

# Ashfield U3A



October/November Newsletter  
2011

Website: [www.ashfieldu3a.org.uk](http://www.ashfieldu3a.org.uk)

27.10.11

Your speaker today is **David Darby**  
His talk is entitled "It's behind you!". (A talk on Pantomime through the ages)

## NEW YEAR'S EVE 60'S EVENING PARTY, Rainworth Village Hall

Tickets now on sale @ £10.00 each.

You will remember our wonderful 60's night last year, with our own  
60's Rock Band, - and this will be even better.  
Bring your friends along and celebrate the New Year with us

Please see Jill and put your name on a table.  
Self catering so bring and share your food with your table.

Note:!! Drinks other than water must be purchased at the bar.  
NO tickets will be sold until the coffee break

## **Queen's Jubilee Celebrations**

We are planning a special celebration evening for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee  
Plus – (two separate events).  
NNNG Jubilee Jamboree

Watch this space!!

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

### **Changes to normal group programmes**

**Singing for fun – 8<sup>th</sup> November and an extra rehearsal on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Board Games --.** The entrance doors will be locked for security at 19:30.

Please phone Marian if you are going to be late or ring 07511687121 if you are **locked out**.

**Dates;** ----- 5<sup>th</sup> November; 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Card Craft**, moving to Ashwood Centre for 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. meeting

**Discussion Group** December meeting and “fuddle” now on :- Mon. the 5<sup>th</sup> December

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

**Group Meetings** If you wish to join any interest group, please telephone the group leader first to ensure there is a vacancy in that group. All relevant details can be obtained from the group leader, including where the walking group intend to meet and which walk they will do, or which book the reading group is reading, which garden the horticulture group is visiting etc. Group leaders' names and contact details are on pages 6-7 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.

#### **Group Meeting dates**

If your group is Card Craft, you will see from the table that it meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 10.00am. If you wish to join any interest group, please telephone the group leader first to ensure there is a vacancy in that group. All relevant details can be obtained from the group leader, including where the walking group intend to meet and which walk they will do, etc

### **Weekenders... events for Oct/Nov Caroline Rhoades 07724210563 or 01623721987**

**Oct Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** Lunch “Carnarvon Arms”, Teversal

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November** lunch at “Hardwick Inn” followed by walk around Hardwick Ponds

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** lunch at the “Junction” pub

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November** lunch at “The Snooty Fox” Old Ollerton

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** lunch at “The Old Yew Tree” South Wingfield, followed by stroll around Matlock/Cromford or shopping at the Mill.

\*\*This years **Christmas fuddle** is to be at “The Countryman Restaurant” Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Booking and deposits are essential.

n.b. Meeting point for Sundays is now at the council office car park in Kirkby, - at all other time we meet at Sutton Parkway railway station car park.

### **“Walking Group B”**

The next walk on 17<sup>th</sup> November will start from the “Hole in the Wall”, Underwood at the usual time 9:50 for 10:00 and will be round Selston area. A walk of approx. 2 hours.

**A Carvery is available for those who want to make this the “Xmas Fuddle”.**

There will be no walks in December and January. Jim Bentley is currently scheduling next year's walks and these details will be sent to all who have given email information. David is currently setting up a database of walkers. If you have not provided contact details please fill in the sheet on the board. This can then be used to give you any late changes and programme updates.

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### **HOLIDAYS**

**Spectacular Shetland**, Spectacular Shetland (Shearings holiday). Departing 30th June from Birmingham airport. 8 days/7 nights half board. An exciting combination of hotel and Highland ferry cabin.

Visiting the most remote islands of Shetland, Unst, Yell, Tondra, Burra, Yarlshof, Scalloway Castle. Comfortable coaches- local guides. Twin rooms available. An unforgettable adventure. Itineraries and flight times available. Deposits are being taken now.

**Iceland, Northern Lights and Golden Circle**. Iceland, Northern Lights, the Golden Circle, Blue Lagoon. This fabulous experience is now re scheduled for

November 2012. 5 days/ 4 nights staying in central Reykavik bed and breakfast.

Please contact Caroline to register your interest. Full details will be available end of October 2011.

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### **Postal Scam:**

Can you circulate this around especially as Xmas is fast approaching - it has been confirmed by Royal Mail. The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact the m on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number).

DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize .

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website:

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/crime-prevention/helping-prevent-crime/scams/postal-delivery-scam>

### **International Dining Group**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – “Make your own Bakewell Pudding” event and meal at the ‘Old Pudding Shop’, Bakewell Derbys

Tuesday 31st January 2012 - Red Hot World Buffet, Nottingham

*Times for the last two still to be decided.*

### **Cycling Group – The Easy Wheelers**

The next evening planning meeting will be at the Griffins Head Papplewick, on Monday 26th Sept. starting at 7.00 p.m. All day rides on Wednesdays, all starting at Hucknall Leisure Centre at 9.00 a.m. Contact [alansnape@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alansnape@hotmail.co.uk) or 9273524

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### **Sutton-in-Ashfield U3A**

#### **Future meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month.**

Interest groups are already gathering members, and there has been lots of input for new ideas for different groups

We now hope that this new group will go on to be the success that Ashfield U3A has been, and grow steadily, with new members joining regularly, in the usual pattern of our very successful organisation.

Initially, any Ashfield member who only wants to help with the setting up of this new U3A will **not have to join as an associate member**-----We don't want to discourage anyone from helping!

If any of Ashfield's existing membership would like to join the new Sutton U3A, they would be welcomed. It would **not mean** relinquishing their membership of Ashfield, - they would keep this membership and become an 'associate' member of **Sutton-in-Ashfield U3A**.

If you can think of anyone at all, who may be interested in joining a brand new U3A, please give them all the details of the next meeting which will be 13<sup>th</sup> October, and invite them to go along.

This venue, is ideal, - it is relatively new, with carpets, good toilets, ample car-parking, excellent kitchen facilities, and room to accommodate 200 members in one large room, with additional rooms available if necessary for interest groups to meet etc.

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#### **Articles for the Newsletter.**

**Please consider sending an article for the newsletter – any subject not more than 200 words.**

**I am often stuck for something to fill half a page or so, and have to resort to silly jokes etc.**

**Email to [jill.pullan@ntlworld.com](mailto:jill.pullan@ntlworld.com) or phone 01623 499545**

**Walking Group B ..change of Co-ordinator**, Dorrie has passed this Group to Jim Bentley. If you wish to be kept informed about the future walks please email Jim at [jim.bentley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jim.bentley@hotmail.co.uk) so that he has all email addresses or telephone him on 0115 9525 467

#### **SINGING FOR FUN**

Next meetings:.....; NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>; November 22<sup>nd</sup>; DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **Group Meetings**

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### **Discussion Group & Cinema Club**

**Discussion group** now with Marion Wilson at her home

**Please note:-** Anthea is v ery poorly at the moment, therefore .....

**Cinema Club is currently suspended.**

### **Easy Wheelers Cycling group**

All rides are now on Wednesdays, meeting at Hucknall Leisure Centre, Linby Lane, at 9.00 a.m.

The rides alternate between 2 hour and all day. If you have a bike rack please bring it for the longer rides which are usually preceded by a car journey. Helmets and a spare inner-tube are advisable requisites at Hucknall Leisure Centre at 9.00 a.m.

For further information please contact

Alan Snape on 0115 9273524 or [alansnape@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alansnape@hotmail.co.uk) for a regular update on our programme

### **FAMILY HISTORY**

The Family history group are visiting the **Nottinghamshire Archives for their Christmas treat!**

The visit is booked for Thurs 8th Dec at 2.30pm until 4.00pm. It will cost approx £3-4 depending on the numbers, we have a few places if anyone wants to join us. There is also the opportunity to have lunch at Weatherspoons prior to the visit which is close by, cost around £10.

Please contact Trish Tootell if you are interested on 01623 793447 or see her at the meeting,

The group will continue to meet on the second Thursday in Kirkby library, but slightly later at 1.30-3.30pm. – However, the Library has increased the rental by £2 per hour, so this may present a difficulty for us as a small group. We will try to work around this in some way.

Each session will have a group discussion on a pre-arranged topic then will access the library computers for the second part of the meeting. New members will be assisted on the computers by the more experienced members and there will also be opportunities for problem solving, or how to get over the "brick wall" that we all reach at times! New members welcome.

10th Nov "Interesting ancestors" and development of the Spring programme

8th Dec Visit to Nottingham Archives & lunch - to be confirmed

### **Card –Craft**

Card-craft is now meeting on the second Monday of the month at the Ashwood Centre, commencing at 10.00am to noon. This is due to the increase in rent at the library.

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### **Committee**

We are looking for someone to act as either **Y** (booking the speakers etc). If you feel you could help in either capacity, please inform Ron Britton, our Chair, as the present committee are fully stretched, particularly due to the illness of members, but also because we are now holding two extra meetings per month, - i.e the Thursday afternoon meeting and also Saturday morning and we need help with these meetings.

Ashfield's committee is quite a fun group, and nothing is onerous. We have very friendly and amicable meetings, never any unpleasantness, and there is always great cake on offer too! Please consider helping your committee in either of the above capacities.

### **Gift Aid**

Gift Aid is a scheme organised by HMRC which allows taxpaying individuals to, in effect, donate some of their tax to a charitable organisation. For the purposes of Gift Aid, Ashfield U3A has been recognised as a charitable organisation.

Because the basic rate of tax is 20%, this means that a membership fee of £15 becomes worth £18.75 to the U3A.

In order to enable the U3A to receive this refund of your tax;

You must pay sufficient tax to cover not only 'our' £3.75, but also the amounts of gift aid which you make to other organisations, for example gift aided church donations, English Heritage subs, National Trust subs etc..

The U3A must keep records to show that you wish to 'gift aid' your membership (the Gift Aid form) and HMRC may from time to time want to confirm that we have these forms and have received fees from you in the form of our membership list.

We hope that you will see the great benefit in helping to keep membership fees low and will want to take part in the scheme.

### **Proposed New Interest Groups**

We have had several new interest groups proposed.

**Line Dancing**;- Teacher Gaye Teather to be held at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Church Street, Kirkby.

**Start date**:- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> November, followed by 15<sup>th</sup> December. 10.00 - noon

Co-ordinator ..... Cynthia Driscoll 01623 794243

**Bird Watching** 7 names are on this list, - Co-ordinator..... David Wilson 01623 752780

**Canasta** Put your name on the board if interested Co-ordinator ... . Geoff Cree 01623 794485

**Jazz / popular music** Put your name on the board if your are interested

We have already a number of interested members,..... all we need is a co-ordinator

**Dominoes** – playing the game of '5's and 3's'. We will be putting a board out for this shortly.

**Whist** Please put your name on the appropriate board

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### **Late Breakfast Group**

Late breakfast meetings are held on the first Friday of the odd month, i.e July; Sept; Nov. the meetings are generally at 9.30am., but consult the programme for details. Next meeting, - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.  
Co-ordinator is Geoff Cree 01623 794485

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### **Murphy's 15 other laws**

1. Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well... night!
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those that wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

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### **WINE BLOGG.**

Morrisons ----Elephant River Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz £4.49 -- South African red  
Nothing reported from other supermarkets this month when going to press

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

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| <b>AMATEUR dramatics (play reading)</b><br><i>Reading plays &amp; performing at U3A events</i>           | (Vivian Ellis)          | tel: 01623 620743                   |
| <b>ART Group</b>   | (Barrie Jackson)        | tel: 01623 750466                   |
| <b>BIRD WATCHING</b>   | (David Wilson)          | tel: 01623 752780                   |
| <b>BRIDGE Group</b>  | (Maxine Rose)           | tel: 01623 459081                   |
| <b>BOARD GAMES Group</b>   | (Marian Wilson)         | tel: 01623 752780                   |
| <b>BOOK STALL</b>  | (Carole Britton)        | tel: 01623 456855                   |
| <b>CANASTA</b>   | (Geoff Cree)            | tel: 01623 794485                   |
| <b>CARD CRAFT</b><br><i>Creating hand-crafted greetings cards</i>  | (Carole Seymour)        | tel: 01623 489785                   |
| <b>CINEMA Group</b>  | (Anthea Purvis)         | tel: 01623 550739                   |
| <b>CLASSICAL MUSIC Group</b>   | (Alan Radford)          | tel: 01623 427934                   |
| <b>COMPUTER WORKSHOPS</b><br><i>Basic workshops taking place after main meeting –currently suspended</i> | (Jill Pullan)           | tel: 01623 400545                   |
| <b>CRAFT Group</b>   | (Anne Kemp)             | tel: 01623 750907                   |
| <b>CREATIVE WRITING Group</b>  | (Margaret Sudlow)       | tel: 01623 799337                   |
| <b>CROQUET</b>   | (Peter Baker)           | tel: 01623 437834                   |
| <b>CURRENT AFFAIRS Group</b><br><i>Discussion group</i>  | (Anthea Purvis)         | tel: 01623 550739                   |
| <b>DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY/ IMAGING</b>  | (Lionel & Janet Castle) | tel: 01623 468102                   |
| <b>EASY- WHEELERS</b> ( <i>Cycling for fun</i> )   | Alan Snape)             | tel: 01159 273524                   |
| <b>FAMILY HISTORY</b>  | (Trish Tootell)         | tel: 01623 793447                   |
| <b>FRENCH CONVERSATION Group</b>   | (Ann Cottee)            | tel: 01623 750538                   |
| <b>Gardening Group</b>   | (Jan Strachan)          | tel: 01623 644664                   |
| <b>HOLIDAYS - VARIOUS</b>  | (Caroline Rhodes)       | tel: 07724210563 or<br>01623 721987 |
| <b>HORTICULTURE Group: '1'</b>   | (Lynn Jackson)          | tel: 01623 750466                   |

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| <b>HORTICULTURE Group '2'</b>                                       | <b>(Jane Banks)</b>  | <b>tel: 01773 780984</b>                       |
| <b>INTERNATIONAL DINING</b>   | <b>(Georganne Barlow<br/>&amp; Julia Porter)</b>               | <b>tel. 01623 626647<br/>tel. 01623 620892</b> |
| <b>LATE BREAKFAST</b>   | <b>(Geoff Cree)</b>  | <b>tel: 01623 794485</b>                       |
| <b>LINE DANCING</b>   | <b>(Cynthia Driscoll)</b>                                      | <b>tel: 01623 794243</b>                       |
| <b>LUNCHEON Group</b>   | <b>(Ron &amp; Carole Britton)</b>                              | <b>tel: 01623 456855</b>                       |
| <b>MOVEMENT TO MUSIC + YOGA</b>                                     | <b>(Pam Sapey)</b>   | <b>tel: 01623 558700</b>                       |
| <b>Outings; Nat Trust</b>   | <b>(Kathleen Jones)</b>  | <b>tel: 01623 550740</b>                       |
|   | <i>Numerous – see newsletter, boards and announcements</i>     |  |
| <b>PLATINUM Investment Club</b>                                     | <b>(Jill Pullan)</b>   | <b>tel: 01623 400545</b>                       |
| <b>RAII WAY Group</b>   | <b>(Geoff Cree)</b>  | <b>tel: 01623 794485</b>                       |
| <b>READING Book Group 'A'</b>                                       | <b>(Lynne Jackson)</b>   | <b>tel: 01623 750466</b>                       |
| <b>READING Book Group '2' (B)</b>                                   | <b>(Gill Ball)<br/>(Sandra Playford)</b>                       | <b>tel: 01623 450003<br/>tel: 01623 754644</b> |
| <b>SCRABBLE</b>   | <b>(Margaret Nunn)</b>   | <b>tel: 01159 634196</b>                       |
| <b>SINGING FOR FUN</b>  | <b>(Maxine Rose)</b>   | <b>tel: 01623 459081</b>                       |
| <b>SUGARCRAFT &amp; cake decorating</b>                             | <b>(Sue Hughes)</b>  | <b>tel: 01623 556256</b>                       |
| <b>T'AI CHI (Traditional)</b>                                       | <b>(Jill Pullan)</b>   | <b>tel: 01623 400545</b>                       |
|   | <i>Practising this healthy, beneficial art and exercise</i>    |  |
| <b>THEATRE VISITS Group</b>   | <b>(Barbara Ives)</b>  | <b>tel: 0115 9539893</b>                       |
|   | <i>Various shows, plays etc at various venues</i>              |  |
| <b>WALKING Group 'A'</b>  | <b>(David Porter)</b>  | <b>tel: 01623 620892</b>                       |
|   | <i>More demanding walks of between 7 and 9 miles in length</i> |  |
| <b>WALKING Group 'B'</b>  | <b>(Jim Bentley)</b>   | <b>tel: 0115 9525467</b>                       |
| <i>Less demanding walks, between 4 and 6 miles</i>                  | <b>or (David Wilson)</b>                                       | <b>tel: 01623 752780</b>                       |
| <b>WALKING GROUP 'C' (Strollers)</b>                                | <b>(Alan Radford)</b>  | <b>tel: 01623 427934</b>                       |
|   | <i>Strolling between 1- 2½ miles</i>                           |  |
| <b>WFFKNDERS</b>  | <b>(Caroline Rhoades)</b>                                      | <b>tel: 07724210563 or<br/>01623 721987</b>    |
| <i>New group catering for people at a loose end at weekends etc</i> |  |  |
| <b>WINE APPRECIATION</b>  | <b>(John Ellis)</b>  | <b>tel: 01623 620743</b>                       |
| <b>WOOD CARVING</b>   | <b>(Stuart Daft)</b>   | <b>tel: 01623 559133</b>                       |

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

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### **Trading Standards**

Trading Standards are warning consumers to be careful when searching for a loan provider.

People looking for loans have replied to adverts on line. Initially, their application is rejected, but shortly afterwards they receive a call offering them the original loan amount. However, before receiving the money they are told they must pay an upfront fee. This may be followed with a request for a 'courier charge' to delivery the money or paperwork to the house. Once the fees are paid the victim does not hear from the company again and the loan is never received. The fraudsters behind these scams are usually found to be located abroad, making it unlikely the victim will recover their money.

This type of advance fee fraud should be reported to Action Fraud. Call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or online at

<http://www.actionfraud.org.uk>

Trading Standards advise consumers to be vigilant when entering personal details on the internet. Providers of credit in the UK have to be licensed by the OFT and have to adhere to strict regulations. A reputable company will not ask for a large fee upfront and never request cash advances using Western Union or Ukash.

The following website can be used to check whether a trader has a credit licence issued by the OFT:

<http://www.crw.gov.uk/pr/Default.aspx>

### **U3A on the ITALIAN RIVIERA**

**Richard White's Tours** came up trumps yet again. Forty Two of us from Hucknall, Ashfield and Mansfield U3A's had a hot and sunny week at the Italian west coast seaside resort, Lido de Camaiore staying at the Hotel Piccolo Mondo. Flying from Birmingham into Milan on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September we then faced a three hour transfer by coach to the hotel. Unfortunately this took longer due to adverse weather conditions mainly torrential rain in which driving along the motorway network our coach driver had to squeeze past cars parked under each bridge we encountered. The Italians obviously don't like getting their cars wet.

Once at the hotel everything worked out fine, and the rest of the week was enjoyed by all. Day trips had been arranged, the first to Firenze (Florence) to admire the cities old quarter with its fine Churches and magnificent Cathedral. At each square there were a multitude of marble statues, the most impressive being Michelangelo's magnificent statue of the biblical hero, David. The day was topped off by stopping at a hilltop view point where we could pick out all the bell towers we had seen on our walk around the city.

Two days later we all went out to Lucca, a large town with its own character and more pleasant to walk round possibly due in part to being less congested. The day ended with a visit to see the leaning tower at Pisa.

The following day twenty of us visited the coastal resorts of Cinque Terre, a national park with five villages built on a steep hillside all linked by coastal paths. After being dropped off halfway down the hillside, we then had to negotiate the steep pathway down into Manarola. After a short stop for coffee off we went along the Cliffside path through the tunnel of love to the next village, Riomaggiore. Here we boarded a local ferry and sailed up the coast to Monterosso the last village of the five. After enjoying the local hospitality for lunch we then boarded a train which took us all back to La Spezia to board our coach back to the hotel. In all, this trip was for some of us the highlight of our stay.

Thanks again to Richard and Diane for all their work in organising everything. A splendid week enjoyed in the company of a great bunch of friends.

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### **DISCUSSION GROUP - Marion Wilson, 01623 752780**

Venue- the home of Marian & David Wilson, 18 Portland Avenue, off Forest road, Annesley, NG17 9BL

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14<sup>th</sup> November  
12<sup>th</sup> December

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9<sup>th</sup> January  
13<sup>th</sup> February  
12<sup>th</sup> March  
9<sup>th</sup> April  
14<sup>th</sup> May  
11<sup>th</sup> June  
9<sup>th</sup> July  
13<sup>th</sup> August  
10<sup>th</sup> September

#### **POEM FOR JACK (Townsend)**

Jack was a clever chap  
His age gone beyond a man  
He was old but not in action  
History, talking, writing he loved them all  
We knew him, but a few years  
Always found he made us smile  
Funny and gentle in old age  
A voice of wisdom never to forget  
With us so recently – healthy and fit  
Then gone, a wisp of ash buried in the ground  
We remember Jack with fond regard  
Every time we write more words  
Always found he made us smile  
Goodbye Jack – but not forgot

*by Julia Fletcher on behalf of the Creative Writing Group*  
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#### **Book Group 2**

**21 Nov.** Tenderness of Wolves by Steff Penny (to be discussed at 16 Jan 2012 Book Group meeting)

***New times from January, meeting at Kirkby Library.*** further details will be in the November Newsletter

**16 Jan.** - Meeting at 1.30 and book discussion 2.00-3.00 "Thousand Autumns" by Jacob De Zoet  
(to be discussed at 20 February 2012 Book Group meeting)

**20 February** - Meeting at 1.30 and book discussion 2.00-3.00 "Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck  
(to be discussed at 19 March 2012 Book Group meeting)

**19 March** - Meeting at 1.30 and book discussion 2.00-3.00 "Suite Francaise" by Irene Nemirovsky  
(to be discussed at 16 April 2012 Book Group meeting)

**Book Group 2 read one book per month and the group discuss this the following month.**

**The group does not meet in December.** Book Group 2 meets in Kirkby Library starting at 1.30 pm finishing at 2.45 pm (from January 2012 the time will change slightly),.

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**Car – Parking- see also page 16**

**Please note that Home-Start will be meeting at the same time as our November meeting, and will require their designated car-park spaces**

We hope that the new **back-to-back meetings will relieve pressure on car-parking space.**

We are aware that the Co-Op car-park is now closed. This will be an inconvenience to our members for the main meetings, and also for interest groups that meet in Kirkby Library.

Until Morrisons actually build and open their new store, with its attendant car-park, we will not know the situation for parking.

**Attend different meetings.** By spreading the membership out over two meetings on Thursdays, we are trying to resolve this difficult problem. If you can, please attend in the afternoon when you will have no problem at all with parking at the Ashwood Centre. We ask members if they have any constructive ideas to offer, please inform the committee. The car-park opposite Festival Hall is £1 for all morning/afternoon.

Meanwhile, please try to car-share. Use the other nearby car-parks, and on-street parking.

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**Trips with Kathleen**

Kathleen has suspended day trips for the winter. She will have a full programme starting in the Spring of 2012. **We thank Kathleen** for doing such a splendid job in organising these wonderful outings and look forward to starting again in the spring.

**National Trust Trips: Please note that our prices EXCLUDE entrance fees;** non-members qualify for group rates but have to pay on the day, - it pays to be a member of the National Trust if you intend to join us on the National Trust trips with Kathleen.

Watch this space for future trips with Kathleen, in the spring.

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**A Police STOP at 2 AM**

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies.....

"That would be my wife."

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We have now **discontinued** our Saturday morning meetings, as it was no longer viable to hold them, due to pressure on the committee.

We will have an **alternative membership** for those who cannot make any of the Thursday meetings. It will be a **Postal Membership**. This will be at a reduced membership fee, and postal members will receive all correspondence by post, including the newsletter. Tickets for any events can be ordered by telephone.

Postal members will not be eligible to attend the Thursday meetings.

### ***Back-to- Back Meetings***

As you will be aware, we have reached the limits of comfortable accommodation here at the Ashfield Centre for our Main Thursday morning meetings. We are very reluctant to turn anyone away who wishes to join our U3A, and have decided on some solutions which we hope will work.

**We have now started our back-to-back meetings, and on each month's normal meeting day, i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> November: ..... two meetings, will be held, one following the other, after a break, with the same content, speaker etc. This second meeting will start at around 1.15pm, beginning with some business notices of events interest groups etc., the speaker, then a tea and coffee break for ticket sales etc., . We anticipate the meeting ending around 3.15pm. Tickets for events and outings will be on sale at the break just the same, some will be offered in the afternoon for the first time, and we will ensure there are plenty left for the morning meeting of the following month. There will only be the Christmas coffee morning for the December meeting, - nothing in the afternoon.**

**If half our members choose to come to the afternoon meeting, we hope this will relieve the car-parking issues we have at the moment.**

**There will be no compulsion to choose which meeting members wish to attend, so they can attend either morning or afternoon, as they choose for the remainder of this year, whilst we see how it all works out.**

This is an experiment that no other U3A has tried, and many are looking to Ashfield to see how we manage it. We sincerely hope it will be a success, thereby opening up our capacity for many more new members.

**Back-to-Back meetings**, all new visitors and members may attend their first meeting at the afternoon meeting on the Thursday. Visitors may attend *one* Thursday morning meeting. and then be offered the chance to either come on Thursday afternoon or have a Postal Membership. Postal Members will be issued with a different membership card, will be charged less for their annual membership, but will have full membership rights, and all that that entails. They will also have full voting rights, opportunity to join interest groups, and attend events, holidays outings etc. There will be a percentage of tickets reserved for the Thursday Afternoon and Postal Membership.

**Please note that whichever membership you choose, you will have full membership of  
Ashfield U3A**

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### THEATRE

**Hello Dolly** - The Derby Theatre on Saturday 5th November at 2pm Tickets £10.

**Legally Blond** - Theatre Royal on Wednesday 30th November at 2pm  
Tickets £35.50. I have 3 tickets left.

Please Bring ticket money to the meeting if you wish to book any of the above. Thank you.

Please bring you ticket money to the meeting if you wish to go on any  
of the above mentioned trips.

FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERT in the Theatre Royal Dress Circle Foyer:LIVE AT LUNCH

**Thursday 10th November** 1pm - Classical recital from Caroline Pether (violin) and James Vaughan(piano)

**Monday 12th December** 1pm - Festive music from Nottingham Trent University Chamber Choir.

Doors open 12.30pm with refreshments available from the bar.

**Royal Concert Hall** are doing courses and workshops for the 55+. Starting 7th October to 9th December. ....; **Dance** with Karla Henry on Friday afternoons from 2pm to 3.30. All cost £60. for 9 sessions. If anyone is interested please phone Royal Centre on 0115 9895531 or email [david.longford@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:david.longford@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) as they are on a first come first served basis.

**Royal Concert Hall** are doing courses and workshops for the 55+. Starting 7th October to 9th December. Sessions; **Drama** with Allie Spencer on Friday mornings from 10.30 to 12noon

Courses for **Dance** with Lauren Taylor also on Friday mornings from 10.30 to 12noon. £60. for 9 session course. Join expert Dance Practitioner and Teacher Leanne Martin for an 8 week course. There are only 25 spaces so please book direct at

Tickets, £10 per adult and £5 for under-16s, are available from Barbara Ives.

Contact Barbara by e-mail [ives.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:ives.barbara@gmail.com).

### Sugarcraft and Cake Decorating

The group is intending to embark on more ambitious projects in future. It will therefore, be necessary for any new members to have some previous experience.

If anyone is interested in starting a beginners group, we can help with advice on demonstrators and equipment. We have various manuals and some equipment which can be borrowed to anyone so anyone interested can have a go before buying the tools required.

Please contact Sue Hughes if you have any queries.

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

| Day  | 1 <sup>st</sup> in the month                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the month  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the month   | 4 <sup>th</sup> in the month   |
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| <b>M<br/>O<br/>N<br/>D<br/>A<br/>Y</b>             | Plat. Invest Gr <b>10.30</b>                           | Card Craft <b>10.00</b>   | Horticulture .2 <b>10.00</b>   | Horticulture 1 <b>10.00</b>  |
|  | Bridge <b>18.30</b>                                    | Current affairs <b>13.30</b><br>French <b>13.30</b>   | Book Gr. B <b>13.30</b><br>Bridge <b>18.30</b>   | Late Breakfast<br>French <b>13.30</b>  |
| <b>T<br/>U<br/>E<br/>S<br/>D<br/>A<br/>Y</b>       | Digital photo +<br>Digital image <b>13.30</b>          | Walking gr. A <b>09.00</b><br><br>Sing for fun <b>14.15</b>   | Mansfield U3A <b>10.00</b><br>Creative writing <b>14.00</b><br>Gardening Group <b>14.00</b><br><b>International Dining</b> | Walking Gr. A <b>09.00</b><br>Art <b>09.30</b>                                 |
|  | Sugarcraft <b>10.00</b><br><br>Easy Wheelers           | Book Gr. A <b>10.00</b><br>Strollers gr. C <b>10.15</b><br>Easy Wheelers<br>Hucknall U3A <b>14.00</b><br>Wine Appreciate <b>19.30</b> | Easy Wheelers  | Class music <b>14.00</b><br><br>Easy Wheelers<br>Croquet <b>10.30</b>          |
| <b>T<br/>H<br/>U<br/>R<br/>S<br/>D<br/>A<br/>Y</b> | Move to music <b>10.00</b>                             | Line Dancing <b>10.00</b>   | Walking gr. B <b>09.45</b>   | <b>Ash Meeting 10.00</b>   |
|  | Lunch Club <b>12.00</b>                                | Family History <b>13.00</b>   |  | Real Ale <b>20.00</b>  |
|  | Woodcarving <b>18.00</b>                               | Scrabble <b>14.00</b><br>Woodcarving <b>18.00</b>   | Woodcarving <b>18.00</b>   | Woodcarving <b>18.00</b>   |
| <b>F<br/>R<br/>I<br/>D<br/>A<br/>Y</b>             | Late brkfast – <b>9.30</b><br>(alternate months)       | Am Dram <b>10.00</b>  | Committee Meet <b>10.00</b>  | <b>**Craft 10.00</b><br><b>** (always the Friday after the main meeting**)</b> |
|  | T'ai Chi <b>10.00</b>                                  |   |  |  |
| <b>S<br/>A<br/>T</b>                               | Weekenders*<br>*See page 2<br>Board Games <b>19.00</b> | Weekenders*<br>*See page 2  | Weekenders*<br>*See page 2   | Weekenders*<br>*See page 2   |
| <b>S<br/>U<br/>N</b>                               | Weekenders Lunch                                       | Weekenders Lunch  | Weekenders Lunch   | Weekenders Lunch   |

## *Ashfield U3A*

**Please help our U3A to become even more successful in any way you can**

We are looking for volunteers to join various 'teams' who will oversee catering, hospitality, etc.

We have team leaders, but need volunteers to work with the leaders at various events and meetings etc.

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**Lynne Jackson** is Group Leaders Co-ordinator. A recent meeting brought to everyone's attention the need for communication, particularly with the web-site and newsletter, as it is essential that programmes and announcements are up to date. ----- There are now **new boards** for displaying details of our **Interest Groups**. These are in the side room, please go and have a look.

Boards for displaying details of trips; theatre visits; luncheon club venues, etc., will be in the main hall

**Car Parking – see also page 12 Note: Homestart will need parking space in November.**

**Ashwood Centre** have issued us with a site-plan showing which car-parking spaces are available to U3A members. No parking at the entrance or alongside the fence neither on the left-hand side, nor along the 'allotment garden' at the right as you enter the car-park. This is to allow a fire-engine access if necessary. Cars to be parked in a block of four down the centre, (forty places) therefore, anyone intending to leave the meeting before the end at 12 noon, may be boxed in, and will need to find alternative parking. Please pick up a car-park plan which is available in the entrance. Ashwood are keen to keep a few spaces for their other users, and these will be along the fence on the left-hand side. We know it will be difficult to police, but ask for your co-operation on this, as we have been instructed by the manager of the Ashwood Centre. This will only be certain times of the year and will be announced.

### **Lunch Club**

October's venue was.. "Ye Olde Gate Inn",.....at Brassington

November's venue is "The Cock & Magpie".. at Old Whittington [S41 9QW]

Please add your name to the list for November's lunch group.

### **Future events:-**

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING. ....Instead of our usual CHRISTMAS FUDDLE, we will be having a 'CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING' on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Morning, afternoon and Postal members will be very welcome to come. No speaker, just sit and chat, exchange your Christmas cards and relax. 10. till 12. Sometimes we get very little chance to socialise at our normal meetings, so it will make a welcome change for many of us.

We will serve tea/coffee and POSH biscuits. The decision not to hold the normal fuddle was taken by your committee in view of the fact that a great many events have been held during the past year, and there is still the New Year's Eve Party to come.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE; 2011/12 Rainworth Village Hall with our own 60's rock group!**

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Watch this space**

**NNNG Jubilee Jamboree ----Watch this space**