



Staying Connected.

No 57 November 2024



Run for the members, by the members.

Hi everyone and greetings to new members, welcome to your monthly newsletter which I hope you find informative and entertaining. We certainly had a couple of interesting talks last month, the first was with the history group. A fascinating tale about an Indian village and how they came to be awarded a British cannon. Such an unlikely story and yet absolutely true. The other, at the monthly meeting was a history of Nottingham Trent cricket ground, not a subject I would have thought I would have been interested in, but Steve LeMottee gave us a very detailed and quick paced presentation which left me determined to visit Trent Bridge and watch some cricket next summer.

November's speaker's subject is about the Battle of Towton, a bloody battle in 1461 which has somehow slipped off the pages of school history books. Certainly, I never heard of it, but I can't wait to find out more.

Jean and I also went to The Moon Concert during the month to see the huge image of the moon suspended from the roof of Southwell minster and listen to the wonderful singing from the music school pupils. What I wasn't prepared for was the first item on the agenda. *Seh Breit from Also Sprach Zarathustra*, a title which means nothing to me, but it was to be played on the organ. There was no announcement and no one on the stage, when suddenly the music started, low, just single notes, which built up, louder and louder until every pipe was going full blast. I've never heard such a big organ before and in a stone building. I realise now why pipe organs are used in big churches, what an amazing sound. Here is a link to a similar performance I found on YouTube, ['Click Here'](#)

In November we have our popular Supper & Quiz Night on the 22nd which is always fun and you don't need to be a genius to take part. We will also be running a book stall at Edwinstowe Christmas Fayre on the 28th starting at 4.30pm. Always a fun and interesting event with lots to see, food to try and the switching on of the Christmas lights. Please come along if you can and support our efforts. Fingers crossed for warm weather.

One final item I want to mention, our website. Some of you may know the story but I will outline it again for new members. About eighteen months ago disaster struck the national u3a website servers. These are the things that keep all u3a websites running. Unfortunately, they were inadvertently switched off. No complete backup was available and a great deal of work was lost. U3a decided to change to a different system using a different and more up to date program. This meant that all u3a's had to recreate a new website starting with a copy of the old incomplete version modified to fit the new service. This job fell to 'yours truly' with tremendous help from Ann Street and latterly Paul Webb. The work is almost finished and we hope to switch to the new service early in November. It should be seamless from the point of view of the members and I will send out notifications of this changeover when the time arrives. The new site will look similar to the old and will be usable in the same way but it will be much easier to edit and maintain.

That's about it for this month, keep happy and keep healthy.

John Harris
Editor.

Notes from the Chair....

Edwinstowe Christmas Market

Thank you all do much for your wonderful response to our appeal for books. I am sure that we now have more than enough!

We would also like to make up a food hamper as a raffle prize so any non perishable donation will be much appreciated. Biscuits, chocolate, tinned goods such as meat, fish or fruit, tea, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce. In fact anything you would care to donate. Please bring along to the next members meeting.

Thank you.

Barbara

Jubilee Hall Committee

For some years Peter Davies has been one of our representatives on the Jubilee Hall Committee. He will shortly be moving to pastures new and we most sincerely thank him.

We will need another member to represent us. We have fostered such a strong relationship with the Jubilee Hall Committee to the mutual benefit of us all. If you feel you have a few hours a month to spare and are free, in the evening, of the 1st Monday of the month, then please give it some consideration. You would be serving both the local community and Du3a.

Have chat with Peter, or to Beryl Lee, our other representative.

Then come and chat to me.

Thank you

Barbara

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June Nunn - *Purchaser of Refreshments*

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 Play Reading 2pm to 4pm Ambleside	All Sorts Gardening 10am till 1 pm Ambleside Centre Creative Writing 2.15 to 4pm Walesby Church Hall	Sewing Bee 10 to 12pm Ambleside Rummikubs Ollerton House 2pm to 4pm Play Reading 2pm to 4pm Ambleside
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	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

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

I hereby give notice of a Special General Meeting of Members of Dukeries u3a, to be held on Monday 18 November 2024 at 1.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Ollerton. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and adopt the proposal as outlined below.

Background

The Dukeries U3A Committee has been reviewing the charity's Constitution and finds the adoption in its entirety of the Third Age Trust's Model Constitution (2021) needs formalising, subject to changes in some areas in Part 2. The full version of the Constitution was distributed to all Members in April 2024 and is available on the Dukeries u3a website. The proposed changes are as follows:

Throughout: The Model Constitution as provided by the Third Age Trust in 2021 is adopted in its entirety, excepting in the following parts:

Throughout Part 2 of the Constitution, a simplification of language. Wherever 'he/she' is found, it is changed to 'they' instead.

In Part 2, Section 16 (2)(c), the title of Minuting Secretary or Secretary is changed to Business Secretary to reflect the wider scope of work in that office.

In Part 2, Section 16 (7), the difficulties presented by few Members coming forward to function as Trustees is addressed to ensure a viable committee for the future. This additional wording in italics authorises the Dukeries U3A Committee to extend the period of service of a retiring committee member if the need is there.

(7) The maximum total period of service of any trustee shall be 9 years in any combination of roles whether or not the periods of service are contiguous. *No-one may hold any specific officer position or be an ordinary (non-officer) trustee for a continuous period in excess of two terms of 3 years without an interval of at least 1 year between the periods of service. If insufficient nominations are received to fill the vacancies for Officers and/or Committee members, a majority decision can be taken by the Committee to ask the retiring officer(s)/member(s) to remain in post until the next AGM for a maximum of 1 year.*

Proposal

This Special General Meeting of the Dukeries U3A Membership approves the adoption of the new model Constitution in its entirety, subject to the changes summarised above and as included in the full version dated May 2024.

Proposer

Full Name: James Bartlett.

Secunder Full Name: Barbara Baglee

Signed:

James Bartlett, Business Secretary

25 October 2024

Dear u3a friends

Special General Meeting

We all celebrate and cherish these brighter and better times than those faced only a few years ago in the ravages of the pandemic. Back then, it was tough for us as individuals and it was a tough time for many organisations to keep going. Because of the lockdown, many of you will remember that Dukeries u3a held its AGM in 2021 via a Zoom online meeting. And thanks to the dedication of the Dukeries u3a Membership, group leaders, and committee, it came through to be what it is today. I only joined in February 2023, but soon found out about, and grew to admire, what you all did to keep Dukeries u3a going.

During that 2021 AGM, a completely new and changed Constitution was proposed and adopted. It took the form of a new model that had been provided by the Third Age Trust. However, in recent communications with the Charity Commission, I found that those changes and the addition of that new model were not registered with the Commission back then in 2021. We can hardly be surprised at that. The world as we knew it was upside down and people and officials were trying to cope with working from their desks at home.

So to put this right, we simply need to formally adopt and record the fact that we are using the entire model constitution provided by the Third Age Trust. And to throw in the changes to it that we already adopted in our last AGM in May of this year. We need to do this by holding a Special General Meeting.

We are therefore using the first 5 minutes or so of our next Members' meeting on 18 November to hold a very brief Special General Meeting.

I have to do things by the book at this point, so forgive the formality of what follows. I hope you will be there on the day to support us.

James Bartlett

Speaker of the month..

David Skillen

enthralled us last year with the story of The Gretna Girls and The Devil's Porridge. He returns with the no less enthralling story of the Battle of Towton.



Ask people to name famous battles in Britain and you get Hastings, Bosworth and occasionally



Waterloo! Yet few have heard of Towton, one of the most decisive battles of the Wars of the Roses and, possibly, the bloodiest battle on British soil. On a bitterly cold day in March 1461 the Houses of York and Lancaster struggled for the Crown on a snow covered plateau in Yorkshire. Here fought Kings, Dukes, Lords

and ordinary men. And here they died. In this talk you will learn about the two kings who fought, walk the Bloody Meadow and cross the Bridge of Bodies and see how one Yorkist Lord had "a cunning plan".

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 27. *Editor*

THE MOON AT SOUTHWELL MINSTER 18 OCTOBER 2024

It was an amazing sight to see the moon hanging in Southwell Minster.!!! Ten of our members walked under it and examined the various craters and areas which were named in an information leaflet. It was possible to see where the moon landings touched down and to learn which part of the moon we see from earth (very helpful as that night, the moon seemed huge and low in the night sky, because it was very close to earth).

Our information session was followed by lunch at The Minster Refectory where many satisfied pangs of hunger with a selection of tasty treats and puddings. (*The Beef & Dumpling where delicious. Ed.*)

At 1.00pm, we took seats in the choir stalls in preparation for a 45-minute concert. This consisted of an eclectic mix of poems, music and songs, with a theme related to the moon, performed by all ages including two young girls training to be soprano singers. Another memorable and spiritually uplifting day spent with friends from Dukeries u3a.

There are other "free" concerts this year, and we will be organising another trip to the **Christmas Concert on 13 December.**



Sign up at the Events' Table at the monthly meeting. More details from the website southwellminster.org

Leslye Henstock

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.

U3a Friends, the u3a online magazine has been given a facelift.

Have a look on the link....

['Click Here'](#)

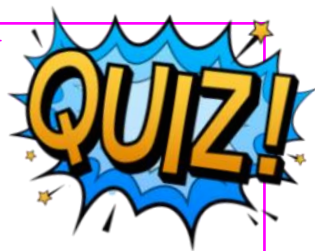
And ***u3a Extra*** with products & services

['Click Here'](#)

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

"Five places left! Payment secures ticket.

Enquiries - please send a text to Chris Hough, 07759 337432.

Include your name and your request and she will contact you."

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!





**Dukeries Members'
Christmas Party
Monday 16
December 2024
12.30 – 3.00pm**

12.30 Take your seats

1.00 Buffet supplied by Classic Caterers

Bring your own Drinks

Charity games - £1 coins required

Close 3.30

Tickets available at November Meeting.

Any dietary requirements - please advise us when booking!

Closing date for tickets 18th November.

**Buffet supplied by
Classic Caterers**

£6.00



SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025
DUKERIES U3A PRESENT
OUR EXCITING BEETLE DRIVE!



Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton, NG22 9AP

Doors open 6.15pm **Choose your table,**
chatter and drink

Take your seats by 6.45pm

Play starts 7.00pm

Bring your own drinks, glasses and a pen
Nibbles served during the break

Beetle is good fun, easy to play

Full instructions will be given
on the night

Come and join in! **Live Laugh Learn!**

Guests are most welcome

Prizes for the winners

Charity Raffle £1 per ticket

This is a Ticket Only Event

Members £5 Guests £6

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE NOVEMBER MEMBERS'
MEETING

PAY ONLINE REF "BEETLE AND YOUR SURNAME" 60-
17-28 90045998 THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP



The Dukeries u3a Events Team is looking forward to 2025.

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



It has been a busy month for Air Ambulance fund raising. We had donations of goods and plants for sale and also cash contributions so I was able to bank an incredible total of £111.83. Even more exciting was the JUG Singalong on Sunday which was super enjoyable, but I will let Linda tell you all about it....' *The audience were in really good voice, and we had such fun playing for them. To top it all the **magnificent sum of £703** was raised for this worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this large amount.'* Linda.



Bones, oldest member of the Ukulele band.

Val and I will be manning the bring and buy table at our members' meeting on 18th and we look forward to receiving any Christmas related items for sale.

Our next fund raiser will be the bottle raffle which will be held at the quiz night on 22nd November so bring along your £1 coins to join in the fun of the suspense of the alcoholic lottery. I have lots and lots of bottles in my spare bedroom which have all been donated by your goodselves. I will miss opening the door just to gaze at them all. (Just to confirm, AA stands for Air Ambulance !!!) I am happy to say that Michael will be selling the tickets so please form an orderly queue.

Your happy Charity Coordinator, *Pam Hardwick*

Air Ambulance News for September.

[**Click Here**](#)

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Kitchen counters were festooned with the most delicious-looking cakes: coffee and walnut, Victoria sponge, iced lemon,, chocolate cake, fruit... to name but a few All being readily devoured by the constant stream of supporters and visitors. Beyond the kitchen, the tables carried dozens of donated raffle and tombola prizes.

And there was a busy buzz of chatter and laughter from the visitors and supporters.

Jenny Jeffries had recently organised and hosted yet again this year's MacMillan coffee morning, ably aided by friends and family. She tells us she wishes to thank the members of Dukeries u3a who went along with others to contribute to this year's magnificent total of £631 for the cause.



We say "well done Jenny" for a yet another great morning in aid of a great cause.

James Bartlett

DIARY DATES FOR DUKERIES U3A 2024

MON 11 NOV

COMMITTEE MEETING

MON 18 NOV

MEMBERS MEETING

FRI 22 NOV

SUPPER AND QUIZ NIGHT

THU 28 NOV

DU3A AT EDWINSTOWE CHRISTMAS FAYRE
START 4.30PM

MON 9 DEC

COMMITTEE MEETING

FRI 13 DEC

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SOUTHWELL MINSTER 1PM

MON 16 DEC

MEMBERS MEETING
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS JUBILEE HALL

NEW FOR 2025

SAT 22 FEB

BEETLE DRIVE



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



All Saints Church, Clipstone, NG21 9DF

Present a

WINTER WARMER CONCERT



featuring

The Gentlemen and the Jubilee Ukelele Group



7pm, 14th December 2024

Tickets £10 including refreshments

available from:

David Marriott (Church)

07970 438740


Geoff Mansfield (The Gentlemen)

07923 423447

Sue North (Ukelele Group)

07484 675702

Tickets are available from Sue North or Linda Bond, profits are
in aid of All Saints Church, Clipstone



Christmas with the Dukeries Singers

Tickets available in advance
from members or at the door

Please contact John Banbury
on 07759086132

Tickets £10

Saturday 7th December
7pm at the Jubilee Hall, Ollerton
NG22 9AP

Sunday 15th December
2pm at The Village Hall, Edwinstowe
NG21 9NJ

Festive Refreshments and Raffle

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
Play reading	James Bartlett	07473 924082
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**



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



November 6th 1.15pm

Our November topic will be the Lives of Women in the 18th, 19th and Early 20th Century. The cost will be **£2**.

For our October meeting Dr Irfan Malik came to talk about the research he has done on the Indian Soldiers who fought for the Allies during WW1. One of them was his great grandfather. Over 400 Muslim men from a small village volunteered. For most of us the most significant fact was that Muslim, Christian, Sikh and Hindu soldiers lived and worked together in the same platoons for a common aim. A lesson that could be learned today.

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

The Dulmial village cannon



When I first read the ad for last month's history group meeting about an Indian

village that had sent 460 men to the first world war and had been rewarded with a cannon. I seriously jumped to the wrong conclusion. Typical, I thought, all these men risk their lives for the British and instead of something useful they get an old cannon dumped on them. How wrong can you be. I soon learned after the lecture started that the villagers asked for the cannon and were immensely proud of it. Dr Malik, a practicing GP explained how the village, now in Pakistan but then in a united India had sent more than 50% of their able bodied men to fight on the Somme in France, where miraculously only nine of their number were killed, and where one of their number was awarded the Victoria Cross. These men requested that they be given a cannon as a mark of their achievement. The cannon, a British Navel gun, founded in Falkirk, Scotland was shipped to India and had to be transported over the last miles on a cart pulled by oxen, an effort that took many oxen and two weeks to complete. The cannon today stands on a stone plinth in the village, and has become a local tourist attraction and a fine memorial to the brave men who endured trench warfare in France for an occupying power and a King.

John Harris.

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

Play Reading Group



We have already happily exceeded the original limit, with 15 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!

jamesdu3agroup@gmail.com

The group meets on the second & forth Wednesday in the month, 2-4 pm, at the Ambleside Centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton.

James Bartlett



Ramblers Rambles

Well, due to very inclement weather on the first Tuesday of the month, the Ramblers only managed one walk in October, but it was one of the favourites.

Six walkers car shared to Papplewick for a beautiful walk through the village and into the grounds of Newstead Abbey.

Despite a smattering of rain this was a lovely

walk with the Abbey grounds showing off their Autumn colouring.

The walk ended at a fabulous little cafe in Papplewick where Stephen tells me he had one of the nicest cheese and onion pasties he has ever tasted.

Our next walk is on bonfire night so who knows where we will end up?

Cheers for now

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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SAVOY

Workshop

14th November

The film is Heretic, a Psychological Thriller.

Two young missionaries are forced to prove their faith when they knock on the wrong door and are greeted by a diabolical Mr Reed becoming ensnared in his deadly game of cat-and-mouse.

Starring: - Hugh Grant

Venue: -Savoy Cinema

Showing starts at: -14.00

Length: - 1hr 50mins



Doors open 1.30pm Show starts at 2pm

[Trailer](#)

*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

Last month sixteen very satisfied members enjoyed an excellent meal at the Chequers, Ranby. The next lunch is at
The **West Retford Hotel on Tuesday 5th November**

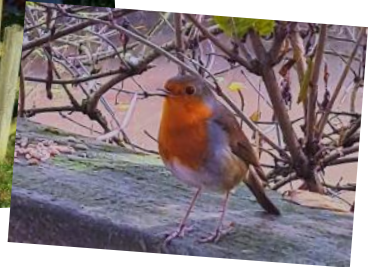


Regards Beryl golferberyl@yahoo.co.uk

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 Walkers enjoyed a very pleasant walk in the sun around Rufford Park on Thursday 17th Oct
Paul took this close up photo of a Robin along the way.

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



Sunday 27th October
The Jubilee Ukulele held a concert to raise funds for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. It was

well attended and what a great afternoon it turned out to be. The audience were in really good voice, and we had such fun playing for them. To top it all the **magnificent sum of £703** was raised for this worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this large amount.



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





NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK

NEWSBITES!

Sharing ideas across 34 u3a's in Nottinghamshire

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

*Click on the link for the
latest Newsbites*



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

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.

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/dukeriesingers/>

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

£12 per person

Includes £4.00 subscription to u3a National.

Full associate membership* to 31 March 2025

£5 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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