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March /April 2017

Burns Night with the Early Birds

What a wonderful evening we had! We repaired to "Rumbles Cafe" Sconce Park for a Burn's Night supper. We had a full house too!

John Anderson resplendent in full Highland regalia addressed the Haggis accompanied by the sound of bagpipes. The food was superb. Many thanks to the chef and his staff for doing such a good job in so small a kitchen.

Thank you to Jacq for organising a most successful and enjoyable event!



Out & About bus trip to **Royal Leamington Spa** Wednesday 17th May 2017. The bus leaves the corner of Cow Lane/ Northgate (ALDI) at 9.00 am . The seat cost is £15. Leamington is a lovely spa town with lots of prominent Victorian wrought iron on the buildings and in the parks. It's a lovely place don't miss the trip!
Chris

Science Group

There will be no meeting of the group on the 28th March, (I will be on holiday), yes I know it is all right for some! However, at our next meeting, on Tuesday 25th April, the topic will be SLEEP, why do we need it, and what function does dreaming fulfil? I hope to see you all in April. Best wishes, Robert.

Archaeology Group

Thursday, 16th March. Talk "Tissington Hall" by Paul and Mandy Miles. This talk will cover the history of the Fitzherbert family, the Hall and the Village and will provide an introduction to a visit to Tissington Hall in June.

The talk will be at 2.30pm at the Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall. Peter Foden, 704241

WARM HOMES ON PRESCRIPTION

Newark and Sherwood District Council has grant funding* available to help you keep warm and well this winter



The aim is to help low income residents with cold sensitive long-term health conditions to achieve affordable warmth.

If you can answer 'yes' to the following four questions, please get in touch:

1. Do you have a long-term health condition made worse by the cold?
2. Do you live within the Newark and Sherwood District Council area?
3. Do you own your own home or live in privately rented accommodation?
4. Is your gross household income no more than £16,010 per annum, excluding Personal Independence Payment or Disabled Living Allowance?

Call Newark and Sherwood District Council: 01636 650000
or email winterwarmth@nsdc.info

*Finite funding subject to criteria and issued on a first come first served basis.



Armchair Travel—Wednesday 15 March (1:45 for 2:00pm)

Part 1 – Baggage Battles: The shrewd (yet loveable) auction specialists Billy Leroy, Mark Meyer and married couple Laurence and Sally Martin, each provide knowledgeable insight into the profitable business of bidding, buying and reselling unclaimed property. Travelling to some of the most important auction locations around the world.

Part 2 – Cuba's Sugar Train & other locations: Ian Wright goes on an eye-opening and hair-raising fantastically enjoyable train journey across the Caribbean island of Cuba. Leaving the capital Havana we take a ride on the historic **Hershey line** from **Havana to Santa Clara, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Moron and Ciego de Avila**. Despite all the difficulties of travelling by train in Cuba, from start to finish it's a fantastic and wonderfully enjoyable trip.

Group Leader: June Halford 923 648. All new members welcome. Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall, Eton Avenue. Refreshments included. Free parking.



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Wed. 15 March

1:45 for 2:00pm

2 x Films

Hawtonville Meth. Church Hall

Volunteers needed

We will be attending the Senior Citizens' Fair held at the Salvation Army Church Centre, Mead Way, Balderton on Friday March 17th.

Volunteers are needed to join me on our stand to convey the pleasures that U3A membership brings.

Set up starts at 10.00 and the show will run until 16.00. If you are able to help us for some or all of the time please contact Reg Goodall 651838. Free refreshments are available.

Early Bird

April 27th, the Fox, Kelham, 6.15pm. Contact Gill on 01636 700766 by 23rd April at the latest if you wish to attend.

Line Dancing

Advance notice—there will be no line dancing this year in July or August.

Walking

13th March—Cotgrave Country park, meet in main car park at 09.30, Alan and Carol to lead

10th April—Fiskerton, meet in car park by river at 09.30. Janet and Carol to lead.

Local History

Unfortunately the planned trip for March 14th to RAF Digby has been cancelled. We hope to rearrange this for May. Instead, Alan Williams will be giving a talk about historic routes and roads around Newark.

Special offers for U3A Members U3A Members can now purchase a 3-month National Art Pass for just £10. Visit artfund.org/u3a for more information. You have until 20th March 2017 to take advantage of this offer. Additionally, use the discount code U3A2017 for 10% off all services at my-history.co.uk.

Forthcoming Speakers

March 2017 : Mike Storr whose talk is 'Masters of Mirth.' This is a whimsical talk about old time music hall comedians.

April 2017: Professor Martin Barstow from the University of Leicester talking about 'The Hunt for Extra-terrestrial life.' Recommended by Southwell U3A.

May 2017: Carol and Steve Robson 'Fools Gold.' Stories with strings, acoustic folk songs with the history and story of the songs.

June 2017 : AGM

July 2017 : John Miller from FARI (Farndon Archaeological Research) Recommended by a member.

August 2017: No meeting

All monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday in the month from 2pm-4pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Boundary Road, Newark, NG24 4AU. Parking is extremely limited at the Church during school hours so we recommend that you park at Sconce Hills park (a little further down Boundary Road) and walk back. A map is available on the website.

It should be noted that Boundary Road is closed to through traffic, but open to serve the carparks. So for Sconce Hills car park use the Victoria Street end of Boundary Road; for the church carpark use Hawton Road end. This apply March / July 2017 inclusive. Chris

Tea and Coffee Rota

March	Audrey Blake Janet Robinson Thea Evans
April	Paul and Angela Reed Barbara Tulloch

If you have volunteered and realise that you cannot make it, please let Sheila (673797) know in plenty of time so that she can organise a replacement.

Advance Warning

I am away from 24th April for three weeks, and the week prior to that I am on the Archaeology extended visit so I will not be able to produce a newsletter for the May meeting. The committee have decided that I should produce a bumper edition in April to cover both April and May. The next issue will not be published until the beginning of June. Would all group leaders/contributors note that all information for April and May must be in to me no later than 27th March. Janet

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Chris Handson
Vice Chair	Sheila Harris
Treasurer	Alan Williams
Secretary	Bob Cawson
Membership Secretary	Tony Marriott
Electronic Media	Reg Robinson
Speaker Seeker	Anne Handson
Groups Coordinator	Ron Watkins
Members	Reg Goodall Jacq Cartwright Neil Hinchley

Useful contacts

Minutes Recorder	Gill Peterson
Coffee/tea rota	Sheila Harris
Newsletter Team	Janet Robinson. Jackie Leitch, Bob Leitch, Sheila Harris

Several committee members are retiring this year and we are looking for replacements. If you are interested, please talk to a committee member to find out what is involved.

Getting your Newsletter

If you or a friend are unable to collect a copy from the foyer or lounge at the Thursday meeting, a newsletter can be obtained from London Living Café (next to Pratt and Gelsthorpe) in London Road car park, during the Friday coffee mornings, 11-12

Please note the contact details for the newsletter and website

Newsletter: newarku3a@outlook.com

Website: u3anewark@outlook.com

Here are the contact numbers for group leaders. Some groups can cope with unlimited numbers whilst others are limited by lack of space. So, if you would like to join a group please contact the group leader to make sure there is space.

Archaeology	Peter Foden	01636 704241
Armchair Travel	June Halford	01636 923648
Art for All	Jacq Cartwright	01636 650411
Art Appreciation	Michael Ayling	01636 650607
Indoor Boules	John Proctor	01636 673736
Book Circle	Brenda Williams	01636 704282
Coffee Morning	Reg Goodall	01636 651838
Craft Group	Carole Tweedale	01636 672989
Craft and Chatter	Sue Eddowes	01636921373
Creative Writing	Maj Donovan or Jean Johnson	01636 702381 01636 688954
Comparative Religion	Ron Watkins	01636 705157
Dance (Line & Circle)	Audrey Blake	01636 650676
Discussion	Muriel Price	01636 672883
Digital Photography	Richard Harcus	01636 684511
Early Birds	c/o Jacq Cartwright	01636 650411
French Conversation	Tony Williams	01636 813763
Geology	Niki Whitburn	01636 706339
German	Corri Moss	01636 706573
Improvers Rubber Bridge	Clive Morrissey	01623 860311
Investment	Reg Goodall	01636 651838
Literature	Glynda Green	01623 860311

Local History	Colleen Bergman	01636 689294
Mah Jong	Sonya Sinclair	01636 672921
Media Group	Contact Jacq	01636 650411
Motor Home& Caravan	Marjorie Goss	07822484010
Music Appreciation	Terry Bowler Or Tony Marriott	01636 650751 01636 659239
Nordic Walking	Alan Williams	01400 281986
Out and about	Chris Handson	01636 677514
Philosophy	Tom Chamberlain	01636 678571
Play Reading	Gill Peterson	01636 672154
Recorder Playing	Alison Wilson	01636 673298
Science Club	Robert Anderson	01636 687909
Scrabble	Ron Watkins	01636 705157
Singing for fun	Alison Wilson	01636 673298
Ukelele Happy Band	Bob Cawson	07801 056296
Walking Group	Reg Robinson	01636 700188

Note from Editor

Please make sure you send any contributions to this email address **newarku3a@outlook.com** and not to my personal email, or use messenger. I will always acknowledge anything you send but don't worry if you don't get an immediate reply, as I don't log on to this account until I am ready to compile the newsletter. If you haven't heard from me by the 27th of the month, please resend your article.

It would help me a great deal if you would send in articles using size 12 Arial font. Thanks, Janet

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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
6	Scrabble 14.00 Play reading 13.30 Recorders 14.00	7	Art for All 10.00	8	German Intermediate 10-00 Improvers Rubber Bridge 10.00 Literature 10.15 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00 German Beginners 13.00	9	Nordic Walking 10.00 Monthly meeting 14.00	10	German Conversation 10.00 French Conversation 10.30 Coffee morning 11.00 Discussion 14.00
13	Walking 09.30 Investment 10.00 Music Appreciation 14.00	14	Art Appreciation 10.00 Motor Home Group 14.00 Local History 14.00	15	Creative Writing 10.00 Literature 10.15 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00 Armchair Travel 14.00	16	Archaeology 14.30 Circle Dancing 13.30	17	Philosophy 10.0 French Conversation 10.30 Coffee morning 11.00
20	Craft 09.30 Comparative Religion 10.00 Boccia 14.00 Recorders 14.00	21	Art for All 10.00 Craft and Chatter 14.00	22	German Intermediate 10-00 Improvers Rubber Bridge 10.00 German Beginners 13.00 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00 Geology 14.30	23	Line Dancing 10.00 Early Bird 18.15	24	German Conversation 10.00 Coffee morning 11.00 Discussion 14.00
27	Singing for fun 14.00	28	Digital Photography 14.00	29	Literature 10.15	30		31	Philosophy 10.00 Coffee morning
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Archaeology extended visit 17-21st April Many groups will not run on Good Friday (Apr 14) and Easter Monday (17th) Check with group leader