

NEWS BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2025

Forthcoming Monthly Speaker Meetings

Monthly speaker meetings are held at 1:45pm on the second Tuesday of the month in Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, NG14 5EY. The speaker's talk is followed by tea, coffee and cakes. Visitors are very welcome and may attend two meetings without charge or obligation to join. Please arrive in good time as latecomers can make it difficult for others to hear the announcements.

Tuesday 11th November - Paula Cornwell

"Keeping up appearance, Victorian style"

Paula Cornwell's latest talk, with some audience participation, as the fictional character "Mrs. Henrietta Peabody", gives marriage guidance to Victorian ladies. We will learn how to behave when walking outside, how to flirt using your fashion accessories, how to keep a man happy in marriage, what to expect from a husband and most importantly, how to keep up appearances.



Paula's talks are not only a journey through time, she brings history to life in a way that is both informative and entertaining. This will be the fourth time that Paula has brought a charismatic woman to our meetings.



Tuesday 9th December Christmas Meeting



The Christmas meeting will begin with a talk by Mike Burton, who spoke to us a few months ago about the River Trent. "A Christmas Story" will cover its customs and traditions, its roller coaster history, from a crazy over-the-top festival in Tudor times, to near-extinction, then to a modern reinvention. Our Ukulele group will then perform Christmas favourites and there will be a table quiz, mulled wine, and festive fayre.

As this meeting is always very popular we need to have a good idea how many members are coming to ensure there will be, (a) adequate seating and (b) plenty of food, so like last year, to gauge the number of attendees we will email a simple Google Poll in mid-November.

INTEREST GROUPS

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“Time Out” Group Trip To Denby Pottery



This outing proved to be more interesting than I first imagined. After less than an hour's drive, we were met by a very pleasant young lady, who equipped us with high viz tabards and provided an introduction that included the history of the Denby factory. The company's innovative salt-glazed stoneware and decorative tableware has been sold continuously in this country and over 50 other countries all over the world. Korea in particular is a large importer of Denby tableware, even commissioning its own designs.

During a most interesting tour we saw a lot of operatives in white protective outer garments around the busy, sometimes noisy semi-automated factory, as our guide explained each process, even from before the pottery firing took place. Much of the delicate design work is still done by hand with the talented designers and craftspeople that bring Denby ceramics to the modern age, each one of them having that expert's skilled eye for detail.

The Denby story began in 1809 when William Bourne discovered a valuable seam of clay at Denby, Derbyshire, where the pottery is still located today. The company has undergone significant changes in ownership and corporate structure, notably becoming Denbyware Ltd in 1970 and being subject to a management buyout in the 1990s. A further management buyout led to Denby Potteries Ltd being incorporated in 2009.



Clay Discovery: Many tonnes of the readily available pure soft fine clay have been mined and stored creating a mountain on site, with enough to keep production going for at least 10 years to come. Denby have been crafting versatile, beautiful and durable made-to-last ceramics for over 200 years on the same site in Derbyshire, always subscribing to the ethos of 'buy well, buy once'.

This was yet another great interesting day trip with our u3a friends, with our 'Time-out' Group. Come along to the next "Time Out" visit - you will be made most welcome.

- David Falkner

BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A - INTEREST GROUPS

Group	Leader	Meets
Aerobics - This group is currently full.	Roslyn Tuffrey 0115 931 2754 , Judith Wright 0115 931 2805, Joy Yates 0115 9312858	Every Wednesday at 09:30am
Antiques & C20th Collectables	Angela Mallett 0115 966 3799	Fourth Monday of the month at 11:15 a.m.
Armchair Travel	Rod Hirst 07804 335878	2nd Monday of the month from 2pm to 4pm
Beer and Cider Tasting	Rob Johnson - Email:- robandsal.johnson@ntlworld.com	3rd Thursday - evenings
Bird Watching	Hilary MacCallum, 07803 925 715 , hil.mac@btinternet.com	Alternate Thursdays and Fridays at 10:00am
Board Games	Elaine Bass 07799 233 891	Every Thursday at 2:00pm
Book Club	Judith Wright 0115 931 2805	3rd Wednesday at 2:00pm
Bridge 1	Dorothy Burton ----- Caroline Roberts 07779 315310	1st, 3rd, 4th Tuesday, 2nd Monday at 1:30pm
Bridge 2 (Beginners)	Dorothy Burton ----- Caroline Roberts 07779 315310	Every Thursday at 1:30pm
Canasta 1	Colin Simm 07850 553 133	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Canasta 2 - This group is currently full.	Anna Moore 07891 221840	2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm
Craft & Patchwork - This group is currently full.	Christine Sheath 0115 931 3260	2nd Friday 10:00am
Discussion	Tom Klima 07766 600205	Usually 1st Monday at 2:00pm
Dominoes Plus	Jacqui Hudson 07775 450 497, Sue Berridge 0799 910 1354	4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
Fashion	Anna Moore – 07891 221 840 Christine Shepherd – 07773 156813	Bi-monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 2pm

Film 4 Fun (October - April only)	Colin Simm 07850 553 133	Varies
French Intermediate	Sue Clifford 07866 139236	Every Friday at 11:00am
French 3	Christine Foster 0115 931 2571	1st and 3rd Friday at 10:15am
Friday Fit - This group is currently full.	Roz Tuffrey 0115 9312754	Every Friday except the 2nd Friday of the month, from 9:30am to 10:30am
Garden Group "Fifty Shades of Green". - This group is currently full. Waiting list available.	Christine Shepherd 0115 961 8840	4th Wednesday at 2:00pm
Garden Group 1 - This group is currently full.	Christine Sheath - 07767136185	1st Wednesday at 10:00am
Garden Group 2 - New members welcome.	Alwyn Foster 0115 931 2571	1st Monday at 10:00am
Garden Group 4 - New members welcome.	Alwyn Foster 0115 931 2571	3rd Monday at 10:00am
Guitar 1 - This group is currently full.	Tony Kirk 0115 961 4587	Thursdays at 2pm
Hikers	Chris Helmore 07973 473 531	2nd Wednesday
History	Tom Klima 07766 600205	2nd Monday in the month at 10:30am
Information Exchange	Margaret Gaborak 0115 998 5798	N/A
International Dining	David Falkner 07860 502479	Third Tuesdays or Wednesdays. 6:45-7:00 pm onwards
Italian	Mary Simm 0115 841 3605 and Maggie Clothier 07811 246133	Every Friday 3:30pm - 5pm
Line Dancing	Anna Moore (07891 221840) and Christine Shepherd (07773 156813).	Every Tuesday 4:30pm to 6pm
Luncheon Group	Margaret Robinson 0115 966 3793	4th Tuesday at 12:30pm
Mah-Jong	TBC	1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30am - 12:30pm

Meditation	Tricia Blanco White 07985 313711	Last Wednesday at 2:30pm
Out and About (This group is currently full)	David and Margaret Hallam 07777 631364	1st Thursday May-October
Outings	Outings are announced well in advance in Newslines.	Timings vary
Petanque	Dil Vowles 07879 425643 Roz Tuffrey 0115 931 2754	Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am - 12.30pm
Photography	Jim Molloy 07885 203989	Last Wednesday at 1:00pm
Political History	David Yates – 07929 726583 or yatesnottmbj@outlook.com	Last Tuesday at 2pm.
Pool 1	Pete Clothier - 07960 016210	1st and 3rd Mondays
Pool 2	Stephen Foster - 07896 200302	2nd and 4th Mondays
Ramblers - Plus	Chris Helmore 07973 473 531	1st Wednesday at 10:00am
Ramblers 1	Anne Hegarty 07981 705967	Last Wednesday at 10:00am
Shakespeare Appreciation	David Yates – 07929 726583 or yatesnottmbj@outlook.com	Last Thursday of the month
Snooker	Alan Comerie 07581 456253	1st Wednesday of the month during the afternoons.
Spanish	Mike Chapman 0115 965 2489 or 07771 973415	2nd and 4th Thursdays at 11:00am but may vary - contact Group Coordinator
Speed Walking	Caroline Roberts	Every Tuesday at 9:00am. Meet at The Nelson pub for a 30-minute walk.
SWANS (formerly know as Country Walks)	Elaine Bass 07799 233891 Mary Russell 07855 706291	3rd Monday at 10:30am
Table Tennis 1	Tony and Betty Everington 0115 966 3465	Every Monday 10:00am to 12:00 noon
Table Tennis 2	Dave Hoskins - 07711 985380	1st & 2nd Thursday - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Theatre	Christine Smith 07977 050693	1st and 3rd Fridays at 9:45am
Time Out	Elaine Bass and Jacqui Hudson. Email: dabass43@hotmail.com Mobile: 07799 233 891.	Times and dates vary.
Ukulele	Barbara Palmer 0115 966 5103	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 2:30pm
University Interest Group	Trevor Wright 0115 931 2805	Varies
Water Colour Painting	Yvonne Kirk 0115 961 4587	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9:30am
Wine Tasting	Alan Comerie 07581 456253	Usually 4th Thursday but may vary