, or perhaps Richard III?



Contact

chambonbon70@gmail.com

Providing only your name for more Information.

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 8 JULY	COMMITTEE MEETING
WED 10 JULY	TRENT RIVER CRUISE COACH, TWO COURSE MEAL, TWO FREE DRINKS, DISCO
MON 15 JULY	MEMBERS MEETING
SAT 27 JULY	BLACK & WHITE SUMMER PARTY SWING BAND A BUFFET, FORREST TOWN ARENA
MON 12 AUG	COMMITTEE MEETING
MON 19 AUG	INDOOR GARDEN PARTY AND CHARITY RAFFLE
WED 4 SEPT	GUIDED HISTORICAL TOUR OF NEWARK
MON 9 SEPT	COMMITTEE MEETING
MON 16 SEPT	MEMBERS MEETING
FRI 20 SEPT	TRIP TO THE BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSIUM <i>(See Page 20)</i>
SAT 21 SEPT	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE U3A'S CONFERENCE, NOTTINGHAM
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	COMMITTEE MEETING
MON 21 OCT	MEMBERS MEETING
FRI 25 OCT	HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS PARTY FOREST TOWN ARENA WITH FANTASTIC READY STEADY 60'S BAND
MON 11 NOV	COMMITTEE MEETING
MON 18 NOV	MEMBERS MEETING
FRI 22 NOV	SUPPER AND QUIZ NIGHT
MON 9 DEC	COMMITTEE MEETING
MON 16 DEC	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 paulmwebb@hotmail.com](mailto:paulmwebb@hotmail.com)

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 July 15th
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

Charity Raffle – bring £1 coins and notes

ENTERTAINMENT!!



U3A LINE DANCING TASTER SESSION FOR ALL

FOREST TOWN ARENA

LIVE MUSIC FROM "TURN BACK TIME"

FRIDAY 19 JULY 12 – 2PM

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME!

Sandwiches, Cakes, Tea and Coffee provided

Fee – ONLY £1 PER
PERSON!!!

To Book Email

britisheyes679@gmail.com





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

BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM



Visit to The Black Country Living Museum Friday 20 September 2024 Step Back in Time!

We are booking this venue, which has been highly recommended.
Deposits of £20 per person can be paid at the July 15 meeting.

Or, pay deposits by bank transfer quoting your
"Surname BCLM"

The Dukeries Third Age Group 60-17-28 90045998

*Transport will be arranged according to the numbers going.
This will be a full day trip.*

[Link to website](#)

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

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



What a wonderful time was had by all the members who came and joined in. The Ambleside room was filled with the wonderful scents of the flowers and the resulting arrangements were good enough to compete in any Flower Show. With special thanks to Sue for all her organising and both Pam and Sue for the flower demonstrations. A table was filled with lovely cakes and food which was supplied by and enjoyed by all including the tea and coffee. (*Pictures on next page.*)

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*](mailto:du3agroups23@gmail.com)

New members always welcome!



Mad Hatters Tea Party...

Bowling Group



Bowling Dates for July 2024

10th July

24th July

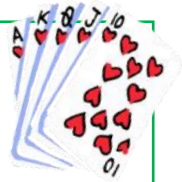
The new season of bowling has started at Ollerton Bowls Club, Whinney Lane, Ollerton. If you fancy giving it a try, come along to any session wearing flat shoes and instruction will be given. You will be most welcome.

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 41

History Group



Wednesday July 3rd

Christopher Barton is presenting
'Memories of a Coppers Son'.

His father was a village Bobby in Ollerton in the 60s.

There will be no History meeting in August.

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



Rummikubs Group



The last meeting in June was cancelled as the room was unavailable on the 26th June.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 10th July at 2.pm** as usual.
See you then, both New and Old players.

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. 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



Well despite this being the wettest June I can ever recall, made even worse by the fact I haven't been able to get my shorts on yet, we did have two lovely walks this month.

Our first was led by one of our group members Maeve, who took us from Kirton, through the fields and into

Boughton Village and then UP the steep part of the old Ollerton tip before continuing through the woods and the brick works back to Kirton.

As you will see from the photograph the woods were a little like the jungle and we all felt like celebrities in Australia, without the bush tucker challenges !

Our second walk was a Ramblers favourite, just over 7 miles from Orston down the banks of the River Smite and return, a very picturesque walk on a lovely day, with all the group in excellent spirits as we finished at the Durham Ox in Orston for one of their fabulous chip cobs.

Our next walk will be on Tuesday 2nd July, leaving at 9.30 from Jubilee Hall.

All the best

Stephen and Kate.

07877 792969



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

Savoy Film Group



11th of July

THE BIKERIDERS captures a rebellious time in America when the culture and people were changing. After a chance encounter at a local bar, strong-willed Kathy (Jodie Comer of Killing Eve fame) is inextricably drawn to Benny Austine Butler), the newest member of Midwestern motorcycle club. the Vandals led by the enigmatic Johnny (Tom Hardy, who played Elvis). Much like the country around it, the club begins to evolve, transforming from a gathering place for local outsiders into a dangerous underworld of violence, forcing Benny to choose between Kathy and his loyalty to the club.



WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JEFF NICHOLS **THE BIKERIDERS**

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

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.

Christine Yates is always very happy to welcome new members to her group. Knitters, Crochet and needle workers of any kind also welcome.

Contact Christine or come along on the day.

Group Facilitator– Christine Yates

(enquiries 07799 701763)

**The July Sunday
Lunch is cancelled ...**

Sunday Lunch Club

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

**Rufford Golf Club
2nd July**

Tuesday Lunch



We had an excellent lunch at Bella Vita last month.
Food was wonderful and company great.
I am so lucky to run such a lovely group.

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.



The WhatsApp Walkers enjoyed a circular walk recently at Farndon Riverside in the lovely sunshine, with refreshments afterwards at the Farndon Ferry Pub. You can see Staythorpe Power Station in the background and lots of swans.

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



Although I was away on holiday, I am sure the group entertained everyone at the Picnic in the Forest on the 26th June. We shall be performing again at a **Sing Along at the Methodist Church, Forest Road, Ollerton 2.pm Tuesday July 9th**. Come along and join in the fun. You may even go home with the Music Man! **See ad below....**



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



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 paulmwebb@hotmail.com](mailto:paulmwebb@hotmail.com)



The u3a Friends Newsletter is available on line 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>

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

SINGALONG AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 9th July at 2:00pm

The shared experience of singing familiar popular songs from the '60s, '70s, and '80s is good for you and you're sure to enjoy it. Supported by The Dukeries Singers and The Jubilee Ukulele you'll be sure of an exciting lively atmosphere, audience participation is a must, sing along with the choir with the ukuleles jamming their favourite tunes, fun for all ages, suitable for seasoned and non-singers alike. Entrance is FREE, refreshments are available, and here is a chance to win THE MUSIC MAN in the raffle.

THE MUSIC MAN is a special raffle prize, he is a delightful hand-crafted, hand-knitted one-of-a-kind, with warm and whimsical charm, a cuddly companion, and a treasure to capture the hearts and add a touch of magic to your home.

A MINIATURE MUSICIAN BROUGHT TO LIFE THROUGH YARN AND LOVE. Imagine being the lucky winner!



Ollerton Methodist Church
Forest Road
Ollerton
NG22 9QS



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.

DUKERIES SINGERS

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

6th July Edwinstowe Festival,

9th July Singalong Ollerton Methodist church,

28th Sept Harvest Festival St Paulinus church.

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.



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.

Ann Street annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk

Jane Young du3agroups23@gmail.com

Maria Gabrielczyk mg.abbey@outlook.com

Leslye Henstock



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
NETWORK**

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

Dukeries Singers
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NG21 9LP

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

Dukeries u3a – Membership to March 2025

Membership subscription by bank transfer
Sort Code 60-17-28 Account 91244358
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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