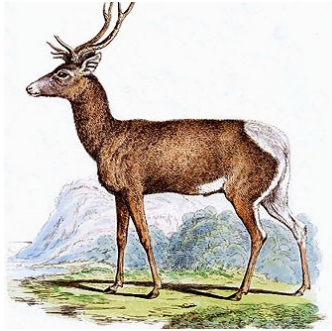


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What's on soon...

New Members Coffee Morning

All new members are invited to a coffee morning at St John's Centre on Monday Feb 1st at 11-00am where they will be able to meet some of the group leaders and hear more about Mansfield U3A .They will be able to ask any questions and meet other members in a relaxed way

Quiz Night Sat 20th Feb 7pm St John`s Centre. Cost £5 includes a light supper. Further details from Pauline Boucher.

Happy New Year from your Committee

95 members attended our Christmas lunch at the Derbyshire Hotel-- the company,venue and atmosphere were great. Unfortunately the meal was not - it was most disappointing and a letter of complaint has been sent to the hotel manager.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Singing for fun

This group had its first meeting on Thursday 19th Nov at the Baptist Church Hall 7-15pm.

Everyone welcome to come and enjoy singing a variety of music
For more information see June Fell 623547

POPULAR MUSIC APPRECIATION

I would like to thank all the members of the Music Club for their continued support over the past year. We have had a great variation of music which to me has been most enjoyable. We now have 23 members. I would like to wish you all a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

PETER HAYNES

Key to Meetings details: This shows the day of the month, time and frequency using the first two letters of the day, followed by numbers 1-5 to represent the week number. Final letter Mm (or F or W) represents monthly, fortnightly or weekly meetings respectively. So “**Tu2. 2.30 pm. M**” would mean a meeting on the second Tuesday at 2.30 pm monthly. The main monthly U3A meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (except for August and December) at the Oakham Suite, Nottingham Rd, Mansfield from 10-12.30pm.

GROUP	MEETINGS	MEETING PLACES	CO-ORDINATOR
ART APPRECIATION	Monthly various days	St Johns Centre Mansfield	Pauline Boucher 01623 644798
Next meeting Friday 29th January - 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon Pauline's - 34 Haddon Road, Mansfield			
BEGINNERS BRIDGE	Mo last in the month 6.30pm M	Enviro Centre Derby Road College Mansfield	Edith Senior 01623 654022
Next meetings Sat , 30 th Jan, 27 th Feb			
CHAT and STITCH	Mo3. 2.00pm M	St John's Centre Mansfield	Marion Owens 01623 634408
First meeting			
CYLING	Su3 M	Various	Peter Thurkettle 01623 480207
Next Meeting. In Spring			
CURRENT AFFAIRS	Tu2. 2.00pm M	Friends Meeting House Mansfield	Norma Shillinglaw 01623 466934
Lively, interesting group, non-party political, a good afternoon. Tuesday 12 th Jan			
ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING	Sa3. 2.00pm M	South Forest Leisure Centre Edwinstowe	Jean Kirk 01623 480207
Next Meeting			
FAMILY HISTORY	Tu4. 10.00am M	St Johns Centre, Mansfield	Pat Blackwell 01623 481745
Next meeting 26th Jan Web Sites			
FILM STUDIES	We1 M 1.30pm	St John's Centre Mansfield	Joy Crowe 01623 645400
Please contact Joy for details of Films			
GARDEN VISITS	Visits during the warmer months	Various meeting places	Marion Thornton 01623 651528
GARDENING GROUP	Tu1. 10.00am M	St Peters Centre Mansfield	Avril McGee 01623 452688 Freda Cooper 01623 621173
Next Meeting, March 2010			

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HOLIDAYS, BREAKS, DAYTRIPS	3-4 times a year to plan holidays	As announced	Margaret Burlinson 01623 632538
LUNCHEON CLUB	Thursday after U3A meeting 12md M	Various venues	David Ling 01623 822994
POPULAR MUSIC APPRECIATION	Tues 4. 2.00pm M	St John's Centre Mansfield	Peter Haynes 01623 451053
Music covered will be Jazz, Swing, Country and Folk. Next meeting 26 th Jan			
MUSIC 2	Mon 4 4.00pm M	Various homes	Eric Prescott 01623 631160
Next meeting. 25 th Jan			
CLASSICAL MUSIC 1	Th2. 2.00pm. M	Various members homes	Marlene/Alan Radford 01623 427934
14 th Jan at Alan's			
CLASSICAL MUSIC 2	Mo4. 2.00 pm. M	Various members homes	Peter Crabbe 01623 627934
Next meeting 25th January at Mike's home Composer Chopin			
SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL	Tu1. 1.30pm. M	Stanton Hill Baptist Church, Albert Street, Stanton Hill	Ian Boucher 01623 644798
THEATRE VISITS	Various dates and times	Various venues and coach points	Mike Allen
PUDDING CLUB	Tu1. 4.00pm. M	Janet's	Sylvia Slack 01623 633981
4 members take it in turns to make puddings for tasting by the others. Next meeting 2 nd Feb Sylvia's			
READING 1	Th3. 2.30pm. M	Co-ordinators's home	Peter Dawson 01623 882191
READING 2	Tu3. 2.00pm. M	Ravenshead library	Joan Macdonald 01623 51171
19 th Jan at Eileen's			
SCRABBLE	Mo2. 2.00pm	Co-ordinators's home	Brenda Thurkettle 01623 628136
We play to enjoy the game, but not too seriously as to make it hard work!			
SINGING FOR FUN	2and 4 Th M	Baptist Church Mansfield	Jean Fell 01623 623547
14 th Jan			
TAI CHI	Mo1-5. 9.30am. W	St John's Centre Mansfield	Cliff Laycock 01623 481985
St John's Centre in Mansfield from 9.30-1030am Please see Cliff Laycock for further details			

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TREASURES	Various dates and times	Various venues	Joy Crowe 01623 645400
HIKERS	(i) Th1. 9.30am.M (ii) Mo3.9.30am.M	car park at TESCO Oak tree Lane	Peter Thurkettle 01623 628136
4th Feb Sutton Scarsdale			
Pentrich 7 ½ miles meet at Tesco Oak tree car park			
WALKING -STROLLERS	We2. 10.30am. M	Various meeting places	Geoff Davies 01623 623556
Next meeting 13 th Jan Thorsby meet Gallery car park			
WALKERS	We4. 10.30am. M	Various meeting places	Sylvia Slack 01623 633981
Meet Jan 27 th Silver Hill meet Teversal Visitor car park			
WHIST	Saturdays various 7.30 M	St Philips Neri Community Centre	Edith Senior 01623 654022
Meet; Jan 30 th , Feb 27 th			
WINE APPRECIATION 2	Wed 3 7.30 M	Various members homes	Ron Britton 01623 456855
WINE APPRECIATION 3	Tuesdays (various) 7.30 M		Ron Britton 01623 456855

Antiques and Treasure Groups

Most of you will know that I am group leader of two groups: the Antiques Group [Treasures] and the Film Study Group. I think maybe some of you will be interested in what is happening in both groups. Firstly regarding the antiques group; I have been asked by several people if I could organise another outing to Hemswell Antiques Centre. We have had two very successful trips there in the past. Anyone interested in any kind of antiques will really enjoy themselves as there are hundreds of displays in several buildings on a disused airfield. It also has a good cafe. I am thinking of having a bus trip sometime at the end of March or beginning of April; maybe on a Saturday but I will need to know if there will be enough interest to fill a bus. Now for the Film Group; the film showing in January will be 'The Apartment' starring Shirley MacLaine and Jack Lemmon. This is a great film and won Academy and Bafta awards and I am sure you will all enjoy it. The film starts at 1.30pm on 6th January at the St John's Centre.

Regards, Joy Crowe.

CHRISTMAS CEILIDH at

The William Kaye Memorial Hall

Tuesday December 8th.

How many of the U3A struggled from their beds on Wednesday morning after the Ceilidh? How many of us winced as we remembered the spinning and swinging, the swirling and slipping, the promenading and prancing that we'd indulged in the night before in Ladybrook?

Alas, too many of us, for we had responded gallantly to the urgings of the caller for couples to join in, and what a night we'd had! Dances that involved arches and contortions, passing the person on the left to get to another one on the right, hops and skips, clapping and slapping hands (and often other parts as we missed!).

It was fun, as all agreed, great fun that all could join in whether or not we knew the complicated moves. I know who I blame for my aches this morning!

Our thanks must go firstly to our U3A organisers (and the Quizmaster) for the night; next to the band for their energy and expertise – and patience with our galumphing; finally to the venue itself and the pleasant staff and the good food they provided us with. A night well spent in good company.

Mike Allen

10 day coach holiday to Germany & Austria June 26th - 5th July 2010
(Cost £979 - £1279 - depending on your allocated seating category in Oberammergau)

As I mentioned in the November issue the next instalment of £300 is due at this meeting please. All cheques to be made payable to Mansfield & District U3A

I will be able to tell you the final amount of money owing at the February meeting, after calculating any deductions from the balance. This will depend on the number of free places given by Leger for the number of people travelling at that time. There are six different prices:- Cat. 3 sharing, Cat. 2 (sharing), Cat. 1 (sharing), Cat. 3 single (but sharing in Ober.) Cat. 2 (single throughout) Cat. 1 single (but sharing in Ober.) Consequently it will be best if you see me personally for this information!

**5 day holiday to Eastbourne (Mansion Lions Hotel)
May 10th - 14th May 2010**

Cost £220 (for those sharing) £233 (singles) (entrance fees to gardens not included)

Please find below the time table for the visit to Eastbourne and the garden visits organised by Janet, Karen and Marion.

Monday 10th May

After leaving Mansfield from near Iceland at approx. 8am we shall have a half hour comfort stop at Northampton. We shall arrive in Maidstone at approx. 12.30pm and stay for two hours where we can have lunch. We hope to arrive in Eastbourne at 4pm. The evening meal will be at 6.30pm

Tuesday 11th May (combined cost of both gardens £15)

Breakfast at 8am. Leave the hotel at 9am & head for the privately owned **Pashley Manor** In the early afternoon, we shall drive a short distance away to one of Britain's finest gardens at **Great Dixter** Evening meal 7pm

Wednesday 12th May (cost £7. National Trust members free)

Leave at 9am for **Sheffield Park** - an internationally renowned 120 acre landscaped garden with four lakes. Evening meal 7pm

Thursday 13th May (Cost £7)

Leave at 9am. for **Leonardslee Lakes and gardens** - home to one of the most magnificent displays of azaleas and rhododendrons. Evening meal 7pm.

Friday 14th May (Cost £6.50. RHS members free)

Leave Eastbourne for home at 9am. Call at **Wisley Gardens** - one of the most popular gardens in the country, with a plant centre, shop and cafes. We shall leave here at 4pm for our homeward journey to Mansfield having a comfort stop on the way.

Please note that the visits to these gardens are optional. Forms will be handed out for you to make a choice of which gardens you would like to visit and a date given when payment will be expected. If you have any questions please contact one of the following:-

Janet Whitlam - 635607

Marion Thornton - 651528

Karen Troop -

633404

Theatre Group

ENJOY – by Alan Bennett

Wed 17th March 2010

Tickets are £14.60 each if I get 21 on the list. At present there are 17- so 4 more names needed to get the reduction from £16.

Names and money to be in at January meeting.

The play is set in Leeds where an ageing couple are living in the city's last back to back. A sociologist visits them on their last day before being rehoused in a brand new maisonette. Alison Steadman stars along with Patrick Troughton. The Guardian gives it 5 stars and the Independent 4 stars.

After that it's **We'll Meet Again on Thursday 8th April 2010 at 2pm**

Tickets are £9 down from £10 if 20 go at the moment there are 11 names.

This is Hits from the Blitz performance paying tribute to the singers and comedians of the war years – an afternoon of nostalgia and singing along.

A Reminder: Both these performances have to be paid for at the meeting in January or the booking lapses! So save your pennies from Santa!

Twenty U3A members went to see 'Adolf Hitler: My Part in his Downfall' – a play based on Spike Milligan's autobiographical books on WW2 and performed by 5 multi-talented actors who danced, played musical instruments and sang as well as acted out the play

Army-style language and humour caused some gasps in the audience, but the show was lively and funny, a series of often hilarious incidents tied together by Spike's manic personality, the darker side of which was seen in his nervous breakdown in the second half. A good afternoon was had by all.

Mike Allen

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Please send information to be included in the newsletter by the first week in the month either by the above or at the main meeting.