



Interest Groups Timetable for April

Date	Time	Group	Venue or Meeting point
Mon 2nd	2-4 pm	Bridge	Hood Park Leisure Centre
Tue 3rd	9:45 for 10 am start	Walking	The Bricklayers Arms, Main Street, Thornton LE67 1AH
Wed 4th	10:00 am	Music Appreciation	43 Cambrian Way
Wed 4th	2:00 pm	Computer	16 Winchester Way
Thu 5th	Dep 9.45 am	Digital Photography	Bradgate Park. Meet at 16 Winchester Way to car share
Thu 5th	10:00 am	Recorder	TBA
Mon 9th	9.45 for 10 am start	Medium Walks	Meet at Melbourne Hall
Mon 9th	7-9 pm	Bridge	Ivanhoe Social Club
Tue 10th	10:00 am	Calligraphy	At Carol's to continue practising a new script-Gothic Texture Quadrata
Tue 10th	1:30 pm	Literature	28 Willesley Gardens
Wed 11th	10:00 am	Italian	Lynda's house.
Wed 11th	2:00 pm	Family History	2 Marlborough Way
Thu 12th	10:00 am	Canasta	The Masseys'
Thu 12th	12 for 12.30 pm	Lunch	Bull's Head, Wilson
Mon 16th	2-4 pm	Bridge	Hood Park Leisure Centre
Mon 16th	2:00 pm	Computer	16 Winchester Way
Tue 17th	9:45 for 10 am start	Walking	The Carpenters Arms, Dale Abbey, Ilkeston, Derbys DE7 4PP
Wed 18th	9:45 am	Drawing and painting	2 Marlborough Way. Possible outdoor location
Wed 18th	2:30 pm	Quiz	Bull and Lion, Packington
Thu 19th	10:00 am	Recorder	TBA
Thu 19th	Dep 10.30 am	Gardening	Coton Manor visit. Coach departs from the Royal Hotel. £16 for coach & entry
Fri 20th	10:00 am	Short Walks	Meet at car park on Stapenhill Road across the river from Burton between the two bridges near St Peters Church
Mon 23rd	7-9 pm	Bridge	Ivanhoe Social Club
Wed 25th	Dep at 8.30 am	Industrial Heritage	Blists Hill Victorian Town and Coalport Pottery
Thu 26th	10:00 am	Canasta	The Masseys'
Thu 26th	2:00 pm	History	Packington Hall. Stephen Flinders - 'Terror from the skies'
Thu 26th	2:00 pm	Arts & Crafts	Shirley's house
Thu 26th	7 for 7.30 pm	Supper Club	The George and Dragon,A512,Thringstone
Mon 30th	10:00 am	Italian	Lynda's house
Mon 30th	2-4 pm	Bridge	Hood Park Leisure Centre

Early May

Date	Time	Group	Venue or Meeting point
Wed 2nd	10 am	Music Appreciation	TBA
Wed 2nd	2:00 pm	Computer	16 Winchester Way
Thu 3rd	10:00 am	Recorder	TBA
Thu 3rd	10:00 am	Digital Photography	16 Winchester Way
Mon 7th	7-9 pm	Bridge	Ivanhoe Social Club
Tue 8th	10:00 am	Calligraphy	At Ann's to write a verse from a hymn in Gothic script- perhaps plan to illuminate the first letter
Tue 8th	1:30 pm	Literature	28 Willesley Gardens

*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

MONTHLY MEETING

March 27th

Subject: Becoming a Blue Badge Guide

Speaker: Margaret Harrison

Margaret Harrison has been the holder of the coveted 'Blue Badge' for many years giving her the right to conduct guided walks, guided city centre tours and also bus tours in Nottinghamshire. Margaret explained how the blue badge qualification came into being in 1951 and how much learning you had to take on board in the hope of then passing the necessary examination in order to obtain the said badge. A total of 150 questions had to be answered in just 45 minutes and candidates had to score a minimum of 131 correct answers to pass the test. Once obtained, badge holders are under a duty not to bring the Blue Badge into disrepute or else the badge can be taken away from you.

Margaret gave us all an extremely amusing talk about slipping and sliding down Mortimer's hole in Nottingham whilst leading a group of tourists around the city as well as many other very funny anecdotes. This included the story about the over enthusiastic tourist who wanted to know how many undiscovered caves there were in Nottingham. Margaret knew exactly how to deal with such questions in calm and collected manner. It would be fair to say that Margaret had us all laughing our socks off for well over an hour.

Next Monthly Meeting on Tue 24th Apr at 2 pm:

Pat & Pete Fitzpatrick will give a talk on "Supporting SOS Children's Villages"

Tea Rota etc. for the monthly meetings

Month	Tea and Coffee Rota	Meeters and Greeters	Reporting Groups
April	Jane Barnett, June Meir, Marion Shuttleworth, Sheila Hampson	Leslie & David Thomas	Italian & Literature
May		Val & Trevor Reed	Lunch & Medium Walks

GROUP REPORTS

New group - Spanish

Some members want to start a Spanish language group. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Groups Co-ordinator, James Bloor, on interestg@ashbyu3a.co.uk or 01283 224468

Arts and Crafts – Leader Shirley Bunting 01530 415755

The group had their second meeting of the year on March 22nd.

Bird Watching – Leader Anne Donegan 01283 760348- birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk

The group have not been out this month and the date and venue for their next trip has yet to be decided.

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.

The group has 2 new venues. They now meet at the Hood Park Leisure Centre in the 1st floor function room for afternoon sessions and at Ivanhoe Social Club in the front lounge for the evening sessions. Free car parking is available at both venues, but must be signed in at Hood Park.

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

Calligraphy – Leader Jenny Slawson 01283 229718

March 13th

6 members met together this month to continue to work on the new font we have chosen. It has an impressive name: Gothic Textura Quadrata and is described as 'a gorgeous script, dense and architectural, a wonderful example of how letters can be an art in their own right'.

Unfortunately, none of us read any further because it then says: 'it is also very difficult to write, especially for the beginner.'

Both statements are very true, it is very beautiful when done by an expert. And it is also especially difficult, because we are all very much beginners.

So, in the best U3A tradition of self-help, we concentrated very hard and met with varying degrees of success. We will be back together next month to continue, hopefully having found some free time to practise!

Canasta – Leaders Tom & Gillian Massey 01283 212380

Tom and Gill's canasta group has been running for some months now and last week they were up to 6 members. There is space for more. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings each month at 10 am to 12.

The Canasta group is now finding its feet but could really do with some more members. If you are interested in joining, then contact them on the above number or email canasta@ashbyu3a.co.uk

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.

March 19th

A relatively quiet day with only two sets of problems.

Peter needed to be able to operate a mouse , both with a pad and as a separate device. We also found that, on some mice, if you push the mouse roller wheel sideways you can bring up a different cursor. Which explains a rather puzzling effect others have noticed without being aware of this facility!

David continues to have problems with his laptop running slowly, but as more and more intrusive virus and malware is removed he finds it running faster and faster. The latest advance came after a trip to the local PC Clinic.

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.

March 1st

A repetition of last time: only three turned up to be with JH on one of the coldest days of the year. There was a great deal of chat but not too much photography!

We decided that next time we would visit Bradgate Park, and the following month review what we had done then.

Drawing and Painting – Contact Chris Dogherty 01530 411148

March 21st

The first day of Spring was the inspiration for this month's theme. It was a "full house" that gathered together and by the end of the morning, we had a Mad March Hare, a "warren of rabbits" and a nest of fledgling chicks!!! (See the gallery).

Next meeting, meet 9.45am at 2 Marlborough Way, for a possible outdoor location if the weather is good, alternatively an indoor session perhaps drawing trees and horses. Let's decide nearer the time.

Family History – Leader John Dogherty 01530 411148

March 14th

An excellent and very busy day. 7 members and the Leader turned out, so we had to overspill into the lounge.

We have a new member: Maureen Broad. Welcome Maureen! She wished to know how we operated, and outlined her current search programme. It will involve a certain amount of visiting, as there is much she needs from Parish Records.

She and John H discussed this with particular reference to Irish records. She also brought a quantity of CD's with invaluable records and directories. These will be added to the Library and when they have been catalogued the Library index will be re-issued to members. The Library is free to members to borrow from at any time. Just say the word!

Peter needed to work on his tree. Audrey helped Bridget with Ancestry, and John D helped Eileen with her iPad version of Ancestry. The latter has restricted editing features, and will not easily allow her to eliminate duplicate names. We need to do more work here.

Rosemary is still working on her Tree, but worked for a while with Eileen. In fact, it seem at one time as if everyone was helping everybody else: just as it should be!

Audrey went over old ground searching for possible new leads to her dead ends. She currently has an extensive project to scan in photos and documents relevant to her father. Next time, if she wishes, we will look at helping her on her way using JD's A4 and A3 scanners.

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.

March 15th

The gardening group made a self-drive visit to Planters Garden Centre nr. Junction 10 M42. We pre-booked a buffet lunch and talk by Mr Gerald Ingram, the founder of the Planter's Garden Centre chain. He told us that he didn't want to continue the farming tradition of his parents and grandparents, but growing plants was in his blood.

He went to university to study business management and to the delight of his parents he set up a small business selling Christmas trees from the roadside beside their farm. This proved a successful venture and Gerald created a very small nursery which grew and grew. He now owns sites at Tamworth, Bretby and also Garden King nr. Burton upon Trent. He brought a selection of plants into our private room to show us and discuss growth habits and where about to plant them in an average garden.

We had our buffet before the talk and it was a lovely, tasty selection of food including sandwiches, hot potato wedges, salad and cakes.

Following the talk we had ample time to ask questions, browse around the garden centre, revisit the café and return home when we were ready.

History – Leader Jane Harris 01530 838025

March 22nd

A record 51 attended to hear Jane Harris's talk on the Foundling Hospital in London.

The hospital was founded in 1739 by Royal Charter to Thomas Coram, a retired sea captain who was horrified by the numbers of babies left to die on the streets. Initially only about 30 boys and girls could be admitted. Jane used the history of an ancestor, Daniel Parfitt, to trace the work and history of the Hospital.

Careful records were kept of children brought in. The mothers often left tokens so that the child could be identified and reclaimed later although very few were actually reclaimed.

This has resulted in a large archive of documents and un-reclaimed tokens. Each child was given a number and Jane was able to track Daniel via his.

The children were kept in the Hospital until the normal working age of 13, then sent to live with local families. They were given minimal education or training to fit them for work, such as house servant or semiskilled factory work. Sometimes this resulted in the children being adopted or raised as a foster-child.

They were also given a music education, which prompted Handel to visit. There is even a photograph allegedly showing him visiting, except photography hadn't yet been invented!

The Hospital was financed by donations and fundraising with exhibitions and concerts etc. Handel performed his Messiah there and composed a special piece for the Hospital.

The children had to wear a uniform, in the same way as the Blue Coats Charity schools. The Museum houses many examples of the children's clothes.

Daniel's story and Jane's search for him was enthralling, as she followed the trail of his life. She was able to locate his number and traced the documents relating to his time in the Hospital.

She followed his family, who seemed to recover from the stigma of his being a foundling, and solved a family mystery. It seems that his mother had been guilty of 'Criminal Conversation' This was a euphemism! Daniel was reunited with mother, and went on to live a full life, dying at the ripe old age of 84, surviving the Gallipoli fracas.

Jane and her husband went to Hounslow to find a family grave, and found a headstone for a child called Bubbles.

All in all a fascinating story of the lives those lost children, and of one who fortunately was found again.

Industrial Heritage – Leader Mike Stow 01530 469152

March 28th – Lion Salt Works, Northwich

A large group of 19 set off in cars for Northwich and despite heavy rain and even heavier traffic, mostly due to road works everywhere, most of us arrived within a few minutes of each other, except for one car-load who were caught behind a road accident.

Our first stop was at the Weaver Hall museum who provided welcoming teas and coffee before showing a brief film of the Hall's previous life as a workhouse. We were then free to wander the museum to look at the industrial story of that part of Cheshire from the bronze age to the present day. One interesting artefact was a stone hammer head from the bronze age which was exactly the same shape and size as a modern steel one that we would use today on a sledgehammer!

After a very good lunch at the nearby Salt Barge, we literally crossed the road to the Lion Salt Works where our guide gave us an excellent tour of the works explaining the history of salt production from Roman times until the closure of the works in 1986. The Lion Works extracted brine (salt dissolved in water) by pumping it out of a seam of salt some 20m thick, 30m below the surface. The brine was then boiled in large shallow pans to evaporate the water while men scraped the salt out of the pans by hand before packing it into boxes to be left to dry out completely.

He also showed us how salt extraction has caused major subsidence in the area at various times leading to flooding and the collapse of many buildings, roads and even the canal which has had its sides built up many times to keep it level.

A fascinating story of one of life's most important minerals.

Italian Group – Leader Lynda Hall 01530 415922

March 5th

As the January meeting was cancelled due to absences and sickness, this was our first of the New Year, and all five turned up.

Lynda had us revise the pronouns de, della, dei, etc and their applications, which caught some of us napping!

As before we concentrated on what used to be called Domestic Science, with shopping and an added element : cooking. Tough on those of us who don't do much of either...

There was the by now obligatory listening session: difficult but once we saw the text that had been spoken we wondered what we found so difficult!

Literature Group - Leader Sandra Harris 01530 416653

The Group met on the 13th March to discuss "Little Boy Lost" by Marghanita Laski. This month they are reading Anthony Burgess's biography of Hemingway before reading "For whom the bell tolls" next month.

Luncheon Group – Leaders Colin & Sharon Woodland 01530 213867

We are a group of men and ladies who enjoy a meal together, at various pubs and restaurants around the area. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you sign the form at the prior monthly meeting, email luncheon@ashbyu3a.co.uk or phone Colin & Sharon, so we can book the relevant number of seats.

March 8th - Ferrers Arms, Lount

We all enjoyed the 2 for 1 deal at the Ferrers Arms, ate well and enjoyed the company.

Music Appreciation – Leader David Oakley 01530 563409

March 7th

This month Sally had kindly offered to host our meeting at her Newbold home and we had five apologies for absence. Trish and Paul, who were warm in Spain, Dorothy who was probably trying to keep warm in the Arctic Circle and Leslie and Ann who would be keeping out the damp in Ashby. Our numbers were augmented by Sally's house guest Carol, who seems to have had a perhaps unexpectedly enjoyable morning.

Sally launched us off by taking us back to the Seekers, a group that Mike's recent Asian taxi driver said he was currently 'into'. Sally had chosen 'The Carnival is Over' and we discussed the story we thought was behind the song. We remarked on Judith Durham's beautiful voice which in some way reminded us of Carol Carpenter and even Vera Lynn. Sally's second choice was Elgar's 'Salut d'Amour'. Elgar gave the piece to Caroline Alice Roberts as an engagement present. Sally described this choice as one of her slow piano playing pieces.

Mike's theme this month was music used in TV adverts; music we knew but had no idea of its name or background. His first piece was Erik Satie's 'Gymnopedies', a piece that pops up on regular occasions in both adverts and films. It seems that Satie had once been asked what his profession was and replied he was a 'gymnopaedist'. The exact connotation remains uncertain.

Next were two pieces by the 'Penguin Cafe Orchestra', an avant-pop band founded by Simon Jeffes back in the 80's. First was 'Music for a found Harmonium', written for the instrument he found dumped on the street in Japan. Next was 'Telephone and Rubber Band', a composition suggested by a telephone fault which played the both the ring and the engaged tone at the same time.

Nev's theme was songs that had been banned. This included Cole Porter's 'Love for Sale', this version sung by the incomparable Ella Fitzgerald, followed by Alberta Hunter singing 'My Handy Man', and we all had a good chuckle at that. An excellent rendition considering Alberta's advanced years.

Neil had chosen songs by Kirsty McColl, who we always associate with 'Fairy tale of New York'. Here she was singing 'A guy works down the chip shop says he's Elvis' followed by the Cuban influenced 'In these shoes'. We spoke about the circumstances of her death in Mexico.

David had a guitar choice this month but quickly found that his first album 'Neck & Neck' was in the collection of several other members. The track was 'There'll be some changes made' with Mark Knopler and Chet Atkins. The second track was Martin Taylor's rendition of 'I got Rhythm'.

As we had some time left Neil came back with two more tracks, 'The price of love' by Brian Ferry and 'Sound of Silence' with Paul Simon accompanied by a gospel choir.

Yet another very enjoyable session of music in good company.

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 before the meeting as teams will 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.

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

The recorder group meet 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.

March 15th

There were three of us this morning: Chris, Barbara and me. As Barbara was held up by traffic, Chris and I started one Handel duets (descant and treble). When Barbara arrived, we moved on to trios: St Anthony Chorale, La Donna E Mobile, and No. 1 from Four Handel Minuets. We then had our first look at "Variations on Greensleeves" by Andrew Challinger. It was a bit of a challenge, but not impossible, and we made progress. During the morning, we revised the fingerings of some rarely-played notes, while I struggled with the bottom notes of the tenor. Not enough practice?

Supper Club – Contact Colin Ellis 01530 272592 - supper@ashbyu3a.co.uk

This group visits local pubs and restaurants for an evening meal. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 for 7.30 pm. The intention is that we will jointly decide on venues and hopefully members will take it in turn to organise it.

Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you sign the sheet by the display board at the monthly meeting, or contact Colin, by phone or by email, so we can book the relevant number of seats.

There may sometimes be a limit on numbers depending on the venue's ability to cater for larger groups, in which case places will be offered strictly on a first come, first served basis. There may also need to be a cut-off date for bookings. This will be stated on the bookings list.

If anyone wishes to join us but has difficulties with transport or doesn't wish to drive at night, contact Colin at the number/email address above, and we will try to arrange for some car-sharing.

22nd March - The Gelsmoor Inn, Griffydam

For the third outing of our fledgling group we chose to visit the Gelsmoor Inn. 14 members arrived to find the pub, and particularly the car park, very full for a Thursday night. However we were given our own room with one large table and allowed time to settle down and make our choices from the extensive menu. No one was brave enough to order the cook-your-own steak-on-a-hot-rock, however there was plenty more to choose from. Delicious looking starters arrived promptly for those having them and for those not indulging the wait for the main course was not too long. The stand-out event was the arrival of the beer battered fish which was truly enormous with ample chips and peas and apparently very tasty. Everyone else seemed very pleased with their choices. A few brave souls attempted the puddings and nobody left hungry. Excellent food, well served.

Trips and Outings Group - Contact Margaret Howlett 01530 461774

Bristol coach trip – May 24th

The coach is now fully booked and there is a waiting list for late cancellations. We are trying to arrange a larger coach. Contact Margaret for details.

“Warhorse”- March 21st

On 21st March, 29 members travelled by coach to see a matinee performance of 'Warhorse' at Nottingham Concert Hall. The story opens when the equine hero, Joey, is still a foal and, although the puppeteers were larger than their puppet and very visible, they were so skilful at making Joey play his part that it was easy to forget they were there. As full grown horses, Joey and his companion were each manned by 3 equally skilful puppeteers. As the story unfolded we saw Joey and his youthful first owner endure the full horrors of the first World War. Thankfully though, there was a very moving and happy ending to the tale. Curtain calls were made to rapturous applause. When the puppeteers made their bows they were met by cheers but the cheering was much louder when they returned in equine character. A really wonderful experience.

“Nutcracker” – March 2nd

10 people had booked to see the Siberian State Ballet perform 'Nutcracker' but due to the threat of snow, only 6 of us decided to travel to Leicester. Getting there was easy. The show was excellent, although it was a very different version to the one we are most familiar with as performed annually by the Royal Ballet. This production had a slightly different version of the story, different choreography and no set changes, but relied on a back-projected screen to change the scenery. The dancers were all superb, the orchestra excellent and the set-piece tunes all very familiar. Well worth seeing. Getting home was the problem. whilst we were inside, it had snowed leaving a very slippery layer of snow over ice. The two cars slipped and slithered their way home in about 90 mins instead of the usual 30, but everyone got home safely.

WALKS

The walk leaders 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 we normally have a lunch stop at a pub near to, or at the end of, the walk.

March 20th. Coleorton

16 members of the walking group assembled at The Angel Inn on Coleorton Moor. The walk took us across fields towards Farm Town and then on towards Flagstaff Island. The path crossed under the A512 and then struck off towards New Lount Woods and then Peggs Green. En route we passed the restored communal bakehouse on Coleorton Moor and the Windmill off St George's Hill before returning to The Angel Inn for lunch.

Medium walks – Leader Carole Harriman 01530 222634

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

March 12th. From Moira Furnace to Gresley Woods and back

6 walkers met at Moira Furnace for a walk by the canal to Conkers, Albert Village lake and on to Gresley Woods. Despite the rain, they all wanted to walk so we set off at 10 o'clock. At Albert Village lake it stopped raining and we discussed a coffee stop but the rain started again so the general feeling was let's get on with it. In Gresley woods we took a wrong turning and had to take a muddy route back to Spring Cottage. This was helped by one lorry driver going out of his way to avoid a large puddle which would have soaked us. At Spring Cottage we picked up the old railway track and arrived back at Moira Furnace at 12 o'clock soaking wet but with a sense of achievement although those that did not join us will not regret it.

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.

March 16th. Sence Valley Ibstock

5 ladies and 2 men plus Dandar the dog arrived at Sence Valley suitably garbed for deep puddles and muddy tracks, The weather was fine after early morning rain and as predicted part of the walk was very muddy with frequent puddles. We walked for about an hour and did 1 3/4 miles. We saw a heron, some swans building a nest and some cormorants sunning themselves. Much to our surprise the sun even shone. After the walk four of us, without the dog, adjourned to the cafe at Cattow's farm for a hot drink and cake.

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