



The Art for All group decided to have a 'plein air' session at Carriages coffee shop drawing customers and their surroundings. This aroused a lot of interest from other people and most seemed pleased to be recorded for posterity. It was a successful morning and will be repeated.



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### "The Newark U3A Mudlarks"

Monday April 9th saw the "Monday Walkers" head off to "foreign parts" ..... well down the A1 into deepest, darkest Lincolnshire anyway!! 17 hardy souls assembled in the car park of "The



Gregory Arms" at Harlaxton before setting off on an approximately 4 miles walk in the "Vale of Belvoir" which was led by Janet & Carol. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the walk, spotting wildfowl and the stunning scenery as we made our way along the Grantham Canal to the Denton Reservoir and through the pretty villages of Denton & Harlaxton. However, due to the amount of rain that had fallen in the days before our

walk, the old Flanders & Swan song: "Mud, mud, glorious mud" came very much to mind as we slid & squelched along in our boots & wellies. Thankfully, no one ended up taking a full mud-bath and we were soon back at our cars to change out of our very muddy gear before heading into "The Gregory Arms" for a well earned cuppa and a natter!

## Out and about in Stratford

We had been promised fine weather by the BBC over the previous two days to the trip and were disappointed. On the Wednesday How they delivered. It was full sun and 25 deg all of the day. Most of us, well me anyway, came back as red as a beetroot! We had a full bus so I was able to refund a £5 note to everyone, making the net cost of the trip £10.



There were all the usual attractions of Stratford to be had, but I think most people did the river trips and the riverside walks. There was a

huge big wheel open for rides with spectacular views of the town. There was also a chain driven ferry to cross the river just up from the weir. At 50p per crossing it must be the best value attraction In Stratford .

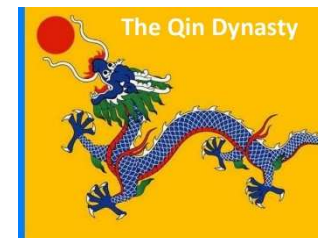


A thoroughly enjoyable day made memorable by the stunning weather Chris

Alan, if you set off for York now you might get there in time for the Out and About trip in December

## Archaeology Group

We will be away on the extended visit to Hampshire from May 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The next one will be on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Prof. Marilyn Palmer will give a talk entitled “The First Great Emperor”. The talk will cover the Terracotta Warriors site and other sites connected with the Qin Dynasty



## Armchair Travel

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – (May Bank Holiday Monday... meeting as usual).**

**1:45 for 2:00pm start.** (Hawtonville Meth. Church Hall).

**Part 1 – ATHENS:** The thriving capital of Greece sprawls out from the foot of its magnificent Acropolis. We'll tour the must-sees of ancient Athens, The Parthenon and Agora. We'll take the fast-paced pulse of the modern city, and waste no time getting to other exciting locations. (3x Films = 27 mins).

**Part 2 – GREEK ISLANDS:**

Jewels thrown into the Aegean history and nature. Romans and Byzantines, sun worshippers and swimmers, gentle bays, sea as blue as the sky, sky as blue as the sea and golden sand. Old cities, monasteries built on cliffs, mosaics shining with gold, the scent of the orange orchards, waving silvery olive trees, taverns and cafes, windmills and idyllic white walled villages, crowded bays... Many of the most beautiful and most visited islands in one film! (Film 52 mins).

New members welcome. Free parking. Refreshments. For further information visit our website or contact Group Leader June Halford on 923 648 – Email: [june.halford1@sky.com](mailto:june.halford1@sky.com)



## Tea and Coffee Rota

May	Reg Goodall Pat Wilson Ann Willis Angela Laverack
June	Paul Reed Angela Reed Janet Gasson Rose Tutt

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

## Walking Group

Monday 14th May Cotgrave Country Park. Hollygate Lane, Cotgrave, NG12 3JW. Leaders John and Val Meet at 09.30

Monday June 11th. Burrough Hill Fort.  
Meet at 09.30 in the car park at Burrough Hill Country park LE14 2QZ . Car park is a pay and display cost £2.50

## Forthcoming Speakers

May 2018 -	William Ruff 'A day in the life of the English Language'
June 2018 -	AGM, no speaker
July 2018 -	The work of the Street Pastors at Malt Cross
August 2018	No meeting
Sept 2018	Mike Newbold -My Extra Life (my life as an extra).

**Please note the contact details for the newsletter and website**

**Newsletter:** newarku3a@outlook.com

**Website:** u3anewark@outlook.com

I will be hanging up my pen in May. Richard Harcus will be taking over as the new newsletter editor. Please send all contributions to the above address as usual. Many thanks for all your contributions over the last seven years and your tolerance when I got it wrong. Without your input the newsletter would not exist. Janet

All contributions to the newsletter must be received by **24th** of the month.

**Group Leaders Meeting May 24, 10.30. Bowls Club**

## 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	Reg Goodall
Committee Member	Geoff Bowers

### 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.

### Coffee Morning Groups

There are two Friday Coffee morning groups on opposite sides of the town which hopefully enables everyone to access one or other of them.

10.30 Carriages (Castle Railway Station)

11.00 Collectable Creations Café (London Rd car park)

Everyone is welcome.

### Science Group

My talk in March was on “the Hidden Life of Trees” I must say I was surprised when 45 people turned up, we just managed to find them all a chair!! On Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, of May the subject will be “ A User’s Guide to the Mind “, advances in neuroscience can help us get the most out of our brains. I hope you can make it, see you then, best wishes, Robert.

### Art Appreciation

The next meeting is at 10a.m. on Tuesday 8th May at the Town Bowls Club. the presentation is on artists of the 1914-18 war.

### Craft Group news

The craft group made elephants with a hidden secret inside.



**Catering Organiser:-**Pat Marcus

**Newsletter team:-** Janet Robinson, Jackie Leitch, Bob Leitch  
Sheila Harris, Reg Goodall

### 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

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	07882484010	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.

### 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 Carriages café at Castle Station during the Friday coffee morning meeting from 10.30 till noon. Alternatively, you can ring your group leader and ask him or her to pick up a copy for you and bring it to the 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
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 2.00
Dance (line)	Audrey Blake	01636 650676	4th Thursday 10.00
Discussion	Muriel Price	01636 672883	2nd & 4th 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	2nd & 3rd 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

