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April/May/June 2017

Chinese-style painting!



On a day when the most pressing question seemed to be 'Have you stolen my banana?', nine of us met for a day of Chinese style painting. With varying degrees of success, we all managed to produce bamboo stalks, and plum blossom, thanks to Reg and his patience. Another day is planned on 14th April, 10 til 4 at Fernwood Village Hall. If you are interested please contact Reg Robinson 01636700188.

News from the Monday craft group.

Last month we made decoupage sheets on fabric which were then used to make book covers and boxes. This month we made Easter cards using circle stitching (remember those pictures we made in the seventies twisting string round nails to make yacht sails?)



There will be no meeting in April as it is Easter Monday. In May we will be making photo wallets.

Out and About trip to Whitby, Wednesday October 4th 2017



Newark to Pickering by bus, leave 9.00am Aldi, Newark arrive approximately 11.00am at Pickering. Leave Pickering at 12.00 noon to travel to Whitby by glorious steam train on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, arrive approximately 1.45 pm. Leave Whitby 4.00pm to Newark by bus. The cost is £35 per seat and I require a non-returnable deposit of £15 to secure a place Chris

Where to find us

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.

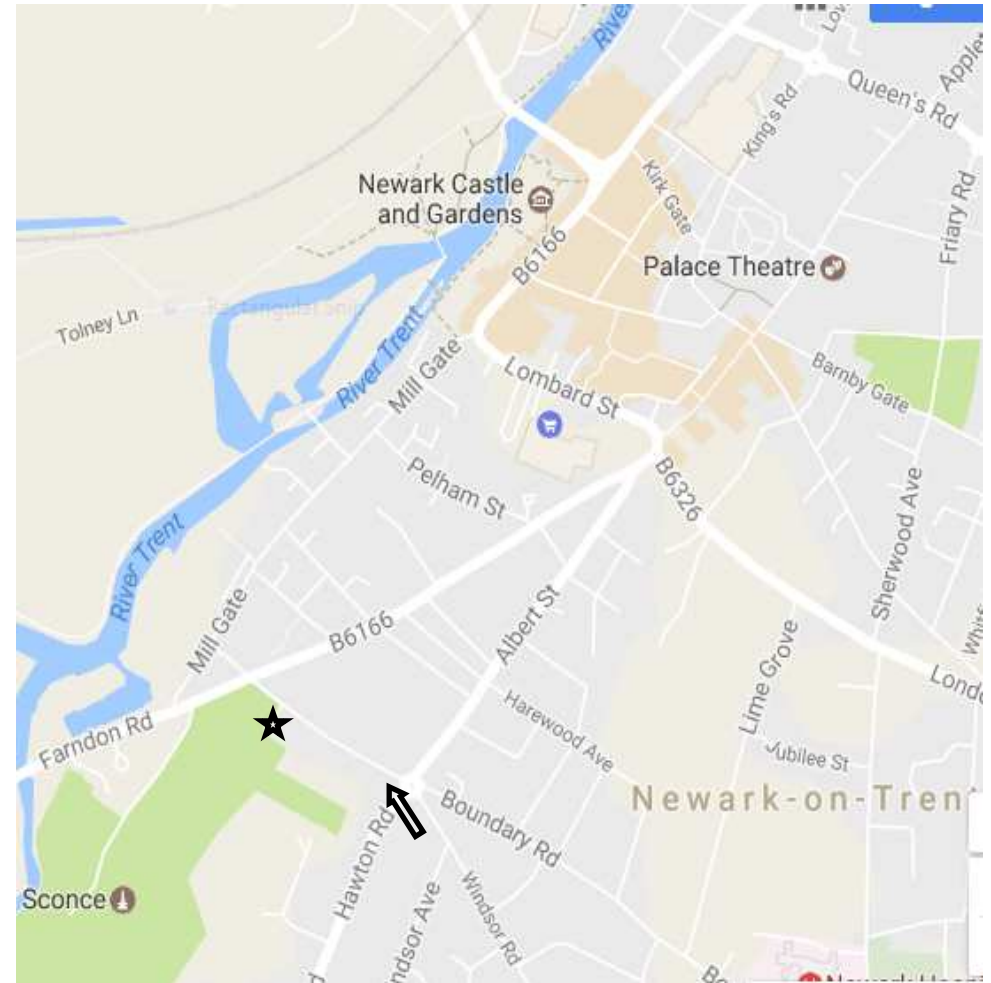
It should be noted that Boundary Road is closed to through traffic, but open to serve the carparks. So for Sconce Hills car park use the Victoria Street end of Boundary Road, for the church carpark use Hawton Road end. This apply March / July 2017 inclusive. Chris

Please note the contact details for the newsletter and website

Newsletter: newarku3a@outlook.com

Website: u3anewark@outlook.com

If you are hoping to increase your group membership, publicise a special event or would just like to tell us what you are getting up to, please send your contributions to the above addresses. It would help greatly if articles for the newsletter were attached as a word document to an email and formatted to size 12 Arial font.



↖ Location venue for monthly meeting

★ Suggested parking space



Armchair Travel

MONDAY 29 MAY

1:45 FOR 2:00 PM

Hawtonville Meth. Church Hall

Messing About in Boats

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Golden Age of Coach Travel

Armchair Travel

MONDAY 29 MAY (New Date) 1:45 for 2:00pm Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall, Eton Avenue, Newark (Please be aware of road traffic diversions).

Part 1 – Messing About in Boats – A Rank Organisation Presentation. In 1959 Britain's biggest film company launched a bold experiment replacing its cinema news- reels with a series called 'Look at Life'. They recorded Britain's pastimes, passions and fashions, our ancient traditions and modern anxieties. Also, venturing further afield to record Britain's holidaying abroad. Shot in high quality colour film. (Film 30 mins).

Part 2 – Golden Age of Coach Travel - A BBC 'Time Shift' production of archive reports in colour from the 50's and 60's of Britain's first coach holidays. The joy of it all was the colour because basically the coach company's livery had colour within their names ie. Green coaches of The Southdown Co. etc. This was a unique era of travel, between the heydays of railways and the mass air travel abroad, when the coach became the people's transport to venture out from sleepy villages and chimney chocked towns into the big wide world. (Includes a 'stop in Newark)! Film 60 mins.

All new members welcome. Refreshments and free parking available. For further information phone June Halford on (01636) 923 648.

MONDAY 29 MAY (New Date) 1:45 for 2:00pm Hawtonville

Forthcoming Speakers

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.

September 2017: Chris Vaspar is talking about his involvement with 'Marathon des Sables'. 6 marathons in 6 days across the Sahara (his fee is a donation to 'walking with the wounded').

October 2017:. David Bell 'The Plague Doctor' The story of Eyam. (Recommended)

November 2017:. 'Owlin' Mad with Annette MacKenzie talking about and bringing some British owls. (Recommended)

December 2017: Christmas members showcase.

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

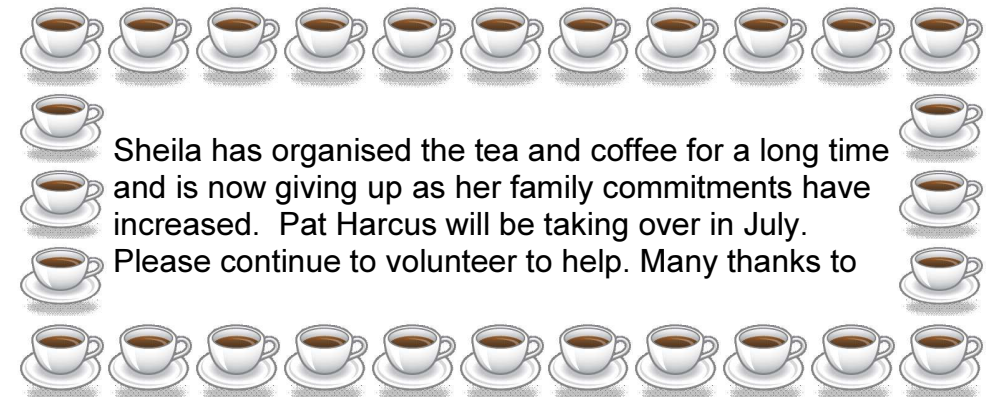
If you or a friend are unable to collect a copy from the foyer or lounge at the Thursday meeting, a newsletter can be obtained from the café (next to Pratt and Gelsthorpe) in London Road car park, during the Friday coffee mornings, 11-12 noon.

Tea and Coffee Rota

April Paul and Angela Reed
Barbara Tulloch
Anne Wilkinson

May Sonia Sinclair
Barbara Hey
Margery Foster

June Gill and Angus Peterson
Brenda Williams
Bernard Cronin



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.

Sheila has organised the tea and coffee for a long time and is now giving up as her family commitments have increased. Pat Harcus will be taking over in July. Please continue to volunteer to help. Many thanks to



Armchair Travel

MONDAY 24 APRIL

1:45 for 2:00

Hawtonville Meth. Church Hall

Malta to Lebanon

&

The Secret Mediterranean

Armchair Travel

MONDAY 24 APRIL (New date) 1:45 for 2:00 pm. Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall, Eton Avenue, Newark (Be aware of road traffic diversions until July).

Part 1 – Malta to Lebanon – ‘A Spice Journey’. Shane Delia heads to his homeland the Old Phoenician outpost of Malta where the spices of the Middle East mingle with European traditions of the Mediterranean. (Film 25 mins)

Part 2 – The Secret Mediterranean – (Part 1). Spanning three continents and 21 countries, the Mediterranean has nurtured some of the most dazzling civilisations of antiquity and is home to an intoxicating mix of cultures bound together by a sea unlike any other. In this epic and beautiful series, legendary broadcaster Sir Trevor McDonald embarks on a journey to discover the unexpected and the forgotten, the extraordinary and the bizarre. From a trip, aboard one of the world’s most luxurious and spacious private classical yachts The Christina O – purchased by Aristotle Onassis in 1954. Taking in Venice, Istanbul, and the French Riviera. (45 mins).

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Singing for fun

The singing for fun group have been invited to sing at 'Open Doors', Flowserve on Thursday 30th March and Monday 10th April both at 1.30pm.

Recorder Group

The recorder group will not be meeting on Easter Monday (April 17th) or Monday 1st May (Bank holiday), but will be meeting on Monday 8th May and 15th May.

Archaeology Group

Monday, 17th – 21st April. Extended visit to Chepstow.

Thursday, 18th May, Archaeology day at Rufford Park. Conducted tour of recent excavations by Emily Gillott, Community Archaeologist. The coach will leave from near Aldi at 9.30am and return to Newark at 2.30pm. We will have coffee on arrival at Rufford and lunch before we leave. The cost for the coach will be £8.00, the tour will be free. If you would like to go please give me your names by 11th May and make your cheque payable to Newark and District U3A. Peter Foden, 704241

Chinese Painting

I am please to say that Reg has formed a Chinese Painting group which will be meeting regularly (though not monthly). My thanks to Reg for his hard work in setting the group up. If you wish to have a go, please contact him on 01636 700188. Ron

This month’s newsletter is a bumper edition as I am away in May. Formatting the diary pages has been very difficult and if they are wrong I apologise. If something is critical please contact Bob Leitch at u3anewark@gmail.com and he will send out a correction to all those on email.

NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NEWARK & DISTRICT U3A

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Newark & District U3A will be held on Thursday 8th June 2017 at 2.00pm at the Holy Trinity Church Community Centre. All members are encouraged to attend and vote. Any member wishing to stand for election to the committee should submit a nomination form*, signed by the member, a proposer and seconder to the Secretary by 19th May 2017.

Any items for inclusion in the AGM should also be submitted in writing* to the Secretary before the 19th May in order to be considered in "Any other Business" *Relevant forms are printed in this Newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS FOR 2017 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

There will be vacancies on the executive committee as four current members, including the Vice Chairman*, Treasurer* and Secretary* will be standing down at the 2017 AGM. Committee duties are not onerous but are essential for the running of Newark & District U3A. If any member is prepared to give a little of their time and volunteer for the committee please forward the relevant form to the Secretary by Friday 19th May 2017.

*NB. In accordance with the Constitution individuals for these posts shall be elected from amongst the U3A membership and will take up post from conclusion of the AGM.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Members are reminded that Newark & District U3A membership fees for 2016 expired at the end of March 2017. Re-enrolment forms can be downloaded from the Newark & District U3A website or obtained from an activity group leader or the Membership Secretary.

Please note that the final closing date for membership renewal is 31 May 2017 after which date members who have not re-registered will be ineligible to participate in Newark & District U3A activities.

**NEWARK & DISTRICT U3A
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 2017 – COMMITTEE
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominations are invited for the posts of Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and for members of the Committee of Newark & District U3A. These must be submitted in writing supported by the details of a proposer and seconder to the Secretary by not later than the 19th May 2017.

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder

Any member may request an item to be placed on the agenda in 'Any other business' before the meeting. The business must be clearly stated and submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than the 19th May 2017.

Item:

Walking group

May 8th Woolsthorpe. Meet near Chequers Inn by the cricket ground at 09.30. Organised by Anne and Chris Handson

June 12th A 5 mile walk in the Elkesley area. Meet at 9:20 for a 9:30 start in the car park of the closed Robin Hood Inn in Elkesley (a village north on the A1, just past Markham Moor Services)
Queries to Brian and Barbara on:- 01636

Out and About Group

Trip to Shrewsbury Friday 7th April. Please note that the bus will be leaving Aldi at **08.30.** Please be on time as Shrewsbury is a long way. Chris

Comparative religion

At the meeting held on Monday 20th March it was agreed that the group has now 'run its course'. It was therefore agreed that the group will cease with immediate effect. If, in future, there is an enthusiasm to re-form that would be marvellous.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheilah for her tireless work, enthusiasm and commitment that has kept the group running for so long (initially it was thought there would only be 6 meetings)
Ron Watkins

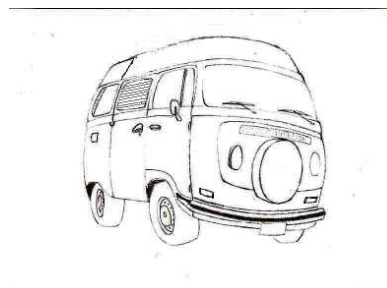
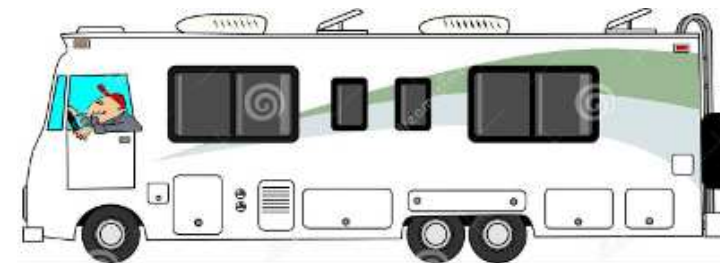
U3A Book Circle

We meet on the 4th Thursday every month, 2pm (Venue varies, ring Brenda 704282) Our next meetings are on Thursday April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd

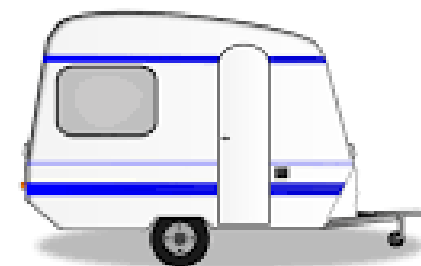
Some of the Books and Authors we have talked about recently have been: *The Silk Worm*, Robert Galbraith (JK Rowling); *The Fear Index*, Robert Harris; *A Perfectly Good Man*, Patrick Gale; *The Invention of Nature, the adventures of Alexander von Humboldt- the lost hero of Science*; *The Sunne in Splendour*, life of Richard III; *Hello, is this Planet Earth?* Tim Peake, Bill Bryson, Alan Bennett, Geoffrey Archer, Andrea Camilleri (Montalbano

On the move?

Got one of these?



Or these?



Or even one of these?



The Motorhome group would like to welcome you to one of their get-togethers. We're a friendly bunch and promise not to laugh as you try to put up the awning without a huge argument!
Contact Marjorie Goss on 01636 821915 to have a chat and learn more about our planned outings.

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

May/June 2017

Monday		Tuesday	
1	Scrabble 14.00 Play reading 13.30 Recorders 14.00	2	Art for All 10.00
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15	Craft 09.30 Boccia 14.00	16	Art for All 10.00 Craft and Chatter 14.00
22	Singing for fun 14.00	23	Science Club 10.00 Digital Photography 14.00
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26	Singing for fun 14.00	27	Science Club 10.00 Digital Photography 14.00
		28	German Intermediate 10-00 German Beginners 13.00 Mah Jong 14.00
		29	Improvers Rubber Bridge 10.00 Literature 10.15 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00 German Beginners 13.00
		30	German Intermediate 10-00 Creative Writing 10.00 German Beginners 13.00 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00 Armchair Travel 14.00
		31	Improvers Rubber Bridge 10.00 Literature 10.15 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00 Geology 14.30

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