Beginners computing group
(“Computing for the Terrified!”)
It is planned to run a short 6-session computing course in September. This will be for computers, not tablets, i-pads etc. 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.

Upstairs, Downstairs for Picnic in the Park
We are hoping to engage these students for our Picnic in the Park event. If we are successful this will be the programme:

Heritage tours of Rufford. ---- Be transported back in time when Rufford was a country house owned by the Saville family

Experience a fascinating costumed tour conducted by BTEC Travel and Tourism students from the North Nottinghamshire College.

Tours last approx. 45 mins

Picnic in the Park
There is to be another Picnic in the Park which will take place in the beautiful Rufford Country Park, off the A614.

During the morning, there will be choirs from all the U3As that have singing groups, performing together in a ‘Sing-a-long’ of well-known songs many from the first World War, as it is the commemorative year.

During the afternoon there will be entertainment from the Worksop Swing Band. Outdoor games will be organised by Hucknall U3A – rounders, cricket, etc., everyone will be invited and very welcome to participate.

Bring along your picnic, wine, table and chairs and join in the fun. There are restaurants in the park if you prefer that to a picnic.

The Marquee will be available for our exclusive use, in case of inclement weather, and to display anything that each U3A decides to exhibit, to showcase their U3A. Rainworth will be present for the first time. This event is entirely free of charge, and will take place on Wednesday June 4th from 10.00am until 4.00pm.
See back page for possible tours of the abbey.

Thursday, 22th May
Your speaker today is Sophie Snell who is a professional storyteller
Forthcoming events to mark in your diary

*Picnic in the Park* Rufford Park, Wednesday 4th June all day from 10.00am.

*Commonwealth Night* - Saturday, 8th November, 2014 - (Entertainment by a Steel Band) Please make a note in your diary

*New Year’s Eve*, December 31st, 2014

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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 dwandmw@ntlworld.com For the programme see page 11.

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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**Rock Concerts**

**Board Games** 19.00

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BRIDGE meeting dates for 2014:

2nd June:  16th June

The Late Breakfast Group

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.

New Group

Exciting news – we have a brand new group

Ukuleles

This is a new group that is up and running with several members, all of whom have brought along their Ukuleles, and are learning to play under the instruction of Geoff. Tootell

This group meets at Geoff’s home the first and third Monday of the month at 10.00am. Further details from Geoff. on 01623 793447.

SKITTLES

22 Members attended our annual Skittles evening, - held this time at the Sherwood Ranger pub in Ravenshead. A splendid buffet was provided by the pub – (doggy-bags included), and there was a free raffle with three different bottles of wine as prizes. Three teams competed.

Team three won with a prize of £5 per team member.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their evening, - a resounding success! Thanks to Mary and Carole

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Theatre Group

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* All 4 performances in the Classic Thriller Season just £44.00 instead of £68.00

Please let me know a.s.a.p if you would like to do the CLASSIC THRILLER SEASON as I have not got a block booking, and need to order tickets if you are interested

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LIVE AT LUNCH - Free lunchtime performance in the Theatre Royal Dress Circle foyer.

- 1pm - Classical piano from Rob Upton
- 1pm - Jazz from the Andrew Wood Trio
- 1pm - The Royal Writers - Verse, prose and other musings from the Theatre Royal’s writing group
- 1pm - Midsummer Tales from The Royal Company Storytellers.

THE THIRD STAGE: The home for our range of more informal spoken word and music events:

- 7.30pm - Tickets Â£6.00.

A complete and Utter History of the Roman Empire with Jokes - Theatre Royal Dress Circle Foyer.

- 7.30pm - Royal Concert Hall Level 2 Foyer - Nottingham Writers Studio
- 1pm - Saturday 6th September - Tickets £47.50, £42.50 - The Dining Experience- Faulty Towers.

Tickets selling fast.

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.

Bring your friends along for a fantastic one hour dance session devoted to songs from Rock of Ages. No experience is necessary: its just a chance for you and your friends to have a great time whilst dancing to songs from the show, with the help of a professional dance tutor.

After your dance session it will be time to visit the Theatre Royal Restaurant for a delicious two course meal and then take your seats for the musically amazing Rock of Ages!

£55. price includes:

A fun and light hearted 1 hour dance session with professional dance tutor.
Fantastic two course meal in the theatre royal restaurant.
TOP PRICE Saturday night stalls tickets to see Rock of Ages at 7.30pm.

Please contact Barbara Ives to book.  Contact Barbara by e-mail  ives.barbara@gmail.com

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

ASHFIELD U3A - CLASSIC MUSIC 2

If you had overheard our May meeting you might have wondered what was happening to the group, for sounds of a tango and even a conga were echoing round the Ashwood Centre.

It was the latest in our series highlighting composers from a specific country or region, and this time it was Latin America. The fact is that the classical composers of that part of the world, all 20th century, write in their own dance rhythms. We also heard some lovely folk-type tunes from Chile and the Andes. And everyone loved it!

This is the pattern for the rest of year: 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. We meet on the first Monday in the month (the second when there’s a bank holiday) from 2 to 4 pm in the large meeting room.

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

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Classical Music Special

This new group never got off the ground. Ron Walker will try to re-launch the group in the Autumn. Such a shame as it was an exciting project!

HELP WANTED! -THEATRE GROUP

I am looking for an assistant to help with Theatre trips, someone who would be willing to take over while I am on holiday later this year and next year. Please contact me if you can help.

Barbara Ives  Theatre Co-ordinator.

Cinema Club 1 meet 1st Tuesday at 10.00am

The next three films to be shown will be:-
June 2nd: 'The Station Agent' A Bafta Winner about three loners who reluctantly find friendship between them.

July 1st: 'Under Tuscan Sun':  A divorcee on holiday in Tuscany finds a wonderful home and friendship at a bleak time in her life. The film is funny and also has most beautiful scenery.

August 5th: 'The Man in the Iron Mask'. Swashbuckling story which you probably know but which has a super cast in it. Leonardo DiCaprio, Jeremy Irons, Gerard Depardieu, Gabriel Byrne.

Cinema group 2

No information given at time of printing

Please send any articles for the Newsletter to the editor, - I welcome any contributions. Email to jill.pullan@ntlworld.com or phone:- 01623 400545
We have arranged a special summer event for Wednesday 30 July 2014 at 7.00 pm. This will be at Thaymar Icecream, Haughton Farm Park, near Bothamsall, Retford.

The evening will start with a tour of the ice cream making factory with a tasting session of all 30 flavours followed by a buffet. The buffet will consist of a selection of open sandwiches (salmon, coronation chicken, tuna, ham and mustard, cheese and chutney), homemade quiche, mixed salads, crisps, sausage rolls, scones, jam, cream and a cup of tea. Local beer and wine also available.

The cost of the tour and tasting is £2.00, the buffet is £11.50 making a total of £13.50 per head. In order to secure this booking I have had to send a deposit on everyone’s behalf. I should be grateful therefore if you indicate your interest in this event and send me a cheque for £5.00 per person made payable to Mrs J Porter. I need a minimum of 25 people. I shall be at the April U3A meeting or you can send the cheque to my home address: 48 Alexandra Avenue Mansfield NG18 5AB.

This venue comes recommended by other U3A members and it should be a very interesting evening.

Here is our programme for the next 4 months:-

Wednesday May 28th - 6.30pm Springwater Cantonese, Calverton

Wednesday June 25th - 6.30pm Bistro Pierre, Nottingham (French)

Wednesday July 30th - 7.00pm Thaymar Ice cream, Bothamsall

Wednesday August 27th - 6.30pm Antalaya, Nottingham (Turkish)

Craft Group Meetings 2014

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If you want entertaining at Christmas, you should consider joining us. We have great fun and a lot of laughter ensues during the sessions.
**U3A Subscriptions Are now OVER-DUE**

Annual fees are £16, for full membership £12.50 for associate and full postal membership, and £9. for associate postal members.

Not sure if you have paid?
Ask Jacquie Chapman at the meeting or call 01623 613483.

Please make your cheques payable to ‘Ashfield U3A’ and send to: Membership Secretary, 8 Primula Grove, Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 8SD.

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**Night school may be back! (possibly in the afternoons)**

Courses in association with West Notts college community department.

We are hoping to set up some short courses in association with the college which could be bespoke for U3A members. The college have said they can provide a course in most things- a very brave statement. Courses would probably be for 5 /6 weeks (on a weekly basis) and can be anything from Archaeology to Photography or Meditation to Brushing up your languages. They would cost about £5 per session and could provide a useful input to an interest group which is already running or form the start of a new interest group.

Nothing would start until September and there is scope for free tuition for those on certain benefits.

There will be a list of ideas at the May meeting but anyone who cannot be there can contact me to indicate and interest ( Lynne 01623 750466) or landbjackson@gmail.com

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**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.

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**Rock group**

May 23rd: Rolling Stones

June 6th: Thin Lizzy  14th Michael Jackson: All these bands are at the Diamond, Sutton.

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**STROLLERS GROUP**

group leader Alan Radford on Alan Radford (tel: 01623 427934)
Mobile (walk days only): 07851 422466; email: alan.radford@which.net

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**Family History in Buxton**

Are you interested in UK family history? Will you be in England on September 13th? If you have answered YES to both these questions then why not join us at our 2014 conference in Buxton, Derbyshire.

Four speakers have been booked for the day: Dr Nick Barratt (The National Archives), Prof Rebecca Probert (Warwick University), John Titford and Joy Bratherton (Authors). Delegates will also have the opportunity to meet with others interested in family history and support the various ‘trade’ stands. The conference will be held once again in The Dome, Buxton, which is now part of the University of Derby. This event has been organised by a network of U3A members in the UK Peak District and surrounding area. The cost for the day, which includes the talks, refreshments, lunch and car parking is, as last year, £20. Further details and a booking form from Ian Taylor via email taylor.ian9@gmail.com
**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
carolinamilanos156@hotmail.com

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**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.

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

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**Table Cloths**

We seem to have mislaid two of our table-cloths.

Members very kindly take them home to be laundered after events, but maybe didn’t return them all. We lost one after the Christmas event and another after the St Patrick’s event. Could you please check to ensure you haven’t put one away in your cupboard with your other laundry.

**Singing for Fun**

June 10th
July and August - No Meetings
September 9th
October 14th
November 11th:
December 9th Extra December practice to be advised

**Bird Watching**

June 10th Cresswell Crags meet at Dukeries Garden Centre 10am
July 8th Attenborough Nature Reserve 10am in the car park
Followed, of course, by lunch on each occasion

**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.
## Ashfield U3A

**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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**Ashfield U3A**

**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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Additional information:

- **LATE BREAKFAST** (Geoff Cree) tel: 01623 794485
- **LINE DANCING** (Rita Lomas) tel: 01623 480338
- **MOVEMENT TO MUSIC + YOGA** (Pam Sapey) tel: 01623 58700
- **OUTINGS & TRIPS WITH KATHLEEN** (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
- **ROCK GROUP** (Mary Naylor) tel: 01773 776386
- **SCRABBLE** (Margaret Nunn) tel: 01159 634196
- **SINGING FOR FUN** (Maxine Rose) tel: 01623 459081
- **SUGARCRAFT & Cake Decorating** (Sue Hughes) tel: 01623 556256
- **THREADS & TEXTILES** (Lynne Jackson) tel: 01623 750466
- **THEATRE VISITS Group** (Barbara Ives) tel: 0115 9539893
  - Various shows, plays etc at various venues
- **UKULELE** (Geoff Tootell) tel: 01623 793447
- **WALKING Group ‘A’** (David Porter) tel: 01623 620892
  - More demanding walks of between 7 and 9 miles in length
- **WALKING GROUP 6-MILERS** 51/2 - 61/2 in length (Len Hill) tel: 01623 437726
- **WALKING Group ‘B’** (David Wilson) tel: 01623 752780
  - Less demanding walks, between 4 and 6 miles
- **WALKING GROUP ‘C’ (Strollers)** (Alan Radford) tel: 01623 427934
  - Strolling between 1- 21/2 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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**ASHFIELD HOLIDAYS, 2014**

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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
carinamilanos156@hotmail.com

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**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.

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

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**Table Cloths**

We seem to have mislaid two of our table-cloths.

Members very kindly take them home to be laundered after events, but maybe didn’t return them all. We lost one after the Christmas event and another after the St Patrick’s event. Could you please check to ensure you haven’t put one away in your cupboard with your other laundry.

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**Singing for Fun**

June 10th
July and August - No Meetings
September 9th
October 14th
November 11th:
December 9th
Extra December practice to be advised

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**Bird Watching**

June 10th Cresswell Crags meet at Dukeries Garden Centre 10am
July 8th Attenborough Nature Reserve 10am in the car park

Followed, of course, by lunch on each occasion

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**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.
U3A Subscriptions Are now OVER-DUE Annual fees are £16, for full membership £12.50 for associate and full postal membership, and £9. for associate postal members.

Not sure if you have paid? Ask Jacque Chapman at the meeting or call 01623 613483.

Please make your cheques payable to ‘Ashfield U3A’ and send to: Membership Secretary, 8 Primula Grove, Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 8SD.

Night school may be back! (possibly in the afternoons)

Courses in association with West Notts college community department.

We are hoping to set up some short courses in association with the college which could be bespoke for U3A members. The college have said they can provide a course in most things- a very brave statement. Courses would probably be for 5/6 weeks (on a weekly basis) and can be anything from Archaeology to Photography or Meditation to Brushing up your languages. They would cost about £5 per session and could provide a useful input to an interest group which is already running or form the start of a new interest group.

Nothing would start until September and there is scope for free tuition for those on certain benefits.

There will be a list of ideas at the May meeting but anyone who cannot be there can contact me to indicate and interest ( Lynne 01623 750466) or landbjackson@gmail.com

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

May 23rd: Rolling Stones
June 6th: Thin Lizzy  14th Michael Jackson: All these bands are at the Diamond, Sutton.

Family History in Buxton

Are you interested in UK family history? Will you be in England on September 13th? If you have answered YES to both these questions then why not join us at our 2014 conference in Buxton, Derbyshire.

Four speakers have been booked for the day: Dr Nick Barratt (The National Archives), Prof Rebecca Probert (Warwick University), John Titford and Joy Bratherton (Authors). Delegates will also have the opportunity to meet with others interested in family history and support the various ‘trade’ stands. The conference will be held once again in The Dome, Buxton, which is now part of the University of Derby. This event has been organised by a network of U3A members in the UK Peak District and surrounding area. The cost for the day, which includes the talks, refreshments, lunch and car parking is, as last year, £20. Further details and a booking form from Ian Taylor via email taylor.ian9@gmail.com
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

We have arranged a special summer event for Wednesday 30 July 2014 at 7.00 pm. This will be at Thaymar Icecream, Haughton Farm Park, near Bothamsall, Retford.

The evening will start with a tour of the ice cream making factory with a tasting session of all 30 flavours followed by a buffet. The buffet will consist of a selection of open sandwiches (salmon, coronation chicken, tuna, ham and mustard, cheese and chutney), homemade quiche, mixed salads, crisps, sausage rolls, scones, jam, cream and a cup of tea. Local beer and wine also available.

The cost of the tour and tasting is £2.00, the buffet is £11.50 making a total of £13.50 per head. In order to secure this booking I have had to send a deposit on everyone’s behalf. I should be grateful therefore if you indicate your interest in this event and send me a cheque for £5.00 per person made payable to Mrs J Porter. I need a minimum of 25 people. I shall be at the April U3A meeting or you can send the cheque to my home address: 48 Alexandra Avenue Mansfield NG18 5AB. This venue comes recommended by other U3A members and it should be a very interesting evening.

Here is our programme for the next 4 months:-

**Wednesday May 28th** - 6.30pm Springwater Cantonese, Calverton

**Wednesday June 25th** - 6.30pm Bistro Pierre, Nottingham (French)

**Wednesday July 30th** - 7.00pm Thaymar Icecream, Bothamsall

**Wednesday August 27th** - 6.30pm Antalaya, Nottingham (Turkish)

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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 are testing growing compounds such as seed and multi-purpose composts, and running a trial of lettuce seeds at the moment.

We have a few spaces meet on the 4th Monday of the month. If you think you might be interested in joining the group please contact Lynne Jackson 01623 750466

**Friendly Gardeners - leader Marjorie Woolham**

**May** - At a members house to view their garden, morning tea, and finalise our 2014 programme

**June** - a trip to the N.E.C at Birmingham to the Garden and Food Show

**July** - visiting Castle Howard in North Yorkshire

**August** - Burton Agnes hall and Gardens Driffield Yorks

**September** - Trentham Gardens at Stoke-on-Trent

**October** - TBA

**November** - is our Christmas Lunch. This year at Planters Garden Centre Tamworth.

An extra trip by car to Taylors Clamatis near Doncaster will be arranged later to include any other U3A members who have shown an interest.

At this moment I don’t have a date due to the fact Taylors are busy with summer shows.

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

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

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**Play Reading (Am-Dram)**

Next meeting June 13th 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
**Ashfield U3A**

**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**

If you had overheard our May meeting you might have wondered what was happening to the group, for sounds of a tango and even a conga were echoing round the Ashwood Centre.

It was the latest in our series highlighting composers from a specific country or region, and this time it was Latin America. The fact is that the classical composers of that part of the world, all 20th century, write in their own dance rhythms. We also heard some lovely folk-type tunes from Chile and the Andes. And everyone loved it!

This is the pattern for the rest of year: 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. We meet on the first Monday in the month (the second when there’s a bank holiday) from 2 to 4 pm in the large meeting room.

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

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**Classical Music Special**

This new group never got off the ground. Ron Walker will try to re-launch the group in the Autumn. Such a shame as it was an exciting project!

**HELP WANTED! -THEATRE GROUP**

I am looking for an assistant to help with Theatre trips, someone who would be willing to take over while I am on holiday later this year and next year. Please contact me if you can help.

Barbara Ives  Theatre Co-ordinator.

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**Ashfield U3A**

**Croquet**

This group has been out of the diary since last year. I would like to start again on Wednesday, 25th June at 11.00am meeting at Tichfield Park, Kikby. This will be a fourth Wednesday regular monthly meeting.

Peter Baker  01623 437834

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**U3A ASHFIELD - FAMILY HISTORIY GROUP**

**Programme for Spring – Summer 2014**

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)

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**Cinema Club 1 meet 1st Tuesday at 10.00am**

The next three films to be shown will be:

**June 2nd: 'The Station Agent':** A Bafta Winner about three loners who reluctantly find friendship between them.

**July 1st: 'Under Tuscan Sun':** A divorcee on holiday in Tuscany finds a wonderful home and friendship at a bleak time in her life. The film is funny and also has most beautiful scenery.

**August 5th: 'The Man in the Iron Mask':** Swashbuckling story which you probably know but which has a super cast in it. Leonardo Dicaprio, Jeremy Irons, Gerard Depardieu, Gabriel Byrne.

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**Cinema group 2**

No information given at time of printing

Please send any articles for the Newsletter to the editor: - I welcome any contributions.

Email to jill.pullan@ntlworld.com or phone: 01623 400545
Ashfield U3A

**BRIDGE meeting dates for 2014:**

2nd June:  16th June

The Late Breakfast Group
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.

**New Group**

Exciting news - we have a brand new group

**Ukuleles**

This is a new group that is up and running with several members, all of whom have brought along their Ukuleles, and are learning to play under the instruction of Geoff. Tootell

This group meets at Geoff’s home the first and third Monday of the month at 10.00am. Further details from Geoff. on 01623 793447.

**SKITTLES**

22 Members attended our annual Skittles evening. Held this time at the Sherwood Ranger pub in Ravenshead. A splendid buffet was provided by the pub – (doggy-bags included), and there was a free raffle with three different bottles of wine as prizes. Three teams competed.

Team three won with a prize of £5 per team member.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their evening. - a resounding success! Thanks to Mary and Carole

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Please let me know a.s.a.p if you would like to do the CLASSIC THRILLER SEASON as I have not got a block booking, and need to order tickets if you are interested

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LIVE AT LUNCH - Free lunchtime performance in the Theatre Royal Dress Circle foyer.

Friday 25th April - 1pm - Classical piano from Rob Upton

Friday 9th May - 1pm - Jazz from the Andrew Wood Trio

Thursday 22nd May - 1pm - The Royal Writers - Verse, prose and other musings from the Theatre Royal’s writing group.

Monday 23rd June - 1pm - Midsummer Tales from The Royal Company Storytellers.

THE THIRD STAGE: The home for our range of more informal spoken word and music events:

Tuesday 27th May - 7.30pm - Tickets Â£6.00.

A complete and Utter History of the Roman Empire with Jokes - Theatre Royal Dress Circle Foyer.

Monday 9th June - 7.30pm - £5.00 - Royal Concert Hall Level 2 Foyer - Nottingham Writers Studio Monday 1 - Saturday 6th September - Tickets £47.50, £42.50 - The Dining Experience- Faulty Towers. Tickets selling fast.

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.

Bring your friends along for a fantastic one hour dance session devoted to songs from Rock of Ages.

No experience is necessary: just a chance for you and your friends to have a great time whilst dancing to songs from the show, with the help of a professional dance tutor.

After your dance session it will be time to visit the Theatre Royal Restaurant for a delicious two course meal and then take your seats for the musically amazing Rock of Ages!

£55. price includes:

- A fun and light hearted 1 hour dance session with professional dance tutor.
- Fantastic two course meal in the theatre royal restaurant.
- TOP PRICE Saturday night stalls tickets to see Rock of Ages at 7.30pm.

Please contact Barbara Ives to book. Contact Barbara by e-mail ives.barbara@gmail.com
Forthcoming events to mark in your diary

**Picnic in the Park** Rufford Park, Wednesday 4th June all day from 10.00am.

**Commonwealth Night** Saturday, 8th November, 2014 - (Entertainment by a Steel Band) Please make a note in your diary

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

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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 5 1/2 and 6 1/2 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

For the programme see page 11.

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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.
Beginners computing group
(“Computing for the Terrified!”)
It is planned to run a short 6-session computing course in September. This will be for computers, not tablets, i-pads etc. 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@alanpaul.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.

Upstairs, Downstairs for Picnic in the Park
We are hoping to engage these students for our Picnic in the Park event. If we are successful this will be the programme:

Heritage tours of Rufford. ---- Be transported back in time when Rufford was a country house owned by the Saville family
Experience a fascinating costumed tour conducted by BTEC Travel and Tourism students from the North Nottinghamshire College.

Tours last approx. 45 mins

Picnic in the Park
There is to be another Picnic in the Park which will take place in the beautiful Rufford Country Park, off the A614.
During the morning, there will be choirs from all the U3As that have singing groups, performing together in a ‘Sing-a-long’ of well-known songs many from the first World War, as it is the commemorative year.
During the afternoon there will be entertainment from the Worksop Swing Band.
Outdoor games will be organised by Hucknall U3A – rounders, cricket, etc., everyone will be invited and very welcome to participate.

Bring along your picnic, wine, table and chairs and join in the fun. There are restaurants in the park if you prefer that to a picnic.

The Marquee will be available for our exclusive use, in case of inclement weather, and to display anything that each U3A decides to exhibit, to showcase their U3A. Rainworth will be present for the first time. This event is entirely free of charge, and will take place on Wednesday June 4th from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

See back page for possible tours of the abbey.