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October/November 2017

Armchair Travel



AN ASSISTANT

is required to help with the
setting-up for club meetings
& coordinate refreshments

Please contact June Halford
(01636) 923 648 or
june.halford1@sky.com

If you enjoy
attending this
group, please
consider giving
June a hand

Forthcoming Speakers

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

Update - Those of us who attended the September meeting were in awe of Chris Vasper and his participation in the Marathon des Sables. He later rang Anne to ask that she pass on his thanks for all the donations to 'Walking with the Wounded', which amounted to £165, plus his fee for the talk. What an incredibly brave, inspirational man!

Please note the contact details for the newsletter and website

Newsletter: newarku3a@outlook.com

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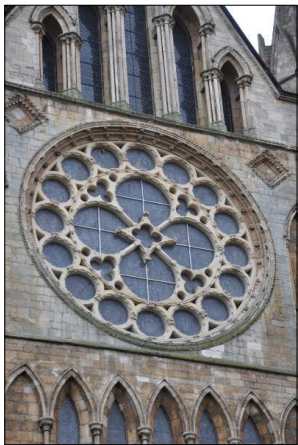
If you are hoping to increase your group membership, publicise a special event or would just like to tell us what you are getting up to, please send your contributions to the above addresses. It would help greatly if articles for the newsletter were attached as a word document to an

Archaeology Group
Thursday September 21st

We had a talk by Paul Ellis who explained the difference between a stone mason and a stone carver. Paul has both sets of skills and works at Lincoln Cathedral. He explained that restoration work was always slightly different than the original so that people could tell that the recent work had been done.

The title of his talk was 'The best job in the world'. His work in and out of the cathedral showed us just how good he is at that job. He told us the history and stories of the people and objects he has been involved with, so very interesting, Thanks must go to Peter for finding yet another fascinating topic. Val

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The original rose window needed to be completely replaced

Paul carved the front and back of a ferret to be seen from the outside and inside of the window.



This crown was carved for the Queen's Jubilee. Paul got special permission to paint it. It is the only painted carving inside the cathedral.



When restoring some of the gargoyles, Paul used many of his workmates as inspiration



A guided beehive on the outside of the cathedral was sponsored by a local beekeeper



Paul's interpretation of 'Greed' was used by the BBC to introduce one of their drama productions

Armchair Travel ~ Monday 30th October

Part 1 – Lima (Peru) + ‘Paititi’ the Lost City of Gold

An archaeologists’ and geologists’ exploration of the greatest miracle of an engineering accomplishment. Josh Gates and his party trek the Inca trail, ascending 20,000 ft. into the Peruvian Amazon in search of the undiscovered ‘Paititi’ City of Gold. His road to riches takes a detour to Machu Picchu on the luxurious Hiram Bingham train. Film: 40mins. (Refreshments).

Part 2 – MACHU PICCHU – An amazing ‘Strip the City’ film using scanning technology. Tucked away in the rocky country-side northwest of Cuzco (Peru), Machu Picchu is believed to have been a royal estate or sacred religious site for Inca leaders, whose civilization was virtually wiped out by Spanish invaders in the 16th century. Today, hundreds of thousands of people tramp through Machu Picchu every year, braving crowds and landslides to see the sun set over its towering stone monuments and marvel at the mysterious splendour of one of the world’s most famous manmade wonders. Film: 50mins.

All new members welcome. Free parking at Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall. 1:45 for 2:00 ~ till 4:00pm. For further information contact June Halford ~ Group Leader. New programs available

ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Talk **‘The Norman Invasion of South-east Wales – Lifestyles and Identities, 1080 – 1280’** by Dr Diane Wren, University of Nottingham Archaeology Museum. The talk will be at Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall at 2.30pm on Thursday, October 19th.

Extended visit to Hampshire, May 7th – 11th, 2018. Details are given elsewhere in this Newsletter. Application forms will be available at the General Meeting on October 12th and at the Archaeology Group meeting on October 19th. Copies are also available on the website.

Peter Foden, 704241



Coffee Morning Change

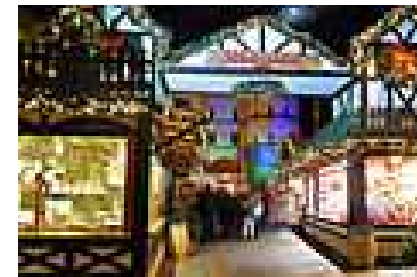


Every Friday, starting on October 6th from 10.30, we will now meet in our own room downstairs at Strays, the triple fronted, blue painted café on Middlegate.



Out & About trip Leeds Christmas Market

Monday 4th December 2017. Coach leaves at 9.30 am from the junction of Cow Lane & Northgate (Aldi supermarket). There is a German festive market with lovely things to eat and drink and stalls to buy something different for the family’s stockings, as well as the super shopping centre with the glass and wrought iron. Seats are £15 per person. See Chris



Newark and District U3A Archaeology Group

**VISIT TO HAMPSHIRE
MONDAY 7th MAY – FRIDAY 11th MAY, 2018**



Winchester Cathedral

The five day visit for 2018 is to Hampshire. We will be staying at the Best Western Chilworth Manor Hotel, just north of Southampton.

The itinerary will include Baddesley Clinton (medieval moated manor house), Portsmouth Naval Dockyard, Winchester (including a conducted tour of the Cathedral), Old Sarum and Romsey. On the way home we will visit the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

We will be travelling by Travel Wright executive coach. The cost of coach travel and hotel (dinner, bed and breakfast), depending on the number in the party, will be as follows:

Min. no. in party	Cost per person sharing room
30	£399
35	£390
40	£387

The single room supplement is £15/night, £60 total. These figures do not include meals other than those stated above or admission charges where applicable. These will be advised nearer the time when group bookings have been made.

Personal insurance through Travel Wright is £22/person. This is strongly recommended if you do not already have your own adequate travel insurance.

A deposit of £30 per person is required.

If you would like to book a place on this visit please complete the reply slip and return it to me with your deposit (and insurance payment if required) **by November 1st**. Balance payments will be requested 6 weeks before we go.

Peter Foden Tel. 01636 704241
e-mail: peterfoden@btinternet.com

Please tear off

I/we wish to take part in the visit to **Hampshire, 7th-11th May, 2018**

Name(s).....

Phone no.....

Address

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Enclosed is a cheque made out to **Travel Wright Ltd.** for £..... to cover the deposit of £30/person and £22/person for insurance where required.

Room requirements are (please tick)

double.....twin.....single.....

Special dietary or other requirements

Please return this slip with your payment to Peter Foden, Tall Trees, The Spinney, Winthorpe, Newark, NG24 2NT **by**

Tea and Coffee Rota

October

Gill Peterson
Angus Peterson
Reg Robinson
Janet Robinson
Reg Goodall

Please let Pat know on 684511 if you are unable to attend so she can organise a replacement. More volunteers are always welcome.



Christmas Dinner

We are arranging a Christmas dinner to be held on Thursday November 30th 7:00 for 7:30 at the Newark Masonic Lodge on The Avenue. This will be a 3 course traditional turkey dinner with a vegetarian option for the cost of £10. There will be a bar and wine will be available for purchase.

There are currently 50+ members interested and if there is anyone else who would like to attend could they please add their names to the sheet which will be available at the next few meetings or contact us on 01636659671 or by email to bhitchin53@gmail.com

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.

Music Appreciation

The group started its sixth season with a programme full of melodies from her favourite concertos, presented by Val. On October 9th, Joan is presenting a programme of music with the intriguing title, "I'm Going to Tell You a Story". Perhaps you would like to come along and have an afternoon of happy listening. We meet at Hawtonville Methodist Church on Eton Avenue from 2 to 4pm. Refreshments are provided.

We are also organising three visits to the Royal Concert Hall this season. The first, on October 17th has the Halle orchestra playing a programme which includes the popular, 'Pictures at an Exhibition'. We have just two tickets left. Please contact Tony on 659239 if you are interested.

Our sales of CDs have now reached £200, which will be donated to Beaumont House.

Local History Programme

- October 10th** Tour of Newark town Hall. The cost will be £2.50 each. I need to know who is interested in this tour.
- November 14th** Colin Deeley giving a talk on Southwell Workhouse.
- December 12th** Tony Colson from Civic Trust. We hope to have update on questions we asked at June's meeting

Walking Group

October 9th—Paul and Angela Reed
Doddington Hall— meet in main car park at 09.30 a.m.

November 13th—Gill Peterson
Kelham Hills. Meet near the church at Kelham Hall,

Macmillan Cancer Support.

Macmillan have joined with Self Help UK to start a new group to provide support and friendship for anyone affected by cancer, whether they be the patients, the family or friends.

This “Newark Cancer Support Group” meet on the last Tuesday of the month, from 2.p.m. to 4.p.m. at Collectible Creations Café, London Road (opposite the Library).

It is run by Macmillan volunteers. We hope Macmillan will be visiting our monthly meeting soon to tell us more about the work of the volunteers or more information can be obtained from Niki Whitburn 07803 710640.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Position	Name
Chair	Chris Handson
Vice Chair	Jacq Cartwright
Treasurer	Alan Williams
Secretary	Val Greaves
Membership Secretary	Ron Watkins
Groups Coordinator	Robert Anderson
Committee Member (Website)	Reg Robinson
Committee Member (Speaker Seeker)	Anne Handson
Committee Member (Minutes Secretary)	Neil Hinchley
Committee Member	Sue Devonshire
Committee Member	Reg Goodall

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 Strays café on Middlegate during the Friday coffee morning meeting from 10.30 till noon.

Alternatively, ask your Group Leader to take along a copy to your group meeting.

Group Leaders

Archaeology	Peter Foden	01636 704241	3rd Thursday 2.30
Art for All	Jacq Cartwright	01636 650411	1st & 3rd Tues 10.00
Armchair Travel	June Halford	01636 923648	Last Monday 1.45
Art Appreciation	Michael Ayling	01636 650607	2nd Tuesday 10.00
Indoor Boules	John Proctor	01636 673736	3rd Monday 2.00
Coffee Morning	Reg Goodall	01636 651838	Every Friday 10.30
Craft Group	Carole Tweedale	01636 672989	3rd Monday 9.30
Craft and Chatter	Sue Eddowes	01636921373	3rd Tuesday 2.00
Creative Writing	Maj Donovan or Jean Johnson	01636 702381 01636 688954	3rd Wed 10.00
Dance (Circle)	Audrey Blake	01636 650676	3rd Thursday 1.30
Dance (line)	Audrey Blake	01636 650676	4th Thursday 10.00
Discussion	Muriel Price	01636 672883	1st & 3rd Fri. 2.00
Digital Photography	Richard Harcus	01636 684511	4th Tuesday 2.00
Early Birds	c/o Jacq Cartwright	01636 650411	4th Thursday 6.15
French Conversation	Tony Williams	01636 813763	1st & 2nd Fri 10.30
Geology	Niki Whitburn	01636 706339	1st Tuesday 2.00
German	Corri Moss	01636 706573	Contact Corri
Improvers Rubber Bridge	Clive Morrissey	01623 860311	2nd & 4th Wed 10.00
Literature	Glynda Green	01623 860311	Contact Glynda

Local History	Colleen Bergman	01636 689294	2nd Tuesday 2.00
Mah Jong	Sonya Sinclair	01636 672921	1st Wed 2.00
Media Group	Contact Jacq	01636 650411	occasionally
Motor Home, Caravan & Boat	Marjorie Goss	07822484010	Contact Marjorie
Music Appreciation	Terry Bowler or Tony Marriott	01636 650751 01636 659239	2nd Monday 2.00
Nordic Walking	Alan Williams	01400 281986	1st & 2nd Tues 10.00
Out and About	Chris Handson	01636 677514	Contact Chris
Philosophy	Tom Chamberlain	01636 678571	Alternate Fridays
Play Reading	Gill Peterson	01636 672154	1st Monday 1.30
Recorder Playing	Alison Wilson	01636 673298	1st & 3rd Mon 2.00
Science Club	Robert Anderson	01636 687909	4th Tuesday 10.00
Scrabble	Ron Watkins	01636 705157	1st Monday 2.00
Singing for Fun	Alison Wilson	01636 673298	4th Monday 2.00
Ukelele Happy Band	Bob Cawson	07801 056296	2,3,4th Wed, pm
Walking Group	Reg Robinson	01636 700188	2nd Monday 09.30

Please note that group meeting times and days can change sometimes, especially when they fall on a Bank Holiday. If you are unsure, please check with the group leader. Do not rely on the diary page, as I do not always get up-to-date information.

Group Leaders

Please check that the information about contact details and meeting times is correct and let me know if it needs to be amended.

Thanks, Janet

October November 2017

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16	Craft 09.30 Gospel Group 10.00 Recorders 14.00 Boccia 14.00	17	Art for All 10.00 Craft and Chatter 14.00	18	German 1 10.00 Creative Writing 10.00 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00	19	Circle Dancing 13.30 Archaeology 14.30 Early Bird 18.15	20	German 2 10.00 Coffee morning 10.30
23	Singing for fun 14.00	24	Science Club 10.00 Digital Photography 14.00	25	Literature 10.15 Improvers Rubber Bridge 10.00 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00	26	Line Dancing 10.00 Early Bird 18.15	27	Philosophy 10.0 Coffee morning 10.30 Discussion 14.00
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After four hours and /or four gins (whichever comes the sooner) my eyes begin to glaze over and I sometimes make mistakes in the diary. Hopefully this one is correct but if you are a new member and are unsure, check with the group leader. Occasionally they can be cancelled at short notice, although this rarely happens.