



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Burton Joyce & District U3A Newsline

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Welcome to your April 2017 Edition of Newsline.

In Newsline This Month:-

In this month's Newsline we give advance notice of our U3A's 10th Anniversary and ask members for suggestions as to how we should celebrate it, report on a recently-held Committee Meeting, and tell you about group changes and several new groups.

Note: If you would like to send in an item for inclusion in the May edition of Newsline, it should be e-mailed to bj3anewsline@outlook.com, to arrive no later than **5:00pm Friday 28th April**. All items received will be acknowledged by e-mail. -Editor

Chairman's Message



I am typing this on the day after the dreadful incident in London so it is comforting to be sitting in the safety of Burton Joyce with the sun shining and with a celebration to plan: In March 2018 our U3A will be 10 years' old and I am sure we would all like to mark this achievement. We would love to know how you would like to do this. The committee had several ideas: invite the National Chairman to a main meeting? Have a party? Produce a display as we did before in the library? Join in with the annual May Day celebrations in Burton Joyce with a stall?

But we would like YOUR IDEAS. There is a suggestion form with this Newsline - click on the "Suggestion Box" thumbnail opposite to open it, print it off and please fill it in and return it by Tuesday April 11th, giving your suggestions and how you can help. The form is also available on the BJU3A website.



You may remember that my theme for the year was participation. Well I am asking for more! There are all sorts of unsung heroes who very unobtrusively put the chairs out, set up the electrics, print and distribute Newsline etc, etc, and this is in addition to what the committee do. I am absolutely delighted that several brand new members have come forward and started new groups and offered to represent us at the Gedling Forum. This is exactly how our U3A will prosper and flourish in the next 10 years.

There will be several key roles vacant on the committee from August. Please consider whether you might like to get involved now and perhaps come along to our next official committee meeting on Tuesday May 16th. Do contact me either by email or phone or in person, if you can see my head above the crowd.

-Judith

Editor's note:- The vigilant among our members will have seen on page 86 of the national magazine, Third Age Matters, February Edition, reference to our U3A celebrating our 10th birthday this year. That is incorrect and it will be celebrated next year, 2018 as Judith says above.

Meetings Programme

March Meeting Report

I said of January's talk about Henry Garnet and the Gunpowder Plot by William Ruff that, "It was an excellent talk, superbly delivered." So was this one. We were treated to a fluent, lively talk entitled "The Sinking of Venice" by Tony Waltham.



Tony Waltham graduated in 1968, with a first degree in geology and a PhD in mining geology. He has lectured at Nottingham Trent University, teaching engineering geology, and is recognised as one of the world experts on karst (a special kind of landscape formed by the dissolution of soluble rocks such as limestone and dolomite). He is widely published and also edits the *Mercian Geologist*, sits on the board of *Geology Today*, leads geological tours, manages his Geophotos picture library, and lectures on cruise ships.

Subsidence, on a scale such that a large part of a city slowly descends to lower levels, is almost always due to excessive groundwater abstraction with declining water tables that impact on compressible clay. The subsidence can be greatly reduced or stopped (but not reversed) by controlling abstraction and inducing water table rise. Mexico City (home to 21 million people who consume 287 billion gallons of water a year, extracted from the aquifer below the city) holds the records for the amount of subsidence, and Bangkok currently has the greatest rate of sinking. Mexico City has sunk about 30 feet in the last century. The Monumento a la Independencia, built at ground level in 1910 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Mexico's War of Independence, now requires 23 additional steps to reach its base as the ground has sunk below it.

Whilst Venice has subsided comparatively little, its critical position virtually at sea level now demands expensive remedial engineering works. Much of Venice's subsidence was caused by dewatering, largely caused by an industrial complex built near Marghera on the edge of the Lagoon, comprising refineries, chemical establishments and metalworking factories. The Porto Marghera and neighbouring Mestre area on Venice mainland turned Italy's "industrial triangle" Milan-Venice-Genoa into an "industrial quadrangle" with the addition of Marghera. The increased requirements of water for industrial use and drinking water for a growing local population led to the constant extraction of huge amounts of water from deep aquifers below ground and beneath the Lagoon.



A very interesting and educational talk, by an expert on the subject, illustrated by slides explaining the complex issues and also including some beautiful photographs of this unique city.
-Editor

February Meeting - Despite chilly conditions and lack of a water heater Chris Sheath and her willing team managed to cater for us all in style on Valentine's Day.

L to R - Marlene Whitaker, Jane Taylor, Jean Lewis and Chief Cake Maker, Chris.

Future Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and start promptly at 1:45pm.

Please be seated in good time as late arrivals make it difficult for those sitting near the entrance to hear the announcements, and latecomers disrupt proceedings whilst taking their seats.

The programme for future meetings is as follows:-

April 11th - Martin Perry - History of the electric guitar as well as giving us a few musical examples.

May 9th - Mike Kelly - My travels in Sudan.

June 13th - Rowena Edlin - White - Votes for Women - Nottingham suffragists & suffragettes.

July 11th - Graham Short - The Hand of Genius.

August 8th - No Speaker - Annual General Meeting.

Sept 12th - Mike Storr - Masters of Mirth.

Oct. 10th - Emma Bravery - Swimming the English Channel.

Nov 14th - Christine Adams - Moving House - literally, brick by brick, from 100 miles away.

December 12th - Christmas Meeting.

January 9 - William Ruff - A Day in the World of the English Language.

Other Meetings

1. **A Group Coordinators' Meeting** will be held in the Church Centre (at the rear of St Helen's Church, Burton Joyce) on Tuesday 25th April at 2pm. Tea and cake will be provided!

2. **Coffee Morning for new members** on Tuesday 22nd May at 10am, also in the Church Centre..

Members' Suggestions Box

A suggestion box is available on the stage at each monthly meeting for any member to put forward any idea/suggestion for the benefit of the membership, such as an idea for an outing, new group, or just a better way of organising something. BUT - we don't get many, so please, put pen to paper, print your name at the bottom, and you can be assured that your proposal will be considered. Frivolous and outrageous ideas will be looked at and thought about, but unnamed ones will be discarded.

- David Falkner.

Committee Notices

Committee Meetings

Our March Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday 21st, was busy and wide ranging. To ensure funding requests are dealt with promptly, it was decided to form a sub committee to deal with them. It will meet when required and have a mandate to authorise funding up to a value of £200. If anyone has a request, please direct it through the Treasurer, Jenny Carr, in the first instance.

With regard to Judith's call for active participation, we are in urgent need of a mini-bus driver. Steve Cantrell very efficiently books and drives the Community mini bus for groups and outings whenever he is available, and we have been fortunate in having a second volunteer driver to share the responsibility, Neil Robertson. Unfortunately Neil has now moved "down south" and consequently we ask if any member would volunteer to replace him, and share the task with Steve. The upper age limit of 70 is no longer applicable, but you may have to take a NCT driving test. All costs involved would be met by BJU3A. For further details please email David Falkner at groups@bju3a.co.uk

The next committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th May.

-Sharon Bennett, Business Secretary

Membership News

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Doug Jones in February. He had been a BJU3A member since 2013 and was a member of the guitar group. Our condolences go to his widow, Sue, and his family.

We shall also sadly miss Chris Hutson who died in March. She was one of our founder members in 2008 and served on the Committee as Minutes Secretary in 2010 and 2011. She was also actively involved in several of our interest groups.

We welcome the following 10 new members who have joined in the last two months - Pauline Gilbey, Jeanette Johnson, Susan Cohen and John Richardson, Ann Whitfield, David and Penny Johnson, John Boustred, Alina Fletcher and Diane Skilbeck. We now have 403 members.

At our last Committee meeting we confirmed our policy on membership renewals. I send out the letters for renewals at our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Reminder letters are sent out to those who have not renewed at the next month's meeting. Any members who have not renewed within the month after receiving a reminder will be removed from our membership list and are not allowed to attend any BJ&D U3A meetings.

- Paul Geeson, Membership Secretary

Groups News

This section of Newslines contains the Groups Facilitator's updates on recent changes to our Groups. It also has reports from the Groups themselves on their activities and any changes to their normal meeting programme. Our Groups are listed on pages 12 - 14 of this edition of Newslines, and fuller details on individual Groups are given on our website - see the 'Our Groups' page on the web site <http://www.bju3a.co.uk/groups.html>

Bird Watching



5 members of our group attended Potteric Carr nature reserve for this month's bird watching visit. Potteric Carr is a Yorkshire Wildlife Trust site on the outskirts of Doncaster. We had an enjoyable day walking round the lagoons visiting the numerous hides located round the site. The day was finished by retiring to the brand new Visitor Centre for a late lunch and refreshment. A total of 29 species were recorded. The teal (pictured) being one of them.

Our next visit will be to Lound Gravel Pits which is part of the Idle Valley Nature Reserve, belonging to Notts Wildlife Trust on Thursday 27th April.

- David Hallam

Boccia

This group starts on the morning of Thursday 5th October. We already have 15 people who have signed up, from the first "taster session" and are willing to commit to the group by agreeing to pay in advance £2:50 per session for 7 sessions, taking us up to Christmas. We hope to have 2 further taster sessions prior to 5th October.

-David Falkner

Chordless Choir

The Chordless Choir still sings out of tune on the second Tuesday of the month. We will have our last session this season on April 11th at 7pm in the Small Village Hall. Please feel free to join us!! We will resume singing after that in October.

- Dil Vowles

Computer Studies 4



Graham Spiby is running a new Computer Group - Computer Studies 4 - meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except, possibly, June till Sept, depending on group decision), from 2-30 pm till 4-00pm. No charges. This is for members who use Microsoft products - Windows 10, or earlier versions if required, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel), all aspects of scanning and printers, PDF documents, using desktops, laptops, kindles, and phones where appropriate

- David Falkner

Craft Group

Craft Group 1 is now full, but I am starting Craft Group 2. There is no coordinator as yet, although a sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting for members to express interest.

-David Falkner

Film 4 Fun

Dear Film Friends,

I have picked the following two films to finish the season in April:-

3rd April at 1.00pm

ANOTHER MOTHER'S SON

Jenny Seagrove and John Hannah star in a drama set during World War II, when the island of Jersey was occupied by the Nazis, that's based on the true story of Louisa Gould, who took in an escaped Russian POW and hid him over the course of the war.



17th April (Easter Monday) at 3.30pm

SENSE OF AN ENDING

Jim Broadbent and Charlotte Rampling team up in this mesmerizing adaptation of Julian Barnes's novel about aging, memory, jealousy, and the lies we tell ourselves to survive. The film follows Tony, a semi-retired and divorced curmudgeon, skilled at subjectively ordering his own history. But the possibility of an alternate reality arises when the diary of his best friend is bequeathed to him after his mysterious suicide.

Films will restart in the Autumn after the croquet season. If you don't want to be in the group anymore please can you let me know. I hope you have enjoyed at least some of the films this season.

-Peter Price-Horne

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Luncheon

On Tuesday, March 28th, 15 members met at the Elwes Arms pub for this month's lunch event. An enjoyable time was spent in putting the world right, and the food was, in the words of Mr. Kipling "exceedingly good" Thanks to Avril and Fred Lee for the organisation.

Next month's venue is the Biondi Italian restaurant at Gunthorpe hosted by David and Lesley. See you there.

-Cliff Rycroft

Medicines Through the Ages

As the Pills, Potions, & Poisons group is full I have started a group, "Medicines through the Ages". There is no coordinator as yet, although a sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting for members to express interest.

-David Falkner

Meditation with Tricia Blanco-White

Is a way of taking “time out” to be fully present in the “here and now” with as little distraction as possible and so helps you to have an oasis of peacefulness, release of tension and worry and thus attain relaxation. Tricia can be contacted on 0115 9663563 or by email at tricia@blancowhite.plus.com

10 people already signed up to the first meeting on April 3rd!!

-David Falkner

Naturism

Milder winters, warmer springs, and hotter summers have brought about a surge of interest in Naturism, leading to a proposal that on 1st April 2017 a new Naturist Group is formed by BJU3A members.

Inspired by Channel 4's “Great British Skinny Dip” documentary in February, it is envisaged that this new group will hold a regular monthly swim as well as playing naked boules, naked rambling, and arranging an autumn vegetable show, at which members are welcome to display their produce. Ping-pong, snooker and billiards are also being considered for the cooler winter months.

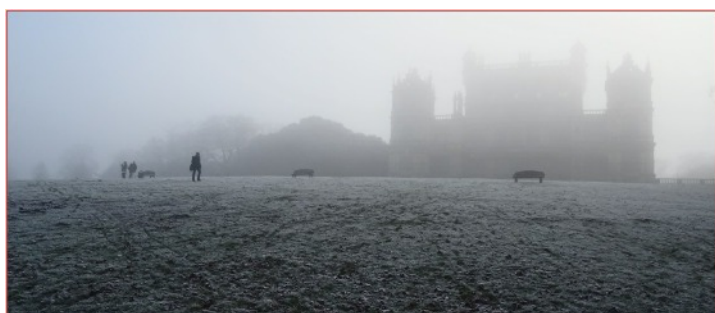
So, if you are thinking about trying naturism then you are in the right place. It's a brilliant way of life and you will soon discover the massive benefits to your wellbeing and confidence – and once you've swum costume free then there really is no going back! And here's a little secret – it really isn't at all nerve-wracking! It's normal to be nervous at first but after a few minutes you soon forget you're naked and just get on with enjoying yourself and relaxing. A sign-up sheet may be available at the next meeting.



[Click on the photo for more information](#)

Photography

Our topic in January was “Buildings”. Janice Lambert sent Kelham Hall, Dennis Bromiley saw the pattern in the apartments on Huntingdon St in Nottingham and Margaret Hutchby caught the scene in Wollaton Park. For his “monthly choice” George Harper gave us the shot of the Ouse at Bedford



- Keith Hucknall

Petanque

Petanque resumes in April for our three group sessions on the first and third Monday and Thursdays of the month:- Monday 10am til 12noon - Thursday 10am til 12 noon - Thursday 12 noon til 2pm.

So the dates for April are 3rd, 6th, and 20th (as no session on Easter Monday)

Please feel free to join us for a session, even if you have not played before. We have boules for you to use, no other kit required except an extra layer of clothes on chilly days! We get some light exercise; have a bit of fun and some of us are quite competitive!

There will be a showcase of our kit etc., at April's Monthly meeting if you want to find out more about the game ...OR JUST COME ON DOWN to Poplars on one of the dates above.

- *Dil Vowles*

Ramblers 1

I was told that this "Epperstone" walk might be a "a bit muddy". I think that was an understatement! But after climbing up the undulating hillsides, we could appreciate the wonderful views of the surrounding countryside, all in readiness for the burst of activity that mother nature always gives us in the spring. This was a most enjoyable 5.75 mile walk, finishing at The Cross Keys pub where we enjoyed a snack or "lite lunch".



- *David Falkner*

Ramblers 2

Unfortunately this months walk around East Bridgford had to be rescheduled for later on in the year, when hopefully it will be drier underfoot. Our walk instead was a 5mile walk around the Lowdham/Caythorpe/Gonalston area on a gloriously sunny, warm spring day. Thanks to everyone who attended and I hope everybody enjoyed the walk. Our next ramble will be around the Sherwood Forest area and will be approx 6 miles. I will send further details to everybody nearer the time.



- *David Hallam.*

Ramblers-plus

Peter Rose has started another walking group called Rambles-plus, intended for the 1st Wednesday of the month. Its aims/objectives are: Walks up to 10 miles, at an average pace of 2.5mph or more, to improve cardiovascular performance and endurance. Walks are likely to have multiple stiles, and use footpaths, tracks and farmland which will not have been walked by group members before. Map reading will be part of this Group - that is, using maps, compasses, GPS devices, and creating walks from OS maps. Ordnance Survey mapping software will also be used so that members can learn how to produce walks from it, and how to import and export routes so they can be passed to other walkers in the group.

- *David Falkner*

Tennis

This group could start up again after Easter, however we would like someone to volunteer to lead the group.

- *David Falkner*

Theatre - 2 Reviews

“Love Letters” at the Bonington Theatre, Arnold.

Fourteen of us attended this production. The evening started with beautifully sung music from Les Miserables and by Lloyd Webber, a combination sure to please. Then we got down to the main subject of the evening: a man and a woman sat at a table and read letters that we were given to understand they had, in the play, written to each other, from being young children right through their lives. It was a poignant piece and one that made me think afterwards. His family were not well off but he was given love, discipline and good education from strict but caring parents. Her parents in contrast were wealthy, yes, but they seemed more fond of the bottle than they were of their artistic daughter who was sent to one unsuitable institution after another.

The letters continued through to their adult lives so we could see how wayward the girl was becoming but also how they cared for each other without actually realising it to start with. Lots of meetings were suggested over the years but by then he had become not only a family man but a successful politician with little time at his disposal. So they never really got it together until they were middle-aged and then of course the penny dropped and they were both as keen as the other to meet up again. Sadly though, his life did not really allow her in it and after a largely unfulfilled life which also included drink and drugs, she gradually degenerated and then finally died. He writes one last letter ostensibly to her mother but also for her, pouring out his real feelings. As I said at the beginning, a poignant and thought-provoking piece, well put over by the two actors involved.

-Angela Stanley

“Touched” at Nottingham Playhouse.

Another production seen in February by 10 of us, ‘Touched’ was a sell-out revival (its 40th anniversary), written by local playwright Stephen Lowe and starring the now famous local actress Vicky McClure. Set in 1945 in inner city Nottingham, it depicted the hardships and struggles of three sisters in the 100 days between VE and VJ Day. Costumes, background sounds and sets brought nostalgic reminders to some of us: pretty tea dresses and upswept hair, the kitchen range and wooden ironing board, cigarette smoke wafting over the audience, songs of the period on the radio plus Churchill’s announcements and Richard Dimbleby’s liberation of Belsen report.

The actors’ Nottingham accents and dialect added humour (although strangers to our city may have been a bit lost!); there were also poignant silences and glances adding to the atmosphere of resignation to the fate of families left behind while their loved ones were at war, plus confusion, but some hope for the future. There were touching moments when the disgrace of a pregnancy, the baby having been fathered by an Italian P.O.W. was endured by Sandra, the lead actress. Here, Vicky McClure showed her stage skills in some moving monologues. Her character had lost a little boy in an accident which temporarily made her “touched”, both meanings of the title being significant in this play. The ‘pregnancy’ turned out to be phantom.

The play had mixed reviews from our group, a few of us usually enjoying war-time stories but feeling that the rudimentary home abortion attempt was too dominant. Some of us also felt “empty” at the end; it was certainly dramatic though, showing the sisters and their families high up above Sneinton on VJ Day. The ending of the war with Japan was suggested by a very loud explosion, the Bomb detonated over Nagasaki.

Stephen Lowe had shown the audiences the reality of working class life and the sombre ending of World War Two. So, some light-hearted moments, and a shocking commentary on our life and times.

-Pat, Susan, Sharon, Avril, Sylvia, Betty, Angela, Christine

If you have any questions about our Groups, would like to start a new Group, or are willing to be the Co-ordinator for a new or existing Group, please have a word with me, David Falkner, at the monthly meeting, or contact me via e-mail at Groups@BJU3A.co.uk or by phone on 01636 918973. - David Falkner.

Talks, Visits & Excursions News

This section of Newsline contains updates on talks, visits, excursions and similar events being planned by members, or by the Outings Support Team, in which all members of our U3A can participate, as well as information about organising outings, progress updates on events, and reports on past events. Events being planned by Groups for their own members will still be covered in Groups News. If you have ideas for a talk, visit, excursion or one-off event, or would like advice or help on organising such an activity for our U3A, please contact the Outings Support Team at Outings@BJU3A.co.uk. They will be very pleased to hear from you. There is a list, with contact details, of all events being organised on the penultimate page of Newsline.

Visit to the Nottingham Geospatial Institute at the University of Nottingham.

Friday 26th May 2017, 10.30 – 12.30.

Ever wanted to know how Sat Nav works and how satellites are revolutionizing our world?

A visit to this world-renowned institute has been arranged for Friday 26th May. You will hear a presentation from the Institute's Director, Professor Terry Moore. It will include a layman's guide to what Sat Nav is, what it isn't (not a spy in the cab), how it works (simpler than you think!), and what it's used for including some of the things you probably don't realise (such as banking transactions). It will also give an insight into what the future holds for satellite technologies including autonomous vehicles and monitoring embankments on the railway. We will also have a tour of the building which has a train track on the roof and a test vehicle and a demonstration of a laser scan of Lincoln Cathedral which was done recently by researchers.

There will be up to 25 places – with first come first served. To register your interest please contact Trevor Wright – the organiser – on either Tel: 0115 931 2805 or email: tgawright@ntlworld.com or use the sign-up sheet at the next monthly meeting.

-Trevor Wright

Visit to Gilbert & Sullivan performance of "HMS Pinafore" at Buxton Opera House

Date: 26th July 2017

Time: 09:30am at the venue

Cost: £42 per person (including the cost of the coach)

Travel: By coach



There has been a good response to this outing and there are still places available. The cost will be in the region of £38 per person, similar to last year's visit, which includes coach travel and a ticket for the matinee performance and coach driver's gratuity. We shall depart from Burton Joyce at 9.30am, arriving in Buxton at approximately 11.00am, giving time for coffee and a stroll around the gardens and places of interest in the vicinity of the Opera House. This should allow time for lunch in one of the local restaurants before the 2.30pm performance. We shall depart from Buxton for our return journey immediately after the performance, arriving back in Burton Joyce by approximately 6.30pm, though timings are subject to variation.

G&S productions of their comic operas are still very popular, with a great following, well over 100 years since they were written, so do come along for what will be a most enjoyable outing with the performance in this delightful Opera House built in 1903. It was designed by Frank Matcham, one of this country's finest theatre architects, who also designed two famous London theatres, the London Palladium and the London Coliseum.

So do come along and join us. A sign-up sheet will be available at our monthly meeting on Tuesday 11th April. Please contact me by e-mail at Outings@BJU3A.co.uk, or phone 0115--931-2571 if you have any questions.

-Alwyn Foster.

Tour of Thorntons Chocolate Factory - 24th October 2017

The group limit of 30 has been reached and the list closed. There are 5 people on the waiting list.

-Alwyn Foster.

Tour of the British Geological Survey, Keyworth

The second outing to The Geological Survey at Keyworth on Tuesday 2nd May is now full,. People who have indicated their interest will be contacted 3 weeks beforehand.

- David Falkner

Members' Corner

Members' Corner is an occasional feature containing articles of general interest sent in by members. Any views, comments or opinions expressed are those of the individual concerned and should not be taken as a reflection of the views or opinions of the Committee, or of Burton Joyce & District U3A. If you have an item for inclusion in this section, please e-mail it to bju3anewsline@outlook.com

Burton Joyce Bowls Club

BOWLS in Burton Joyce

Many of us make a resolution at New Year to get a bit fitter, and bowls is a gentle and sociable way to do just that. Why not come along to the Poplars Sports Ground in BJ on Saturday 29th April at 1.45pm and give bowling a try for **free**. Bowls and shoes will be provided along with help and guidance from our qualified coach.

For more information call Dil on 9312300

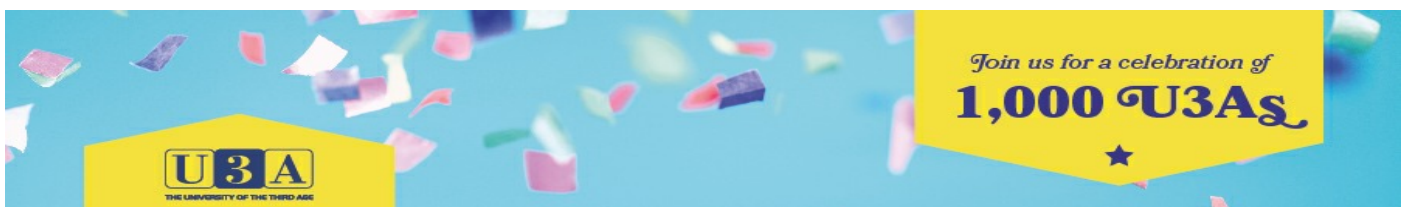


Third Age Trust Notices

Information on the items listed below will be displayed at our monthly meetings, or you can visit the Third Age Trust web site (<http://www.u3a.org.uk>) for further details and a wealth of other information about U3A and its operations. Much of the information is only available in the Members Only area. To get maximum benefit you will need to register on the Third Age Trust web site and obtain a user name and password. Members wishing to use the Resource Centre also need to apply for an Identification Number to borrow items

Video Recording of the Third Age Trust "Celebration of 1,000 U3A's" event

A video recording of the Celebration of 1,000 U3As is now available to view on the U3A YouTube Channel. Click the banner below to be directed there. It is also available from the home page of the Third Age Trust website, www.u3a.org.uk



Diary Dates & External Events

Do you know of any events in Burton Joyce or the surrounding villages that would interest fellow members?

If you do, then please e-mail the details to bj3newsline@outlook.com.

Lowdham Festival events - First Fridays and Film Fridays 2017

First Friday Programme - April–July 2017 - Lowdham Methodist Chapel - 2pm – 3.30pm

Tickets: £6 full, £5 concessions, £4 Festival Friends (including tea and cake)

Friday April 7th - Boots Booklovers Library with Judith Wright (N.B. - Not JW our Chairman - Editor)

Booklovers Libraries could be found inside Boots stores across the country for over 65 years. They offered customers a wide choice of books, knowledgeable staff, welcoming surroundings and the opportunity to meet other, literature-loving people. It grew to become the world's largest subscription library service and even today is remembered with fondness by former subscribers. Judith is a Senior Boots Archivist and this illustrated talk explores the history of the library and its workings.

Friday May 5th - Mary, Queen of Scots: The Captive Queen with David Templeman

Mary spent more than a third of her life in captivity, including a period in Worksop Manor. Find out what really happened to her in these years as David Templeman reveals the intrigue, passion, plots and escape attempts in the life of one of history's most romantic and enigmatic characters.

Friday June 2nd - How To Handle Later Life with Marion Shoard

Marion Shoard found herself thrown into the world of older people's care in the late 1990s, when her mother went blind and developed dementia. Since then she has been assembling guidance for other people not only about how to find and fund good care, but also in other important areas including housing choices, healthcare rights, transport, social contact, relationships, finance and power of attorney. Marion's 1,000-page book *How to Handle Later Life*, described by Ann Widdecombe as "readable, thorough and kind", will be published by Amaranth Books this spring.

Friday July 7th - Small Island by Little Train: a UK narrow-gauge adventure by Chris Arnot

Narrow-gauge lines were the oddballs of the British railway system. They could get to parts of the UK that main-line trains couldn't and were built on the whims of wealthy men. Today they carry passengers rather than freight as part of the "leisure industry". Chris Arnot has travelled on them to the UK's only official desert, to Britain's second highest mountain, to a steep railway embankment in the wilds of Scotland, and in pitch darkness in coastal Cumbria. Hear these stories and many more as we welcome back a Lowdham Festival favourite!

Film Friday Programme April - May 2017 - Lowdham Village Hall - 7.30pm

Tickets: £6 full, £5 concessions and children

Please note: there is a licensed bar at all the Film Friday evenings, plus ice cream, popcorn, hot drinks and a delicious selection of home made cakes available to purchase before and during the films!

Friday April 28th - I, Daniel Blake (15, 1 hour 40 mins)

A middle aged carpenter who requires state welfare after suffering a heart attack is joined by a single mother in a similar scenario. BAFTA award winning and much talked about film directed by Ken Loach.

Friday May 26th - A United Kingdom (12A, 1 hour 51 mins)

Starring Rosamund Pike and David Oyelowo, this is the story of Prince Seretse Khama of Botswana who caused an international stir when he married a white woman from London in the late 1940s.

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Group Information

Details of Group meeting times and venues are also published on our web site, www.bju3a.co.uk/groups.html. New Groups, or Groups with changed details and the changes themselves, are highlighted in red. *Groups which are full when this edition of Newsline was published are shown in italics*. The letter (C) after a Group indicates that there are sufficient members interested in this activity for a new Group to be formed, and that a Co-ordinator is required for the Group. If you have a query regarding a Group, please contact that Group's Co-ordinator, or the Groups Facilitator, David Falkner, on 01636 918973, e-mail: Groups@BJU3A.co.uk.

Group	Co-ordinator	Telephone	Time	Normal Meeting Days
Aerobics for the Young at Heart	Jan Smith Contact: Jackie Spencer	----- 0115 9870390 & 07932 417318 jskeepfit@outlook.com	09:30	Every Wednesday
Antiques & C20th Collectables 1	Jane Taylor	0115 931 2087	10:00	2nd Monday
<i>Antiques & C20th Collectables 2</i>	Angela Mallett	0115 9663799	10:00	4th Monday
Antiques & C20th Collectables 3	Pat Holmes	0115 8911735	10:30	2nd Monday
Art Appreciation	Julie Smith	0115 841 9473	Varies	Monthly Variable
Bird Watching	David Hallam	0115 966 5299	10:00	4th Thursday
Board Games	Dorothy Pinkett	0115 931 4576	14:00	1st and 3rd Thursday
Boccia	Dil Vowles	07879 425643	TBC	TBC
<i>Book Club 1</i>	Judith Wright	0115 931 2805	14:00	3rd Wednesday
Book Club 2	Eleanore Williams	0115 7831342	14:00	3rd Monday
Bridge 1	Dorothy Burton	†	14:00	1st, 3rd, 4th Tuesday, 2nd Monday
Bridge 2 (Beginners)	Dorothy Burton	†	14:00	Every Thursday
<i>Canasta 1</i>	Colin Simm	07850 553 133	19:30	1st & 3rd Wednesday
<i>Canasta 2</i>	Barrie Tyson	0115 931 4149	18:30	2nd & 4th Monday

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Canasta 3	Sally Wightman	07760 866 178	19:30	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Chordless Choir	Dil Vowles	07879 425643	19:00	2nd Tuesday (Oct-Apr)
<i>Computer Studies 1</i>	Keith Montgomery	0115 966 3954	10:00	2nd & 4th Monday (W)
Computer Studies 2	Bob Clifford	0115 931 3937	10:30	3rd Friday (W)
Computer Studies 3	Bob Clifford	0115 931 3937	14:30	3rd Friday (W)
Computer Studies 4	Graham Spiby	0776 1479608	14:30	3rd Wednesday
Country Walks	Cowan Jamieson	0783 571554	10:30	3rd Monday
<i>Craft</i>	<i>Christine Sheath</i>	<i>0115 931 3260</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>2nd Friday</i>
<i>Croquet 1</i>	TBC		14:00	2nd & 4th Monday (S)
Croquet 2	Sally Wightman	07760 866 178	13:30	1st & 3rd Monday (S)
Darts	Sharon Bennett	0115 931 4290	19:30	2nd & 4th Tuesday
3 Dimensional Art	Julie Smith	0115 841 9473	19:00	2nd Wednesday
Discussion	Charles Bushell	0115 966 4032	14:00	Usually 1st Monday
Dylan through the Decades	David Laughlin	0115 931 3071	19:30	3rd Monday (T)
Family History 1 (Beginners)	Sue Clifford	0115 931 3937	14:30	3rd Tuesday
Family History 2	Sue Clifford	0115 931 3937	14:30	4th Tuesday
Film 4 Fun			Varies	Intermission
Fishing	Michael & Cynthia Julians	0115 911 3169	Varies	Rods retired/dry lines until Spring 2017
<i>French 1</i>	Sue Clifford	0115 931 3937	10:00	Every Friday
French 2 (Beginners)	Sarah Hervey	07950 556 201	10:00	Every Thursday
French 3 (C)				
Garden Group 1	Karen Taylor	0115 841 9099	10:00	1st Wednesday
<i>Garden Group 2</i>	Alwyn Foster	0115 931 2571	10:00	1st Monday
Garden Group 3	Christine Shepherd	0115 961 8840	14:00	4th Wednesday
Garden Group 4	Alwyn Foster	0115 931 2571	10:00	3rd Monday
Garden Group 5	Lindsay Ogden & Morag Whitworth	TBC	14:00	3rd Tuesday
<i>Guitar Playing</i>	Tony Kirk	0115 961 4587	19:00	Monday - Fortnightly
Guitar 2 (C)				
Hikers	Paul Geeson	07969 068214	10:00	2nd Wednesday
History 1	Viv Bushell	0115 966 4032	10:30	2nd Monday
History 2	Jean Lewis	0115 911 9166	14:00	1st Tuesday
Information Exchange	Maggie Gaborak	0115 998 5798	N/A	N/A
Italian Intermediates	Mary Simm	0115 841 3605	14:30	Every Friday
Kurling	Paul Geeson	07969 068214	10:00	2nd & 4th Thursday
<i>Luncheon Group</i>	Margaret Robinson	0115 9663793	12:30	4th Tuesday
Lunch/Dinner	David Falkner	07860 502479	18:00	Various
Mah-Jong	Helen Geeson	0115 874 8717	10:30	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Mathematics	Rob Taylor	0115 9312087	10:45	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Meditation	Tricia Blanco-White	0115 9663563		
Music Appreciation	Cowan Jamieson	0783 5715545	TBC	TBC
Nature Walks	John Edwards	0115 926 2239	10:00	1st Friday
Patchwork & Quilting	Christine Webb	0115 931 2103	10:00	4th Friday
Petanque 1	Dil Vowles	0115 931 2300	10:00	1st & 3rd Thursday
Petanque 2	Dil Vowles	0115 931 2300	12:00	1st & 3rd Thursday
Petanque 3	Linda Elston	†	10:00	1st & 3rd Monday
Photography	Keith Hucknall	0115 931 3446	14:00	3rd Wednesday & 1 ad hoc/month

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Photography for Fun	Bob Clifford	0115 931 3937	10:00	1st Thursday
<i>Pills, Poisons & Potions</i>	<i>Jack Tweed</i>	<i>0115 931 4268</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>1st Wednesday</i>
<i>Ramblers 1</i>	David Falkner	01636 918 973	10:00	Last Wednesday
Ramblers 2	David Hallam	0115 966 5299	10:00	3rd Wednesday
Rambles - Plus	Peter Rose	07936 417500	TBC	1st Wednesday
Science Fiction	Karen Taylor	0115 841 9099	TBC	TBC
<i>Spanish</i>	Maggie Gaborak	0115 998 5798	10:00	Tuesday - Fortnightly
<i>Spanish 2</i>	Mike Chapman	0115 965 2489	10:30	1st and 3rd Thursday
Spanish 3				
Sunday Lunch 1	Karen Taylor	0115 841 9099	10:00	3rd Sunday
Sunday Lunch 2	Cynthia Julians	0115 9113169	12:30	4th Sunday
Table Tennis 1	Tony Simpson	0115 845 8142	10:00	Every Monday
<i>Table Tennis 2</i>	<i>Brenda Draper</i>	†	<i>19:00</i>	<i>1st & 3rd Tuesday</i>
Table Tennis 3 (C)				
Tennis	TBC			Taking a breather until Spring 2017
Theatre	Christine Smith	0115 952 6559	10:30	1st Friday
Tea Shop Appreciation	Jan Smith	0115 966 5020	14:00	1st Monday (W)
Ukulele	Keith Stafford	0115 9312657	14:30	1st & 3rd Wednesday
<i>Water Colour Painting</i>	Yvonne Kirk	0115 961 4587	9:30	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Water Colours 2 (C)				
Wine Tasting	TBA		19:00	2nd OR 4th Thursday

Notes:

- † Please contact via David Falkner, 01636 918973.
- (C) Indicates a Group formed from members on the waiting list for an existing Group with the same interest. The Group needs a volunteer to become the Co-ordinator for the Group so that it can then start to meet.
- (S) Meetings normally take place during the late Spring, Summer and early Autumn months. Contact the Group's Co-ordinator for more details.
- (T) Temporary or time limited Group, which anticipates holding a set number of meetings and then dissolve. The Co-ordinator for the Group concerned, or our groups Facilitator, can provide more information, or see the sign-up sheet for the particular Group.
- (W) Meetings normally take place during the late Autumn, Winter, and early Spring months. Contact the Group's Co-ordinator for more details.

A timetable, showing on which days in the month each Group meets, has been prepared and is available from our web site, <http://www.bju3a.co.uk/timetable.html> and is also displayed on the notice boards at our monthly meetings.

If any of the above information is incomplete, incorrect, or out of date for your Group, please e-mail the correction to David Falkner at Groups@BJU3A.co.uk, with a copy to Alan Comerie at bju3anewsline@outlook.com. - Alan Comerie.

Talk, Visit & Excursion Information

The talks, visits and excursions currently planned are listed below in date order, showing contact details and the date of the event. New items or changes to information are shown in **red**. Activities shown in *italics* were advised as being fully subscribed at the time of publication of Newsline, but do have reserve list available.

Activity	Contact	Telephone	Date of Event
Tour of British Geological Survey, Keyworth	David Falkner	07860 502479	2nd May 2017
Tour of World War I Battlefields, France	Alwyn Foster	0115 931 2571	5th - 9th June 2017
Buxton Opera House - "HMS Pinafore"	Alwyn Foster	0115 931 2571	26th July 2017
Tour of Thorntons Chocolate Factory	Alwyn Foster	0115 931 2571	24th October 2017