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Our Holiday in Poland

On the 16th September a party of 40 U3A members set off on a long and winding journey that would eventually lead us to Poland. The first overnight stop was at Cologne where some members made a quick visit to the Cathedral before joining others who had already found suitable eating places nearby.

Next morning we climbed into the coach again and set off towards Chemnitz, our second overnight stop. As we approached the old East German border, Margaret suggested we call at Eisenach where we had lunch and spent a little time exploring this old town. We all would have enjoyed more time here because it was such a beautiful place.

We continued our journey towards Krakow where we were to stay for three nights. We were most fortunate to have a comfort stop at Dresden where we spent two and a half hours exploring the exquisite buildings with wonderful architectural features. I think it took everyone by surprise. Eventually we arrived in Krakow quite late because of motorway repairs.

The following morning we were taken on a guided tour of the city by coach and on foot where many places of interest were pointed out by a local guide who spoke very good English. The walking tour began with a visit to Wawel Hill where the most important of Poland's historical buildings are situated, and which incorporates the cathedral where Pope John Paul the Second had his seat before becoming Pope.

It is here where nearly all the kings of Poland were crowned and where their remains are buried. Krakow was the original capital of Poland and the castle next to the cathedral was the royal residence. The guide showed us part of the Old Jewish Centre before taking us to the main market Square, one of the largest town squares in Europe where we had lunch and had a short time to explore the area before setting off on our journey to the Wieliczka Historic Salt mine.

Here we saw massive caverns hewn out of salt with marvellous murals and statues carved into mine walls. There was even a chapel with cathedral like proportions, lit by magnificent chandeliers made of polished salt crystals which is still in regular use today. There is also a restaurant and health spa! The following day we split into two groups, one taking a boat trip down the river and explored Krakow further, whilst the others spent time at the Jewish museum, a small distance from the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps, which we visited later. This left a lasting impression on us all and one wondered how so much inhumanity could be inflicted on other human beings for so long a period.

The following morning we set off through the most beautiful countryside for a two day stay in Zakopane, a ski resort in the Tatra mountains and where June and Stuart Fell celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. After this short break we began the homeward journey, spending one night in Prague with a guided tour by night which whet the appetite for a further visit.

Next morning we made our way towards Belgium for our final overnight stop in Liege and then to the channel tunnel and home.

The weather has been glorious throughout our journey of approximately 4,000 miles, visiting places which many of us would not have thought possible. It has been a very memorable holiday and a most enjoyable experience. It was made all the more worthwhile by the friendship and fellowship of all the U3A members on board.

A very big thank you must go to Margaret for all her meticulous organisation, ably assisted by Janet for all her ready help and to the drivers for bringing us safely home.

Brian Gaunt

Classical Music 1

1: Wednesday 14th October 7.30 pm at the Mansfield Palace Theatre
Mozart's most popular opera The Marriage of Figaro, presented by Mid Wales Opera.
Sung in English.

2: Wednesday 4th November 7.30 pm at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham
Opera North's production of Werther by Jules Massenet.
One of the supreme achievements of French Romantic opera.
Sung in French with English titles.

Christmas Social

Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm. William Kaye Hall, Ladybrook Lane Mansfield
£8.50 includes Buffet and Ceilidh Band. Tickets on sale at the October Meeting.

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 1st December at 12.30 for 1pm
Pavillion Suite, Derbyshire Hotel, South Normanton(near junction 28 M1)
Two course Christmas lunch plus tea or coffee. Cost £12.
For full details please contact Norma Shillinglaw on 01623 466934

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 Masonic Hall, Nottingham Rd, Mansfield from 10-12.30pm.

| GROUP | MEETINGS | MEETING PLACE | CO-ORDINATOR |
|--|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| ART APPRECIATION | Monthly various days | St Johns Centre Mansfield | Pauline Boucher 01623 644798 |
| Next meeting: 23 rd Oct Visit to Lowry Centre Salford, 29 th Nov 2-4pm St Johns Centre | | | |
| BELLY DANCING | Mo 1 and 3 | Media Studio Wood Street, Mansfield | Theresa Wells 01623 620637 |
| Next meeting: 5 TH Oct , 19 th Oct | | | |
| BEGINNERS BRIDGE | Mo last in the month 6.30pm M | Enviro Centre Derby Road College Mansfield | Edith Senior 01623 654022 |
| Next meetings Sat Oct 17 th , Sat Nov 21 st , Sat Dec 19 th | | | |
| CHAT and STITCH | Mo3. 2.00pm M | St John`s Centre Mansfield | Marion Owens 01623 634408 |
| First meeting 19 th Oct | | | |
| CYLING | Su3 M | Various during the Summer | Peter Thirkettle 01623 480207 |
| Next Meeting TBA | | | |
| CURRENT AFFAIRS | Tu2. 2.00pm M | Friends Meeting House Mansfield | Norma Shillinglaw 01623 466934 |
| Lively, interesting group, non-party political, a good afternoon. Tuesday 13 th | | | |

| Oct, 10 th Nov | | | |
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| ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING | Sa3 2.00 pm M | | |
| FAMILY HISTORY | Tu4. 10.00am M | St Johns Centre, Mansfield | Pat Blackwell 01623 481745 |
| Next meeting 27 th Oct School days | | | |
| FILM REVIEW | We1 M | 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 |
| Meeting 3 rd Nov Italian Lakes and Gardens by A | | | |
| 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 27 th Oct | | | |
| MUSIC 2 | Mon 4 2.00pm | Various members' homes | Eric Prescott 01623 631160 |
| Next meeting 26 th October | | | |
| CLASSICAL MUSIC 1 | Th2. 2.00pm. M | Various members homes | Marlene/Alan Radford 01623 427934 |
| 12 th Nov Kreisler and Peter Maxwell Davies at Marlene and Alan`s home | | | |
| CLASSICAL MUSIC 2 | Mo4. 2.00 pm. M | Various members homes | Peter Crabbe 01623 627934 |
| Next meeting 26 th Oct Mendleson at Mike`s home | | | |

| GROUP | MEETINGS | MEETING PLACE | CO-ORDINATOR |
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| THEATRE VISITS | Various dates and times | Various venues and coach points | Mike Allen 01623 653345 |
| PUDDING CLUB | Tu1. 2.00pm. M | Co-ordinators`s home | Sylvia Slack 01623 633981 |
| 4 members take it in turns to make puddings for tasting by the others. Next meeting 3 rd Nov | | | |
| READING 1 | Th3. 2.30pm. M | Co-ordinators`s home | Peter Dawson 01623 882191 |
| READING 2 | Tu3. 2.00pm. M | Ravenshead Library | |
| 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! | | | |
| 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 |
| WALKING | (i)Th1. 9.30am.M (ii) Mo3.9.30am.M | Tescos car park at Oak Tree Lane | Peter Thurkettle 01623 628136 |
| WALKING -STROLLERS | We2. 10.30am. M | Various meeting places | Geoff Davies 01623 623556 |
| INTERMEDIATE WALKS | We4. 10.30am. M | Various meeting places | Sylvia Slack 01623 633981 |
| WHIST GROUP | Saturdays(various) 7.30pm. M | St Philip Neri Community Centre | Edith Senior 01623 654022 |
| Further details from Edith Next meetings | | | |
| WINE APPRECIATION 2 | We3. 7.30pm. M | Various members homes | Ron Britton 01623 456855 |
| Next meeting, | | | |
| WINE APPRECIATION 3 | Tuesdays (various) 7.30pm. M | Various members homes | Ron Britton 01623 456855 |

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

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2009/10 NOW DUE

A reminder that subscriptions for the new year are now due. They will remain at the same level-£15.00 for full membership, £12.50 for Associate membership (those members who have paid a full subscription to another U3A). Cheques to be made out to Mansfield and District U3A.

If a cheque includes a subscription for someone other than those names on the cheque please write the names of everyone covered by the payment on the reverse of the cheque.

Pauline Boucher, Treasurer

Warner`s Thoresby Hall 11-15 January 2010 (Price £190 sharing, £230 single)

Everyone who is going on this holiday should have a registration card and full details. If you have not got one, contact me as soon as possible. There is a waiting list. If you would like to go on the list, let me know. No payment required, no obligation to take up a vacant place. Let me know if you want to be included (non U3A members as well)

Terry Whitehead 01623 626991 Thoresby2010m@yahoo.co.uk

All My Sons by Arthur Miller

At Leicester`s new Theatre – the Curve – on Wednesday October 28th at 2.15pm

Adolf Hitler – My part in his Downfall adapted from Spike Milligan

At the Theatre Royal on Wednesday November 25th at 2pm

A bald man with a wooden leg turns up a fancy dress party. On the doorstep, he pours a tin of treacle over his head. “What have you come as?” asks the host. The man replies, “A toffee apple.”

Grandma goes to a photo lab with a photograph of Albert, her late husband. “This picture was the last one taken before he died,” says grandma. “But he`s wearing that horrid trilby hat of his. Can you use your photography gadgets to get rid of the hat so that we can see his head?” “Certainly madam,” says the sales assistant. “we can take the hat off easily: then we can fill in the missing details. Tell me, what colour hair did your husband have?” Grandma replies “Why are you asking me? When you take his hat off, you`ll be able to see for yourself.”

Harry is out shopping with his wife at a big supermarket. They split up and Harry arranges to meet his wife at the checkout. When he turns up she notices he`s carrying a music CD. “What do you want that for?” asks his wife. “Why on earth do you want to buy a CD when we don`t have a CD player? Harry shrugs and says, “Did you hear me complain when you bought that bra?”

5 day holiday to Eastbourne (Mansions Hotel)

May 10th - 14th May 2010
Cost £220 (for those sharing) £233 (singles)
(entrance fees to gardens not included)

Just a reminder that I need a £50 deposit at the October meeting please to be divided between coach and hotel. Cheques to be paid to Mansfield & District U3A.

The gardening group committee have still to meet to decide on the gardens we are to visit, so these will be announced later.

10 day coach holiday to Germany & Austria
June 26th - 5th July 2010

This announcement is primarily for new members who may be interested in seeing the Passion play in Oberammergau. Since spare tickets have now been sent back to the organisers, I would like to invite any members and their friends to put their names on a waiting list in case there are any cancellations in our group due to illness, as we near the date of travel.

Depending which category of ticket may become available for the play, the cost, before I have shared out any free places will range from £979 - £1,279

To help make your mind up, you may like to see a copy of the itinerary & the included excursions.

Please contact me on 01623 632538 or see me at the interval during our monthly meeting.

Margaret Burlinson

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