

NEWSBITES!

MAY 2022

Sharing ideas across 34 u3as in Nottinghamshire

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE NETWORK

Our most recent Notts Network meeting took place on April 27th at The Centre at St Peter's Ravenshead. It was lovely to meet up in person and we took full advantage to hear everyone's news during the extended break amply fortified by a goodly array of refreshments. Many of these were baked specially, there is no end to u3a members' talents!

One major talking point at the meeting was the Notts Network 40th Year Anniversary Celebration in September. We all felt very energised about it because more than half the u3as in our Network have signed up to the baton carrying part of the event and some new people have joined the planning team. An email is to be sent imminently with more information for all of you who have agreed to take part.

There is still time to sign up so do contact chrisniven1@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to be added to the list.

The second part of the event in September is the Flashmob which will be held in the Market Square (we hope) on Saturday 24th. This does sound a really fun thing to take part in and we are now aware of a large number of u3as who will be involved. Janice from Dukeries u3a is going to provide us with the routine and all the necessary information so that we can prepare for this within our own u3as.

Mike Storr from Burton Joyce u3a has offered to run a Notts Network Quiz competition and we have agreed for this to go ahead. Please see the information about it later on.

We would very much like to hear from those u3as who were not present at the Network meeting as to whether there is interest in making the meetings hybrid events. We discussed this at the meeting and the general view was that there was no call to set this up. Instead we were thinking we might hold some meetings, perhaps in the winter on zoom and some face to face. However, it may be that those of you who didn't attend the meeting have a different view? Please let us know.

With the weather improving, the sun shining, the birds singing (I heard a woodpecker loud and clear the other day at Calke Abbey) this is such a lovely time of the year. I hope you enjoy the festivities surrounding the Queen's Jubilee and perhaps we will even get a few points in Eurovision.

Take care.

Rosie Allen

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

**WE CANNOT SOLVE PROBLEMS WITH THE SAME THINKING WE USED
WHEN WE CREATED THEM.**

- Albert Einstein



Chairs PSG

The Chairs PSG met by Zoom on Tuesday 12 April 2022. The discussions were on:

- Balancing the books
- Flash Mob for the 40th Anniversary celebrations
- Good handovers between Committee members
- How to tackle difficult personal issues between members

The next meeting has been arranged for Monday 4 July 2022 at 5.00pm by Zoom.

Publicity PSG

The Publicity PSG met on Wednesday 23 February by Zoom and held discussions on the 40th Anniversary celebrations 18-24 September 2022

Secretaries PSG

The Secretaries PSG met on Tuesday 19 April 2022 by Zoom.

Items for discussion were:

- Annual Return
- Constitution
- Data Protection
- Declaration of Interest form
- 40th Anniversary celebrations
- Insurance for Groups
- PAT Testing

The Group normally meets every two months and the next meeting date is being arranged by the members to suit their availability. If there are any questions between meetings, a WhatsApp Group has been set up which means we get an answer to our queries very quickly.

Treasurers PSG

The group previously met in March where the discussions had been on Data Protection and Finance Policy.

The group met again by Zoom on Friday 6 May 2022.

Peer Support Groups for Group Co-ordinators, Membership Secretaries and Speaker Finders are also set up.

If you are interested in joining any of the Peer Support Groups then please let me know.

You can email me at businesssec.mansfieldu3a@gmail.com.

Carole Harrison

**The deadline for articles and photographs for the next issue of Newsbites! is
15th June 2022**

Any u3a member can send in items, not just committee members. How did you celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? Can we all hear about the history of your u3a or any special anniversary your u3a is celebrating this year. Tell us why you joined the u3a, what you have been involved with and what u3a means to you.

This is your Newsletter, so please let's hear from you.

Articles/photos please to jane.newsbytes@gmail.com

Nottinghamshire Network of u3as

County Quiz

Firstly, let me introduce myself.....my name is Mike Storr and I am a member of Burton Joyce u3a. As a Rotarian (1979-2021) I have organised the District Rotary Quiz for the past 12 years.



I now have the idea that we could have a quiz for the Network and here are the main details for the idea.

Each u3a can enter two teams consisting of four members per team

Dependent on how many teams are entered, there would likely be three or four heats, to be held at venues around the Network to avoid too much travel. These would take place during October 2022.

There will then be a Final comprising of the top 10 teams overall, to take place November 2022.

All u3as will receive an email via our Network County Contact, Margot, with this information and details of how to sign your u3a up to this event.

Mike Storr

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NEWS FROM u3as IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

HUCKNALL & DISTRICT u3a

On Saturday 23rd April, St George's Day, our Social Committee organised our first social event of the year at the John Godber Centre, and we were entertained to a superb evening of music and laughter by the Bestwood Male Voice Choir - an amazing evening.

Rotary Club of Hucknall
Over 20 Local Groups
Tombola, Raffles
Games, Cakes, Sweets,
Sales of Books,
Handmade Knitwear,
Greeting Cards

HUCKNALL COMMUNITY DAY
SATURDAY
21ST MAY 2022
10AM - 3PM
Hucknall Market Place

Hucknall Heritage Vehicles and Classic Cars

Volunteering Information
Fundraising Opportunities

ENTERTAINMENT
Performed Through the Day
and
THE RPM DANCE BAND
Accompanied by Local
Dance Groups and Solo Artists

On Saturday 21st May between 10am and 3pm Hucknall and District u3a will be taking part in an event organised by The Rotary Club on Hucknall Market Place. Over 30 groups are taking part, from all walks of life, it should be a great day. Our stall will be highlighting all of our activity groups along with normal advertising material and hopefully we will have plenty of interaction with the public.

We will be taking part in a similar event organised by Ashfield Council on Saturday 18th June to be held on Titchfield Park, Hucknall

THE HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A
Invites you to come along to our
MOVIE NIGHT!
SPECTACULAR

At the John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall on Friday 24th June 2022
featuring the film
HOPE & GLORY

A comedy-drama war film telling the story of the Rowan family, as seen through the eyes of their son, Billy, for whom, as a young boy, this time was more of an adventure - a total upheaval of order, restrictions and discipline.

What the film critics said:

- a wonderful film,
- an intelligent, heartfelt, entertaining look at growing up in war torn England,
- skilfully combines elements of truth with moments of mirth.

The film will be preceded by a pie, mushy peas & gravy supper

Doors will be open at 6.30 pm
The Supper will be served at 7.00 pm
The film will commence at 8.00 pm

The Bar will be open before the meal with waitress service during the film

Tickets will be on sale for £7 at the May & June USA monthly meetings

Don't forget to bring your own Popcorn!

AMTIT & DML

Organised by our very active Social Committee, on Friday 24th June we are having a Film Night featuring the film "Hope and Glory" at the John Godber Centre, and it will be accompanied by a Pie, Mushy Peas and Gravy supper. Looks like another great night.

Melvyn Francis, Chair

DUKERIES u3a

"Make the most of life by exploring new ideas, skills and interests with Dukeries u3a"



Dukeries u3a members are looking forward to special events this year. 2022 marks the 30th birthday of the group and celebrations started with promoting the u3a on a perfect sunny day at RSPB Sherwood Forest on 8 May, joining with visitors to enjoy varied musical entertainment. The members then enjoyed a birthday celebration after the Annual General Meeting on 16 May. We also welcomed Andy Oxnard, Community Engagement and Development Co-ordinator, and Lee Brazier, Local Councillor, who spoke about their work in the community. A once in a lifetime event will be the street party in Jubilee Hall to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 4 June (1950's dress optional!). Later on, in September, Dukeries u3a will be taking part in the festival week running throughout the country to celebrate the 40th anniversary of u3a in the UK.

Now the weather is improving there are lots of trips in the pipeline starting with the Allsorts Gardening Group visiting Newark Garden Show in April. Future trips are to Birmingham Botanical Gardens in May and Barnes Dairy Farm in June. The Ramblers walked through Sherwood Forest to find St Edwin's Cross, which marks the spot where a church once stood. Their next walk took them from Kneesall to Maplebeck, via the Hagley Dumbles. Meanwhile the Whatsapp Walkers enjoyed an amble around Laxton. The Tuesday and Sunday lunch clubs plan to visit The Fox at Kirton and The Lion at Farnsfield in May.



Allsorts Gardening Group



Ramblers at St Edwin's Cross

Two Dukeries members recently really appreciated the trip for veterans and their partner/carer arranged by Nottinghamshire County Council with Newark and Sherwood Council to The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

The monthly speaker programme will resume in June with Mike Ogden taking the members on 'The Slow Road', an illustrated narrowboat cruise on England's inland waterway system from the tidal Trent via London and Oxford to Birmingham's Gas Street Basin. Mike lived on a narrowboat for many years, and cruised the inland waterway system extensively.



The Whatsapp Walkers

Dukeries u3a follow the u3a motto 'Learn, Laugh, Live' and believe that 'Now is the time to make the most of your life' and has over 100 members drawn from Ollerton, Edwinstowe and the surrounding villages.

Ann Street, Publicity Officer

SMILE FOR THE MONTH

"The difference between genius and stupidity is: genius has its limits."

— Alexandre Dumas

MANSFIELD & DISTRICT u3a

Mansfield & District u3a had a very motivational talk from Emma Sheardown at their April Meeting, entitled 'There is no such word as can't'.

Emma is extremely inspirational, being born with severe cerebral palsy. However, this didn't stop her from competing in dressage events representing her country both at home and abroad. A speaker well worth booking.

Mansfield & District u3a is looking forward to participating in the Nottinghamshire Network events for u3a 40th Anniversary celebrations during September. The passing of the baton between neighbouring u3as and on Saturday 24 September in Nottingham, participating in the flash mob are all exciting ideas.

Carole Harrison, Business Secretary



A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The time to relax is when you have no time to relax

Sent in by Barbara Dixon of Mansfield u3a



LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE