



# SHERWOOD U3A

## Learn Laugh Live NEWSLETTER October 2021

*Hello to all Sherwood U3A members,*

*This is the first of the quarterly editions of the newsletter. This means that you will not receive another newsletter until the New Year. Please keep this in case you need to refer to any of the information contained in this issue.*

*Sue Robb (Editor)*

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:

Chairman	Liz Wilson
Membership	Rita Foulkes
Groups and Postal Members	Terry Dillon
Welfare	Sandra Rogers
Holidays	Contact the holiday organizer whose contact details are in this newsletter.
Financial/General	Margaret Taylor
Newsletter/General	Sue Robb

### **U3A** NOTICES



It is with sadness I have to inform you of the death of Brian Lister. His health had deteriorated quite rapidly in the last few months. Brian joined the U3A with his partner Ann. I sat with them at the monthly meetings and soon learnt Brian was a reserved and knowledgeable man. He and Ann were keen members of the Art Group. I remember spending time with him on memorable U3A holidays, the Danube river cruise and Warner's in Norfolk. He will be greatly missed by Ann and his family. Our thoughts are with them at this sad time.

Marilyn Hughes

### **IMPORTANT ADVICE AND INFORMATION**

#### **MEETINGS:**

Following the very successful but very busy sessions at the September meeting, the Committee did notice several things that we, as a Committee will be reviewing, and others that we would like to highlight to you for future meetings.

When coming into Turner Hall using the usual entrance from the car park can you please remember to wear a mask, give your name in at the desk and then go immediately to any of the tables which have been set out appropriately? When seated you will be able to remove your mask if you wish but when moving about e.g. to go to the toilet or exiting please put your mask back on. We would ask that you please do not go from table to table. When exiting from the meeting session please use the door close to the stage, leading to Welbeck Street. **We would like to emphasise that you exit the meeting promptly when asked as other members will want to come into the next session.**

**We would again like to stress that members should not attend if you have any symptoms.** We would prefer attending members have received both of their vaccinations and also recommend taking a Lateral Flow Test; these are available from all pharmacies and are free.

Please note the guidance below:

1. All participants to review their own personal health and circumstances and refer to the NHS Website in *England, Wales or Scotland* for further information if you are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from coronavirus.
2. Consider the health risk category of anyone else you are living with in your household.
3. Review the risk check list for the activity you intend to take part in - completed by your U3A group organiser and consider if it is the right decision for you to take part without adverse risk to yourself or household at this time.

Do not take part if you or someone else from your household has covid-19 symptoms – these include a high temperature, a new continuous cough and the loss, or a change to your sense of smell or taste.

## **Your safety is our prime concern.**

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Just a polite reminder to those members who have not yet paid their membership subscription, and a thank you to those that have paid.

The membership fees are:-

**£12.50 for full members, £12.50 for postal members and £8.50 for all affiliated members.**

Ways to pay:-

- By cheque made payable to Sherwood u3a at the October general meeting,
- By sending a cheque made payable to Sherwood u3a to me, Margaret Taylor at
- By sending a payment through your bank's BAC system if you use on-line banking.

As I advised, we are not sending out the usual renewal forms for you to complete but will be basing our information on the last renewal form you completed. If however you have changed any details e.g. address, telephone number, email address or will be doing so in the future, please let me know when sending your membership fee. We will also be claiming gift aid from members who agreed to this last year but again if you no longer pay tax or are no longer willing to agree to Gift Aid, please let me know.

Please can you pay your membership by:- **21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

### **OTHER PAYMENTS:**

**If you intend to pay for any event, outing, holiday etc. can you please pay by cheque? It would also be most helpful that if you know the amount you have to pay that you complete your cheque/s prior to coming to the meeting. If however, you have to pay by cash can you please ensure that you put the cash in a sealed envelope, put your name on the envelope and what event/s etc. that you are paying for. Thank you.**

### **NEWSLETTERS:**

**Please note** that with effect from October the newsletters will no longer be monthly but will be quarterly covering 3 months. Therefore October newsletter will cover October, November and December. Members who usually get their newsletters via the email will still continue to receive them at the beginning of the quarter. Printed newsletters will still be available to those members who now have their newsletter sent but instead of posting them out we ask that you pick up your copy from Terry Dillon who will have a list of current members receiving postal newsletters. It will be your responsibility to pick up your newsletter at any of the sessions or you can arrange for someone else to pick it up on your behalf. Postal members on email will still continue to get their newsletters by email. Some postal members who have not got emails will continue to get their newsletter by post.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS – 11 NOVEMBER, 9 DECEMBER 2021, 13 JANUARY 2022:**

Until Turner Hall is back to working at full capacity, which unfortunately may not be until the beginning of next year, the Committee will be holding 3 x 1 hour sessions.

**Session 1 9am -- 10am, Session 2 10.15am – 11.15am Session 3 11.30am to 12.30pm**

Members wishing to attend any of the above meeting please contact me by phone – 016234 624266 or by email on [cynthiamargarettaylor@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiamargarettaylor@gmail.com)

Please contact me as soon as possible to book your place as we will be restricting numbers to 50 members only at each session.

**The closing dates are:-**

**November will be Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

**December will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**January 2021 will be Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Postal Members please note: If we do not fill all of the sessions in November, December and January Postal Members will be able to apply for any of the above meetings. The closing date for November will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, December will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December and January will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Please note: Future timings of meetings may change if there are insufficient members attending a particular session or if we will be allowed to meet up as before whereby we hold a full meeting with a speaker (9.45am to 12 noon).

**We again emphasise that you do not attend if you are experiencing any Covid symptoms.** If there is time please let me know before your allotted time on the day as I may be able to offer your spot to another member.

As you know we are holding a short Annual General Meeting within each session on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Can you please remember to bring the information which was printed in the September newsletter?**

**Please also remember that if you have attended previous sessions you will not be automatically added to the following month's sessions but must re-apply for a specific session. If you book a specific session you please keep to it unless you contact me to check if there are any vacancies on alternative sessions as we must adhere to the 50 members per session. PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP WITHOUT BOOKING FIRST.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT –Liz Wilson**

YES! YES! YES! At last we have managed to meet up at our Monthly Meeting at Turner Hall! Admittedly, it was somewhat restricted but the Sherwood U3A buzz was the same. Lots of catching up, chat and eagerness to get started on activities. Hence, the National Trust Trip to Anglesey Abbey is full with 50 members, the Heritage Trip to the Time Museum is full and the Afternoon Tea has as many on the Reserve list as on the Attendees' List (we might have to do two!). Reminder – Please bring things for the Tombola (Coffee Morning) to the AGM Meeting!

Reminder – Those who are coming to the Coffee Morning, please bring HOMEMADE cakes on the day to sell.

Margaret is happy because lots of subscriptions were paid so our U3A bank balance looks healthier. Thanks also to Members who gave various donations (e.g., Envelopes and stamps for postage)

This will be my last report as Chairman I have served my sentence and my time is up so, at the AGM, I will be handing over my role to your NEW Chairman! No! I'm not telling you who it is!!!

I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported me during the last three years. The last eighteen months have been very difficult, but the Committee have continued to meet, either on zoom or at my house, and have never given up hope that one day we would be back to being a bustling, lively, active and thriving U3A.

THANK YOU to Denise for getting the sandwiches and making some delicious scones for the lunch break between three Meetings!!

I owe ALL OF YOU members a big THANKS as well, for whenever I met any of you, your enthusiasm, belief in, and love of our U3A kept me determined to keep on striving to ensure we did not lose it. It also made us want to keep as many Groups as we could and plan as many activities as possible so that, once we could meet, we hit the ground running!

VIVA SHERWOOD U3A--- bright days, weeks, months and years ahead!

**We Meet Again. Views of the meeting from the**



## **perspective of a committee member.....**

Finally after a long wait of almost 18 months we were back. Not in the usual hustle and bustle way as we had to be aware of Covid safety rules but in a different way. However all of the enthusiasm was there, all of the chatter and it was both friendly and comfortable, as if we had never been away.

The meetings were shorter than usual and there were a number of people going round the tables collecting subs, names on lists and money for events. It was very busy but also a lot of fun.

Normally I sit at the back of the hall and members come to me and things happen quickly. This time I was going to members and there was time for quick chats and a few laughs.

It was all over very quickly, as all good things are and I can't wait for the next one.

Terry Dillon



## **.....and some members**

There was a buzz in the air as we members arrived, booked ourselves in and took our seats at the tables ready for our first meeting in 18 months. Catching up with others and all the gossip and asking how they have coped during this time. The meeting got underway and after the important notices were read out, madness ensued (in a nice way) as all the leaders of groups came round taking bookings etc., and also your money. You have to come prepared to part with your money when you join the U3A, however you do get to enjoy a wide variety of activities. The hour soon went by but it seemed that it all went well, so here's to the next time.

Pat Tomsett

Well we met at last. Safety precautions re the current pandemic were catered for well.

I'm sure all members who attended the first actual meeting enjoyed getting together and catching up with friends.

Many items were covered, even though it seemed to be rushed in the allotted time given. The organisers who arrange holidays etc. seemed to be well organised, but a little hectic. Members who booked many events eventually spent their money, we've had a long time to save.

I'm sure going forward meetings will slowly get back to a reasonable normality but we must be careful and safe.

Winifred Dowley

At last we were able to get together.

Well not the same as usual with two separate meetings in order not to overcrowd to the Turner Hall regulations. It seemed a bit strange sitting at one table, only able to speak to people close by. Still once we got started and diaries were consulted with regard to events and cheque books were out to pay for various days out, holidays, subs, etc. all was back to normal for the U3A. Lots is going to be happening even if not right now. We were all encouraged to keep up to date with the Sherwood U3A web site for any updates.

It was good to see people again and to be able look forward to Learn, Laugh and Live with friends.

Gina Smith

## **Postal Members Coffee Morning**

Our very first coffee morning just for postal members was held on the 1st September and was a great success. Fourteen postal members attended along with nine committee members. It was a very busy morning with the emphasis on what was available to them rather than what was not. They were given information about current and prospective groups, trips, holidays and social events. The face to face nature of the morning and the enthusiasm of all who were there led to many of them signing up for the different events.

It was a great opportunity to meet postal members and chat to them. It gave them the chance to meet us and to ask questions and put faces to names they only see in their newsletters. If you were unable to get to the coffee morning don't worry there will be more of them as they will become a regular occurrence. We won't miss the opportunity to meet more of you in an informal setting and the good news is that all postal members can come to any or all of them. I look forward to meeting you all in the future.

Terry Dillon

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We joined Sherwood U3A just before the lockdown and because we were new to the area, after living in Derbyshire all our lives and belonging to the U3A there, thought it would be a good way to meet new people. It was good to see people again face to face at the coffee morning and all the committee members were very friendly plus some of the postal members that we got chatting too. Let's hope it won't be too long before things are up and running again a bit more normally, fingers crossed !!!

Joe and Margaret Walker

## GROUP NEWS

**GROUP LEADERS** Please bring your completed registers for the year ending March 2020 by the October meeting. New registers will be available from me.

**MEMBERS** Details for existing groups are listed below. Please contact leaders if you are interested in joining any groups.

GROUPS	DAY	TIME	VENUE	LEADER
Antiques and Collectables	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	2.00 – 4.00	Sherwood Welfare	Sue Robb
Art – painting for pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	2.00 – 4.00	Park Rd Resource Centre	Jeremy Lloyd
Board Games	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	10.15 – 12.15	Members' Homes	Claire Wilkie
Book Group	Last Friday	10.30	Mansfield W/house Library	Jenny Sadler
Card Games	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	10.00 – 12.00	Members' Homes	Angela Forster
Cinema	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	1.30 for 2.00	Odeon Mansfield	Jenny Weaver
Craft 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00	Sherwood Welfare	Terry Dillon
Craft 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	10.00 – 12.00	Mansfield W/house Library	Gina Smith
Days Out	See newsletter	And website	Various	Jean Baker Jean Jones
Family History	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	10.00 – 12.00	Park Rd Resource Centre	Josie Whitworth
Garden Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	10.30 – 12.30	Park Rd Resource Centre	Marilyn Dillon
Golf (Mansfield u3a)	Various		Various	Paul Mann
Guitar	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	11.00 – 1.00	Member's Home	Derrick Hughes
Heritage	See newsletter	And website	Various	See organiser
Holiday Group	See newsletter	And website	Various	See individual holiday
International Dining	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	7.00 pm	Various	Jeremy Lloyd
Latin	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	10.00 – 12.00	The Stables (upstairs)	Gina Smith
Local History / Archaeology	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	10.00 – 12.00	The Stables (upstairs)	Josie Whitworth
Lunch Group	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	12.30	Various	See organiser for
National Trust	See newsletter	And website	Various	See organiser for
Oriental & Continental Dining	Last Friday	7.30	Various	Jenny Weaver
Photography for Fun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	10.00 – 12.00	Sherwood Welfare	Pat Collins
Rambling	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Thur	10.00 start	Meet Morrison's car park	Liz Wilson
Scrabble	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	2.00 – 4.00	Member's Homes	Angela Forster
Strolling			Various	
Sunday Lunch	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		Various	Pat Magness
Tai Chi (Mansfield u3a)	Mondays weekly	10.30 start	Bethel Chapel	Lorna Pye

Ten Pin Bowling	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	11.00 start	Mansfield Superbowl	Judy Openshaw
Theatre Visits (Mansfield u3a)	See newsletter	And website	Various	Sheila Whalley
Walking	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	10.00am	Various	Anne Weston
Wine Appreciation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7.00 pm	D. Bradley's house	David Bradley
Writing for Fun	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	2.00 – 4.00	Mansfield W/house Library	Sylvia Pearson

Most groups have either started or will be starting soon. Unfortunately we still have no news on Sherwood Welfare so the three groups who meet there have to wait and see. I will let you know what is happening as soon as I know.

**Strollers:** There are enough names on the list for this group to resume. Jenny will arrange a meeting for all those interested, and when we have a Group Leader and finalise details, the group can start back.

**Antiques and Collectables:** This is a very active and successful group and has been led for many years by Angelina Taylor. However Angelina has decided that the time has come for her to step aside and let someone else lead the group. Group Leaders do an amazing job and without them there would be no groups. I would like to say a big thank you to Angelina for all her hard work and dedication to the group, you will be missed. Terry Dillon

### **For booking details and information for Holidays, Visits and Events see Four Monthly Diary at end of newsletter.**

**HOLIDAYS** Potter Resort 13th June - 17th June 2022. For details of this and other holidays please refer to previous newsletters or the website.

#### **ORIENTAL AND CONTINENTAL DINING**

We restarted the group slowly at the end of May with our first venue being Tom Browns at Gunthorpe where if Covid 19 regulations changed then we could still eat our meal outside with the heaters on. After that we spread our wings and went to Yamas in Nottingham and Katmandu in Clay Cross with a greater number of us (12) going to Chungs at Mapperley.

Our last destination is one place where we change dates and time in order to meet when Porterhouse do the steak night on a Thursday. This time we also bought it forward in order to go before I went to Guernsey. We are always looking for new restaurants and try to vary the cuisine each month.

The next restaurant is Waterlily on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00. Marilyn Stubbs has kindly offered to take this one as I will be away again. If anyone is interested in going please contact Marilyn. We are a very friendly group and always very happy to get new members so



don't be concerned if you are on your own. After Waterlily we will be going to the following places:

Launays	26/11/22	7.00pm
Mr Manns	28/1/22	7.00
Rossinis	25/2/22	7.00

If anyone would like to be included please phone me if you have any suggestions for future venues please do not hesitate to contact me as we will be drawing up next years' schedule shortly. Happy eating and drinking!!!  
Jenny Weaver

#### **INTERNATIONAL DINING**

We have at last been able to meet and enjoy a convivial get together, what a pleasure it was!

Our first meeting was at Moda, Hucknall, which is a very friendly and good food Italian restaurant. Sixteen of us met and had a great evening together.

In October we are going to **The Lion** at Farnsfield and we have planned to go to **Carnarvon Arms** at Teversal in November. We will not be meeting in December but will start in January and will then have decided a programme of restaurants for the year.

We welcome new members and you can contact me, Jeremy Lloyd . Please note we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6.30 for 7.00pm Look forward to seeing you all.

### LUNCH GROUP

27<sup>th</sup> October **The Countryman**, Kirkby- in- Ashfield

24<sup>th</sup> November **The Red Lion**, Farnsfield.

No lunch meeting in December

### PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

We have reformed and amalgamated the two art groups after the pandemic break and now meet at the Park Road Resource Centre, Mansfield Woodhouse on the first Thursday of the month 2pm-4pm.

Our first paint time was on 2<sup>nd</sup> September when eight members enjoyed themselves and got back into the swing of things. It was pleasure to do a very enjoyable activity together again and have a good chat. We welcome any prospective joiners. We are a friendly, helpful group of greatly varying standards in all forms of painting. Our next meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm.

Finally can I thank Marlene Limb and Lynda Brotherhood on being such enthusiastic group leaders of the previous groups. If you wish to join us please contact Jeremy Lloyd.

### WINE GROUP

Most of our wine Group met regularly once a month all through LOCK DOWN and enjoyed and discussed some fine wines as well as attempting various quizzes. Of course, we couldn't meet face to face but met on ZOOM courtesy of Anne and Phil Lyons.

When we were allowed to meet outside David got a very large and sturdy Gazebo erected on his patio, outside his garden room. Though the weather was still cold we wrapped up and braved the elements. Eventually, the weather improved in time for our Summer Barbeque when we drink (some extremely good wines), eat and play games. Our traditional games are Boule, Quoits and Knocking Down Tin Cans with Bean Bags. But, to celebrate freedom from lock down David had splashed

out on a new game – Number Kubb! It involved hurling a missile at sticks displaying numbers in an attempt to knock down the one with the highest number --- great fun and kept us amused for ages. In the end we were all out apart from Ann and Alistair. After a nail biting final Alistair was the victor.

Now we are all waiting for the Christmas Party --- THANKS DAVID AND ANGELA!!

### HERITAGE - CHURCH (ROCK) CEMETERY VISIT, 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

A lucky thirteen of Sherwood u3a gathered at the Lodge of the Rock Cemetery for our tour of the thirteen acre site, which includes several catacombs.

Dave Stretton, the Cemetery Manager, and his friend Allan, the tour guide, met us ready to start off at 1pm, when we were all given small torches to use in the catacombs and warned to be careful of the uneven ground.

The Cemetery was constructed in the 1850s following the Enclosure Act, and was originally intended for the rich of Nottingham. It stands on the site of the City gallows, last used on this site in 1827. Allan told us that the executions had to stop because too much gambling was going on as to the victims' behaviour while hanging!

Windmills also used to stand at the top of the area and much of the thirteen acres had formerly been a sand mine.

The first burial on the site, that of a young boy, took place in 1856.

En route to the underground tunnels, intended as catacombs, our attention was drawn to an air raid shelter still in existence across the road from the Cemetery. It was the first time, in spite of hundreds of bus trips into Nottingham, that I'd ever noticed it! We made our way to Robin Hood's Cave past several graves, including that of a mason, whose gravestone was, according to custom, in the form of a truncated pillar, and past a section where the former mine had been blown up.

The Cave itself, which was wrongly associated with Robin Hood, is in the form of two large areas. In one, sand stood on a table, and we were encouraged to feel its texture- evidently it was used in the glassworks on site. In the other



section of the cave was a round hole, where a well had once operated and the walls were covered by inscribed dates.

As we made our way to the catacombs, several specific graves were pointed out to us: those of the Fish family, plus a sixteen foot deep vault containing eight people and the grave of Sir Frank Bowden, who, on returning from Hong Kong obtained a bike to help his poor health and ended up founding the Raleigh Factory!

Thomas Hines, the architect of the restored Nottingham Castle and Nottingham High School, had only a low key metal cross on his grave.

We entered the catacombs through a metal gate, which had a partner at the other end of the tunnel or cave. Where candles had formerly been fixed to the walls, the clay was still wet, and as we turned left into a darker tunnel and turned off the torches, the blackness was total and a little unnerving.

There are actually several mined corridors in this area and occasionally what are classed as 'family rooms'- areas cut into the walls which were intended for family grouped coffins.



At the end of the main tunnel is a section of wall which shows how all mining was carried out and Allan described the process to us in detail, then we turned and made our way back out, exiting by the other metal gate.

Before we left, we were told to turn and look at the walls behind, which had been shaped to resemble church vaulting- proof that the whole subterranean area was intended as catacombs, but never used as such because the area was too spacious.

The outdoor area we emerged to, surrounded by arches, was notable for the presence of pauper's graves, some of which held up to twenty bodies, and one grave held the body of children who, sadly, had lived for only a few minutes. In this area the grave stones were laid flat in order to protect the living from cholera which had been the cause of death, a problem heightened by the Spanish flu pandemic which hit Nottingham at the same time.

There were also some regimental graves in this area.

We returned through the catacomb tunnel into the main section of the Cemetery and our attention was drawn to the graves of John Mundella, the

educationist and former Mayor of Nottingham, Watson Fothergill, the architect, who reversed his original name to keep his mother's maiden name alive, and James Shipstone, the beer magnate.

There were now graves lining the paths, as the normal Cemetery space had been filled, and we were shown where the Mortuary Chapel had stood before it was removed by the authorities to avoid paying taxes on it.

Near to that was the grave of someone who had been buried standing up, a practice also to be found in church graveyards where people were literally standing up for their religion.

Finally, we came upon the graves, or vaults, of the moneyed citizens of Nottingham, with great crosses, angels and other large symbols marking their resting places, which were very close together. One particularly large cross had been erected on the grave of a nine year old boy in 1920 to show his parents' love for him.

Allan had included many other anecdotes in his tour and it had been an absolutely fascinating two hours. One of our number, Anne Lyons, put it perfectly in an e mail afterwards:

"I just wanted to say once again how much Phil and I enjoyed the Rock Cemetery visit on Tuesday. We found it absolutely fascinating and so much more to see and hear about than we had anticipated - particularly going into such a long dark cave to hear about the mining. The flat graves in the quiet little hollow told such a sad story compared to the magnificent graves and headstones of the great and the good of Nottingham."

Thank you, Dave and Allan, for your super tour of such a very intriguing site.

Claire Wilkie

## **WALKERS' GROUP**

**New Group Leader** – Anne Weston

The Walks will be on the first Tuesday of the Month. Most walks will be 3/4 miles, over a reasonably flat terrain.

Each month different volunteer members will plan and lead the walk.

Most members will meet at the beginning of the walk at 10am BUT, for those needing a lift, we will meet at Morrisons at an earlier time.

OCTOBER( Please note that the date for this is different as Liz who is leading it cannot make the first Tuesday) Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> **Brierley Park** Car Park. Morrisons meet 9am!

NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> **Stone Bridge** Leader Anne. Morrisons 9.30am

DECEMBER – Join the Rambler Group (walk only 3/4 miles) 8<sup>th</sup> **Farnsfield**, Plough Car Park. Morrisons 10am.

16<sup>th</sup> **Chatsworth**, Garden Centre Car Park. Morrisons 10am.

JANUARY 4th – **Ramblers join Walkers, Thoresby** Car Park. Morrisons 9.15am.

All next Year Dates, Meeting Points and Leaders will be in the next Newsletter and on the Website!

**RAMBLING GROUP**

- 13<sup>th</sup> October **Meden Meander** (6 miles – easy) Meet Morrisons 10.00am for all walks.
- 21<sup>st</sup> October **Water’s Edge** (6 miles – easy)
- 10<sup>th</sup> November **Nuffield Ice Cream** (6 miles – easy)
- 18<sup>th</sup> November **Woodborough** (5 miles – easy)
- 8<sup>th</sup> December **Farnsfield** (4 miles – easy)
- 16<sup>th</sup> December **Chatsworth** (4 miles – easy)

On one of the rare bright and beautiful days in March, we did a five and a half mile circular walk by the Nottingham and Erewash Canals. It started badly as Colin and Gerald took their cars too far and had to come back to meet us (my fault for poor instructions!). Sue got to the right place but, on arrival, discovered that she had a puncture. She rang the RAC but they couldn’t get there until an hour later so she and the two Paulines decided to wait and perhaps walk to the lunch stop when the tyre was fixed.

The first part of the walk took us along the Nottingham Canal which was completed in 1796 and linked Eastwood directly to Nottingham. D.H.Lawrence referred to it in his novel “The Rainbow”, when it burst its banks and caused a flood which drowned his character Tom Brangwen. Now it can’t be imagined that it would ever flood its banks for it can best be described as neglected marsh area. No Sue and Paulines!

Cutting across country from the Nottingham Canal to the Erewash Canal, we passed by Newthorpe Sewage Works (Don’t let my Ramblers ever tell you that I don’t take them to exotic locations!!) We also crossed the bridge over the Erewash River; tragically the pub where we had refreshed ourselves on a previous visit had shut! Hence the pictures



below by the Shipley Lock: -  
 Note! Still no Sue or 2 Paulines! However Gladys was back with us after her knee operation because there were no stiles on this walk. In fact the part along the Erewash is beautifully maintained with mooring areas and fishing areas. It also has two picturesque locks: the Shipley as seen above and the East wood Lock near the end of the walk.



We got back to the cars and the RAC man had still not arrived to sort out Sue’s car BUT he was nearly there so the walkers went on to Felley Priory for a well-earned, large and delicious piece of cake with a cuppa. We sat outside in the lovely setting and the sunshine and, this time, Sue and the 2 Paulines managed to get the car sorted and join us – missed the walk but made the cake! What a surprise!

Liz Wilson

**FOUR MONTHLY DIARY OF DATES OCTOBER 2021 – JANUARY 2022**

**THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE WEB SITE**

**All meetings/events/holidays etc. are open to ALL MEMBERS INCLUDING POSTAL.**

**Thursday General Meetings – FULL MEMBERS ONLY**

**Committee Meetings. Any Member is welcome to attend. Please contact a member of the Committee for details**

<b>October 2021</b>	
<b>HOLIDAY BOOKING OPEN OCT. 2021</b> Deposit cheque of £50	<b>The Garden of Eden, Kent. 4 Nights, 5 Days. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.</b> Check deposit of £50 payable to Skills. Please book at October meeting.
<b>HOLIDAY BOOKING OPEN OCT. 2021</b> Deposit cheque of £50	<b>Potters 3. 5* resort 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</b> Cheque deposit of £50 made payable to Potters to be sent by post to Denise or hand in at meetings.
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <b>SOME PLACES AVAILABLE</b>	<b>QUIZ NIGHT</b> at Turner Hall 7 – 10pm. £10 Including Fish & Chip Supper.

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
<b>November 2021</b>	
<b>HOLIDAY BOOKING OPEN NOV/DEC. 2021</b> Deposit cheque of £50	<b>Isle of Wight.</b> Walking/Sight-seeing. <b>Saturday – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022.</b> Cheque deposit of £50 made payable to Just for Groups being taken at November & December 2021 meetings. )
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>	<b>Come for a Chat to our COFFEE MORNING at Turner Hall 10am to 12 noon.</b> Still collecting bric-a-brac, bottles and homemade cakes.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GENERAL MEETING at Turner Hall.</b> <b>Meeting 1 9am – 10am Meeting 2 10.15am - 11.15am Meeting 3 11.30am - 12.30pm.</b> Please book with Margaret Taylor which meeting you would like to attend.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>	<b>Museum of Time Keeping, Upton. £12.50p.</b> For those making your own way there you must arrive by 10.30am for coffee and biscuits in the Great Hall, followed by a 2 hour tour. For those wanting a lift pick up will be at Morrisons, Mansfield Woodhouse at 9.30am. You will be contacted nearer the time to ascertain who requires transport.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b> at Turner Hall. 2pm – 4pm. £10
Tuesday – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thursford.</b> 2 Night Break with half board. For full details contact Denise.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
<b>December 2021</b>	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DINNER</b> at Portland College 7 for 7.30pm. £23. Menu advertised in September newsletter. Please pay by cheque payable to Sherwood u3a or by BACs. Menu choice and payment to Jeremy Lloyd or see Jean Baker at the October/November meetings.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GENERAL MEETING at Turner Hall.</b> <b>Meeting 1 9am – 10am Meeting 2 10.15am - 11.15am Meeting 3 11.30am - 12.30pm.</b> Please book with Margaret Taylor which meeting you would like to attend
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

<b>January 2022</b>	
<b>TRIP BOOKING OPEN</b>	<b>The Deep and Hull, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.</b> Cost £22 including the entrance fee to The Deep. Free time in Hull. Leaving Iceland 8.50am and Morrisons 9.05 am. Departing from Hull 4.30 pm. <b>Names and cheques at January 2022 meeting.</b> Jean
<b>HOLIDAY BOOKING OPEN</b> Deposit cheque £50	<b>Giants of North Wales including Llandudno. 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022.</b> £779. Booking available from January 2022. To reserve a place please send a cheque deposit of £50 made payable to Just for Groups
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GENERAL MEETING at Turner Hall.</b> <b>Meeting 1 9am – 10am Meeting 2 10.15am - 11.15am Meeting 3 11.30am - 12.30pm.</b> Please book with Margaret Taylor which meeting you would like to attend on <b>PLEASE NOTE THAT THE JANUARY MEETING MAY CHANGE TO A FULL MEETING 9.45am to 12 noon WITH A SPEAKER.</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>