



## Run for the members, by the members.

*Dear Friends/Members of Dukeries u3a*

This is my final foreword in the role of Chair and as such, I am in a reflective mood. The past four years have given me a lot of joy and fulfilment, as I am the sort of person who likes to volunteer time to put something back into life. I like to feel I am doing something useful, as many of you do, and Dukeries u3a is such a fun way to do just that.

One of the first parties I went to when I first became a member of Du3a was the Garden Party, so it seems fitting that my last duties as Chair, will be at our Garden Party (now indoors), on Monday 19 August.

Please note that there will be tables for new members, so if you don't know many people yet, look out for those. It can be daunting to walk alone into a room full of people, but take a big breath as a warm welcome awaits you! Tickets are free and available until 11th August (see advert in this newsletter).

On the day, please bring your food donations ready to serve and drop them off at the kitchen door, where members of the Events Team will take them off your hands. Thank you.

Over the past four years, we have been through lockdown, and we continued our social events and some meetings through Zoom. It took a while to get our meetings going again and here we are now operating at full strength. We have had interesting guest speakers, enjoyable trips and terrific social events. One highlight for me and others was the u3a 40th celebrations and being part of the Flash Mob in Nottingham.

Du3a has evolved during my time as Chair and we now collaborate with other local u3a's to offer bigger functions while keeping ticket prices low. The cost of coach hire particularly has doubled in price so we need to fill all seats to make the trips value for money.

In the North Notts Neighbour Group (NNG), we work together to provide lots of social opportunities for you. The recent Picnic in Sherwood Forest was so enjoyable.

I would like to thank all of you for joining Du3a and enabling our continuance. I also want to acknowledge all those who have worked with me over the past four years and thank you for all for all you have done. A Chair Person is only a small part of a team of volunteers, who work alongside each other and I have had many pleasant, kind and considerate people to support me and keep me in check!!

At the Garden Party we will be announcing a changeover in the Committee, to ensure Du3a continues. This will be a short-time contingency team to keep us going. We are still looking for someone new to take on the role of Chair and steer the team forward into the future. I know many of you have considered this but other restrictions prevent you from doing so at the moment, but if your situations change, let us know. Please contact me if you feel you could help in the role of Chair, or in any other role on the committee.

I am happy to continue being part of the Events Team and still being active on the Committee.

Thank you all once again for enabling me to be Chair for four years.

*Sincerely yours*

*Leslye x*

*PS Hope to see you at the*

*Indoor Garden Party*



## Committee 2024

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Sue Cook - *Minute Taker*

Barbara Broomhead - *Refreshment Rota*

[b.broomhead@btinternet.com](mailto:b.broomhead@btinternet.com)



June Nunn - *Purchaser of Refreshments*

## Group Meeting Times

	1st in month	2nd in month	3rd in month	4th in month
<b>Mon</b>			<b>Monthly Meeting</b> 1pm. Jubilee Hall	
<b>Tues</b>	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
<b>Wed</b>	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
<b>Thurs</b>	Ukulele group 10.00 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall  Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall  WhatsApp Walkers 10.30am	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  WhatsApp Walkers 10.30am	Ukulele group 10 to 11:30am Jubilee Hall  Mah Jong 1.15pm to 3pm Jubilee Hall
<b>Fri</b>	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

# Soft Tennis, Badminton & Boules



We are a lovely friendly bunch who meet every Wednesday at the Scout hall in Ollerton at midday to play soft tennis, badminton and French boules.

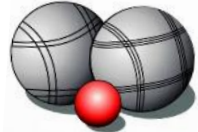
Anyone can join in and choose the activity that suits you or try all three.

Don't forget to wear suitable clothing and bring a drink.

You're guaranteed to have fun and a little bit of competition.

For more details look on our website [Here](#).

or contact Paul Webb on 07803606928



## Group Discussion

Members are invited to join the **All Sorts Group**, at

Ambleside, Yew Tree

Road, New Ollerton, in

**Wednesday 7th August**,

from **10 till 12noon** for a

Discussion Group. Please bring with you a book, magazine or news

paper article for discussion over a cup of coffee or tea with

biscuits. Should any of you wish to lead the discussions please come along or contact me on 07980 378979.



*Kind regards, Jane Young, Group Leader.*

# 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

Email [du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com) to obtain your ticket, and to add your name to the donation of food lists.

*Entrance to the party is by ticket only*

### 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!!




## BARBERSHOP AND RAGTIME CONCERT

**SOUTHWELL MINSTER  
FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER  
TAKE SEATS AT 1.00PM  
CONCERT 1.30PM**

Free entry – make a donation on the day.

*Several of us will be attending this concert,  
and having lunch beforehand. If you would  
like to join us, sign up at the Garden Party.*

Or Email [du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com)

Car sharing could be possible



Southwell  
Minster

# BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM



Visit to The Black  
Country Living  
Museum



**Tuesday 24th September 2024**

*Step Back in Time!*

Arrive Jubilee Hall 8.00am      Coach departs 8.15 am

Leaves BCLM 4.45pm      Back approx. 7.00pm

We are booking this venue for our next trip out as it has been highly recommended. There is plenty to see and do, and good places to eat and drink.

It is usually £25 for the entrance fee alone, but Dukeries u3a are offering tickets for coach and entrance combined, for only £31 per person.

Payment must be made in full, by cash or cheque, at the meeting on Monday 19th August, 12.20 to 12.50pm, or better still, pay in full by Bank Transfer.

(Cheques made out to The Dukeries Third Age Group)

Or, pay in full by bank transfer quoting your

*"Surname BCLM"*

The Dukeries Third Age Group 60-17-28 90045998

Any queries, email [du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com)

*This will be a full day trip. [Link to website](#)*



# U3A Halloween Fancy Dress Party



**CLIPSTONE WELFARE**

**FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER**

**DOORS OPEN 6.45PM STARTS 7.00 TILL 11.00PM**

**PULLED PORK OR BEEF SANDWICHES SERVED!**

**LIVE BAND "READY STEADY 60'S"**

**TICKETS £10 PER PERSON**

Payment must be made in full, by cash or cheque, at the meeting  
on **Monday 19 August 12.20 to 12.50pm.**

(Cheques made out to The Dukeries Third Age Group)

Or, better still, pay by bank transfer  
quoting "Your Surname HALLOW"

The Dukeries Third Age Group 60-17-28 90045998

**THIS WAS A TERRIFIC FANCY DRESS PARTY**

**LAST YEAR AND THIS BAND IS**

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

**COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**



**Car or Taxi sharing possible!**

## September Speaker

### **Russia, It's History and People.**

*The inside story on Russia's past.*

Dr McAteer's talk will describe how different Russian people were in private, in contrast to their history as powerful and often violent leaders.

Our speaker is Cathy McAteer, who holds a PhD in Russian and Translation Studies from Bristol University and is a postdoctoral

research fellow at Exeter University. Cathy taught Russian-English translation for the MA Translation Studies programme at the University of Bristol between 2013-2019.



## 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](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com) or chat to us at meetings.

Our team includes

Barbara Broomhead Elaine Biddulph Kevin Morrell Jane Young

Jean Parry-Williams Pam Hardwick

David Ryszka Chris Hough Leslye Henstock

*Learn Live Laugh*

# Trent River Cruise



Once again a great time was had by all on the River Cruise arranged by Irene Brooks of Forest Town U3A. Members from Worksop, Dukeries, Mansfield

and Forest Town enjoyed the cruise into Nottingham and back, whilst socialising and dancing on board as well. Another event possible by the Events Team collaborating with neighbouring U3A's. Thank you to all members who joined the cruise on the night x



# Jolly Sailors All..

An alternative account of an evening before the mast



Our merry band of u3a'ers boarded the good ship Princess after stopping at a wayside tavern for refreshments to lubricate throats after too much singing and shouting at passersby as we travelled along. The journey down by coach to the quey was uneventful, apart from having to change horses in Edwinstowe & Mansfield Woodhouse. On boarding, Captain Blackbeard, a swarthy seadog if ever I saw one and his motley crew, strongarmed us into line to receive safety orders. Several fights broke out, but soon sorted by the Captains threat to withdraw Grog rations. Safety orders having been received, a considerable number of our shipmates made a beeline for the Grog bar, as we had been issued tickets for Grog, and these were soon put to good use.

'Twas soon after the ship had set sail, that those amongst us without the stomach for hard tac and ships weevils, served on biscuits, where ordered below to receive a bowl of vegetables, whatever they are, but once the lily-livered lot had cleared away the rest of us were ordered into line for real seadogs fair. Several fights broke out but after the threat of walking the plank, from the Captain once again, our crew got into line for a good square meal.

After the hard tack and weevils had been delt with, our band of jolly sailors passed the time of evening following the usual sailorly activities, more grog, carving their names in the tabletop, making unmentionable things out of rope, singing very rude sea shanties and fighting. Luckily some members of the crew had brought their fiddles and so played hornpipes and jigs to pacify the passengers and prevent them carving their names on each other, something old seadogs are prone to do when under the influence of Grog. The evening passed well and soon after the ship arrived back at the Quey, Captain Blackbeard ordered all hands to form up and go ashore to find their coach's home. Several fights broke out, but the Captains threat to throw troublemakers into the drink quietened things down and once all aboard, the horses were set off, taking us all safely, back to our home ports.

*One eyed, one legged, three fingered Pew, Ships Cook.....*



# Air Ambulance



I really enjoyed our speaker this month at the members' meeting as he told the story of how he became a writer and related funny stories told to him by his readers.

The bring and buy stall was also interesting. There were plants, bric-a-brac and even a new and unworn dress which caught someone's attention.

Val helped me again, which meant I could mingle a little bit and chat to friends old and new.

We raised £30.58 with a further £12.00 in IOU's which will be forthcoming at our next meeting...this of course will be our GARDEN PARTY on 19th August. At this point I really want to say a huge thank you to all of you who presented me with prizes for our raffle which will be held on this occasion. You never let me down!!! I also have personal donations which will be added to our monthly total.

I enclose the monthly NEWS FROM LNAA which keeps us up to date with all their missions and fund-raising events. The yarn bombing knitted helicopters are amazing. Thank you, Barbara, for sending a photo. Do take time to read it and see how vital your support is for this lifesaving charity.

*See you all soon and do take care*

*Pam Charity coordinator*

***Latest Air Ambulance News*** [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

***More Helicopters*** [\*\*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](mailto: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 12 AUG  
MON 19 AUG

COMMITTEE MEETING  
INDOOR GARDEN PARTY AND  
CHARITY RAFFLE

WED 4 SEPT

GUIDED HISTORICAL TOUR OF  
NEWARK

FRI 6 SEPT

CONCERT SOUTHWELL MINSTER 1PM

MON 9 SEPT

COMMITTEE MEETING

MON 16 SEPT

MEMBERS MEETING

SAT 21 SEPT

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE U3A'S  
CONFERENCE, NOTTINGHAM

TUE 24 SEPT

TRIP TO THE BLACK COUNTRY LIVING  
MUSIUM *(See Page 9)*

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

FRI 18 OCT

MOON CONCERT,  
SOUTHWELL MINSTER 1PM

MON 21 OCT

MEMBERS MEETING

FRI 25 OCT

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS PARTY  
FOREST TOWN ARENA WITH  
FANTESTIC READY STEADY 60'S BAND

MON 11 NOV

MON 18 NOV

FRI 22 NOV

COMMITTEE MEETING

MEMBERS MEETING

SUPPER AND QUIZ NIGHT

MON 9 DEC

FRI 13 DEC

MON 16 DEC

COMMITTEE MEETING

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SOUTHWELL MINSTER

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:email_paulmwebb@hotmail.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](mailto:jghollerton@gmail.com) or see him at the monthly meeting

**Ticket price £4 per person**

# Sutton In Ashfield u3a Disco

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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	07980 378979
Bridge	Georgina Batty	07772 649281
Bowling	Alan or Val Saunders	01623 631993
Cheeky Blinders	Sue Kyle	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	Jane Young	07980 378979
Soft Tennis	Paul Web	07803 606928
Sunday Lunch Group	Maria Pitrolino	07904 269549
Tuesday Lunch Club	Beryl Lee	07967 801467
WhatsApp Walkers	Hazel & John Francis	07484 728027
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.

## *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.

*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!*

## Bowling Group



### Bowling Dates for August 2024

**7th August**

**21st August**

The new season of bowling is well underway 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



***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](mailto: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**,



George Hodgson



George Hodgson

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](mailto:stefziembra@btinternet.com)



David Wightwick

# Ramblers Rambles

The Ramblers enjoyed two lovely local walks in July and on both we were really lucky with the weather.

Our first walk was from Edwinstowe through Sherwood Forest to the memorial cross at the edge of the tree line and then back down the military road to the centre tree and on to the Major Oak, returning to the village via the fabulous "Village Kitchen" cafe where we all enjoyed a light lunch and a proper catch up.



We were lucky to see several of the rare breed cattle close up on this walk too.

The walk is about 7 miles on easy paths and ideal when there has been rain.

We did take a photograph of the group near an unusual sign but would like to point out that we are NOT setting up a group for this particular activity!

Our second walk was from Duncan wood to Clumber park and around the lake.



One of our group commented that we are indeed very lucky to live in such close proximity to beautiful venues for observing nature and getting in a good walk.

We were actually photobombed by squirrels on this one!

Another lovely day in excellent

Company for this 8 and a half mile walk, we were lucky to have the sun shine for most of the walk and the park looked absolutely magnificent, we are really blessed to live in such a beautiful County.

The next walk will again be local and will be on Tuesday 6th August, gosh, where is the year going, we will be discussing Christmas dinner soon!!

*All the best*

*Stephen and Kate. 07877 792969*



# 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. There is no fee, but I do expect you to buy a drink.

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



## DUKERIES SINGERS

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

28th Sept Harvest Festival St Paulinus church.



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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*Savoy Film Group*



**No Film available in August.**

**The cinema is devoting all it's theatres to children's films during the day in August so unfortunately no space is available for u3a.**





# 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.

Jane Young is always very happy to welcome new members to the group. Knitters, Crochet and needle workers of any kind also welcome.

Contact Jane or come along on the day.  
Group Facilitator– Jane Young  
(enquiries 07980 378979 )



## *Sunday Lunch Club*

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

Contact number is **07904 269549**

*Next meeting*

**The Devonshire, Langwith  
Tuesday 6th August**

## *Tuesday Lunch*



Seventeen members enjoyed a lovely lunch at Rufford golf club last month, one of our favourite venues.

*Regards Beryl* [golferberyl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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 welcomed two new members to our group on Thursday for our latest walk at Bothamsall, the weather was lovely and we all enjoyed ice creams at Thaymar afterwards.

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



The Ukulele Group played for an hour's sing-along at the Methodist Church, New Ollerton on Tuesday 9th July. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, the

audience sang with 'gusto' and a good time was had by all. The raffle raised a good sum and Raymond, one of the group won first prize, a delightful hand knitted Music Man. Needless to say everyone enjoyed the delicious cakes and scones served by some of the ladies of the church.

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>

## **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

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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**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](mailto: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  
23 Paddock Close  
Edwinstowe  
Nottinghamshire  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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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