



SHERWOOD u3a

Learn Laugh Live NEWSLETTER June 2021

Hello to all Sherwood U3A members,

Terry and I do hope that you are still enjoying your newsletters. We know that so many of you out there have sent thanks and said how much you appreciate this contact. But as I said recently at the Zoom General Meeting without more members contributing by sending in articles, it will unfortunately reflect on the size and quality of our Newsletter in the coming months. Therefore please do send your articles in - tips on gardening, craft or just telling everyone what your Group has been doing in lockdown or your own personal view of "coming out of lockdown". Our future themes will also be focusing on Groups.

Please send these articles to be featured in July's edition to Sue Robb – details below . Please let us have your contributions by WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE 2021. Thank you Terry Dillon and Margaret Taylor.

If you have any questions about specific things please contact the following who will find out the answers to your concerns and try to come back to you with the answers:

Groups and Postal Members	Terry Dillon
Membership	Rita Foulkes
Financial/General	Margaret Taylor
Web Site	Liz Wilson
	Robert Watts
	Marilyn Dillon
Zoom meetings	Claire Wilkie
Newsletter/General	Sue Robb
Welfare	Sandra Rogers
Holidays	Contact the holiday organizer whose contact details are in this newsletter.

FUTURE ZOOM MEETINGS

To all those who are prepared to use zoom, the next **Sherwood Meeting is on Thursday 10th June and 8th July at 10am.** Anyone who has already asked to attend a Meeting need not repeat the request as I will automatically send them the link each time, but if any new participants wish to join us, they should message me and they will receive the link the day before the meeting.

Claire Wilkie

FUTURE LIVES PROJECT

On 13 April I attended the first national event of this project, which proved to be very interesting, covering various topics on ageing. The 3 topics were:

“Homes for the Future” in which participants discussed giving serious thought as to whether one’s current housing would support one’s independence in the years ahead and, if not, what plans should be made sooner rather than later.

“Providing and Receiving Care” covered the type of care which may be needed in our future lives, the cost of care and loss of control over our lives and carers.

“Positive Ageing” where we deliberated over the stereotypical perception that retired people are no longer contributing to society, that they are too old for certain activities. For the full transcript see: <http://tiny.cc/n9iwtz>

Jane Lowe

ACROSS THE GENERATIONS



Our son Nick married Amanda on 14th April 2021 at Bakewell Registry Office as most of you know from our photograph in the last newsletter.

After the wedding breakfast at Bagshaw Hall in Bakewell, Nick and Amanda came over for a window visit with Des' dad in his care home. That was a very emotional time as grandad is 99 years old. The Care worked took a lovely photographs of them.

Later they had booked an outdoor meal at the Cavendish Hotel in Baslow for 7 pm.

Luckily it had been a lovely sunny but fresh day all day so by the evening Amanda was shivering in her wedding dress and faux fur wrap! It was a champagne and seafood meal for two!

At the end of what they said was a wonderful meal, Nick went to settle the bill but was told

"Sir, your bill has been settled."

Amanda thought that perhaps her mum and dad had rung and settled the bill. It turned out that a wonderful couple on the next table, who Nick and Amanda had never met, had paid for their meal!!!

I could not believe it when they first told us. Nick obviously went to ask them about it and was told that they had enjoyed watching a young couple starting their married life in these very difficult times.

I hope that you all feel that even in these sometimes sad and distressing times, there are people out there like this couple! *Pat Collins*

The Easing of Lockdown



I have a Google Maps Timeline App which tells me all of the places that I have visited each month. During lockdown the list of places has rapidly diminished, with Mansfield and Sainsbury's being the places that I went to. In March of this year it got so bad that the highlight of my visits was the Co-op near to my house!!

This all changed in April when we spent a lovely day in Scarborough with my family. It was a sunny day and you can see my grandson in the photo looking out to sea. We also spent a few days in Norfolk and visited Hunstanton and Kings Lynn.

What a difference after months of staying home. I cannot wait to see what June brings!

Terry Dillon



Turning Back the Clock

Deck the halls with boughs of Holly, bring Santa and Rudolph back from their summer vacation, Yes we finally had our Christmas Day!!

After our disappointment in December, when all family festivities were cancelled, our son came on the first coach from London on May 17th. It was well worth it we had pigs in blankets, Christmas pud, crackers the lot.

Compliments of the season. *Roger Wood*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT –Liz Wilson

Again, I have the hard task of informing you that another of our members, Janet Jackson, has died. I am sure many of you know Janet, especially those who have been on holidays or trips with her and she will be sadly missed.

On a brighter note, this month is when many restrictions will be lifted groups will be getting ready to start up again. The Ramblers will start with two Rambles in June but I, as Group Leader, will be checking that all risk assessments have been noted and reminding participants of the personal Risk Assessment criteria. Terry would like to other Groups to do the same as, if they don't, the insurance will be invalid. However, don't let these checks put you off!!! Check with the advice that Terry put in the last Newsletter and which is on the Website's front page.

2nd June = u3a Day when all u3as in the UK have been encouraged to raise awareness of the u3a organisation. No easy task with current lock down restrictions! BUT, Sherwood u3a has not been defeated and have an article about the u3a in the 50 Plus Magazine! This magazine is free, has a distribution over all of Nottinghamshire and several of the bordering areas and has several thousand readers --- so I think we have done our bit!!! To read the article, either go on our Website or pick up a 50 Plus Magazine in your local Supermarket.

Now, while Margaret and Terry have been doing the Newsletter, they have realised what a hard task Sue has getting members to submit articles so I am going to tell you the themes for the next 3 months. Hopefully, by that time Sue will be able to tell you in person because we will be having our Monthly Meetings.

July – Meeting up again. Any groups that have met up, such as the Ramblers or the Diners can send photographs and articles about what they have done.

August – Groups Re Emerging. By this time lots of Groups should have met up and have plans for future events --- please share them with us in the Newsletter.

September – Holidays. Hopefully, some of you will manage to get a holiday in July or August so let us know where you've been and what it was like.

The ZOOM Entertainment cast for June will be:

Holidays – Denise, Rita and Liz, Groups – Terry, and Down Memory Lane (fingers crossed) – Liz

OR, if the above fails, as it did last month, the Committee will produce random Quiz Questions (my five will be about Rupert the Bear so get swotting!)

JUNE – the time we are back to normal???? Let's hope that in the next Newsletter I will be telling you about lots of events for the rest of the year!!

Due to technical problems at the last meeting, Liz will be re-visiting "*What's Down Memory Lane*" at the June Zoom Meeting. ***Don't miss it! Come and join us down Memory Lane and remind yourselves of how you looked when you were eight years younger!!***

Christmas 2013 – Harmony sang and Margaret slept!

Art Work on show – But whose was it?

Christmas Meal at Portland – Fur coats and fancy frocks!

Thoresby – No snow but plenty going on!

Wine Group – Drinking or appreciating!

Photography Group – Out and about shooting! Wine

Festival in France – Wine group drinking!

Coffee Morning – Chatting and chilling!

Family History – Investigating the skeletons in the cupboard!

"B" Night – X rated fun and frolics!

Walking Group – Posing not walking!

Rambling Group – Posing not Rambling!

The Big Lunch at Berry Hill – Only Sherwood there to represent U3As in Mansfield!

Days Out Group – Various!

Wine Group Summer Party – X rated drinking and appreciating!

Holiday in Portugal – Who went and what was it like?

Hayling Island Holiday – We had a brilliant time!!

Craft Group – What are they making?

International Dining – What are they eating?

Gardening Group – What are they doing?

National Trust – Dunham Massey!

Quiz Night – What's the answer to Fish and chips –eat them!

National Trust – Upton Hall and Gardens!

Afternoon Tea – Free at the Hostess!

Heritage Group – Various visits – anyone tell us about them??

Evening Out – Elvis – And Why Not??

Thursford – Even more magical than last show!

GROUP NEWS

WALKERS GROUP

After much thought and consideration, I have regretfully decided to step down as leader of the group. This is due to me having a total knee replacement which has very much restricted in what I can do. At the moment I have not got the flexibility to get over stiles etc.

I have asked the assistant leaders if they would like to take over but both are not in a position to take on the role. If any member would be interested in taking over as group leader please contact me or contact Terry Dillon Anne and I are still prepared to lead the occasional walk **(with no stiles!!)**

I would like to thank all members of the group for making this a very pleasant and enjoyable group and a special thank you to the assistant leaders. **Colin Rolle**

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Here are the top pictures of their latest topic - "Symmetry in Nature"

1st Place "So Much To Choose" – Sandra



2nd Place – "Very Last Minute" – Sue



3rd Place "The Eyes have It" – David

3rd Place "Chatsworth Maze" – Pat



HOLIDAYS

20th – 25th September 2021 **Lochs and Glens, Scotland.** £499. Staying for 4 nights at the Claymore Hotel, Arrochar and 1 night at the Tinto Hotel, Symington. Excursions include a circulate tour of the Trossachs, Loch Lomond, Callander, a cruise on Loch Katrine, the Falkirk Wheel and Stirling Castle, Glencoe, Oban and Edinburgh. Deposit £50. Insurance £30 (which includes cover for any Covid 19 related cancellations). Availability 2 twins, 1 double. (Pat Magness, Sherwood Holiday Group)

16th – 18th November 2021. **Thursford.** **ONLY** 4 places still available and the closing date is **12th SEPTEMBER** to release unsold tickets. Please contact me for details. (Denise Whitsed. Sherwood Holiday Group)

Saturday 23rd July to Saturday 30th July 2022. **Isle of Wight Holiday Update** – Walking and/or Sightseeing – 7 nights, 8 days. £769 per person. There are no Supplements, Insurance is available at £35 pp and includes Covid 19 cover which is why it is expensive. I have a few singles and plenty of Twins and Doubles. The deposit is £50pp and closing date is November/December 2021. . Postal Members are able to join us if they wish. Single rooms go quickly so please contact me as soon as possible. (Rita Foulkes Sherwood Holiday Group)

Answers from May's 25 questions.

1	Asia	14	True
2	Laos	15	False
3	Jakarta	16	Winston Churchill
4	Hawaii	17	Josephine
5	False	18	True
6	Florida	19	Amsterdam
7	Jordan	20	Bill Clinton
8	True	21	Striptease
9	Irish	22	Prerogative
10	Dracula	23	Reeks
11	Whitby	24	Gutted
12	Vienna	25	14
13	Auburn		

And FINALLY.....

How good are you on your Counties? Thanks to Colin for sending in the following:-

ANAGRAMS QUIZ OF ENGLISH COUNTIES

FRESHER DO BID	GHOSTLIER RESCUE
TENK	MIXED SLED
STARFISH OF RED	RICKSHAW WIRE
HIPS OR HERS	NIGHTMARISH NOTE
PRIME HASH	HYBRID SEER

Answers in the July Newsletter