



Joshua Dyer (when aged 14) was tasked at school in 2019 to write a poem for Remembrance Day. An hour later (without any help) he produced this..

ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING

*One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide.*

*They walk toward the light milord,
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun.*

*These men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved.*

*They march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave.*

*They dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men*

To watch Joshua reading his poem, click [HERE](#)

Forthcoming Monthly Speaker Meetings

Monthly speaker meetings are held at 1:45pm in Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham NG14 5EY. They are followed by refreshments, tea/coffee and biscuits. It's an ideal opportunity to socialise, sign up for Groups and chat to friends. Members should arrive in good time as latecomers can make it difficult for others to hear the announcements.

TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER – IAN MABER – “INDIA, THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN”

Living and working in India is an experience not be missed. There are several bizarre and humorous situations that Ian found himself in, many of which are included in this presentation. It is a light-hearted look at life through the eyes of a westerner who finds himself instantly accepted and embedded in a somewhat mystifying culture.



TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our Ukulele group will be performing again at our Christmas meeting, and there will be a quiz, mulled wine, and festive fayre. It's always a very sociable event, getting us into the mood for Christmas.



Pétanque

The u3a Pétanque (the game commonly known as boules) group has continued to be busy, we have actually been going for 8.5 years now! We have sessions twice a week, sometimes three. It is a year ago now that we decided that we REALLY could do with some more pistes (the area that we play on) at the Poplars Sports Ground in Burton Joyce.

After quite a bit of work on our part we secured funding from The Parish Council, BJu3a and ourselves to enable this to happen, so we now have doubled our pistes to four enabling 24 of us to play at any time. Our grateful thanks go to all that have helped us on this road. The Parish Council have also given us their labour freely so sometimes we have had to be Patient! We still have some finishing touches to put in place e.g. extra trees as a windbreak (it can get quite chilly down there!), score posts and we hope eventually some permanent seating.



SO..... we now have the four pistes, which are giving us two different surfaces to play on. We need this as when we play at other clubs they play on a variety of bases so this gives us good practice for those times. We hold our own melee competitions which take place over a number of weeks, our latest one is imminent. Our next Club competition, against other non u3a Petanque groups is Sunday 26th October when 9 of us travel to Bourne, Lincs. We also invite other clubs to play at The Poplars and now we have the extra facilities we will be doing more of this.

We have over the last 6 months or so increased our membership, and that of our u3a, and have enjoyed sharing our game with others. If you would like to join us to "have a go" - we have equipment you can borrow and we do play on fine days right through the year- **then give Roz or I a call**, or speak to anybody else in our group, and we would be very happy to let that happen.

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National Events

These are some of the events for members available nationally. You can book them on the online events page at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

Sir Thomas Lipton, from Cabin Boy to Tea Tycoon to International Yachtsman - Thursday 9th November, 2 p.m. Join Neville Lyons of Guildford u3a in tracing the extraordinary 'rags to riches' life of Sir Thomas Lipton.



The Curious History of Labyrinths & Mazes. Friday 10th November, 10 a.m. Join Dr Julie E Bounford, social historian and author, for this talk on labyrinths and mazes.



Family History: When the transcript is not enough. Wednesday 15th November, 2 p.m. Julie of Syston & District u3a continues her series sharing insights, tips and examples for family historians.