

MANSFIELD & DISTRICT
U3A
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



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Events
Newsletter

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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.

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 November Meeting.

Quiz Night

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC 1

Concert on Sunday 29th November 3 pm at Thoresby Riding Stables

An orchestral concert by Manchester Camerata, one of Britain's leading chamber orchestras, with music by Mozart, Bartok, Peter Sculthorpe and Haydn.

Our next monthly meeting is on Thursday 10th December when we will be having a joint Christmas meeting and lunch with Classical Music Group 2, 12.45 to 4 pm at St John's Centre in Mansfield, with a Free Choice of Music.

The following one will be on Thursday 14th January - venue not yet announced - when the composer will be Haydn

SINGING FOR FUN

This group will have it,s 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

REMINDER

There will be no meeting in December, Christmas lunch and Social instead. Next meeting 19th JANUARY when it will be members presentation.

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 John's Centre Mansfield	Pauline Boucher 01623 644798
Next meeting: 29 th Nov 2-4pm St John's Centre			
BEGINNERS BRIDGE	Mo. last in the month 6.30pm M	Enviro Centre Derby Road College Mansfield	Edith Senior 01623 654022
Next meetings: Sat Nov 21st , Sat Dec 19th			
CHAT and STITCH	Mo3. 2.00pm M	St John's Centre Mansfield	Marion Owens 01623 634408
Next meeting: 16 th Nov			
CYCLING	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 10 th Nov			
ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING	Sa3. 2.00pm M	South Forest Leisure Centre Edwinstowe	Jean Kirk 01623 480207
Next Meeting: TBA			
FAMILY HISTORY	Tu4. 10.00am M	St John's Centre, Mansfield	Pat Blackwell 01623 481745
Next meeting 24 th Nov Parish Registers			
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
Next Meeting: TBA			
GARDENING GROUP	Tu1. 10.00am M	St Peter's 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
Eastbourne: May 2010. Oberammergau: June/July 2010.			
LUNCHEON CLUB	Thursday after U3A meeting 12md. M	Various venues	David Ling 01623 822994
19 th November: Carnavon Arms, Teversall. 17 th December: Christmas at Launay's, Edwinstowe.			
POPULAR MUSIC APPRECIATION	Tu4. 2.00pm M	St John's Centre Mansfield	Peter Haynes 01623 451053
Music covered will be Jazz, Swing, Country and Folk. Next meeting 24 th Nov			
CLASSICAL MUSIC 1	Th2. 2.00pm. M	Various members homes	Marlene/Alan Radford 01623 427934
10 th Dec 12.45 St John's Centre Mansfield			
CLASSICAL MUSIC 2	Mo4. 2.00 pm. M	Various members homes	Peter Crabbe 01623 627934
Next meeting 10 th Dec 12.45 At John's Centre			
THEATRE VISITS	Various dates and times	Various venues and coach points	Mike Allen
Next Meeting: 25 th Nov: Theatre Royal, Adolf Hitler - My Part in his Downfall (Spike Milligan)			
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 5 th Jan			
READING 1	Th3. 2.30pm. M	Co-ordinators's home	Peter Dawson 01623 882191
Next meeting: 19 th November			
READING 2	Tu3. 2.00pm. M	Ravenshead library	Joan Macdonald 01623 51171
Next meeting: 18 th November			
SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL	Tu1. 1.30pm. M	Stanton Hill Baptist Church, Albert Street, Stanton Hill	Ian Boucher 01623 644798
Next meeting: 5 th January, 'Chemistry is fun'			
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			
TREASURES	Various dates and times	Various venues	Joy Crowe 01623 645400
Next meeting: 1 st & 2 nd December: Lincolnshire International Antiques and Home Show			
HIKERS	(i)Th1. 9.30am.M (ii) Mo3. 9.30am.M	Car park at TESCO Oak tree Lane	Peter Thurkettle 01623 628136
Next walks: 3 rd December, Pentrich & South Wingfield; 21st December, Cuckney & Meden Vale			

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WALKING -STROLLERS	We2. 10.30am. M	Various meeting places	Geoff Davies 01623 623556
Next meeting: 10 th November, Burntstump Park (Meet in Burntstump Inn carpark). No stroll in December			
INTERMEDIATE WALKS	We4. 10.30am. M	Various meeting places	Sylvia Slack 01623 633981
Next meeting:			
WHIST GROUP	Saturdays(Various) 7.30pm. M	St Philip Neri Community Centre	Edith Senior 01623 654022
Further details from Edith Next meetings 21 st Nov ,19 th Dec			
WINE APPRECIATION 2	We3. 7.30pm. M	Various members homes	Ron Britton 01623 456855
Next meeting: 18 th November: Best of Merlot, at Mike's			
WINE APPRECIATION 3	Tuesdays (various) 7.30pm. M	Various members homes	Ron Britton 01623 456855
Next meeting: 24 th November: Best of Cabernet Sauvignon, at Pauline and Ian's			

Walkers visit to Jordon Castle Farm

On Wed 28th Oct 22 members enjoyed a walk with a difference. We went on a guided tour of Jordon Castle Farm led by the farmer Sydney Carr and his wife Janet who run a 275 acre beef and arable farm incorporating the ancient medieval monument Jordon Castle.

There is a strong emphasis on conservation and integrated management. We learnt about ridge and fallow, beef cattle, fallow and spring cropping and hedge management. We saw a wild flower meadow, farm pond, a tree sparrow project and discussed diversification.

It was a very interesting walk with the added bonus of warm sunshine and autumn colours.

Marion Thornton

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

THEATRE VISITS – What's on:

Wednesday 25th November:

Adolf Hitler - My Part in his Downfall (Spike Milligan)

2pm Curtain Up at the Theatre Royal.

Make your own way there.

Tickets now in, so see me!

ADVANCE NOTICES:

Thursday 8th April.

Theatre Royal. 2pm.

An afternoon of nostalgia with **'We'll Meet Again'** - Hits from the Blitz, with lots of singalong tunes that will bring back the memories of Vera Lynn, Donald Peers, George Formby, Gracie Fields - and the comedians Arthur Askey, Max Miller and Tessie O'Shea!

I've booked 20 tickets - price £9.00, so first come, first served!

Stamford: From July 6th - 10th, the Open Air Shakespeare has **'Much Ado About Nothing'**. More information later, but I will book 16 seats and use the Community bus again. Please put your name down early!

Gilbert and Sullivan: Does anyone fancy **'Ruddigore'** at the Theatre Royal in March? Opera North are doing it.

Michael Allen (01623 653345)

A man gets engaged to the woman of his dreams. He goes to tell his father and says, "Daddy! I've found a woman just like mother!" His father gives him a cold stare and says, " So what do you want ; sympathy?"

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

(Cost £979 - £1279 - depending on seating category in Oberammergau)

Since there is no newsletter in December, I am reminding those 42 people going on this holiday that the next installment of £300 will be due at the January meeting please. We have to pay the balance before 17th April, which is before the April U3A meeting so this means that I shall have to collect the amount at the March meeting. I am hoping to deduct at least £60 from the original price, but this will depend on the final number & if we can keep the free places offered.

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)

(The garden group committee still have to meet to decide what gardens we have to visit, so these will be announced later.)

All the deposits have been received by the Mansions House Hotel. The balance will be due 10 days prior to the date of arrival which means that I will have to collect it no later than the 20th April-the U3A meeting. If we have no cancellations I am hoping to deduct a small amount from the final balance.

It is important that everyone takes out insurance in case of a need to cancel. Without the cancellation deadline is 6 weeks prior to the date of arrival and any cancellations after this date will incur a cancellation charge of 60% of the cost of the holiday. Please see me if you need any help in choosing an insurance company.

I have sent for some brochures for our hotel which I have now received so please collect them at the interval. Whilst you are at the table let me know of any requests eg. bath/shower, vegetarian/diabetic. Low floor/upper, position on coach etc.

A waiting List

In order to keep the free places offered, I have spent a disproportionate time emailing other U3As and making numerous telephone calls trying to fill the five cancellations which have just cropped up, to to recent diagnoses of ongoing illnesses. Fortunately the time was well spent and I managed to fill the places. However if you are interested I would appreciate some names on a waiting list for both holidays.

For more information please contact me on 01623 632538

Margaret Burlinson

Luncheon Club

Our next lunch, on Thursday 19th November, will be at the Carnarvon Arms, Teversal, a refurbished gastro pub that will be offering their full menu, which starts at just £10.25 for two courses. (Space is limited this time but a few spaces were still available at the time of writing.)

We're also taking bookings for the highlight of the Lunch Club Year, celebrating the approach of Christmas by fine dining in the French style at Launay's in Edwinstowe on 17th December with a special menu starting at £14.95 for 2 courses. Guests and visitors will be welcome as I have reserved plenty of space so see me if you would like details.

David Ling

i2i - Introduction to Internet Use

This new group will get under way in the New Year with very informal and relaxed personal mentoring by some of our experienced web surfers sharing tips to help build confidence using the web. The emphasis will be on using the free Internet access available at every public library to save money and explore personal interests.

No computer or previous experience will be needed but spaces at each session will be limited so please contact me if you would like to learn in this way or are willing to help others.

David Ling

Web site Update

I am very grateful to all the Group leaders who have updated their pages recently - especially those who are helping to revise our list of links to other web sites which we hope will help members to save money and find out more about our specific interests. There is still much to do here but we are making progress!

I hope members will continue to send me photos of recent meetings and events to add to our Recent Events page and the new slideshow I have added to our home page.

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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.