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Christmas Tree Festival

These are some of the decorations that the two craft groups are producing ready to decorate the U3A Christmas tree in the church for the festival which runs from 3rd to 11th December. Do try to go along to see all the trees there - especially the U3A one.



Archaeology Group

Thursday, 15th December.

Talk "The origins of the Roman Republic, Part 1" by Daryl Baxter.

The talk will be at 2.30pm at the Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall. The programme for the first half of 2017 will be issued at the above meeting.

Peter Foden, 704241



Science Group

Just a brief reminder that there will be no meeting of the group on Tuesday 27th December. We shall meet again on Tuesday 24th January 2017. I hope you will all have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year holiday period. Robert.

Monday craft group

The month the group made hanging decorations and origami trees.



Clumber Park with the Walking Group.



We met in the carpark at Clumber Park at our usual 9.30 a.m. start time greeted by cloudy weather, but essentially dry. There was a good turnout of 18 people and 1 dog. We did the North Western section of the park on a walk that covered 4.62 miles! Chris

The walking group meets on the second Monday of the month at 9.30 a.m. December's walk is in Sherwood Forest. Meet at the Visitor Centre Car Park. All are welcome. If you would like to join us, please give Reg Robinson a ring.

Armchair Travel – (Celebrates the Festive Season)



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Wed. 21st December

1:45 for 2:00pm

2 x Films

Hawtonville Methodist
Church Hall

Wednesday 21st December at Hawtonville Methodist Church Hall. 1:45 for 2:00pm start. Free Parking.

Part 1 – Iceland Travel Film Guide: Iceland is an Island born of fire and ice with white glaciers, black beaches and green meadows: a land of geysers, water-falls and volcanoes. Reykjavik is set amid a fascinating and beautiful landscape. Film 25 mins.

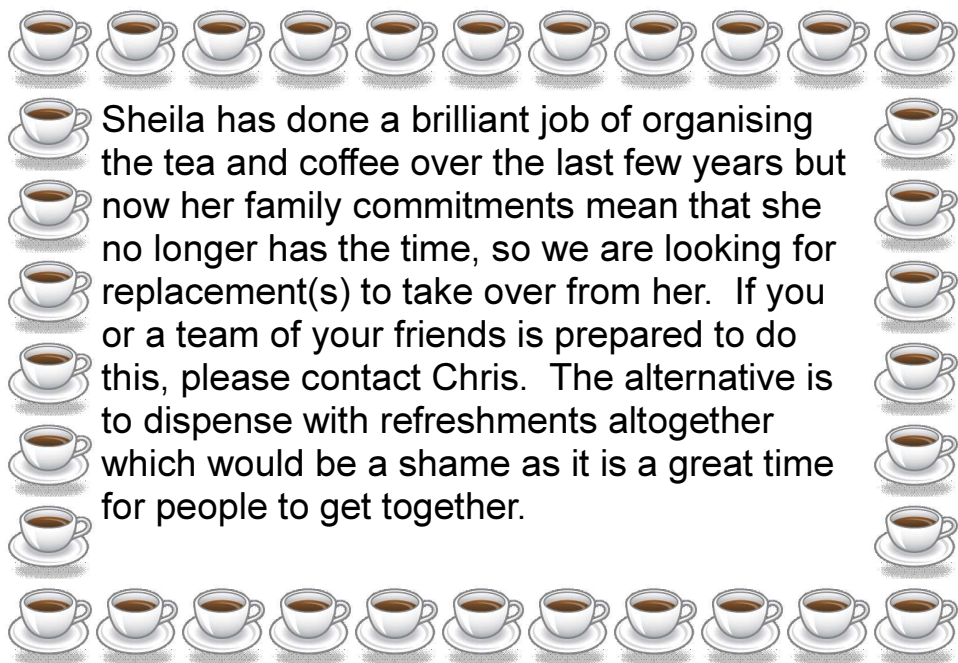
Part 2 – Iceland's Warm Fire: To celebrate the festive season we join Jack Maxwell (our Booze Traveller) to discover how innovation and the Viking spirit combines to make Iceland. Jack drinks the black death, moss-schnapps, volcanic beer, and eats rotting shark before fights with Vikings after a marathon pub crawl that keep Icelanders warm! Film 50 mins. Group Leader – June Halford.

New members always welcome. For information phone 923648.

Tea and Coffee Rota

December	Val Johns Pat Marcus Eileen Hudson
January	Janet Gascoyne Irene Danton Gill Willers
February	Jean Newsome David Newsome Corri Moss

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 done a brilliant job of organising the tea and coffee over the last few years but now her family commitments mean that she no longer has the time, so we are looking for replacement(s) to take over from her. If you or a team of your friends is prepared to do this, please contact Chris. The alternative is to dispense with refreshments altogether which would be a shame as it is a great time for people to get together.

Forthcoming Speakers

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

Creative Writing

The correct postcode for Maj Donovan is NG243SL.

Local History

There will be no meeting in January.

The following groups are not meeting in December: Science, Boccia, Digital Photography, Line Dancing, Circle Dancing. There are probably others. Please contact your group leader if you are uncertain.

Digital Photography Group

There is no meeting in December.

2016 has been quite a good year all round and we intend to make next year even better with more practical work with our cameras, both at our meetings and on trips.

In January we will be focusing on inanimate objects as is done in advertising, and in February we will try our hand at portraiture, doubling as models for others to use.

We all wish everyone a happy Christmas and a SNAPPY new year.

Our meetings are held at the Hawtonville Methodist Church hall on Eton Avenue from 2pm to 4pm. We will start again in the new year on the 24th January. All are welcome to join us, both beginners, or the more experienced.

Hope to see you there.
Richard Harcus (Group Leader)

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

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

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

December 2016/January 2017

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
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5	Scrabble 14.00 Play reading 13.30 Recorders 14.00	6	Art for All 10.00	7	Ukulele for Fun.14.00 Mah Jong 14.00 German Beginners 10.00	8	Nordic Walking 10.00 Monthly meeting 14.00	9	Philosophy 10.0 French Conversation 10.30 Coffee morning 11.00 Discussion 14.00
12	Walking 09.30 Investment10.00 Music Appreciation 14.00	13	Art Appreciation 10.00 Motor Home Group 14.00 Local History 14.00	14	German Intermediate10-00 Improvers Rubber Bridge 10.00 Literature 10.15 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00 German Beginners 13.00	15	Archaeology 14.30	16	German Conversation 10.00 French Conversation 10.30 Coffee morning 11.00
19	Craft 09.30 Comparative Religion 10.00 Knit and Natter 14.00 Recorders 14.00	20	Art for All 10.00 Craft and Chatter 14.00	21	Creative Writing 10.00 Literature 10.15 Ukulele Happy Band 14.00 Armchair Travel 14.00	22	Early Bird 18.15	23	Philosophy 10.0 Coffee morning 11.00 Discussion 14.00
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Nothing is likely to run in the last week of December but no one has informed me yet—check with your group leader