



Ashfield U3A



April/May Newsletter
2013

Website: www.ashfieldu3a.org.uk

AGM Thursday, 25th April

**Your speaker today is The broadcaster, John Turner whose subject is
“My life and career as a Broadcaster”**

Today is our AGM. We will keep it as short as possible, as we are aware that some people find such events really boring. We are bound by the constitution to have an AGM, so we try to manage it as simply and quickly as possible.

Membership renewal

All membership renewal fees should have now been paid. Anyone who has not paid, will be considered to be 'lapsed' and unable to attend any meeting or interest group run by the U3A. This is because of insurance issues, - you should be aware that the TAT fee included in your subscription covers your insurance in any U3A activity.

Archaeological project

We have been invited by the **Kirkby and District Archaeological Society** to help out with their **new dig** at the **Manor of Kirkby Hardwick in Kirkby**. They are seeking lottery funding to start the third dig on this site. This is a mainly Tudor building but they have already found evidence of mediaeval activity in this area and are looking for further evidence. The dig will be extensive and they think they will need up to 100 volunteers with a range of skills. There will be some training and you do not have to commit for a long period of time. They anticipate that if the funding is available they will start in September 2013 for about 6 weeks. I understand you can do every day or one or two days.

The archaeological society are particularly looking for people with website experience and with filming and digital recording skills. Graphical artists are also welcome. If you want to get your hands dirty you would be able to dig, wash finds or keep records of daily work. If you want to know more you can get in touch with the chairman of the Archaeological society Pam Lewis on 01623 755156.

If you are interested in taking part speak to Lynne Jackson or Trish Tootell.

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Any changes/additions to your group's programme should be given to both **Ron Britton** for the web-site and also to **Jill Pullan** for the newsletter, no later than the Friday before the main meeting.

Please inform the editor, **Jill Pullan** 01623 400545 of any changes to your normal programme in the near future. This will be of great help to members of your various groups – this includes changes of content and venues

Interest Group Meetings:- If you wish to join any interest group, please telephone the group leader first to ensure there is a vacancy in that group. All relevant details can be obtained from the group leader, including where the walking group intend to meet and which walk they will do, or which book the reading group is reading, which garden the horticulture group is visiting etc. Group leaders' names and contact details are on pages 8-9 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.

Forthcoming events to mark in your diary

Antiques Road Show with **James Lewis** from the TV show **Antiques Road Show**

Bring along your own antiques for our guest celebrity **James** to value. James is awaiting his BBC schedules before he can fix a date for this event, as he needs to know when he is filming for the BBC. Watch this space.

Martin Fish gardeners' question time – Autumn; - date to be announced

October 12th. Autumn event with the Reunion Jazz Band for entertainment. Hot meal, good music and singing and / or dancing if you wish. Another superb event organised for our members to enjoy. More details later. Please put the date in you diaries as the band and venue have been booked.

Christmas Lunch – to be organised by Pam Sapey. A hot lunch provided by outside caterers.

Please make a note in your diary that the party will take place on **Thursday 19 December** at lunch time in the Ashwood Centre (time to be agreed). Tickets will be on sale from September for a hot buffet at £8.50 each.

New Year's Eve. A Ceilidh with the "**Knitter's Jig**" ceilidh band. This will be held at the Mansfield Baptist Church Centre. Please put this in your diaries. Watch this space for more details later.

No Refunds Policy

Your committee have reluctantly decided that when tickets are ordered they must be paid for, unless advised differently, and if you find you cannot attend the event you have bought the ticket for, it is up to you to sell that ticket on, and no refund will be given by U3A, unless there is a waiting list in operation. This is because some events have run at a loss due to people suddenly cancelling and expecting their money to be refunded. After all, if you book seats at the theatre, or a bus trip and found you couldn't attend, you would lose your money, and, regrettably, we must have a similar policy.

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THEATRE VISITS WITH BARBARA IVES

Wed	15.05.13	14.00	Theatre Royal	The Mouse Trap	£20.00
Fri	17.05.13	12.15 for 13.00	Theatre Royal dress - circle foyer	Five at Lunch Classical Recital Violin, Cello, Piano - FREE	
Thurs	06.06.13	14.00	Theatre Royal	High Society	£23.50
Wed	17.07.13	14.00	Theatre Royal	The 39 Steps	£20.00
Fri	26.07.13	17.00	Royal Concert Hall	Priscilla	£29.50
Thur	03.10.13	14.00	Theatre Royal	Northern Ballet; Midsummer Night's dream	£29.50
Contact Barbara by e-mail				ives.barbara@gmail.com	

Classical Music 2 – A Star Event



A member of the Halle Orchestra, viola player Piero Gasparini, gave a superb presentation to the meeting on April 8th, when other U3A members joined to make an audience of about forty people. Mr Gasparini described his early training, entry into the orchestral world, and his life as a member of Britain's oldest orchestra. He explained the construction and features of the viola with plenty of demonstrations.

What made his presentation outstanding was his down-to-earth approach and sense of humour. He told us jokes made against viola players by other musicians, explained the things that can go wrong during performances, and revealed the occasional prank indulged in by the players. One that appealed particularly to his U3A audience was about a modern young composer rehearsing his latest work and required the viola players to make what Piero described as "squeaky gate music". He decided to do something better and played the Muppets' theme tune. To his surprise the composer said that was exactly what he wanted!

On a totally serious note, Mr Gasparini's presentation concluded with a performance of the Allemande transcribed from Bach's Cello Suite No 3. The afternoon was undoubtedly the star event for the CM2 group since it started in January last year.

Please note that the date for the May meeting is Monday the 13th at 2 pm. The programme will be mainly Tchaikovsky; the following month's meeting on June 3rd will be Members' Choice.

New members of the group are welcome at any time; please contact Ron Walker, 01623 456389, ronwalker@ntlworld.com

New group – Green Bowling, leader Margaret Crossley

This new group has now met, and the bowling was great fun for the people who attended. This new group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons, 2-4pm. Meet at Kingsway Park, Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Well done Margaret, we are sure it will be a success.

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Classical Music 1

Co-ordinator: Alan Radford (01623 427934)

Date	Composer or subject for the meeting	Host
22 nd May	Anton Bruckner	Doreen
26 th June	Clara Schumann, Fanny Mendelssohn, Ethel Smyth, Elisabeth Lutyers	June
24 th July	Oliver Messiaen	Maxine
28 th Aug	Charles Villiers Stanford	Joan
25 th Sept	Igor Stravinsky	Alan
23 rd Oct	<i>Teach-in</i> – Len Hill on an opera topic	Len
27 th Nov	Tomaso Albinoni	Nona
18 th Dec	Your favourite music	June
2014		
22 nd Jan	Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky	Doreen
26 th Feb	Benjamin Britten	Stella
26 th Mar	Niccolo Paganini	Janet
24 th April	Philip Glass	-
22 nd May	Karl Jenkins	-

Will you please inform the host if you cannot attend a meeting

Short Walks March Walk

Twenty Three walkers gathered on a cold morning at the Dog and Quayle Underwood for our March walk around Felley. Setting off down the lane towards Felley everyone seemed in good spirits with much laughter and general banter we reached the site of Felley Mill, there after regrouping we climbed steadily uphill to a vantage point giving good views of the surrounding countryside including Beuvalle Priory. Continuing along the path we crossed over the Motorway into woodland where after a brief pause for the group photo graph we slowly descended to the underpass that would take us back under the Motorway heading towards Underwood. The return journey surprised us all with an improvement in the weather allowing extensive views of the surrounding countryside with several prominent landmarks identifiable in the distance before returning to the site of the old Felly Mill where we climbed back up the Lane finishing at the Dog and Quayle where twenty one walkers enjoyed lunch in a room reserved for us by the management before departing for home. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Our April Walk was at Dukes wood near Eaking taking in Nottinghamshire's only Oilfield followed by a talk afterwards at the Oil museum before staying for lunch at the Plough in Farnsfield.

Jim Bentley Short Walks Coordinator

Gardening Groups

A new group, **Horticulture Forum**, is now well established. The group meet at members' homes. We have been trialling seeds from different producers to see if there was any difference in germination success etc. - the results are remarkable! A trial of tomatoes is also in progress. There are a total of around 10 members, so there is room for more if anyone is interested in serious gardening and horticulture in depth.

Lynne Jackson 01623 750466; landbjackson@gmail.com

Friendly Gardeners led by Marjorie Woolham Programme for 2013

15th April .Reg Taylors and Hollybeck nursery. An opportunity for members to ask any questions

20th May . A members garden. with morning tea provided.

12th June. A visit to the NCE Birmingham for the Garden and Food Show.

15th July. A members garden with morning tea provided.

19th August .A day trip to a well established Garden which will include Lunch.

16th September. A members garden with morning tea provided.

21st October. A visit to Little Eaton Garden Centre.

25th November Chatswroth at Christmas.

At this present time the group is full, but we welcome anyone to put their name down on the reserve list provided.

Garden Visits

New Garden Visits Group – leader Pam Sapey

The first meeting of this group will be at **Birchfield, Dukes Drive, Ashford in the Water, [DE45 1QQ]** (please park your car near to the Sheepwash Bridge at the far end of Ashford in the Water). We will meet at 10.45 am on Friday 10 May. Afterwards we will visit **Longstone Hardy Plant Nursery at Great Longstone**. A drink will be provided on arrival and the cost to enter the garden will be £3.00. This is a car-share arrangement and please note that food is not provided. If it is a good day, perhaps you could bring sandwiches.

Please confirm with Pam Sapey on 01623 558700 if you are intending to join us.

We will visit gardens mainly throughout 'recognised' garden visit months – and also any other times of the year during which we know there will be something of interest to see. of course we will it is your group, and we welcome your view and your input. Unless we decide to travel a long way, and have sufficient interest to warrant the hire of a minibus or coach, it is intended to use and share cars

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Your U3A Committee

We are particularly short of volunteers for the tea/coffee duty roster, please put your name down for this, even it is only for one meeting during the year

Please also consider giving any help with e.g. the Book Stall, refreshments; or making new members feel welcome. Also, please offer to help with the catering at the many events we organise. We always need a few 'extra hands' to help at events and meetings.

Please consider helping your committee in any of the above capacities.

Railway Interest Group

A programme of events has been planned for the next 6 months, including a visit to the Head of Steam at Huddersfield station, the Ecclesbourne Railway, Barrow Hill, and the National Railway Museum at York.

We are also considering a trip over the Settle & Carlisle line, and visits to St. Pancras and the new King's Cross stations.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Geoff Cree –

geoffcree@btinternet.com, 01623 794485.

OUR LATEST INTEREST GROUPS

Bowls – both Indoor and Outdoor

Margaret Crossely is co-ordinating this new group which has now had its first meeting. One member informed me that they all had a 'brilliant time', - there were quite a few novices, but all thought they had improved by the end of the session.

Many thanks to Margaret for organising this group, we are sure it will be a success.

See Margaret Crossely if you are interested in joining this new group. *01623 796197*

If you would like to belong to a group that isn't offered at the moment, please see Lynne Jackson for advice

Groups Currently Suspended

Jazz & Popular Music Group – suspended due to lack of interest and support from the members – may start again in the spring

Shakespeare- may start again in the spring

Digital Photography and imaging - suspended due to lack of interest. This group needs a new leader/co-ordinator

OUR CHARITY FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE THE JOHN EASTWOOD HOSPICE

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Play Reading Group

Play Reading Group...**please note** a change of venue for the Play Reading Group

May 10 ..at Jill and Malcolm's home

June 14...at Colleen's home

The Rock Group – (tribute bands)

April

28th Eric Clapton £6.50

May

4 th	4 th Queen	£12.00
11 th	Bon Jovi	£ 8.00
17 th	Rolling Stones	£8.00
18 th	Rainbow	£ 8.00
24 th	Oasis	£ 6.50

June

1 st	ELO	£8.00
14 th	Led Zeppelin	£6.50
22 nd	The Kommittments	£8.00
28 th	Bruce Springsteen	£6.50

July

6 th	The Fab Four	£7.50
12 th	T Rex	£8.00
19 th	Rod Stewart	£ £7.50

All these prices are for non-members, for a charge of £6.00 members get cheaper rates. Please see either Mary or Barbara Britten for details Venue is the **Diamond** at Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Contact Mary on 01773776386 or 07887362383

READING GROUPS

Are you concerned that you always seem to be reading the same sort of books or that you don't seem to be able to concentrate on books the way you used to be able to.

Why not join one of the reading groups!

Group 1 meets on the second Wednesday of the month and Group 2 meets on the 3rd Monday.

Both have some space and read a wide range of authors and genres. Both meet at Kirkby Library .

Check the boards or the website for details of what we are reading in the next few months and come along to try it out.

Please send any articles for the Newsletter to the editor., - I welcome any contributions.

Email to jill.pullan@ntlworld.com or phone:- 01623 400545

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Interest Group Leaders. NB If you wish to join a group, please telephone the group leader beforehand, to check if there is an available place, current venue etc

You can email a group leader on 'theirname@ashfieldu3a.org.uk

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES	(Kathleen Jones)	tel: 01623 550740
ART GROUP	(Barrie Jackson)	tel :01623 750466
BIRD WATCHING	(Mary Naylor)	tel: 01773 776386
BRIDGE Group	(Maxine Rose)	tel: 01623 459081
BOARD GAMES Group	(Marian Wilson)	tel: 01623 752780
BOOK STALL	(Carole Britton)	tel: 01623 456855
BOWLS	(Margaret Crossley)	tel: 01623 796197
CANASTA	(Geoff Cree)	tel: 01623 794485
CARD CRAFT	(Carole Seymour)	tel: 01623 489785
CLASSICAL MUSIC 1	(Alan Radford)	tel: 01623 427934
CLASSICAL MUSIC 2	(Ron Walker)	tel: 01623 456389
CINEMA	(Sylvia Smith)	tel: 01623 514357
COOKERY – CREATIVE MENUS	(Eileen Allin)	tel: 01623 473662
CRAFT GROUP 2	(Sue Hughes; 01623 556256 & (Eileen Allin)	tel: 01623 473662
CROQUET	(Peter Baker)	tel: 01623 437834
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY/ IMAGING (suspended)	(Lionel & Jan Castle)	tel: 01623 468102
DISCUSSION GROUP	(Marian Wilson)	tel: 01623 752780
FRIENDLY GARDENERS	(Marjorie Woolham)	tel: 01773 811755
EASY- WHEELERS (<i>Cycling for fun</i>)	(Alan Snape)	tel:01159 273524
FAMILY HISTORY	(Trish Tootell)	tel: 01623 793447
FRENCH CONVERSATION Group	(Ann Cottee)	tel: 01623 750538
GARDENING GROUP	(Jan Strachan)	tel: 01623 644664
GARDEN VISITS	(Pam Sapey, Kathleen Jones,)	tel: 01623 558700
HOLIDAYS - VARIOUS	(Caroline Rhodes)	tel: 07724210563 or 01623 721987
HORTICULTURE FORUM	(Lynne Jackson)	tel: 01623 750466
INTERNATIONAL DINING	(Georganne Barlow & Julia Porter)	tel: 01623 626647 tel: 01623 620892
JAZZ & SWING MUSIC : (suspended)	Ann Walter	tel: 01623 239258
LATE BREAKFAST	(Geoff Cree)	tel: 01623 794485

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LINE DANCING	(Cynthia Driscoll)	tel: 01623 794243
LUNCHEON Group	(Ron & Carole Britton)	tel: 01623 456855
MOVEMENT TO MUSIC + YOGA	(Pam Sapey)	tel: 01623 558700
OUTINGS; NAT TRUST	(Kathleen Jones)	tel: 01623 550740
<i>Numerous – see newsletter, boards and announcements</i>		
PLATINUM Investment Club	(Jill Pullan)	tel: 01623 400545
PLAYREADING (AM-DRAM)	(Vivian Ellis)	tel: 01623 620743
<i>Reading plays & performing at U3A events</i>		
RAIL WAY Group	(Geoff Cree)	tel: 01623 794485
READING Book Group 'A'	(Lynne Jackson)	tel: 01623 750466
READING Book Group '2' (B)	(Gill Ball)	tel: 01623 450003
ROCK GROUP	Mary Naylor	tel: 01773 776386
SCRABBLE	(Margaret Nunn)	tel: 01159 634196
SHAKESPEARE (suspended)	(Ann Walter)	tel: 01623 239258
SINGING FOR FUN	(Maxine Rose)	tel: 01623 459081
SUGARCRAFT & Cake Decorating	(Sue Hughes)	tel: 01623 556256
T'AI CHI (Traditional)	(Jill Pullan)	tel: 01623 400545
<i>Practising this healthy, beneficial art and exercise</i>		
THREADS & TEXTILES	(Lynne Jackson)	tel: 01623 750466
THEATRE VISITS Group	(Barbara Ives)	tel: 0115 9539893
<i>Various shows, plays etc at various venues</i>		
TRIPS WITH KATHLEEN	(Kathleen Jones)	tel: 01623 550740
WALKING Group 'A'	(David Porter)	tel: 01623 620892
<i>More demanding walks of between 7 and 9 miles in length</i>		
WALKING Group 'B'	David Wilson)	tel: 01623 752780
<i>Less demanding walks, between 4 and 6 miles</i>		
WALKING GROUP 'C' (Strollers)	(Alan Radford)	tel: 01623 427934
<i>Strolling between 1- 2½ miles</i>		
WINE APPRECIATION	(Geoff Cree)	tel: 01623 794485
WOOD CARVING	(David Hammond)	tel: 01623 794392
ZUMBA GOLD (suspended)	(Christine Bakowsky)	tel: 01623 723140

New Groups: If there is a group you would be interested in joining, but isn't offered at the moment, see Mary Naylor, who will advise about starting up such a group.

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ASHFIELD U3A HOLIDAYS 2013

3rd August 2013 ILFRACOME The Imperial Hotel 3*

7 nights dinner bed & breakfast

Sea front location, all rooms with tea and coffee making facilities, central heating, private facilities,, hairdryer, TV. Lifts to all floors.

The Imperial has a lounge, dance floor and entertainment most evenings.

Close to the harbour and high street.

Lots to see and do in the evenings - theatre and concerts in the summer season or sit and enjoy the harbour views.

4 included excursions

* Picturesque Dunster village

* Bideford and Hartford Abbey - admission to abbey gardens included

* Lynton & Lynmouth

* Great Toynton- visit to Dalington glassworks admission included

Pickups from Mansfield, Sutton in Ashfield, Kirkby and Hucknall

£329.00 per person share twin room. Single rooms carry a £36.00 supplement

Taking bookings now.

Deposit £50.00 per person cheques made payable to TCCT Ltd.

TURKEY - OLU DENIZ: - I am sorry to announce that due to lack of tinterest I am withdrawing this holiday for 2013.

Contact Caroline to book 01623 721987 carolinamilanos156@hotmail.com

Bird Watching Group

May - NO Meeting

June 11th- Attenborough Nature Reserve

July: - Kings Mill Reservoir

We always meet at 10.00 am, and afterwards we stop for lunch

Contact Mary on 01773776386 or 07887362383

Tai Chi Jill Pullan 01623 400545

Meeting day changed. All the Tai Chi meetings will now be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm.

Next meeting **Tuesday 21st May, 2.00pm** at Sutton Play Forum, Morven Avenue, Sutton.

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Group Co-Ordinators' Meeting.

The group co-ordinators' meeting was held on Friday, 19th April at Ashwood Centre.

The meeting discussed groups finances;, contacting groups' members – exploring whether Face Book may be a way to contact members.

Discussing the problems co-ordinators have contacting their group members – members not having answering machines; not supplying e-mail addresses; not checking their e-mails etc. sometimes group leaders need to contact their members at short notice, and this has proved to be a problem for many. Some of the larger groups such as walking groups, have a members' data-base, but this is irrelevant if some members can't be contacted.

SHARED LEARNING PROJECT

We have been fortunate to be offered a shared learning project with Ashfield District Council.

The project is related to the refurbishment of Lindley's Mill in Sutton and is being funded by lottery heritage funding. It involves the physical refurbishment of the mill and research into the mill and other mills in the area.

Our part will be to research the history of Lindley's mill and the other mills to produce a report which we hope will contribute to a book about mills and milling in the immediate area.

We need a group of 8 -10 people who are prepared to commit their help for 9 – 12 months starting in September. We will meet once or twice a month and there will be research to do in between. We will probably meet at one of the local libraries or the Ashwood centre and the project will involve the use of computers . Training will be provided if necessary on the research techniques by Denis Hill of ADC.

If you are interested please see Lynne Jackson (landbjackson@gmail.com) or Trish Tootell (pattootell@hotmail.com) for more information or to add your name to the list.

*** Do you know of anyone in Ashfield U3A who is **very** poorly or has just lost a loved one? We would like to send out a card on behalf of the Ashfield U3A. Please contact Maxine Rose on 01623 459081. or send an email to maxineadams55@hotmail.com

Long Alley Skittles

Over 30 members enjoyed the Long Alley Skittles evening at the Little John pub, Fishpool.

The buffet was excellent – too much to eat! The Green Team was the winning team.

Man of the Match was Roy Marples who had the best score from 3 balls.

Thank you to Cynthia and Mary for organising this popular annual event.

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES GROUP, and Ashfield's own Antiques Road Show

Kathleen and Gill regret that, because of unavoidable circumstances, we have not yet progressed with this new group or indeed our promise to do our own 'Antiques Road Show' we are hoping to be able to resume 'normal service' soon!

Kathleen Jones 01623 550740 Gill Knight 01773 778115

Trips with Kathleen

HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2013. £26.00

This is a full day trip which covers the coach fare, driver's tip and entrance to the show. We have done this outing many years and always enjoy the day. We stagger back to the coach with lovely purchases and heaps of new ideas. Luckily for us, the driver never complains about how many plants, accessories garden equipment/tools and other 'stuff' we bring back.

A visit to **Gunby Hall, Lincs**, coupled with a stop-over in Lincoln 7th May. **Only a few seats left**

See Kathleen for details 01623 550740

Craft Group

Anne has stepped down as co-ordinator of this group and Sue and Eileen have taken on the role of joint co-ordinators. The group meet on the Friday after the main meeting, 10.00 am at the Ashwood Centre. There will be a small charge to cover the hire of the room and materials used. Occasionally you will be asked to bring something specific (flowers for the flower arranging for example)

This is a very friendly group, so if you would like to try your hand at various crafts, come and join us and remember – we don't make mistakes, it's all down to individual interpretation!

26 April Please note: Friday, 26th April will be from 9.30am to 11.30am, making
a Handbag Birthday Card

24 May	Flower Arranging
28 June	Paper Folding (could be tea bag, iris, or paper flowers)
26 July	No meeting
23 August	No meeting
27 September	Quilling
25 October	Fabric Christmas Tree Decorations
29 November	Sugarcraft Choirboys
December	No meeting

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BRIDGE programme for Spring, 2013

8th April:

22nd April:

13th May:

3rd June:

17th June:

Meet at West Notts. College on Monday evenings 6.30 to 9.00pm. Novices welcome.

Please contact Maxine 01623 459081

"SINGING for FUN" Programme for 2013

The May 2013 meeting has been **changed to the 7th May.**

11th June

no meeting July or August

10th September

8th October

12th November

10th December

Any extra meeting in December to be advised

All meetings: 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Please contact Maxine 01623 459081

THREADS AND TEXTILES.

We have finally decide on the next project which will start on Wednesday May 15th at 10.00 at the Ashwood centre

The aim of the project is to interpret and chosen picture into fabrics and thread using a variety of techniques. In May we are trying out machine and hand embroidery. In June we will be working on the interpretation of the design with a view to starting the project in July. This project is suitable for beginners and those with more experience – so if you would like to have a go – come along in May to look at the rugs we have been making and to get started on the new project.

Lynne Jackson

Group Meeting dates

If your group is Card Craft, you will see from the table on page 15 that it meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10.00am. If you wish to join any interest group, please telephone the group leader first to ensure there is a vacancy in that group.

All relevant details can be obtained from the group leader, including where the walking group intend to meet and which walk they will do, etc. etc. If you wish to join any interest group, please telephone the group leader first to ensure there is a vacancy in that group. All relevant details can be obtained from the group leader, including where the walking group intend to meet and which walk they will do, or which book the reading group is reading, which garden the horticulture group is visiting etc. Group leaders' names and contact details are on pages 8-9 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.

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ASHFIELD U3A FAMILY HISTORY - SPRING PROGRAMME 2013

May 9th - Research into local personalities

June 13th - Present local personalities and how do we record our findings for future generations?

July 11th - Visit to Lakeside exhibition "Notts people - ancestral stories from the Archives"

Trish Tootell 01623 793447 or preferably by e-mail pattootell@hotmail.com

Family History visit:

There will be no meeting in July, instead we are going to visit Lakeside Western gallery (University of Nottingham campus) to see an exhibition entitled "Nottinghamshire's people, ancestral stories from the archives"

The date will be 11th July, the exhibition is free but we will need to arrange a few cars to take people there, apparently there is also a restaurant so we may have a meal as well! The intention is to visit in the morning setting off from Kirkby around 10.00am, returning just after lunch but final details have yet to be arranged. Please let me know if you would like to go and also if you are willing to drive,

We welcome new members; we meet on the second Thursday of each month in the upstairs room at Kirkby library at 1pm – 3pm.

We pay as required for the hire of the room, usually about £5 per "term".

Please contact Trish Tootell 01623 793447

International Dining for 2013

Tuesday 30 April (please note change of day) Peachy Keens live buffet Parliament Street Nottingham, This is a world buffet restaurant with food *from China, Mexico, Thailand, India, Italy and Japan*). There is a set price of "all you can eat " buffet for £11.95

Wednesday 29 May Las Iguanas (Latin American) Chapel Bar Nottingham.

Co-ordinators International Dining Group

I have also arranged the following -

Special lunch with a speaker

Come and enjoy a 3 course meal at "Refined" Training Restaurant, West Notts College, followed by an illustrated talk by **Dawn Blundell**. Dawn will speak on the making of the Royal Cake for the wedding of

Charles and Camilla.

Date: Friday 26 April at 12 noon.

Tickets are on sale now at £12.20 each which includes a 3 course lunch, cheques made payable to "Ashfield U3A " please. *Julia and Georganne*

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For Group Leaders' phone numbers, see pages 6-7 of the Newsletter

Day	1 st in the month	2 nd in the month	3 rd in the month	4 th in the month
M O N D A Y	Plat. Invest Gr 10.30	Card Craft 10.00	Friendly gardens 10.00	Hortcul Forum 10.00
	Zumba gold 10.00	Zumba Gold 10.00	Zumba Gold 10.00	Zumba Gold 10.00
	Class. Music 2 14.00	Current affairs 13.30	Book Gr. B 13.30	Late Breakfast
	Bridge 18.30	French 13.30	Bridge 18.30	French 13.30
T U E S D A Y	Digital photo + Digital image (suspended)	Walking gr. A 09.00	Mansfield U3A 10.00	Walking Gr. A 09.00
	Cinema gr'p 13.30	Sing for fun 14.00	Gardening Group 14.00	
			Tai Chi 14.00	
W E D N E S D A Y	Sugarcraft 10.00	Book Gr. A 10.00	Threads & Textiles 10.00	Class music 1 14.00
	Cook group 12.00	Strollers gr. C 10.15	Easy Wheelers – venues and times vary	Easy Wheelers
	Easy Wheelers	Hucknall U3A 14.00	Bowls 14.00	Croquet 10.30
	Bowls 14.00	Wine Appreciate Shakespeare (suspended)		
T H U R S D A Y	Move to music 10.00	Family History 13.00	Walking gr. B 09.45	Ash Meeting 10.00
	Lunch Club 12.00	Scrabble 14.00	Line Dancing 10.00	
	Woodcarving 18.00	Woodcarving 18.00	Woodcarving 18.00	Woodcarving 18.00
F R I D A Y	Late brkfast – 9.30 (alternate months)	Play reading 10.00	Committee Meet 10.00	**Craft ** (always the Friday after the main meeting**)
S A T U R D A Y	<i>Rock Concerts</i>	<i>Rock Concerts</i>	<i>Rock Concerts</i>	<i>Rock Concerts</i>
	Board Games 19.00		Canasta 19.00	
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Ashfield U3A

Lunch Group

The Wagon and Horses, Bleasby had been changed to **The Holly Bush** Inn Makeney, Belper at the last minute, due to the pub being unable to accommodate a large group, however, the Holly Bush was very good. ----The next venue is **The Druid** at Birchover [DE4 2BL], Thursday, May 2nd.

Please ensure your name is on the appropriate list if you wish to go along.

Cinema group

The next film to be shown on May 7th is 'Shadowlands' the story of C.S. Lewis. Instead of starting at the usual time of 1.30, it will start at 2.30. as I have a morning engagement

There are a small number of people who have shown an interest in joining the group but mine is full. If anyone else would be prepared to be the co-ordinator and have a group in their home then I can give them the names I have and will help them get started. An ideal group has 6 to 8 people and already there are 4 names. A list is provided on the film club board for anyone else to add their name. It is a most pleasant way to spend an afternoon and I have a good supply of D.V.Ds to borrow. Future films are:-

May 7th, ' Shadowlands.' About C.S.Lewis.

June 4th. ' O Brother, Where Art Thou?' - Modern take on Homer's Odyssey, with George Clooney

July 2nd. 'A Simple Twist of Fate.' A comedy with Steve Martin.

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Computer Tutorials. By Alan Paul

Alan Paul, who is a member of Ashfield and Ravenshead U3As, has very kindly written an on-line tutorial on WORD 2010. These tutorials were meant as follow-up guides to the computer group activities at Ravenshead, but people in some other U3A's are keen to use them as stand alone guides. This seems to be meeting a need with the U3A groups. The library guide will be the same for any Notts. Library..

These tutorials are part of the Ravenshead U3A web site but the following web-address gives direct access to the computer group page.

<http://u3asitec.org.uk/live/code/u3asite.php?site=389&page=14813>

We thank Alan wholeheartedly for the time and effort he has put into this web-site, - have a look, it could be just what you are looking for.