



Ashby de la Zouch

U3A



Newsletter February 2017

Notice of Special General Meeting on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 2pm

At the January meeting it was announced that the Committee wished to change the start of the membership year from July 1st to April 1st starting this year and hence, to compensate for the already paid for, and now shortened, 2016-17 year, to charge a reduced fee for next year.

One of our members has objected to the fee proposed, therefore the Committee are obliged by our Constitution to call a Special General Meeting (SGM) to discuss and vote on the proposal.

Notification is hereby given that this SGM will be on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 2pm immediately before the start of the normal monthly meeting.

SGM Agenda

To discuss and vote on the following proposal:

Change of membership year

To bring us in line with the national office and most other branches, the Committee proposes to change our membership year from July 1st- June 30th to April 1st – March 31st starting this April. This greatly simplifies our accounting with the National Office.

As members have already paid for 12 months up to June 30th 2017, next year's membership fees will be reduced from £16.50 to £13.50.

This consists of £10 for 9 months + £3.50 Capitation fee which is paid annually each March to the National office to cover insurance, the magazine, legal support etc. This fee cannot be reduced pro rata as it will still be paid each March.

New members will still pay £16.50 for the full year.

The usual discounts will apply to new members joining part way through the year, or to those who are members of other U3A branches.

Reminder of change of monthly meeting date

Monthly Meetings will in future be held on the FOURTH Tuesday of each month from 2pm to 4pm at the Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch. This makes the date more regular and hopefully allows a little more time to publish this newsletter after the meeting.

Last General Meeting: 28th February

Pat Hall came to talk to us on the subject of “Life’s funny like that”.

She regaled us for an hour with a constant stream of anecdotes, stories, newspaper cuttings (such as “Arsonist sets fire to own leg”), personal reminiscences including arguing with Prince Philip about the weather in Derbyshire at a function in St James Palace, of poems and jokes, many of which were slightly risqué. She told us of the sex education manual given to 6th form girls in 1962 which instructed them to remember their marriage vows and to obey their future husband's wishes in all matters of congress!

She recounted an elderly friend who said that “Piles are a pain in the neck”! As a lifelong vegetarian, she also told of the Army Sergeant who, when asked if there was a vegetarian option to the bacon sandwiches he was handing out to a gathering of civilians, said “Yes, take out the bacon”! Pat finished with a joke about a family of balloons where overnight the baby balloon let some of the air out of his father, his mother and then himself. In the morning his father was furious, saying “You’ve let me down....”

An extremely funny hour by a funny lady. Thank you.

Group Reports

Paul Dean gave a report on the activities of the gardening group which must be our most popular with 50 members. He spoke of their talks by guest speakers, trips out to well-known gardens and of their fund-raising cream tea and plant swap to be held on 20th July to raise money for a local charity.

Group Co-ordinator James Bloor reminded us of several new groups which members have proposed and are trying to get started. These include Play Reading, Poetry, Ladies Golf, Knitting & Stitching and Arts & Crafts. Arts and Crafts have arranged their first meeting to discuss how they will proceed. See below for the date and venue.

If anyone is interested in joining, or indeed leading, any of these groups please contact James Bloor at interestg@ashbyu3a.co.uk

Notices

There are 3 places left on the coach for the trip to the National Media Museum, Bradford on Wednesday March 22nd. Entrance is free, the coach costs £16. Anyone wishing to go please contact Margaret Howlett on 01530 461774 or trips@ashbyu3a.co.uk as soon as possible.

Next General Meeting: 28th March

Speaker: Luke Wigman will give a talk on the Army Rehabilitation Centre

| 2017 | Tea and Coffee Rota | Meeters and Greeters | Reporting Groups |
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| March | Bill & Avril Wilson, Glenys Morrice, Maggie Rice | | |
| April | | | |

Interest Groups Timetable: March 2017

| Interest group | Meeting date and time | Venue |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Arts & Crafts | 13th Mar at 2 pm | Shirley's house |
| Bird Watching | TBA | TBA |
| Bridge | 6th & 20th Mar at 7-9 pm 13th & 27th Mar at 2-4 pm | Royal Hotel, Ashby. |
| Calligraphy | 14th Mar at 10 am | At Sue's |
| Computer | Wed 1st Mar at 2 pm Mon 20th Mar at 2 pm | 16 Winchester Way |
| Digital Photography | 2nd Mar at 10 am | 16 Winchester Way |
| Drawing and painting | 15th Mar at 10 am | 16 Winchester Way |
| Family History | 8th Mar at 2 pm | 2 Marlborough Way |
| Gardening | 16th Mar at 2 pm | Packington Village Hall |
| History | 23rd Mar at 2 pm | Packington Village Hall |
| Industrial Heritage | 22nd Mar | See Trips and Outings for details |
| Italian | 6th Mar at 10 am | 9 St Michael's Close |
| Literature | 14th Mar at 12.30 pm | 28 Willesley Gardens |
| Lunch | 9th Mar at 12 noon for 12.30 | La Zouch, Ashby |
| Medium Walks | 13th Mar at 9.45 for 10 am start | Meet at the church in Smisby, walk to Hartshorne and back via woodland |
| Music Appreciation | 1st Mar at 10 am | Flat 8, 2nd Floor, Castlegate House, Bath St, Ashby |
| Quiz | 15th Mar at 2.30 pm | Bull and Lion, Packington |
| Recorder | 2nd Mar at 10 am 16th Mar at 10 am | Bretby Court, 76 Ashby Rd East, Stanhope Bretby, DE15 0PT. Tel 07720 149850 Joan's house |
| Short Walks | 17th Mar at 10 am | Meet at Moira Furnace |
| Trips and Outings | 22nd Mar at 8.30 am | Meet at Royal Hotel for trip to National Media Museum, Bradford |
| Walking | 7th Mar 9:45 for 10 am start 21st Mar 9.30 for 9.50 bus | Castle Square, Melbourne The Crown Inn, Main St, Yoxall DE13 8NQ Linear walk from Fradley back to Yoxall |

Early April

| Interest group | Meeting date and time | Venue |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Bird Watching | TBA | TBA |
| Bridge | 3rd Apr at 2-4 pm | Royal Hotel, Ashby. |
| Computer | 5th Apr at 2 pm | 16 Winchester Way |
| Digital Photography | 6th Apr at 10 am | 16 Winchester Way |
| Music Appreciation | 5th Apr at 10 am | TBA |
| Recorder | 6th Apr at 10 am | TBA |
| Walking | 4th Apr at 9.45 for 10am | TBA |

*For trips, outings, walks and other events which meet away from the usual venues, see further details in the relevant Group Reports below, or on our website www.ashbyu3a.co.uk

Group Reports

Bird Watching – Leader Anne Donegan - birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk

Anne Donegan has agreed to take over leading the group. Their next meeting is yet to be arranged.

Bridge – Leader Neil Roberts 01530 455957

This is Bridge for players of all levels playing friendly Contract Bridge with some chatter. Several of our number are "beginners" or "returners" and we have experienced players who are happy to help others improve their game. We now have about 20 active players. We meet weekly on Mondays at the Royal Hotel, Ashby and at present we alternate afternoons and evenings.

The agreement with the Royal is that we pay for refreshments. Currently when we play we pay £2.50 per week. The Royal provide Car Parking Permits free to our group when playing Bridge.

If you would like to know more contact Neil on 01530 455957 or Pat Ford on 01827 830672

Calligraphy – Leader Jenny Slawson 01283 229718

A small but friendly group, we enjoy extending our calligraphy skills through a more experimental and creative approach to writing texts. We focus mainly on italic and uncial scripts and have produced some very imaginative pieces both at home and during our monthly meetings. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10am.

14th February

Five of the group met on a lovely sunny morning to try to 'think outside the box' and produce a Valentine with a difference! This wasn't that easy to do as we could think of different styles of Valentine cards but extending our thinking about how to do the actual writing proved to be more difficult. After some discussion and sharing ideas, we explored the idea of using wax resist and tried using wax crayons and candles to write and draw with. This was quite difficult when you couldn't see what you had done! Letting yourself go and not worrying too much about the end result is a way of relaxing our approach to writing which will, hopefully, produce a free and more flowing end result when not restricted by 'perfectionism'. Feelings about the end results were mixed but some of us then went on to extend the focus for the day in their own way but still being prepared to experiment.

During our discussion at the end, we all agreed that we enjoyed the challenge of a varied approach to calligraphy but thinking what to do was the most difficult part!

Computers – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774

We meet twice monthly to try to solve anyone's computer problems and to better learn how to use them whether they are PCs, Macs, iPads or Android Tablets. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

20th February

Nine of us arrived today, two of us new recruits and we got straight down to work: John H and Jane Harris looked at scanning documents and emailing scanned photos from a combined printer/photocopier. Jane will now need to go away and practice with her own, as each maker's machines vary from others. John D showed Jane how to email photos from a tablet. Norma worked with Steve on manipulating photos with Picasa. Colin Ellis still has problems with getting his DVDs to play on a TV. Colin Woodland helped him try to diagnose this. This may be related to the version of DVD R he is using, as some TV players need a particular one.

Peter has a problem with his Win7 laptop running very slowly. This is partly because it is an older laptop (which brings up the question: How old can a laptop be when it is no older than Win 7?!), and partly because there were programmes running in the background of which he was not aware. Derek set to and helped him to shut down all programmes he did not immediately want, with guidance as to how to bring them up when he did want them.

Everybody went away either with problems solved, or a route to a solution.

Digital Photography – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774

We meet to try to understand how to get the best out of our digital cameras whether they are simple compact cameras or full-blooded DSLRs and how to edit or modify the pictures afterwards. We try to get out and practice every other month. We do not as yet enter competitions.

2nd February

It being a dull and damp day, the Group stayed indoors at no. 16.

Five of us foregathered, and looked at some problems with editing photos in Adobe Photoshop Elements. It turns out the programme is not so easy for beginners to use as it might seem.

Several of us tried to save a section of a photo as a separate photo but got nowhere. Later, one of the Group tried the same operation using the basic Paint software and had immediate success. I suppose we just don't speak Adobe!

We discussed the different options for tweaking photos that didn't come out as we hoped, in particular, coping with the unwanted effect of difficult lighting conditions. Some could only be dealt with by manipulating layers, so that is an area in which we could do with a master class.

It was mooted that a list of likely locations for outdoor visits should be drawn up so that, if the weather is suitable, we don't have to spend time debating, we can just go.

Drawing and Painting – Contact Chris Dogherty 01530 411148

15th February

The option for this month was either a Valentine theme, or an experimental approach using all or part of a printed picture, to produce an improvised image. An excellent session! Next month's theme is - Cartoons.

Family History – Leader John Dogherty 01530 411148

8th February

A very good session today in different accommodation: still at no. 2, but now with more table space.

Six of us gathered round, including one new member: Mary. Welcome to the gang, Mary!

Mary is starting from scratch, so we started with setting down what she knew of her parents, then moved quickly on to the basics of using Ancestry. Unfortunately, Mary was unable to get Ancestry to initiate a tree because of email issues. This is not a crisis, just an irritant. Work can continue, with Ancestry providing information and building up the record, until such time as we can overcome the email problem and get that tree created.

Rosemary is making great strides as a (nearly) first timer, and has much of her tree well under construction. Unfortunately, Ancestry has a few traps for the unwary, and Rosemary has duplicate folks popping up! Not to worry, there is a function available to merge duplicates and this worked smoothly. Less easy to smooth out was a problem with one chap who is down incorrectly with two wives. It is less easy to sort him out as the Profile window doesn't actually see him with these two, although the tree does..... One for further work, I think.

Audrey worked on her Scottish relations, having located some wills and other documents on-line that she wishes to download or print. We printed out several on the Wi-Fi printer, but missed a trick by not using the A3 option. These documents are very closely typed and are difficult to read in A4.

Iris excelled herself with an A2 hand drawn version of two parts of her tree. A class piece of work we

should all be proud to have produced. As she said, it is all very well to have the tree viewable on screen in sections, but you just don't get the full flavour of a hard copy produced this way. It should be copied out in ink by a proper graphics artist: one for the Calligraphy Group, perchance? John H did stalwart work helping the others, but was unfortunately unable to make much headway with his own research. We must remedy this.

Gardening - Leader Paul Dean 01283 295987

The Gardening Group is one of the largest interest groups. The committee try hard to provide a selection of activities suitable for all, including talks on various topics, trips out to well-known gardens and social events where plants are swapped and garden problems are solved! There is always food and drink at the end of each meeting and occasionally prizes to be won! Please come along and meet us and give the gardening club a try.

16th February

Our February meeting was held at Packington Village Hall and we had a visiting speaker on the subject of "An Introduction to Alpine Plants". We were shown slides on different ways alpines can be grown such as in sinks, scree, tufa rocks or raised beds. Eric Webster, the speaker also answered questions from members and showed slides of some of the different varieties of alpines grown in the UK. He pointed out that the Alpine Garden Society are holding their spring show at 10am on the 11th March at Shepshed High School, Forest Street, Shepshed LE12 9DB. Admission £3.00 , accompanied children free.

History – Leader Dorothy Chapman 01530 413042

23rd February

Jane Harris gave a talk on the Menin Gate.

Jane attracted a great turnout of 34 for her talk, which was lively, interesting and on occasions hilarious. Her story was about the search for what happened to her great-uncle, Henry Arthur Joyce, who enlisted in the Second Dragoon Guards as a drummer. He had always been a musician, and was posted as 'Missing' after the first battle of Messines in 1914.

His wife tried unsuccessfully for years to find out what happened to him, and before she died handed over all her work to Jane's father. Jane decided to go on a 'Battlefield Tour' to see if she could locate him.

Her account of the journey there was very funny, harried as the tourists were by a sort of female 'gauleiter' they referred to as 'She Who Must Be Obeyed'. To add to the fun, they discovered a pair of Sudanese immigrants who had mistakenly thought their bus was England-bound and stowed away underneath. This resulted in increased activity by their self-appointed minder who insisted that, while they waited for the police to come and deal with the refugees, and later, whilst the bus, at her insistence, was checked out for any mechanical problems caused by the refugees, they all wear hi-vis jackets if they left the bus. This made going to the toilet in the fields outside (she had declared the on-board loos unusable) a bureaucratic nightmare.

The actual tour took in Thiepval, the new Australian Memorial, Ypres (completely rebuilt), the Menin Gate, Fricourt German Cemetery (where Baron Von Richthofen is buried) and Mametz before returning to England.

The tale of War dead was horrendous, including 72,000 at Thiepval and 54,000 at Menin, which is all that could be fitted onto the Memorial. Jane finally located Henry's name at the very top of a panel on the Menin Gate.

She showed many slides some funny, showing the hi-vis in action, some poignant beyond belief of the rows of crosses and lists of names on the memorials. She had pots of shrapnel balls to show round and photographs, documents and other memorabilia.

Most of all she had the illuminated manuscript sent to each service man from the King.

A heart-warming and fascinating story. Thank you, Jane!

Industrial Heritage – Leader Mike Stow 01530 469152

25th February – Visit to the National Space Centre, Leicester

21 members made their way to Leicester to mingle with seemingly hundreds of school children also intent on pressing every button in the museum. We had deliberately waited until after half-term to visit, but didn't reckon on the organised school trips. Despite the crowds and noise, we all enjoyed ourselves. The science and engineering is all fascinating, but the most astounding features were about the astronauts themselves. How they coped in such cramped and tiny quarters whilst dealing with the rigours of space travel is beyond heroic.

Italian Group – Leader Lynda Hall 01530 415922

23rd February

Three students and Lynda continued the segment on booking hotel rooms. to which we added finding our way about the city, with itineraries to make up and identify, and giving instructions to a taxi driver. More also on confirming reservations, but this time from the position of the hotel receptionist on the phone.

We had to match a holiday brochure description as closely as possible to a set of requirements. For homework we have to reconstruct a phone conversation making a reservation, to an entry in the hotel register. Page 33 of the copied notes (not the new book): Section D, Exercise 2.

Literature Group - Leader Sandra Harris 01530 416653

The Group are due to read "Kiss Kiss" by Roald Dahl this month, before meeting at 1.30 on 14th March to discuss the book.

Luncheon Group – Leader Ray Bentley 01530 412505

We are a group of men and ladies who enjoy a meal together, we take it in turn to choose a venue and organise it. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you sign the notice board in the coffee room at the monthly meeting prior to the lunch, so we can book the relevant number of seats. If you cannot make the monthly meeting please use the contact email or phone number.

The February meal was held at the White Hart after being relocated last month whilst the pub was being redecorated. With the decorating now complete, we enjoyed our usual good lunch.

Music Appreciation – Leader David Oakley 01530 563409

This was our first meeting of 2017 so we all tuned up by wishing each other a happy new year. There was a good attendance with eight of us and an apology from Clare.

Mary started us off in good voice with her re-discovery of Maria Callas, and as Neil pointed out had the recording technology been better during her time then she might have been even better appreciated.

Then a complete change of direction with Neil's choice of Dire Straits, 'Private Investigation', and after a technical hitch Lesley played George Michael's 'They won't go when I go', very apt in view of his recent untimely death.

Ann then tried to cheer us up with two Everly Brothers songs 'Bye Bye Love' and 'Cathy's Clown', and Nev, at his first music meeting, chose a blast from his past, 'Shakin' all Over' by The Who.

Sally had heard an Aled Jones song on the radio and the album request went on to her Christmas list. Santa duly obliged and she brought along the CD and chose the track 'Danny Boy' where the current Aled sings in duet with his younger self.

Wendy couldn't resist a piece of classical music and chose the second movement of Mahler's Symphony no.1. I think some members might be going back to listen to Mahler again. Dorothy also chose a classical piece, Mozart's 'Eine kleine nachtmusik', or 'A little night music'.

David had chosen two choral pieces, the first a Finnish choir singing 'Finlandia' and secondly Bryn Terfel with a Welsh choir singing 'Myfanwy'. Neil came back with a Bruce Springsteen piece 'Racing in the Street'.

Nev brought the morning to an end with a blues piece, 'I hate a man like you', featuring the actor Hugh Laurie on piano. Finally, technology was overcome and we played Lesley's earlier choice of Paul Simon's 'Under African Skies'.

A most enjoyable morning with a wide selection of music, whilst we heard a few pieces we knew there were some we had forgotten or some we had never heard before. A big thank you to Ann for her hospitality.

The next meeting will be at 10 am on Wednesday 1st March, and the fact it's St David's Day may have an impact on music choices. Mary Weeks has kindly offered to host this meeting at her apartment at Flat 8, 2nd floor, Castlegate House, Bath St. Entrance is at the side of The Vine restaurant through the iron gate.

Quiz group - Leader Malcolm Bird 01530 563872

The group meet at the Bull and Lion, Packington. The Start time is 2.30 and involves tables of four. You do not need to arrange a team of four before the meeting as teams can be organised on the day. This enables single individuals to take part - and to make new friends by joining an ad hoc team. Tea and coffee are served. Total cost £1.20 of which 20p goes to a kitty for prizes.

The February quiz was preceded by the "Winter Lunch" before getting down to business. Malcolm had arranged outside help with the quizmaster, allowing Malcolm to compete for a change. It didn't do him any good as the table by the window took its traditional first place despite having entirely different people sitting at it. Some say the phone reception is better there!!

Recorder group - Leader Joan Gibson - recorder@ashbyu3a.co.uk

The recorder group, meet twice a month, to make music in a relaxed, fun way. I would hope that we would be able to cater for a wide range of experience and skill. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings each month.

New members would be very welcome. Complete beginners would find it difficult to catch up, though.

2nd February

We (three of us) met at Janet's house. We had a good time going over some of the older stuff, just to refresh our memories. The second session of the month was actually held at Barbara's house, so still just three of us, but a slightly different line-up. We managed a few pieces in parts with greater and lesser degrees of success, but it was fun.

Trips and Outings Group - Contact Margaret Howlett 01530 461774

Visit to Bradford National Media Museum – March 22nd

The Trips and Outings group are combining with Industrial Heritage to organise a trip to the National Media Museum in Bradford on 22nd March. Entry to the museum is free, as is a one hour behind-the-scenes guided tour. We have booked a 34 seat coach and there are 3 seats left at £16 ea. Contact Margaret Howlett on 01530 461774 or trips@ashbyu3a.co.uk as soon as possible if you wish to go.

Walks

The walk leader will be at the meeting place whatever the weather and will only cancel the walk in consultation with those who turn up on the day. All dogs must be kept under control at all times. Walking boots or strong shoes are recommended. Be prepared for bad weather by taking warm waterproof clothing. Leaders act in a voluntary capacity. All ramblers walk at their own risk.

Walking Group - Leader Bob Baxendale 01530 481435

The walking group usually does walks of between 7-8 miles, twice a month, and normally have a lunch stop at a pub near to, or at the end of, the walk.

7th February

15 of us today. On a cold but bright morning we started from Cropston and walked to Swithland village near the Griffon Inn, from here we walked the length of the village towards Woodhouse before turning left up the footpath into Swithland Wood. Coffee and bananas etc were consumed here. On emerging from the woods we crossed the fields to Hallgates and into Bradgate Park. Uphill here into the deer park before dropping down passing the remains of the Hall. From there we crossed the brook and walked back along the south side of Cropston Reservoir to the Bradgate Arms in Cropston for lunch. About 6.5 miles were walked.

21th February

Twelve members, one visitor and one dog set out from the Chesterfield Arms for a 7.5 mile circuit via Bretby Park, Bretby Village, Town Farm, Hill Farm, Dale Farm, Mount Pleasant Cottages and Common Farm before returning across Burton Golf Course to Geary House and our starting point.

The weather was surprisingly excellent, very mild with lovely sunshine initially although it did cloud over and a breeze develop later. Still, we were safely back before the afternoon drizzle began. It was an easy walk across gently undulating countryside with some extensive views over the Trent Valley towards Derbyshire. The footpaths were mostly in good order and the route mostly clear. Even the few muddy bits were not particularly unpleasant.

All went well until the outskirts of Burton, where the leader, not concentrating as he should have done, missed a turn in the path and ended up in the right place but on the wrong side of a stream. Nothing daunted, the group showed the spirit which has made the Empire what it is today, descending the precipitous side of the defile, leaping over the raging torrent and scaling the difficult slope beyond before forcing their way through the jungle to regain our route. In other words, we stepped over the stream.

After these exertions, we had most certainly earned our refreshments at the Chesterfield Arms.

Medium walks – Leader Carole Harriman

The Medium Walk group do walks of up to 6 miles. Anyone interested please contact Carole.

13th February

Eight members of the medium walking group set off in bright and cool conditions. We started at Spring Wood car park, Staunton Harold reservoir and walked through Dimmingsdale woods, admiring the many snowdrops which each year make their appearance, a sign that spring can't be too far away. After leaving the woods we skirted past the Garden Centre and walked along green lanes to Lount, over several fields to the drive up to Staunton Harold. We stopped for a short drink break in bright sun overlooking the hall and lake before heading up hill past Keith's clump and followed a stone wall which has a couple of breaks in it giving good views of the lake and valley below. It was then just a short climb back down some handily placed steps back to our cars. A total of 4.5 miles. The weather was good but underfoot very muddy in places.

Short walks Group – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774

The short walk group organises walks using well defined paths and routes without stiles. The maximum length is 3 miles. All are welcome.

17th February - Walk around Staunton Harold Estate.

10 people met at Staunton car park alongside dozens of South East Staffordshire ramblers. We waited until 10:00 but no sign of Cynthia. Worried we sent out search parties but Sandra arrived having taken Cynthia home feeling unwell. The walk was ably led by Sandra. We followed the trail to Lount but took the left fork to a track that led back to Staunton. We picked up the back trail from the Lount entrance down to the road.

Instead of going back to the car park we turned right over the stream and left onto the track across the lake from the house. We then turned left onto the road to the Ferrers Centre where we stopped for coffee. Total distance a little under 2.5 miles

Your Committee

Following the AGM on 26th July 2016, the members below were (re)elected to the Committee.

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