Ashfield U3A

Beginners computing group
(“Computing for the Terrified!”)

It is planned to run a short 6-session computing course on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 14th to 30th April. (21st April is Easter Monday so if possible that session can be on 22nd April) If you are interested in joining this group, I will set up an email address for you, if you don’t already have one. This will allow you to receive and send emails during the group sessions. Please fill in the forms provided to reserve your place in these workshops.

Tutor: Alan Paul alanpaul@alanpual.co.uk

Supporting Events

We urge you to support the events we put on – these are always good value for money, as we always aim to make no profit on any event. The committee put a lot of time and effort, selecting food and entertainment for these events, but will not continue to do so if the members don’t support us.

We have lots of tickets left for Martin Fish, and would like all members to consider buying tickets and come along to what should be a great evening.

St Patrick’s Event

There were 12 tables occupied for this event. The 5 members of Knitters’ Jig entertained and got almost everyone onto the floor to perform the dances, with great hilarity and fun. The dancers were walked through the sequence first, and then helped by a caller. All very energetic and great fun.

The meal consisted of delicious Steak & Guinness pie with new potatoes, mushy peas, gravy and mint sauce, followed by Carrot Cake or banana for those who wanted an alternative. The table quiz was won by Table C. (the prize- a bunch of bananas ) Oh well! You can’t have everything.

The feedback from this event has been unanimously positive. A great evening and many, many thanks to Carole and her catering team for providing such a delicious meal, which was hot and quickly served. Thanks to members for supporting this evening.

Martin Fish: Gardeners’ Question Time

Thursday May 1st; 7.00pm Ashwood Centre

Once again, we have invited Martin to talk to us. The evening will be the usual format of a talk with slides, then, after the interval and refreshments, an open forum for Members to proffer their gardening questions to Martin, who will endeavour to answer them.

Monty Don is appearing at the Palace Mansfield and it will cost you £17.50. Martin is better and still only £5.00

Tickets now on sale - yet again, no price increase! £5.00

Harrogate Spring Flower Show

See page 11
Forthcoming events to mark in your diary

**Martin Fish – Gardeners’ Question Time May 1st £5.00**

**Commonwealth Night**: Saturday, 8th November, 2014 -
Please make a note in your diary

**New Year’s Eve**, December 31st, 2014

**Burns Night, 2015**

Ashfield U3A 6-mile WALKING GROUP

Walks will take place on the 3rd Tues. of each month and, when occurring in the calendar, the 5th Tues.

**Distance**: The walks are between 5½ and 6½ miles in length and usually up to an hour by car to reach the starting point, maybe longer in summer.

**Difficulty**: The walks are at an intermediary level. They may contain hills and there are bound to be stiles! We take our time and rest on the steep slopes. We are not mountaineers. We are interested in roaming in the countryside.

**Cancellations or alterations**: A group email will be sent out if the starting point of the walk is changed.

**Leaders**: The more leaders we have, the greater will be the number of varieties of walks we have.

Len Hill is coordinator for this group.

David will distribute emails. If you have given Len your email and not received a programme please confirm your email by sending it to dwandmw@ntlworld.com

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Please inform the editor, Jill Pullan 01623 400545 of any changes to your normal programme in the near future no later than the Friday before the main meeting.

This will be of great help to members of your various groups – this includes changes of content, dates and venues – **Also, please inform Ron Britton for the web-site Interest 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 8-9 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.
The Strollers group would like more members who would enjoy a stroll of 1½–2½ miles.

9th April  Hardwick Lakes  
Overflow car park, just below Hardwick Inn, Hardwick Park, Doe Lea, nr. Chesterfield S44 5QJ.

14th May  Pleasley Vale  
Car park at rear of Pleasley Vale Plant Nursery, Common Lane, Pleasley Vale, NG19 8RN (nearest postcode, the houses just N.E. of the warehouse site).

11th June  Bestwood Country Park (footpaths through Big Wood and then trails)  
The car park outside Bestwood Lodge Hotel, Bestwood Lodge Drive, Arnold, NGS5NE. Please park close to the road entrance. WCs on Bestwood Lodge Drive shortly before reaching the Hotel, open from 10 am. [Note – “No Through Road” from Bestwood village via Alexandra Lodges to the Hotel].

The Late Breakfast Group

The planned dates and venues for the next few months are:

April 11th  Hollybeck Garden Centre  
- To be confirmed

May 2nd  The Crown, Rolleston  
- To be confirmed

Would members please note the change of date for April - now the 2nd Friday, not the 1st Friday.

The group is currently full, but we occasionally have the chance to include someone as a reserve, so if you are interested please add your name to the waiting list.

Geoff Cree, 01623 794485, geoffcree@btinternet.com

Group Meeting Dates

If your group is Card Craft, you will see from the table on page 15 that it meets on the 2nd 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, 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 8-9 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.

CRystal Celebration Ball

To Celebrate Mansfield U3As 15th Anniversary

Tues 20th May at the John Fretwell Centre, Sookholme Lane
Time: - 7pm till late
Cost: - £20 which includes food and entertainment.

The food is a buffet but not just a “sandwich affair” - platters of meats and salmon, hot and cold accompaniments and cheeses and biscuits. They call it their “premier” option and it sounds very good. We have also seen photos and it looks very good.

We have also seen and heard the entertainer and we think that not only will he be good but also can I say “age appropriate”. He will be singing the songs that we can all remember and songs that have words too!!

Wouldn’t it be great if there was at least a table from Ashfield U3A there on the evening to help us “party”!!

Contact Barbara by e-mail ives.barbara@gmail.com

more details from Karen 01623 633404
If you enjoy listening to classical music in a friendly atmosphere, or would like to do so but don’t know starring Owen Wilson who is united choice.

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- Dec 1 – Bohemia

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Co-ordinator: Ron Walker, 01623 456389, ronwalker@ntlworld.com

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**Classical Music 1**

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Will you please inform the host if you cannot attend a meeting.

ASHFIELD U3A - CLASSIC MUSIC 2

It’s good to report that membership of the group continues to increase steadily, with twenty or so now on the register and an average of fifteen gathering in the Ashwood Centre’s large meeting room each month. Our sessions start at 2 pm on the first Monday (the second when there’s a bank holiday) and end sharp at 4, with a break for tea, coffee and biscuits (and chat) half-way through.

The programme is wide and varied, ranging from the occasional baroque, through classical, romantic and sometimes even the rather modern! Members’ choice features strongly and is always encouraged, with a session every few months dedicated entirely to their discs and requests.

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**Recorders & Chess**

Angela would like to start a Recorder group – meeting at her home and learning to play the recorder. If you are interested in either Chess or Recorders, please see Lynne.

U3A ASHFIELD – FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Programme for Spring – Summer 2014

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Line Dancing

Hello!, my Line dancing friends, our next meeting will be on Thursday 17th of April at 10 till 12. I have only just realized that this is the day before Good Friday. If you find that for one reason or another this date is not convenient, would you please let me know on 01623 480338. I can then inform Gaye if we do not wish to hold it on that day. Rita Lomas

Cinema Club 1

April 1st. 'A Mighty Wind'. A comedy about a group of folk musicians reuniting for a last concert.

May 6th. 'The Darjeeling Limited', starring Owen Wilson who is united with his two brothers on a train journey across India.

Cinema group 2

April 1st, 'It's Complicated' starring Meryl Streep meeting up with her ex husband in comical circumstances.
**Ashfield U3A**

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**Gardening Groups**

*Lynne and Barrie’s garden will be open on Sunday, 27th April* — under the National Garden Scheme (Yellow Book)

*From 1.00pm – 5.00pm*

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**Horticulture Forum**

Horticulture forum is a group for active and enthusiastic gardeners. Our meetings are planned so that each member of the group researches an area of horticulture in which they are interested and talks about it to the rest of the group.

Last year we undertook trials of seeds and tomato plants and so far this year plan to look at a range of different potatoes as well as planning to grow some more difficult seeds to share.

We have a few spaces and started again on the fourth Monday of February.

If you think you might be interested in joining the group please contact Lynne Jackson 01623 750466.

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**Friendly Gardeners** - leader Marjorie Woolham

At this present time the group is full, but we welcome anyone to put their name down on the reserve list provided.

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**Garden Visits** Group – leader Pam Sapey 01623 558700

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**Harrogate Spring Flower Show**

*Friday, April 25th*: Please support Kathleen and buy a ticket

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**International Dining 2014**

Wednesday 30th April - “A Taste of Italy” at the Refined Restaurant at West Notts college 6.30pm.

We look forward to some good food in 2014 and hope you can join us.

More information will be sent out nearer the time about each event. £5 deposit required.
Committee members required after AGM

Your U3A Committee - 9 committee members are standing down at the AGM, and we need replacements. Some may stand for re-election, but we need nominations for the remainder. Nomination forms are available, please pick one up and nominate someone (or get someone to nominate yourself) for the committee. Please see page 5 for the roles of the committee and also roles for supporting non-committee members, who are also required. We are also particularly short of volunteers for the tea/coffee duty roster, please put your name down for this, even it is only for one meeting during the year.

The Wood Carving Group dates have been changed to Thursday Evenings for the next Three months and possibly longer, also the time has been altered: it is now 5.30 till 8.30pm.

Rock group

March 28th Kinks
April 5th T Rex:
May 3rd Mercury
June 6th Thin Lizzy

30th Deep Purple
12th Meatloaf
14th The Move (this is the original band):
14th Michael Jackson All these bands are at the Diamond, Sutton.
19th Eagles
26th Bon Jovi

23rd Rolling Stones

Play Reading (Am-Dram)

Please note that this group is continuing. Next meeting April 11th at Colleen’s home. If you want entertaining at Christmas, you should consider joining us. We have great fun and a lot of laughter ensues during the sessions. Jill Pullan 01623 400545

Our charity this year will be the John Eastwood Hospice

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Trips & Visits

Harrogate Flower Show

A visit to the Spring Flower show, Friday, 25th April. Pick-ups in Kirkby. See Kathleen for Tickets today. Kathleen Jones 01623 550740

Craft Group Meetings 2014

28 March
25 April
23 May

Bun decorating
Shopping card
Flower arranging

June; July; August No meeting

26 September
24 October
28 November

Fan card
Beaded snowflake
Sugar snowmen

December

No meeting

6-MILERS Programme 2014 (3rd and 5th Tuesdays)

April 15th
April 29th
May 20th
June 17th
July 15th

NO WALK
Hoveringham (Len) Cromford (Margaret/Nona?) Stanton Moor Rowsley (Len)
Caulke Abbey (Chris)

No Refunds Policy

Your committee have reluctantly decided that when tickets are ordered they must be paid for, unless advised differently, and if you find you cannot attend the event you have bought the ticket for, it is up to you to sell that ticket on, and no refund will be given by U3A, unless there is a waiting list in operation. This is because some events have run at a loss due to people suddenly cancelling and expecting their money to be refunded. After all, if you book seats at the theatre, or a bus trip and found you couldn’t attend, you would lose your money, and, regrettably, we must have a similar policy.
TINSEL & TURKEY 29TH November 2014

5 days half board at the Dalmally hotel Scotland, near Loch Awe. 2 full day excursions, festive entertainment. Pick up from Mansfield and Hucknall.

£158.00 per person sharing twin room:  £177.00 single room
Deposit £30.00 secures your place. Cheque to Ashfield u3a

CROATIA 31ST MAY 2015

2 WEEKS half board buffet meals Hotel Vis - just outside of Dubrovnik on the shore of Lapad Bay. Close to shops, bars. Twin rooms have balcony, shower, and hair-drier

The hotel is set on 3 floors and has no lift, there are steps to negotiate.

This holiday has something to suit everyone: - walking opportunities along the coast, lush scenery, history, culture, stunning little villages and the clear blue waters of the Adriatic are perfect for swimming and snorkelling.

Average daytime temperature 26c.

Departing from Birmingham airport transfers not included but I will organise these as usual and advise of detail.

Cost £885.00 per person sharing twin
£150.00 deposit secures your holiday at this price
Cheque to Ashfield U3A

Please note this price cannot be guaranteed after 31st May 2014.

Contact Caroline to book on 01623 721987

ANNUAL U3A HOLIDAY AT WARNERS THORESBY HALL

Year 10 of the Annual U3A Thoresby Holiday.

4 nights bed breakfast and evening meal. Plenty of daytime and evening entertainment provided (from 10am to past midnight if you want it). For details of facilities, see the Warner’s Thoresby website. The holiday is for U3A members of any branch but friends of members are allowed to come.

The price per person is a maximum of £208 sharing, £248 single. When I know how many want to come I can calculate the price closer. There are a very limited number of single rooms. If you want a single you must be prepared to go into a draw which will take place mid March. If you are unsuccessful your deposit cheque will be destroyed.

Any 'profit' will be distributed via prize draws during the holiday, in 2014 we had prizes of £40, £30 and £20 each evening. Upgrades (per room) are set at £40 signature, £50 signature plus, Historic £60 and Junior suite £100 but numbers are limited.

Singing for fun - 2014

September 9th:          October 14th:
November 11th:         December 9th
Extra December practice to be advised

Bird Watching

April 8th  Meet at Hardwick Visitor Centre, followed by lunch
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

You can email a group leader on ‘theirname@ashfieldu3a.org.uk

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**ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES** (Kathleen Jones) tel: 01623 550740
**ART GROUP** (Barrie Jackson) tel: 01623 750466
**BIRD WATCHING** (Mary Naylor) tel: 01773 776386
**BRIDGE Group** (Maxine Rose) tel: 01623 459081
**BOARD GAMES Group** (Marian Wilson) tel: 01623 752780
**BOOK STALL** (Carole Britton) tel: 01623 456855
**CANASTA** (Geoff Cree) tel: 01623 794485
**CARD CRAFT** (Carole Seymour) tel: 01623 489 785
**CLASSICAL MUSIC 1** (Alan Radford) tel: 01623 427934
**CLASSICAL MUSIC 2** (Ron Walker) tel: 01623 456389
**CINEMA 1** (Sylvia Smith) tel: 01623 514357
**CINEMA 2** (Sylvia Froggatt) tel: 01623 753778
**COOKERY – CREATIVE MENUS** (Eileen Allin) tel: 01623 473662
**CRAFT GROUP** (Sue Hughes; 01623 556256 & Eileen Allin) tel: 01623 473662
**DISCUSSION GROUP** (Marian Wilson) tel: 01623 752780
**FRIENDLY GARDENERS** (Marjorie Woolham) tel: 01773 811755
**EASY- WHEELERS** (Cycling for fun) (Alan Snape) tel: 01159 273524
**FAMILY HISTORY** (Trish Tootell) tel: 01623 793447
**FRENCH CONVERSATION Group** (Ann Cottée) tel: 01623 750538
**GARDENING GROUP** (Jan Strachan) tel: 01623 644664
**GARDEN VISITS** (Pam Sapey, Kathleen Jones, ) tel: 01623 558700
**HOLIDAYS - VARIOUS** (Caroline Rhoades) tel: 07724210563 or 01623 721987
**HORTICULTURE FORUM** (Lynne Jackson) tel: 01623 750466
**INTERNATIONAL DINING** (Georganne Barlow & Julia Porter) tel: 01623 626647
**LATE BREAKFAST** (Geoff Cree) tel: 01623 794485
**LINE DANCING** (Rita Lomas) tel: 01623 480338
**MOVEMENT TO MUSIC + YOGA** (Pam Sapey) tel: 01623 558700
**OUTINGS; NAT TRUST** (Kathleen Jones) tel: 01623 550740

Numerous – see newsletter, boards and announcements

**PLATINUM Investment Club** (Jill Pullan) tel: 01623 400545
**PLAY-READING (AM-DRAM)** (Jill Pullan) tel: 01623 400545

Reading plays & performing at U3A events

**RAILWAY Group** (Geoff Cree) tel: 01623 794485
**READING Book Group ‘A’** (Len & Sally Hill) tel: 01623 437726
**READING Book Group ‘2’ (B)** (Gill Ball) tel: 01623 450003
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Strolling between 1- 2½ miles

**WINE APPRECIATION** (Geoff Cree) tel: 01623 794485

**WOOD CARVING** (David Hammond) tel: 01623 794392

**ZUMBA GOLD** (Christine Bakowsky) tel: 01623 723140

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**TINSEL & TURKEY 29TH November 2014**

5 days half board at the Dalmally hotel Scotland, near Loch Awe. 2 full day excursions, festive entertainment. Pick up from Mansfield and Hucknall.

£158.00 per person sharing twin room: £177.00 single room
Deposit £30.00 secures your place. Cheque to Ashfield u3a

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**CROATIA 31ST MAY 2015**

2 WEEKS half board buffet meals Hotel Vis - just outside of Dubrovnik on the shore of Lapad Bay. Close to shops, bars. Twin rooms have balcony, shower, and hair-drier

The hotel is set on 3 floors and has no lift, there are steps to negotiate.
This holiday has something to suit everyone: walking opportunities along the coast, lush scenery, history, culture, stunning little villages and the clear blue waters of the Adriatic are perfect for swimming and snorkelling.

Average daytime temperature 26c.
Departing from Birmingham airport transfers not included but I will organise these as usual and advise of detail.

Cost £885.00 per person sharing twin
£150.00 deposit secures your holiday at this price
Cheque to Ashfield U3A

Please note this price cannot be guaranteed after 31st May 2014.

Contact Caroline to book on 01623 721987
carolinamilanos156@hotmail.com

**ANNUAL U3A HOLIDAY AT WARNERS THORESBY HALL**

Year 10 of the Annual U3A Thoresby Holiday.

4 nights bed breakfast and evening meal. Plenty of daytime and evening entertainment provided (from 10am to past midnight if you want it). For details of facilities, see the Warner’s Thoresby website. The holiday is for U3A members of any branch but friends of members are allowed to come.

The price per person is a maximum of £208 sharing, £248 single. When I know how many want to come I can calculate the price closer. There are a very limited number of single rooms. If you want a single you must be prepared to go into a draw which will take place mid March. If you are unsuccessful your deposit cheque will be destroyed.

Any ‘profit’ will be distributed via prize draws during the holiday, in 2014 we had prizes of £40, £30 and £20 each evening. Upgrades (per room) are set at £40 signature, £50 signature plus, Historic £60 and Junior suite £100 but numbers are limited.

**Singing for fun - 2014**

September 9th:
November 11th:
October 14th:
December 9th

Extra December practice to be advised

**Bird Watching**

April 8th Meet at Hardwick Visitor Centre, followed by lunch

Terry Whitehead on 01623 626991 e-mail: 2015@whiteheaduk.plus.com

**A NEW GROUP – ‘CLASSICAL MUSIC SPECIAL’**

An off-shoot of Classical Music 2, this group has been formed to provide the opportunity of watching and hearing recorded performances of complete operas and ballets.

We will meet on the third Wednesday of alternate months starting in April, in the Activity Room at the Ashwood Centre. The sessions will run from 2 to 5 pm, with an interval for tea, coffee and biscuits at 50p per person. The £20 cost of hiring the room will be collected on the day, divided between the members attending.

This is the proposed programme for this year, omitting December:

April 16 – ‘The Daughter of the Regiment’, an operatic farce by Donizetti
June 18 – ‘The Marriage of Figaro’, a favourite classic comic opera by Mozart
August 20 – ‘Romeo & Juliet’, the famous ballet with music by Prokoviev
October 15 – ‘Carmen’, Bizet’s opera of passion and revenge

While a recording can never match being at a live show, this group is a means of experiencing performances by some of the world’s greatest artists and companies that are rarely available to us.

An encouraging number of Classical Music 2 inmates have expressed interest in this new venture, and of course we welcome any Ashfield U3A member. No booking is necessary, just come along. If you would like more information, please contact me.

Co-ordinator: Ron Walker 01623 456389, ronwalker@ntlworld.com
Committee members required after AGM

Your U3A Committee - 9 committee members are standing down at the AGM, and we need replacements.
Some may stand for re-election, but we need nominations for the remainder.
Nomination forms are available, please pick one up and nominate someone (or get someone to nominate yourself) for the committee.
Please see page 5 for the roles of the committee and also roles for supporting non-committee members, who are also required.
We are also particularly short of volunteers for the tea/coffee duty roster, please put your name down for this, even it is only for one meeting during the year.

The Wood Carving Group dates have been changed to Thursday Evenings for the next Three months and possibly longer, also the time has been altered: it is now 5.30 till 8.30pm.

Rock group

March 28th Kinks 30th Deep Purple
April 5th T Rex: 12th Meatloaf: 19th Eagles 26th Bon Jovi
May 3rd Mercury 14th The Move (this is the original band): 23rd Rolling Stones
June 6th Thin Lizzy 14th Michael Jackson All these bands are at the Diamond, Sutton.

Play Reading (Am-Dram)

Please note that this group is continuing. Next meeting April 11th at Colleen’s home. If you want entertaining at Christmas, you should consider joining us. We have great fun and a lot of laughter ensues during the sessions. Jill Pullan 01623 400545

Our charity this year will be the John Eastwood Hospice

Trips & Visits

Harrogate Flower Show

A visit to the Spring Flower show, Friday, 25th April. Pick-ups in Kirkby. See Kathleen for Tickets today

Kathleen Jones 01623 550740

Craft Group Meetings 2014

28 March Bun decorating
25 April Shopping card
23 May Flower arranging

June; July; August No meeting

26 September Fan card
24 October Beaded snowflake
28 November Sugar snowmen
December No meeting

6-MILERS Programme 2014 (3rd and 5th Tuesdays)

April 15th NO WALK
April 29th Hoveringham (Len)
May 20th Cromford (Margaret/Nona?)
June 17th Stanton Moor Rowsley (Len)
July 15th Caulke Abbey (Chris)

No Refunds Policy

Your committee have reluctantly decided that when tickets are ordered they must be paid for, unless advised differently, and if you find you cannot attend the event you have bought the ticket for, it is up to you to sell that ticket on, and no refund will be given by U3A, unless there is a waiting list in operation. This is because some events have run at a loss due to people suddenly cancelling and expecting their money to be refunded.
After all, if you book seats at the theatre, or a bus trip and found you couldn’t attend, you would lose your money, and, regrettably, we must have a similar policy.
### Gardening Groups

Lynne and Barrie’s garden will be open on Sunday, 27th April — under the National Garden Scheme (Yellow Book)
From 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Horticulture Forum

Horticulture forum is a group for active and enthusiastic gardeners. Our meetings are planned so that each member of the group researches an area of horticulture in which they are interested and talks about it to the rest of the group.

Last year we undertook trials of seeds and tomato plants and so far this year plan to look at a range of different potatoes as well as planning to grow some more difficult seeds to share.

We have a few spaces and started again on the fourth Monday of February.

If you think you might be interested in joining the group please contact

Lynne Jackson 01623 750466

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### Friendly Gardeners - leader Marjorie Woolham

At this present time the group is full, but we welcome anyone to put their name down on the reserve list provided.

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### Garden Visits Group – leader Pam Sapey 01623 558700

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### Harrogate Spring Flower Show

Friday, April 25th: Please support Kathleen and buy a ticket.

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### International Dining 2014

Wednesday 30th April - “A Taste of Italy” at the Refined Restaurant at West Notts college 6.30pm.

We look forward to some good food in 2014 and hope you can join us.

More information will be sent out nearer the time about each event. £5 deposit required

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Classical Music 1
Co-ordinator: Alan Radford (01623 427934)

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Will you please inform the host if you cannot attend a meeting.

ASHFIELD U3A - CLASSIC MUSIC 2

It's good to report that membership of the group continues to increase steadily, with twenty or so now on the register and an average of fifteen gathering in the Ashwood Centre's large meeting room each month. Our sessions start at 2 pm on the first Monday (the second when there's a bank holiday) and end sharp at 4, with a break for tea, coffee and biscuits (and chat) half-way through.

The programme is wide and varied, ranging from the occasional baroque, through classical, romantic and sometimes even the rather modern! Members' choice features strongly and is always encouraged, with a session every few months dedicated entirely to their discs and requests.

This year we repeat a structure used successfully in 2012, each month highlighting composers from a specific country or region. So far we've had England, Germany and Italy; this is the pattern for the rest of year:

- Apr 7 - Members' Choice; May 12 - South America & elsewhere; June 2 - Austria;
- July 7 - France; Aug 4 - Russia; Sept 1 - Members' choice;
- Oct 6 - USA; Nov 3 - Scandinavia - Dec 1 - Bohemia

If you enjoy listening to classical music in a friendly atmosphere, or would like to do so but don't know much about it, then do come and give us a try. You will be very welcome.

Co-ordinator: Ron Walker, 01623 456389, ronwalker@ntlworld.com

Recorders & Chess

Angela would like to start a Recorder group – meeting at her home and learning to play the recorder. If you are interested in either Chess or Recorders, please see Lynne.

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U3A ASHFIELD – FAMILY HISTORY GROUP
Programme for Spring – Summer 2014

April 10th – What did our ancestors wear?
May 8th - Development of education
June 9th – MONDAY – visit to Saltaire
July 10th – History of Surnames
Aug 9th - No meeting
Sept 11th – What did our ancestors eat? Carol Barstow, Librarian Bromley House Library (fee £4)

Line Dancing

Hello!, my Line dancing friends, our next meeting will be on Thursday 17th of April at 10 till 12. I have only just realized that this is the day before Good Friday. If you find that for one reason or another this date is not convenient, would you please let me know on 01623 480338. I can then inform Gaye if we do not wish to hold it on that day.  Rita Lomas

Cinema Club 1

April 1st. 'A Mighty Wind'. A comedy about a group of folk musicians reuniting for a last concert.

May 6th. 'The Darjeeling Limited', starring Owen Wilson who is united with his two brothers on a train journey across India.

Cinema group 2

April 1st, 'It's Complicated' starring Meryl Streep meeting up with her ex husband in comical circumstances.

Please send any articles for the Newsletter to the editor., - I welcome any contributions. Email to ill.pullan@ntlworld.com or phone:- 01623 400545
Ashfield U3A

Strollers Programme

The Strollers group would like more members who would enjoy a stroll of 1½–2½ miles.

9th April
Hardwick Lakes
Overflow car park, just below Hardwick Inn, Hardwick Park, Doe Lea, nr. Chesterfield S44 5QJ.

14th May
Pleasley Vale
Car park at rear of Pleasley Vale Plant Nursery, Common Lane, Pleasley Vale, NG19 8RN (nearest postcode, the houses just N.E. of the warehouse site).

11th June
Bestwood Country Park
(footpaths through Big Wood and then trails)
The car park outside Bestwood Lodge Hotel, Bestwood Lodge Drive, Arnold, NGS 8NE. Please park close to the road entrance. WCs on Bestwood Lodge Drive shortly before reaching the Hotel, open from 10 am. [Note – “No Through Road” from Bestwood village via Alexandra Lodges to the Hotel].

BRIDGE 2014:

07th April: 21st April: 12th May: 2nd June: 16th June

The Late Breakfast Group

The planned dates and venues for the next few months are:

April 11th
Hollybeck Garden Centre - To be confirmed

May 2nd
The Crown, Rolleston - To be confirmed

Would members please note the change of date for April - now the 2nd Friday, not the 1st Friday.

The group is currently full, but we occasionally have the chance to include someone as a reserve, so if you are interested please add your name to the waiting list.

Geoff Cree, 01623 794485, geoffcree@btinternet.com

Group Meeting Dates

If your group is Card Craft, you will see from the table on page 15 that it meets on the 2nd 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, 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 8-9 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.

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For something completely different the Royal Concert Hall are offering a “Rock of Ages Show Package” On Saturday 14th June 5pm onwards at the Royal Concert Hall.

BRIDGE 2014:

To Celebrate Mansfield U3As 15th Anniversary

Tues 20th May at the John Fretwell Centre, Sookholme Lane

Time: - 7pm till late
Cost: - £20 which includes food and entertainment.

The food is a buffet but not just a “sandwich affair” - platters of meats and salmon, hot and cold accompaniments and cheeses and biscuits. They call it their “premier” option and it sounds very good. We have also seen photos and it looks very good.

We have also seen and heard the entertainer and we think that not only will he be good but also can I say “age appropriate”. He will be singing the songs that we can all remember and songs that have words too!!

Wouldn’t it be great if there was at least a table from Ashfield U3A there on the evening to help us “party”!!

Contact Barbara by e-mail ives.barbara@gmail.com

Geoff Cree, 01623 794485, geoffcree@btinternet.com

more details from Karen 01623 633404
**Ashfield U3A**

**Forthcoming events to mark in your diary**

*Martin Fish - Gardeners’ Question Time May 1st £5.00*

*Commonwealth Night :- Saturday, 8th November, 2014 - Please make a note in your diary*

*New Year’s Eve, December 31st, 2014*

*Burns Night, 2015*

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**ASHFIELD U3A 6-mile WALKING GROUP**

Walks will take place on the 3rd Tues. of each month and, when occurring in the calendar, the 5th Tues.

**Distance:** The walks are between 5½ and 6½ miles in length and usually up to an hour by car to reach the starting point, maybe longer in summer.

**Difficulty:** The walks are at an intermediary level. They may contain hills and there are bound to be stiles! We take our time and rest on the steep slopes. We are not mountaineers. We are interested in roaming in the countryside.

**Cancellations or alterations:** A group email will be sent out if the starting point of the walk is changed.

**Leaders:** The more leaders we have, the greater will be the number of varieties of walks we have.

Len Hill is coordinator for this group.

David will distribute emails. If you have given Len your email and not received a programme please confirm your email by sending it to dwandrmw@ntlworld.com

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Please inform the editor, Jill Pullan 01623 400545 of any changes to your normal programme in the near future no later than the Friday before the main meeting.

This will be of great help to members of your various groups – this includes changes of content, dates and venues – Also, please inform Ron Britton for the web-site

**Interest 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 8-9 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.

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**Ashfield U3A**

For Group Leaders’ phone numbers, see pages 8-9 of the Newsletter

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Beginners computing group
("Computing for the Terrified!")

It is planned to run a short 6-session computing course on
Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 14th to 30th April. (21st
April is Easter Monday so if possible that session can be on 22nd April) If you
are interested in joining this group, I will set up an email address for you, if
you don’t already have one. This will allow you to receive and send emails
during the group sessions. Please fill in the forms provided to reserve your
place in these workshops.

Tutor: Alan Paul alanpaul@alanpual.co.uk

Supporting Events

We urge you to support the events we put on – these are always good value for money, as we
always aim to make no profit on any event. The committee put a lot of time and effort, selecting
food and entertainment for these events, but will not continue to do so if the members don’t
support us.

We have lots of tickets left for Martin Fish, and would like all members to consider buying
tickets and come along to what should be a great evening.

St Patrick’s Event

There were 12 tables occupied for this event. The 5 members of Knitters’ Jig entertained and got
almost everyone onto the floor to perform the dances, with great hilarity and fun. The dancers were
walked through the sequence first, and then helped by a caller. All very energetic and great fun.

The meal consisted of delicious Steak & Guinness pie with new potatoes, mushy peas, gravy and mint
sauce, followed by Carrot Cake or banana for those who wanted an alternative.

The table quiz was won by Table C. (the prize- a bunch of bananas ) Oh well! You can’t have
everything.

The feedback from this event has been unanimously positive.

Martin Fish: Gardeners’ Question Time

Thursday May 1st; 7.00pm Ashwood Centre

Once again, we have invited Martin to talk to us. The evening will be the usual
format of a talk with slides, then, after the interval and refreshments, an open
forum for Members to proffer their gardening questions to Martin, who will
endeavour to answer them.

Monty Don is appearing at the Palace Mansfield and it will cost you £17.50.

Martin is better and still only £5.00

Tickets now on sale - yet again, no price increase! £5.00

Harrogate Spring Flower Show

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