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The Digital Photography group went on a visit to Kelham Hall for our September meeting and our task was photographing 'The start of autumn and/or long exposures'. We all enjoyed the afternoon and during our October meeting we shared some of the photographs that we had taken.



News from the groups

The Philosophy Study Day on 'Tolerance', Oct 1st, at St Giles Church Hall Balderton was attended by 45 members from several counties.



At the October Local History meeting our speaker was Mick Gill who gave a talk on the Yards of Newark. Everyone found it very interesting. We presented Mick with a cheque which he is going to donate to Beaumont House. We asked him to come back next year to give us another talk. Colleen Bergmann.



Canal Boat Trip 2nd October

A lovely sunny Sunday afternoon saw an intrepid group of U3A members board a narrow boat pulled or drawn by Chelsea, the canal boat horse for a gentle cruise on the Cromford Canal, built in 1794 and abandoned in 1944.



Due to restoration we were able to be drawn from Cromford Wharf to Leawood pumping station, where we alighted to see the steam Beam Pump in operation.

Built to bring water up from the river Derwent to "top up" the canal. Some of us were also able to get a glimpse of Arkwright's cotton mill.

The whole experience was absolutely magical.



Thank you very much Reg for organizing a very special trip. Di Illingworth (more photos overleaf)

Creative Writing

The next Creative writing meeting will be hosted by Maj Donavon at 11 school Lane , Farndon, NG24 3SN, at 10 am. The subject for this meeting is “Nothing can be heard”

Science Group

There will be no meeting of the group on **November 22nd** or on **December 27th**. However, “We shall meet again”, on Tuesday 24th January 2017. The topic then will be how essential all our senses are in enabling us to “make sense” of our life experiences. I wonder, is a sense of humour a sense? Life would be pretty dull without one!

A big thank-you to all our members, I look-forward to meeting you all again on January 24th. Robert.

Music Appreciation

This October John introduced us to Bizet with all his trials and tribulations! So many composers seemed to be beset by ill health and unhappiness. Bizet died aged 36 hence he did not leave a lot of music, but John regaled us with some lovely pieces not least the rousing finale to Carmen! Val

Local History

December 13th - Local History Panel with news and updates on local issues. Further details are on the website. New members are always welcome. Please contact Colleen (689294)

Forthcoming Speakers

November 2016: Stuart Bramwell, 'Cantabria and the Picos de Europa'.

December 2016: Samantha Glasswell, 'A Tudor Christmas'.

January 2017: Mike Cox talking about 'Newark signs on famous people.'

February 2017 : Stuart Rose. He is a farmer in Laxton and will be talking about the medieval open field farming there and how farming has changed.

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

All monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday in the month from 2pm-4pm

Book Circle

A small group of us meet monthly on the fourth Thursday, 2-4 pm, in our own homes. We do not have a fixed reading list, but instead take it in turns to tell us whatever book you have been reading recently. We discuss the books and sometimes lend them to each other. We cover all sorts, biographies, historical novels, whodunits, some light and some more serious, with of course a cup of tea and chat at half time. If you would like to join us, give Brenda a ring (704282). Next meeting: October 27th..

Out & About Group trip to Birmingham, to visit the Frankfurt Christmas market on Thursday 1st December 2016. The bus leaves the corner of Cow Lane/Northgate (Aldi) at 9.00 am, return at 3.00 pm from Birmingham . There are over 150 stalls. This is the largest market of its type in Europe! Seat price is £15. See Chris at the monthly meeting or ring 01636 677514.

Walking Group

November 14th Clumber Park. Meet in the main car park at 09.30

December 12th. Sherwood Forest. Meet at the visitor centre car park at 09.30



Archaeology Group

Thursday, 17th November. Talk “ Medieval Archaeology of Nottingham” by Dr Diane Wren, Nottingham University Archaeology Museum. The talk will be at 2.30pm at the Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall.

Extended visit Mon. 17th – Fri. 21st April, 2017. We will be based at the Marriott St Pierre Hotel at Chepstow where we stayed in 2010. During the five days we will visit the Stanton Drew Circles, the SS Great Britain near Bristol, the Cardiff National Museum, Caerphilly Castle and Chedworth Roman Villa. There will also be a “free” day in Gloucester.

If you are interested in going please contact me as soon as possible and I will give you all the details. The hotel rooms are going fast.

Peter Foden, 704241

Comparative Religion

At a meeting of the Comparative Religion Group held on the 17th. October, it was agreed that Ron Watkins take over from Sheila Andrews as leader of the group. Our thanks to Sheila for her hard work.

Please note that the group will meet at Hawtonville Methodist Church commencing [at 10.00](#) am

[Monday, 21st. November](#) :- Speaker will be Tom Chamberlain.

[Monday, 19th. December](#) :- Discussion on Charity."

Tea and Coffee Rota

November	Janet Hatton Krystina Materna Neil Hinchley
December	Val Johns Pat Marcus Eileen Hudson
January	Janet Gascoyne Irene Danton Gill Willers

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.

At last month's meeting (attended by 110 people) an appeal for more helpers resulted in just 6 people volunteering, all of whom were already on the rota. If everyone took their turn, and let's face it, how hard is a bit of washing up, you would only have to do it once every three years, hardly a lifetime commitment! **So come on the rest of you, do your bit!**

Note from Editor

Please make sure you send any contributions to this email address **newarku3a@outlook.com** and not to my personal email. 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

Armchair Travel..... (A celebration of the Halloween season).

Wednesday 16th November at Hawtonville Methodist Church hall. 1:45 for 2:00 pm start.

Part 1 – Castle Secrets & Legends: This film introduced by Don Wildman explores the remarkable and bizarre tales and legends tied to some amazing castles and architectural structures – visiting Cromer Hall (E. Anglia), Lyndhurst Mansion and Berkeley Castle (USA) also Colditz Castle (Germany). Film 30 mins.

Part 2 – Monumental Mysteries: Don Wildman continues to reveal some of the amazing mysteries hidden behind the Mercy L Tombstone (USA), New York Landmarks, Alcatraz, Statue of the Republic (Chicago), Mount Venerer UFO's and the Booth Family Obelisk. Film 45 mins.

All new members welcome. Refreshments and free parking available. For further information, contact June Halford on (01636) 923 648. **(£2)**

Mah Jong

As attendance of this group has fallen we are no longer meeting at Charles Street. Instead members are taking it in turn to host the group. If you would like to attend, please ring Sonia to check where it is being held each month.

October saw us tapping our feet and hands to the tunes of the Saratoga Trad Jazz band who played old favourites such as, 'When you're smiling', 'Maryland, my Maryland', 'Stranger on the Shore', 'Wont you come home Bill Bailey', and many others. Some of the less well known numbers featured solos by members of the group who finished with a rousing rendition of 'When the Saints Come Marching in'.



On behalf of all the Trad Jazz lovers I would like to thank Reg Goodall for organising the entertainment at our October meeting. What a treat and so different, which is what the U3A is all about, as I see it. A wonderful idea and much appreciated by most if not all the audience!
Val

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
Members	Reg Goodall Jacq Cartwright Neil Hinchley Ron Watkins

Useful contacts

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

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 (London Road car park) during the Friday coffee mornings, 11-12 noon.

Please note the new 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
Craft Group	Carole Tweedale	01636 672989
Craft and Chatter	Eileen Kenny and Sue Endows	01636919728 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 Marcus	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
Knit and Natter	Alma Ratcliffe	01636 701096
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
Singing for fun	Alison Wilson	01636 673298
Ukulele Happy Band	Bob Cawson	07801 056296
Walking Group	Reg Robinson	01636 700188

Beware the printed word!

When we printed off our last U3A newsletter our computer decided to play games so members may be amused (just a bit!) by the way it printed the names of some of the groups available.

Presumably “Ears” is for listening to anything, while “Disn” must study abbreviated animations. “Indules” looks intriguing, and “Corive Religion” must be a new and exclusive sect. “Imp Rubber Bric” seems to be something to do with printing while “Lite” is obviously the study of American photons, or is possibly just very superficial. “Arcogy” probably is the study of rainbows and “Digotography” basic gardening. I should steer clear of “Craup” and as for “Bode” that is downright sinister, maybe warning us to avoid “Birching” altogether! Dorothy Woolley

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<p><i>Nothing likely to run in the last week but no one has informed me yet—check with your group leader</i></p>									