

Run for the members, by the members.



Dear Members,
Christmas is fast approaching.
Does anyone one else feel the time between
one Christmas and another gets shorter each year?
For some it is a happy, family celebration. For others
it is a day to be endured. For all I am sure it evokes
many memories.

We usually credit our modern Christmas as an invention
of the Victorian age, with Prince Albert introducing the
first Christmas tree to the UK in 1840. Actually Queen
Charlotte, the wife of George the third set up the first
one at Windsor forty years earlier. In fact their history
goes back so much further. Yet another Pagan tradition
'borrowed' by early Christians. For thousands of years
Pagans decorated their homes with greenery to celebrate
the Winter Solstice and in anticipation of the coming
Spring. Whether your Christmas is a secular holiday
or a Christian festival, my wish for you all is that it
brings you Peace and Comfort.

Happy Christmas.

Barbara



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Your u3a Needs 'YOU'

Did you used to work within a team?

Did you used to manage people?

Were you a union official at work?

Do you get on with others and enjoy their company?

Did you manage a busy family & household?

Are you good at encouraging others to participate?

Did you run your own company?

Do you like to finish what you started?

Are you passionate about supporting our u3a?

If you can answer **YES** to any of the above, please consider whether you could volunteer to be our next Chair and have a word with any member of the committee.

Man or Woman we need someone to take over in **May** from Barbara who has to resign at that time. You would have a fully supportive committee to work with and make your path as smooth as possible.

John Harris

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



Honorary Membership

We are delighted to present Christine Yates with an Honorary Membership from Dukeries u3a. Christine joined Du3a after her husband passed away and she feels this move was a lifeline for her.



Christine has put in years of service running and coordinating Du3a Activity Groups as well as being a most active member of our Committee. She is also one of the first to sign up for trips and social occasions. Barbara Baglee is seen here presenting a certificate to Christine along with a gift of chocolates from her friends in Du3a. Christine was thrilled to receive her award and thanked Du3a for the recognition of her services.

*Congratulations Christine - you are a shining star in Du3a.
Barbara, Leslye & everyone.*

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Speaker for January

Paul Lillie - The Life and Work of Elvis Presley

Paul trained at Wimbledon School of Art and is currently Artist In Residence at Nottingham QMC and City hospitals. His unique mixture of art and music has proved a huge success in supporting the wellbeing and mental health of patients as part of the Hospital Trust's award winning Arts programme. In his talk, "The Life and Work of Elvis Presley" Paul will be performing songs on the guitar and painting large scale images as he illustrates the meteoric career of the King of Rock and Roll. As a respected tribute artist Paul has performed on GMTV and The One Show and he has discussed Elvis with Simon Mayo on BBC Radio 5. The rock journalist and TV presenter David Hepworth described Paul as "an Elvis Educator".



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Please Read

Photography Group

Unfortunately, the photography group is in danger of folding.

I am setting up a meeting on **Friday 24th January at 1:30 pm at Ambleside** to discuss & decide if it has any future & if so in what format.

I would like to throw the meeting open to anyone who may be interested in joining the group.

We are a friendly group with a mutual interest in taking photos. A fancy expensive camera is not necessary, just a means of producing photos including smart phones.

The main objects of the group are to improve your photographs by considering composition, subjects, lighting etc, & gain assistance when trying to take tricky subjects.

Beginners are very welcome & we are all on a learning curve trying to better our techniques.

If it is of interest please come along to the meeting there's no commitment to join & what is there to loose!

If you can't make the 24th January just email me at

stefziemba@btinternet.com



The Photography group normally meets on the **4th Friday** of the month at **Ambleside Community Centre**,
Junction of Ambleside & Yew Tree Rd
opposite Yew Tree Park, Ollerton, meeting starts at **1.30pm**.

Halloween Fancy Dress Party at Clipstone





**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

Any dietary requirements - please advise us when
booking!

Tickets Sold Out



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 JANUARY MEMBERS'
MEETING OR ONLINE.

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



Brodsworth Hall visit is on Friday 2nd May 2025
We still have a few places.
Please see Leslye and put your name down.
The maximum that can go is 25, and remember
its free.
More details nearer the date.

[Link to Brodsworth Hall website.](#)



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The Dukeries u3a Events Team wish
you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

**New Events to be published
in the January Newsletter.**



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



Quiz Night



The Quiz Night was, as usual, a great success. Jubilee hall was filled with competitors on 13 tables, all eyes down for the next question from

Barbara. Some of which I found quite easy to answer but some were stinkers. 'Which state in the US has a law forbidding carrying ice cream in your rear pocket on a Sunday'. Well, if I'm ever in Georgia US I'll try breaking this law and see what happens?

We had a break for food, which was excellent, with seconds for those who needed the extra ballast to cope with the challenging questions. The caterers had a well deserved round of applause at the end of the evening.

After the meal, I think we had another four rounds of questions, which lead to the winning team being declared and presented with prizes and the now famous winners cup. Then, home to rest our brains....

A big thank you to the events team for a very enjoyable evening.

John Harris



Air Ambulance



Hello everyone,

Well there are many things I like about being a member of our u3a and Novembers quiz night highlighted your generosity for our chosen charity.

There were donations made for our raffle, some 28 bottles were on display and every one eagerly collected by our winning ticket holders.

It was such a fun evening, the supper was delicious and the whole atmosphere was one of conviviality.

I have been doing the accounts, we netted £34 at the bring and buy stall on Monday, I was handed a donation for second hand items of £20, my gardening group friends collected £107.50 and the raffle last night collected £178.05.

So once again I am delighted to transfer an astonishing amount to LNAA, this time the sum of **£339.55**.

I applaud all of you who take part in helping to raise the much needed support for LNAA. (Heroes don't all wear capes, masks and tights)

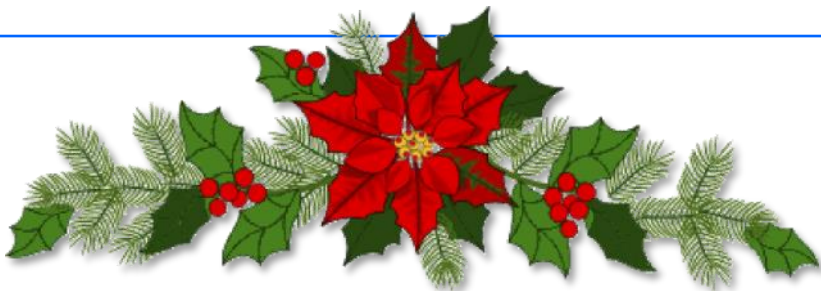
See you at the Christmas Party on Monday 16th December.

Pam - - - Charity Coordinator



Air Ambulance News for November.

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DIARY DATES FOR DUKERIES U3A 2024

MON 9 DEC

COMMITTEE MEETING

FRI 13 DEC

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SOUTHWELL MINSTER 1PM

MON 16 DEC

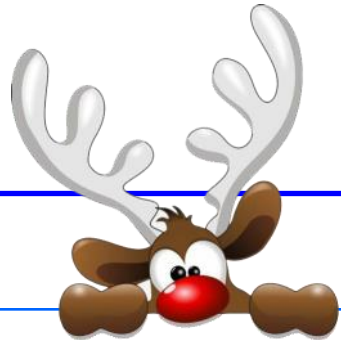
MEMBERS MEETING

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS JUBILEE HALL

NEW FOR 2025

SAT 22 FEB

BEETLE DRIVE



Thanks

I am sure I am not alone in wanting to say a simple but sincere 'thank you' to Ann Street, John Harris, and Paul Webb for their hard work and dedication. They have got us up and running with a new web site which not only looks good, but is also far easier to use and navigate.

Something for us all to be proud of.

If you haven't tried it out, then you could be missing out:

www.dukeries.u3asite.uk

James B.

u3a friends



Lancaster & Morecambe u3a rowers have set themselves the challenge of a rowing course of 35 miles down the River Lune. The event is just one of many 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

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



The All Sorts group had another enjoyable morning with a demonstration by Sue North of flower arranging for the festive season and on the 4th December. The group will meet again for a demonstration by Pam Harwick. Again all members are welcome.



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!

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**



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History Group



History Group **December 4th.**

Our topic this month is

Tales of Christmas during WW2.

Cost £1. All welcome.

No History Group for January.

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

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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.



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

The Ramblers had two lovely walks in November. On bonfire night, the whole group bar one managed to make the walk, it was lovely to see everyone and have a good catch up as we walked from Vicar Water through to the Dog & Duck and then up via Cavendish Lodge to Fishing Lakes and back via the Spa Ponds in Forest Town, returning to Vicar Water for a well-deserved cuppa at the cafe.



A strange thing happened at the cafe.

When Stephen's Mum passed away, we gave her tea sets to the cafe at Vicar Water as they are always on the lookout for cups and saucers. We were served our tea in my Mother in Laws tea service, how bizarre!



The snow on 19th November did not deter six of us and we walked from Duncan wood into Clumber Park and around the Lake, this is a lovely 6 and half mile walk made even better by the fabulous snowmen who are in situ at different locations around the park.

Clumber Park looked absolutely at its best in the snow.

We will be Rambling again on the third of December and then have our Christmas Dinner to look forward to on the 17th

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.

Unfortunately we are unable to hold any meetings now until **Wednesday 8th of January**, but we shall enjoy catching up at other U3A events till then.

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)*

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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.



Dukeries on the Web

Welcome New members Chairperson Committee Groups Events Newsletters Contact Us
U3A Gallery Community Gallery 2 Coronation AGM 2023

Dukeries **u3a**

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Dukeries.u3asite.uk

SAVOY

Worksop

12 December

After the disappointment of having Paddington withdrawn last month, he is back in his latest film.

Paddington in Peru.

Doors open 1.30pm

Show starts at **2pm**

Greatly reduced ticket price, for u3a members

*only, **remember***

to bring your membership card....



**Forgotten what the Film of the Month is?
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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)



Soft Tennis, Badminton & Boules



As well as soft tennis we now have 4 other sports and activities depending on the weather.

Indoor we also have badminton and bagatelle.

Outdoor we play Boules and have recently introduced Frisbee using a very soft ring.

We are a really friendly bunch and you can hear lots of chatting and laughing during the session.

We meet **every Wednesday** at **Ollerton scout hall** from **12 till 1pm** with our comfy clothes and water bottles, and players can switch from one activity to another throughout the session or choose the one they prefer.

For more details look on our website

<https://dukeries.u3asite.uk/welcome/>

Hope to see you soon,

Paul Webb on **0780360692**



Sunday Lunch Club

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

Contact number is **07904 269549**



Tuesday Lunch

I am at present putting together the program for 2025. We will be visiting many of our old favourites and a couple of new ones

With menus from carvery to A La Carte.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at different restaurants in the area. Just go to the Tuesday Lunch Club table at the monthly general meeting choose your menu, pay **£10 deposit** and turn up on the day or alternatively phone me on 07967801467. You choose which venues you want to go to and are not expected to do them all if you don't wish to do so.

We are a friendly group and you will be most welcome.

Sadly 4 of our regular members have passed away over the past 2 yrs and 4 have left u3a so we have room for any members who would care to join us so come along and enjoy good food and pleasant company.

The new program will be available at the next general meeting.

Beryl Lee

Group Leader

07967801467

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 group enjoyed a lovely walk around Creswell Crags and Welbeck, on a fine Autumn day with carpets of leaves to wade through and finishing with refreshments at the Dukeries garden centre.

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 are practising now and looking forward to entertaining the members of the **Butterfly Project** a

Newark and Sherwood CVS group which meets at the Clipstone Village Hall on Thursdays. We shall be joining them on the **28 November** for a sing-along of songs and Christmas numbers. Then on Saturday **14th December** we shall be performing at the **Winter Warmer Concert** 7.00pm at All Saints Church Clipstone alongside The Gentlemen.

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





FARNSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

WALKING TENNIS

What is Walking Tennis?

Looking for a new form of exercise in the new year? Walking Tennis is safe, fun and inclusive and a fantastic way to stay active!

It's a game that's open to anyone - whether you're an experienced tennis player, a complete beginner or just need a bit more time to get into the swing of things, you can give the game a go in a supportive setting.

You can play tennis at any age and Walking Tennis offers an easy way for older people to keep their body and mind active - while also enjoying the social side of being part of a tennis community.

Farnsfield Tennis Club are running three Walking Tennis taster sessions early next year in *January, February and March* on *Monday or Wednesday* mornings.



If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please contact Sally Slater (FTC Secretary)
Email: sally61brown@gmail.com





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....

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07759 086132

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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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