



Staying Connected.

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Run for the members, by the members.

I don't know about you, but, personally, I found Cathy McAteer's talk on Russia at September's General Meeting inspirational. Her deep, insightful, knowledge of the country, its history, and its many and varied cultures showed a passion and enthusiasm for her subject which, frankly, I always find infectious. Her comments about Russia today under the dictatorship of Putin I found timely, and it reminded me that Russia itself is not the enemy of the West, and the country that produced Peter the Great, Rachmaninov, Leo Tolstoy, Anton Chekhov, Tchaikovsky, Rudolf Nureyev and Vladimir Ashkenazy, the country holding some of the world's greatest cultural artefacts, such as the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and the Bolshoi Theatre, not to mention the huge sacrifices the country made (more than any other Allied Nation) during the Second World War opposing Fascism, is as much the victim of Putin and his cronies as the brave people of Ukraine are

On the subject of 'Inspiration', our U3A as a whole never ceases to amaze me. Whether it is helping us to take better photographs, giving us the courage to play the ukulele on stage in front of a live audience, learning a new game or skill, such as Bridge or Mahjong, or keeping ourselves fit with rambling or bowling, it is all here, on demand, under our noses...and yet so many of us are yet to join in one or more of the many activities and groups on offer. Why is that? How can we tempt people to dip their toes into a Group?

One of the groups which is close to my heart is the Creative Writing Group which, in the nine years it has been running, has produced two extremely professional collections of writing, the profits from which have been donated to the Air Ambulance. We cover a huge range of topics, from writing about ourselves and our lives to fiction, to poetry, to factual accounts, to persuasive writing, to description – all with the aim of making us more confident – and competent – writers. If you would like to get a sense of who we are and what we do, then try and get hold of one of the last few remaining copies of 'Inspirations' – our latest collection – from Ann Street or Georgina Batty. Better still, why not come and join us and be similarly 'inspired'?

Here's to YOUR 'inspiration' this Autumn – and to all the golden leaves we can kick around together!

Mike Mounsey

Speaker of the month..

Steve LeMottee will give his illustrated talk entitled 'It's Not Just Cricket'. Hear about the history of the world famous Trent Bridge cricket ground with facts about the various activities that the venue has hosted which will surprise you. You don't have to be a cricket lover to enjoy Steve's talk.



Steve is Heritage Officer at Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club – a role that he describes as "my dream job"! A lifelong resident of Nottingham, he previously worked for the National Trust, Severn Trent Water and Notts County Council in various heritage roles. He's an enthusiastic player and watcher of sport ... although he admits to being a useless cricketer!

From the Chair,

dear Members,

as you all know I have undertaken the role of Chair on a temporary basis. I have informed my fellow trustees that I shall step down, both as Chair and a trustee, no later than the AGM in May 2025. I would very much like it to be sooner rather than later.

Dukeries U3a may be small but it is a vibrant, friendly and very welcoming organisation. It would be heartbreaking if it were to close for lack of a Chair.

I refuse to believe that out of almost 150 members there is not at least one of you who hasn't toyed with the thought of stepping forward.

Well, now is your chance. Talk to me, talk to the trustees. Come along to a Committee meeting and see what happens. Shadow me for a couple of months.

It isn't an isolated role, you would not be on your own. The Trustees are a team. You do not have to have been a long time U3a member in order to come forward, in fact fresh ideas are very welcome.

The clock is ticking!

With the very warmest regards

Barbara

Hello Members.

If anyone has kindly washed and ironed one of our white tablecloths, please could you return it at the October meeting, or give it to any member of the Committee or Events Team

Thank you.

Barbara.

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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

Historical Walk in Newark

The history group devoted their monthly session last month to a stroll around Newark guided by Sam Millard, a very knowledgeable local historian. Quite a few



other members joined in and we ended up with about 25 people. Sam started in the castle grounds explaining why some of the windows in the existing wall were highly decorated because a section of the castle was, in fact, a Palace for King John, who eventually died there. Although there is a belief that he was poisoned. It turns out Newark was for many years a very important place. Situated at the junction of two great roman roads and a river navigable to the sea. It's little wonder Charles 1st and the Royalists chose it as the place to make a stand against Cromwell and his round heads. The town was under siege three times during the war and was never taken by force. Eventually surrendering only when King Charles was arrested in Southwell when a deal was done to protect the inhabitants of the town from further slaughter. Sam's



tour took us to the river and locks and then back through the butter market, the market square and the churchyard where you can see a cannon ball hole in the church spire to this day. The tour finished with a visit to the Governors house. Now a coffee house but still largely as it was in the civil war. The massive oak roof beams have held the

roof up for 600 years and looks like they could do it for another 600. Altogether, a very enjoyable afternoon, especially as it didn't rain..... *John Harris*

Southall Day Out

Once again, a big thank you to Leslye for organising a trip to Southall, for a concert in the Minster. Unbeknown to us until nearly the last minute, the round Britain cycle race was going through the town at 1pm, which might have made getting there and parking a considerable headache. But not so, as it turned out, the car parks in the centre had plenty of space. So I got it in the neck from Jean for parking on the outskirts and walking in. But never mind, we had time to tour the antique shops, and one or two of the women's outfitters, before meeting up with the rest of the party, at the refectory by the minster, which, by the way, serves very good food. I had toasted goats' cheese on a beetroot salad which was delicious, Jean had an avocado and tomato salad. The glass of wine was pretty good as well. So suitably refreshed it was on to the minster for the concert. Which, this time consisted of a quartet singing barber shop style songs accompanied by a pianist playing ragtime, Scott Joplin numbers. All told about 50 minutes of brilliant music in a building with amazing acoustics, and all free of charge. What more could you want, especially walking out afterwards into 24c sunshine. So, a little more shopping and home for tea. A great u3a day out.



John Harris

Do you know who you are?

We have a family history researcher who has had some success in helping members trace their family history. He has recently completed a project for one of our members and is looking for a new project. His services are completely free and if you wish to know more see the ad on page 30. *Editor*

Ken Mackay

We are sad to hear that Ken has passed away. He attended many social events at Du3a and was always friendly, fun and interested in whatever was organised.

Apparently, he has bravely lived with an illness for some time and always made the best he could of each day. Our thoughts are with those who were close to him – we will certainly miss him at Dukeries

u3a.

Kevin Morrell & Leslye Henstock



THANK YOU JOHN HARRIS

I really look forward to receiving my newsletter, and I read all the articles in it. I don't have email, so John hand prints a copy for me and delivers it, (as he does for several others). This whole process does take him a lot of time. Without the newsletter, I would not be able to plan what I am going to attend so I just wanted him to know how much I appreciate the time and effort he takes.

Thank you John for your kindness.

Helen Torr

Thank you Helen for your kind words, John h...

New Play Reading Group



The very first meeting of the Dukeries Play Reading Group will be on Wednesday **9th October 2-4 pm**, at the **Ambleside Centre**, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton.

At that first meeting we're going to sort out how the group will operate, where I propose the plays will come from, and what our hopes for the group are. We'll also do a few light-hearted exercises (verbal, not running on the spot) to get the creative juices flowing and maybe even more. I'm finally going to kick us off preparing for the next session, choosing between a well-known comedy and an equally well-known murder-mystery play. At all times, I want to emphasise the fun element of this. It will be a safe group of friends where no one will judge our reading or dramatic abilities. We're simply going to live, laugh, and hopefully learn together!

STOP PRESS

We have already happily exceeded the original limit, with 14 members. If you haven't reserved a place with me directly, don't let that put you off! I've got a waiting list in operation. Please contact me on the email I have set up just for this group and I promise to keep you informed.. I'd love to hear from you!

James Bartlett

jamesdu3agroup@gmail.com

A very big thank you to everyone who donated toys to my Fuerteventura orphans appeal for Christmas gifts.

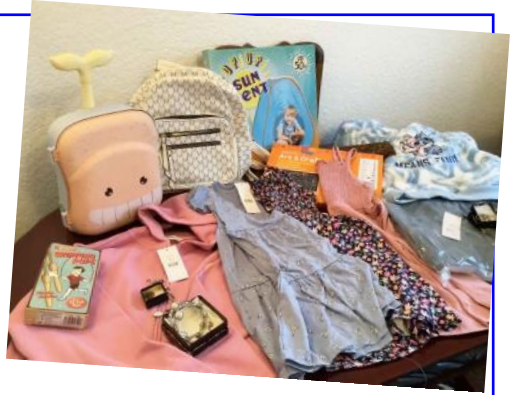
I have filled a suitcase that I will be taking with me tomorrow but I received so many gifts that I will be taking some of them when I go again in December

along with others that members are bringing to the next general meeting and I am sure I will need a larger suitcase.

I also received donations of £25 which will be used for more gifts.

I think my friend who organises the collection will be amazed by the generosity of our members. Here is a photo of just some of the gifts.

Beryl Lee



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.

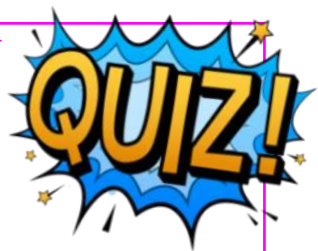
u3a friends 



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.

SUPPER AND QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER



JUBILEE HALL, WELLOW ROAD,
OLLERTON, NG22 9AN
DOORS OPEN 6.20PM

TAKE YOUR SEATS FOR THE RULES 6.50PM
QUIZ STARTS PROMPTLY 7.00PM
HOT SUPPER SERVED AT 7.30PM*

WE CAN PUT YOU IN A TEAM OR SIT WITH YOUR FRIENDS
MAXIMUM 4 PEOPLE PER TEAM

CHARITY RAFFLE – BRING SOME CASH!

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND
GLASSES
PRIZES FOR WINNERS



Bottle Raffle

BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT THE MEMBERS' MEETING
MONDAY 21 OCTOBER CASH OR CHEQUE

WE LOVE YOU TO PAY ONLINE

THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP SORT CODE **60-17-28**
A/C **90045998**

QUOTE REFERENCE **YOUR NAME AND QUIZ**

TICKETS U3A MEMBERS £9 GUESTS £11

SUPPER MENU

*Chicken & Vegetable Casserole

Chunks of chicken, slow cooked in a rich wine and vegetable gravy,
served on mashed potato

Vegetable & Quorn Casserole (veg)
cooked in a rich wine and vegetable, gravy served on
mashed potato, Fresh Baked Roll & Butter

Tea & Coffee

Gluten free options available

MORE DETAILS EMAIL du3achair2020@gmail.com





BOTTLE RAFFLE FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022

We need bottles galore!

**We will be raising money for our chosen charity, The Notts/
Lincs Air Ambulance, on our Quiz Night.**

**Please bring your boozy donations to our members' meetings
in September and October and give them to Pam Hardwick,
who promises to keep them safe!!!**

**Or, give your donations to any Member of the Committee or
Events Team.**

We need all types of bottles! All donations most welcome.

**Tickets for the raffle will be on sale on the Quiz night,
22 November, or you could purchase them at the November
Members' Meeting.**

Tickets £1 each.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!





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 SIXTIE'S**"

Tickets £10 per person

Payment must be made in full, by cash or cheque, at the meeting
on **Monday 21st October**

(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!

Jubilee Ukulele Group

Uke 'N Beat the Winter Blues



Sunday 27th October 2.00 pm

The Jubilee Ukulele Group invites you, your family and friends to join them for a 'feel good' afternoon at the **Jubilee Hall**, Ollerton. Singing is good for lifting the Spirits, so come and sing with us, take a break for a cuppa and a biscuit, and support a very worthwhile cause - **THE LINCS and NOTTS AIR AMBULANCE**. All the profits will be donated to this, the Dukeries U3A chosen charity for this year.

Tickets £5.00 available 01623 861595 and at the Oct Meeting.



We shall look forward to your company
Linda and Sue on behalf of J.U.G.s





Dukeries Members' Christmas Party

Monday 16 December 2024

12.30 – 3.00pm

Tickets will be available at the

October Members' Meeting

Details in the November Newsletter.

Make a date in your diary !!

**Buffet supplied by
Classic Caterers**

£6.00



The Dukeries u3a Events Team is looking forward to the Autumn

What would you like to do?



Where would you like to go?

We are waiting for your ideas and suggestions!
Speak with any member of the Event Team!

Barbara Broomhead

Pam Hardwick

Leslye Henstock

Chris Hough

Kevin Morrell

Jean Parry- Williams

David Ryszka

Jane Young



Learn, Live, Laugh

Air Ambulance



We had a lovely time at the garden party, the food was excellent, the company brilliant and the Magician very, very funny.

The raffle went well too and there were so many prizes that it was difficult not to win something.

We raised £165 and a kind member made a personal donation of £15 so very many thanks for that.

My little group of gardeners who are happy to have their fundraising amount added to the u3a total, have also made very generous donations which I have added to the above amount and so I will be forwarding the grand total of

£376.58 to Air Ambulance.

The so what is the grand total so far?

You might well ask!!



Bravo my lovely friends
ANYONE UP FOR RAISING
THAT TO £7,000 in the
coming year????

I should coco!!!!

Pam Hardwick

Air Ambulance News for August. [Click Here](#)

Notes from the Nottinghamshire u3a Conference
21 September 2024
Julia Baxter, Chris Hough and Leslye Henstock
attended the conference

It was an early start for the beginning of U3A week; and surprisingly easy to find the impressive building that is the Squire Performing Arts Centre where we needed to be. There was a warm welcome with tea and coffee on arrival, as we 'filter queued' towards check-in and picked up our relevant, detailed paperwork for the two free classes we'd previously chosen. Well organised information and readily available directions, were constantly on hand for anyone who was unsure of where they needed to be.

Throughout the day the sun shone brightly on the visitors who'd chosen the guided historical tour of the nearby Arboretum as one of their experiences, as well as many of us who chose to sit outside during break times and lunch *Al Fresco*.

I particularly enjoyed the talk in the morning, on Anomalistic Psychology by Professor Chris French which covered "The paranormal and science of 'weird sh*t '(his words.) My favourite part was the demonstration of playing a Led Zeppelin record backwards and revealing the voice of Satan himself, giving us a personal message.

I believe the chair yoga was not too strenuous for first timers, with line dancing and safe driving keeping participants up to speed. The two different creative writing I attended were detailed, instructive and the time passed far too quickly in each session. The Nottinghamshire Police Fraud Prevention Presence endeavoured to warn us against scammers and fraudsters, who thrive on vulnerable trusting citizens. No doubt now I'm sure we all feel better equipped to deal with them.

A most enjoyable day that simply flew by.

Chris Hough

It was lovely to spend the day with like-minded people, the atmosphere was friendly and welcoming. I found the talks and workshops extremely informative and interesting. I came away full of enthusiasm to continue writing using the new tools and tips I had learned from the creative writing and poetry workshops, which I attended.

It is never too late to learn new skills from the workshops and along with the talks and I left the day feeling part of a large community, whilst picking up tips, ideas, thoughts and a new found enthusiasm that I can use on a personal level and share with other members of Dukeries U3A

Julia Baxter

The keynote speech was made by Allan Walmsley, Chair Elect for the u3a UK.

Allan started the address, by summarising the reasons why people join u3a, and we all know what these are. However, when he asks what members do in u3a, the answers are so varied. Some join for a particular activity group or subject, some for the social events and some simply to come to the meetings.

He stressed the importance of collaboration with neighbouring u3a's (**Dukeries u3a is part of the North Notts Neighbourhood Group**)

It is important to be well-known in the community (**we are linked with other organisations in the Dukeries area and we promote other groups in our newsletters, when they have concerts and events. We send press releases to news sheets like Roundabout and Sherwood Life**).

U3A members can look at activity groups in other u3a's, (**Dukeries u3a has many members from other u3a's who join our activity groups**).

Members can also access On-Line Learning Programmes. **We all need to check this out!**

Allan stressed that U3A groups are run by the members, for the members and individuals should step forward to have-a-go at being Chair, Treasurer or Business Secretary. Roles on the Committee can be intellectually rewarding, challenging and enjoyable - all of which can promote a healthy ageing process.

U3A needs to attract the 50 plus age groups, who are needed to ensure the future of our clubs. We all need to promote a modern, current image and update the language and words we use in print and in meetings, to ensure we sound vibrant and youthful, not stuffy and old. **What new activity groups could we run?**

Did you know there is a "U3A Friends Extra Discount Scheme" which will save you money throughout a wide range of purchases.

Check it out and start saving!

Allan seems to have a clear vision of what needs to be done and he shows strong leadership qualities.

Leslye Henstock

Our thanks to Dukeries u3a who enabled us to represent our group at this conference

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

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 CLIPSTONE WELFARE 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
FRI 13 DEC	CHRISTMAS CONCERT SOUTHWELL MINSTER 1PM
MON 16 DEC	MEMBERS MEETING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Kneesall

Christmas Craft Fair

Craft Stalls, Cake Stall

Raffle, Tombola, Kneesall School Choir

Saturday 16th November

10.30am – 2.00pm

Kneesall Community Centre

Entrance Fee: Adult £1.00 Children 50p

Includes light refreshments



Edwinstowe and the Dukeries Lions Club Annual Charter Night Dinner & Dance



Edwinstowe and the Dukeries Lions Club, are very pleased to invite you and your members to join us at our 45th Annual Charter. We as a club have a long history of making our charters short in speeches and good on fun. This year will be no different Sid the DJ will again be on duty and so will we, with a few short games to have a little bit of fun and extract a few bob from you, so bring a couple of quid in change if you can.

The venue is **South Forest Leisure Complex** situated at The Robin Hood Crossroads, Clipstone Road, Edwinstowe, NG21 9JA.

The date is **Saturday the 19th of October**, 7 for 7-30pm.

Dress code is formal but lounge suits and ties are acceptable.

Ladies, your best frocks and dancing shoes.

The price is a very reasonable **£32.00 per head**.

You can pay on the evening by cheque or cash

However we are happy for you to BACS in advance to

Edwinstowe and the Dukeries Lions Club

Nat West sort code **60-14-03** account no **61565040** and
put reference **CHARTER**.

Please email John Harris at jghollerton@gmail.com for a pre-order menu, which you will need to fill in and return before the event.

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**

New members always welcome!

Soft Tennis, Badminton & Boules



We have been running for a good few months now and we have a growing number of players. Meeting every Wednesday at **Ollerton scout hall from 12 till 1pm** with our comfy clothes and water bottles, we all have a real fun time and players can switch from one activity to another throughout the session or choose the one they prefer. As our numbers grow we will think of new activities to keep everyone smiling and busy, For more details look on our website [Here.](#)



Hope to see you soon, Paul
Webb on **07803606928**



Pitch & Putt Golf

If anyone plays a bit and would like to form a group with me then please contact me, Paul Webb on **07803606928**

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**

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.

History Group



October 2nd 1.15pm

Irfan Malik is giving a talk on his great grandfathers and their 460 companion soldiers who fought in the Great War. See more detail on the next page.

*The cost this month will be **£2.00***

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

History Group for October

The First World War contribution of Dulmial Village,
present day Pakistan



My illustrated talk tells the unique story of the 460 soldiers, including my Greatgrandfathers, from Dulmial Village, present day Pakistan who fought in the Great War and their subsequent reward of a 200-year-old Scottish cannon. The presentation also explores the wider role of the Muslim soldiers in the First World War.

I have been researching this topic since 2014 and have been featured on Sky News, BBC News, Channel 5 News and The Daily Telegraph.

Mah Jong

1st, 3rd & 4th
Thursday each month



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

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.



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



David Wightwick

Ramblers Rambles

Our first walk on 3rd September was blessed with sunny weather and we travelled to Gunthorpe where we left the cars and walked over the River Trent and through some beautiful countryside and small villages around to the back of the old RAF station at Newton and then back via East Bridgford to Gunthorpe for a well earned cuppa!



Our second walk was kindly led by Laurie Patterson and the group walked from the Alders across the heath into the new Thoresby Country Park.

If you have not been yet it is worth the walk as the views from the top of the old tip are fabulous, it gives a whole new perspective to Thoresby Hall and on a clear day you can see the Cathedral in Lincoln.

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
01623 861595)*



Scrabble

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.



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To find **Dukeries u3a** on the web, just click,
<https://u3asites.org.uk/dukeries/welcome>

SAVOY

Worksop



Thursday 10th October

Arthur Fleck is institutionalised at Arkham, awaiting trial for his crimes as Joker. While struggling with his dual identity, Arthur not only stumbles upon true love, but also finds the music that's always been inside him.

Starring:-Joaquin Phoenix

Venue:- Savoy Cinema, Worksop

Date:- Thursday 10th October

Time:- Film starts 14.00hrs Doors open 13.00hrs

Duration:- 2hrs 18 min

*Greatly reduced ticket price, for u3a members only, **remember to bring your 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.

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 Lunch...

Tuesday Lunch

The next lunch will be at

The Chequers, Ranby

Tuesday 1st October



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 have enjoyed two walks recently first the most interesting Wellow Village Heritage Trail and refreshments at the Red Lion and the next a lovely walk in Blidworth Bottoms last week with refreshments at the Black Bull in Blidworth village.

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



Saturday 28th
September the
Jubilee Ukulele Group
played for a sing
along at St. Paulinus
Church Ollerton at



their Harvest Concert where funds were raised for the work of Community Action Response.

We also have our **Uke N' Beat the Winter Blues concert** on Sunday **27th October** in support of the Air Ambulance. Cost £5.00 Tickets available at the Oct meeting. Also on 01623 861595 Raffle prizes include 2 x £25 Tesco vouchers, donated by Tesco and a group member, and free foot treatment, worth £32, donated by the Healthy Foot Clinic Ollerton.

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



Bikers?



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

Contact Paul Webb

07803 606928

email 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.

Ann Street annstreetcornet@yahoo.co.uk

Jane Young du3agroups23@gmail.com

Maria Gabrielczyk mg.abbey@outlook.com

Leslye Henstock

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laugh,
live

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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*

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

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 johnhu3amag@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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