



# Warsop & District

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## Notes from the Chairman

Hi

It's September and time for the Annual General Meeting along with the 'Silent Auction'. Both entertaining items for the meeting at the Oaklands on Monday. There are lots of lots for the silent auction so lets see as many of you as possible at the meeting and have a go at the silent auction. It was good fun last year, enjoyed by all there.

If you didn't go to the '4B's' afternoon last week you missed a good time. Make sure you read the write up and see the photos in the newsletter. Thank you to Chris and Brenda for organizing such a fun event. Also thanks to their helpers on the day.

As you will be aware by now this is the last 'Notes from the Chairman' that I will be writing. I would like to thank the committee for their help and support years. Also the membership for putting up with me over the last three years.

As to the role of Chairperson, there is still a vacancy, this is a real need if Warsop & District u3a is to continue. If there is anyone out there who is willing to take on the role as chair please contact me on the number below or speak to me before the meeting starts on Monday.

Jim Shervey  
Chair

The deadline for including articles/information in the next newsletter is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** Send contributions to Chris Shervey. If you have any ideas for new items to include in the newsletter please let me know.

## Rota for refreshments and greeting.

This is the rota for the next two months, any problems please contact me, Ann Ayodele.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help, without you our meetings would not be enjoyable.

Date	Refreshments 1	Refreshments 2	Meet and Greet 1	Meet and Greet 2
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sylvia Ellis	Sonia Attwell	Chris Wilson	Brenda Pearce
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Yvonne Pannifer	Zena Inger	Moira Heslop	Ann Poultney

Those on the rota please be there around 9.30am.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Silent Auction** We are holding a Silent Auction alongside the AGM in Sept. If you still have any items to donate please bring to AGM.

**Cash only**

Chris

## 4 B's

Over 60 people enjoyed the "B" afternoon at the Oaklands on Saturday 7th August. They were from Warsop U3A and also some from Sherwood and Forest Town plus several guests. We sat down to assorted sandwiches, sausage rolls, quiche and other savouries, bags of crisps and cup cakes with tea and coffee served from the kitchen if you hadn't brought your own tippie! One guest thought it was unusual for 3 MEN to serve the hot drinks. Obviously not familiar with the parity in the U3A 😊 We had a quiz about The Beatles on each table to look at during the afternoon. After food we were entertained by Oliver, a very talented young local man, for over an hour and a half who sang songs from several decades, including Beatles songs, which we joined in with. It wasn't long before the dancers were up, even reluctant ones. We finished with a quick game of Beetle and finally the answers to the quiz. It was a very enjoyable and entertaining afternoon!

A big thank you to Chris and Brenda for organising it all.

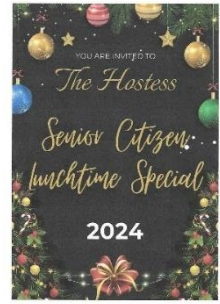
Wendy



## Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch, Friday 20th December, at The Hostess

The non refundable deposits have been paid, and 34 of us have this to look forward to. I shall collect the balance of £15 each during the November meeting. Jen



**Raffle.** The August Raffle raised £60  
**RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED .**

## Robin Hood Lottery



Warsop and District U3A is a cause registered with the Robin Hood Lottery.

To buy a ticket you can now register on line at [www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk](http://www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk) and set up regular payments. If you buy a ticket every week for a year Warsop U3A will receive £26.

**Remember the more members that have a go (specifying Warsop & District U3A) the more money we get for our funds.**

**Cups** Please will as many of you as possible bring your own mug for your tea or coffee. This is not only more environmentally friendly but also would save us a lot of money as the paper disposable cups we use are surprisingly expensive. Ann.

**Books and Jigsaws 50p.** We made £3.50 at the August meeting. The books are sorted into genres making it easier to find a book you like.

## Group News

I have found a local Tai Chi instructor who would be happy to teach a group. As I won't be at the next meeting, could everyone who is interested in joining this potential new group please speak to Anne Poultney, Irene Crawford or Moira Heslop at the meeting. Obviously, there have to be sufficient numbers to make it cost effective. The teacher's fee and the cost of a venue have to be met. U3a can cover the cost of the first meeting.

Group leaders, I shall be booking somewhere for our annual catch up as soon as I get back from holiday.

I feel a little rant coming on. Sorry!

Recently I met someone who used to belong to a nearby u3a branch.

She told me she left because they didn't have a sewing group or a Theatre group.

I pointed out that she could have set up one of these groups, perhaps sewing as she has lots of knowledge on this subject. After all, u3a is all about sharing activities and knowledge.

Jen

## The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group met on the 6th September for their usual afternoon of playing cards and dominoes. The next meeting will be at The Plough on Friday, 4th October at 2.00 p.m.

Betty

## Welfare

Don't forget to let me know if any members are ill or suffer a bereavement, so that I may send get well wishes or condolences on behalf of us all .

I have, sadly, sent a couple of messages of condolence since our last meeting.

Jen

## Theatre Group

Tickets have been bought for 9 of us to see The Nutcracker at The Palace Theatre, Newark and we have two nominated drivers.

Pick up times will be sorted out nearer the date. A lovely start to the Christmas season.

Il Divo tickets have reduced in price for their show in Nottingham on 22nd October. They were originally advertised at £160, they now range from £45.50 to £276. However, there are very few tickets left at £45.50 and they are on Tier 2. If anyone would like to see these amazing singers I would suggest you book individually, rather than wait until I'm back from holiday.

## Discussion Group

The discussion group will run as usual at 10.30 On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, Forest Lodge Edwinstowe.

## Bridge Club

The Dukeries u3a Bridge Group meet on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at the Jubilee Hall (NG22 9AP) from 1 – 4PM. The cost of each session is currently £3.

All U3a members are welcome to attend.

## Garden Group

On Tuesday 10th September 6 members of the garden group went to Tansley Barn Garden Centre in Derbyshire. The weather was very variable all day but to compensate the journey through Derbyshire was very scenic. The usual tea/coffee and scones was had on arrival. Quite a lot of plants and pond making equipment was bought followed by a lovely lunch in the tea shop.



## Silver Screeners

Savoy cinema Worksop. For the over 50's. Every Wednesday at 11.30. Tickets £5.00, include a drink and free raffle.

### Firebrand Wed 18 Sep

In a perilous time when England is torn apart by religious upheaval and tyrannical rule, Katherine Parr (Alicia Vikander), educated and accomplished, reluctantly agrees to become the sixth wife of King Henry VIII (Jude Law). Her marriage to the tyrant is fraught with danger, as she navigates a court filled with intrigue, suspicion, and betrayal. As Henry departs for war, leaving her as Regent, Katherine must fend off scheming courtiers and protect herself from the King's growing paranoia. When her close friend is convicted of treason, Katherine faces an agonizing choice: survive by submission or fight for her beliefs and risk everything.

## Natural History, Science and Technology.

Unfortunately due to illness the September meeting was cancelled.

2024		
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	What is it?	Jodie manager of Mansfield Museum £2,50 per person
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Birds in your garden	Chris Shervey
December	No Meeting	

## Strollers

Strollers - 25th October 2024 - Cresswell Craggs Meet 10.00 am at the Carrs car park for car share to Dukeries garden centre for stroll to Cresswell Craggs.

**SEPT** Cresswell Craggs  
**OCT** Vicar Water  
**NOV** Kings Mill Reservoir  
**DEC** No Stroll

## Craft Group

The group held their first meeting at their new venue and it was a good choice. (see below)

There were seven members present and we made "Snowmen". It was quite a challenge but we all did our best.

We also spent some time discussing what we would like to try and came up with the following.

Itinerary 2024/2025

7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sock Gonks – please bring your own socks, (the odd one's that the washing machine eats are perfect!) 2 x different colours. Bright ones look good.

4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Cards

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Christmas Wreaths

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Teapot Boxes

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Flowers

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Fabric Dolls

If you would like to join us the only thing you need to bring is a basic sewing kit and a willingness to have a go at anything. All materials are available for a very small donation to the person who brings them, if anything more specialised is required you will be given the opportunity to obtain/purchase any item needed yourself, or you can borrow from other group members.

We meet the first Monday of the month, 10am – 12 noon at St Theresa's Church Hall, Warsop. The car park can be accessed from Ridgeway Terrace. (please be aware that there are steps to get down to the hall from the car park.) If you have problems with mobility then it may be better to park in the village and walk to the hall.

Hope to see you there on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Zena



## Photography Group

The Photography Group continues to operate online, due to low attendance at the 'Face to Face' meetings when they have been arranged.

This month's online 'Themed' challenge was 'Anything that begins with either S or T'

Once again a **BIG Thanks** to Chris & Jim Shervey for their contributions.

Joanne Wheatley – S = Snake, Sausages & Slide / T = Tomatoes



Jim & Chris Shervey – S = Steps to somewhere, Sunset over Pembroke.

T = Tulips





Bob Thomson – S = Spitfire, Stag / T = Tartan, Tank



The next online 'Themed' challenge is 'Anything that begins with either U or V'

Once again ALL members of the u3a are welcome to join in!

## Walking Group

### Welbeck Abbey- South Tunnel Lodge

Our walk started from the Nottcuts Garden Centre car park and passed through a field which took in part of the Sculpture Trail. From there we followed the way marked walk towards the South Tunnel Lodge. A linear walk of just under 5 miles.



The 5th Duke of Portland was a recluse and lived in seclusion. Being rather eccentric he built an elaborate underground maze of tunnels in the 1800's under his estate. Sadly these cannot be accessed but you just have to imagine what an undertaking it would have been at the time.



After the walk we had refreshments in the courtyard. The sausage rolls were a huge hit.



**NOTE: For all walking group members available after the September meeting can we meet up to discuss walks for the remainder of the year and hopefully a programme for 2025 can be put together. Your views and ideas would be most welcome.**

**Brenda & Pam**

WALKING GROUP - 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 2024

Date	Walk Leader	Walk	Distance
19th September		TBC	
17th October	Brenda Pearce	Ault Hucknall	3.5 or 5 miles
21st November		TBC	
		Walks can be subject to change	

## History Group

The History Group met on Tuesday 20th August at 10:00am in St Teresa's Church Hall. Roger Holland gave an in-house presentation on 'Eminent Nottinghamshire Sporting Personalities.' His talk included a general overview of the history of organised sport across the world from ancient times through to Victorian England, looking at how the practice of sport grew out of military training. Human sacrifices to the gods were also made in certain cultures. The growth of organised professional sport from Victorian times onwards has led to greater global participation, spectator involvement and has resulted in considerable economic impact. Supporting a team or participating in sport plays a key part in the lives of many. The eminent local sporting personalities which Roger then talked about in some detail included Harold Larwood (cricketer), John Whetton (athlete), Viv Anderson (footballer), Rebecca Adlington (swimmer) and Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean (ice skaters).

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th September when we will be meeting up with Denis Hill outside the Palace Theatre at 10am to participate in a history trail around Mansfield. We look forward to seeing you there.

Barbara & Tamar

**2024 - Proposed Calendar of Events for Warsop & District U3A History Group**

17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Historic Mansfield Trail Denis Hill	Meet in Mansfield Town Square 10am
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nottinghamshire's Dark Side Chris Weir	St Teresa's Church Hall 10am
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The houses of Bess of Hardwick	St Teresa's Church Hall 10am
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No meeting as very close to Christmas	

[Speakers for the main meetings](#)

2024

September 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting/ Silent Auction

October How to avoid Fraud  
Richard Kubon  
Police Fraud Protection Officer

November Before They Were Famous  
Mel Mitchell

Group	Leaders Name	Tel
NATURAL HISTORY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	Chris Shervey	
WALKING GROUP	Brenda Pearce Pam Hick	
STROLLERS	Janet Harford Pat Magness	
HISTORY GROUP	Barbara Spybey	
CRAFTS	Zena Inger	
GARDENING	Linda Crossley	
PHOTOGRAPHY	Rob Thomson	
FRIENDSHIP GROUP	Betty Trinder	
THEATRE GROUP	Jennifer Thomson	
SOCIAL EVENTS ORGANISER		
DISCUSSION GROUP		

**COULD GROUP LEADERS PLEASE COLLECT THEIR BADGES WHEN COLLECTING THEIR LANYARDS. (Then members at the meeting can identify who they may need/want to talk to).**

<b>INTEREST GROUP TIMETABLE</b>					
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10am – 12pm</b> <b>CRAFTS GROUP</b> St Tereas’s Catholic Church hall. Warsop				<b>2pm</b> <b>FRIENDSHIP GROUP</b> The Plough Warsop
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>10am</b> <b>GARDENING</b> <b>GROUP</b> Venue agreed by members		<b>2pm</b> <b>NATURAL</b> <b>HISTORY</b> <b>SCIENCE AND</b> <b>TECHNOLOGY</b> Plough Warsop	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>MAIN MEETING</b> <b>10.15</b> Oaklands Centre Warsop	<b>10am– 12pm</b> <b>HISTORY GROUP</b> St Tereas’sCatholic Church hall. Warsop		<b>10am</b> <b>WALKING GROUP</b> Carrs Car Park	<b>11.am</b> <b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b> Venue to be agreed by the members.
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 -12.30</b> <b>DICUSSION</b> <b>GROUP</b> Forest Lodge Edwinstowe		<b>10.am</b> <b>STROLLERS</b> Carrs Car Park		
	<b>THEATRE GROUP</b> - Location and time as announced. <b>PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP</b> -Please see Newsletter for the online challenge.				

## **SEPTEMBER QUIZ Geographical Trivia.**

- 1 Which is the only country in the world( European) that has the word LOVE in it’s name?
- 2 Which is the only city to straddle 2 continents?
- 3 Which of the original 7 Wonders of the world is still standing?
- 4 On which island do descendants of the mutineers on HMS Bounty live?
- 5 Which commonwealth country (Africa) has never been a British colony?
- 6 Hans Christian Anderson wrote the fairy tale The Little Mermaid, where is the statue of the little mermaid?
- 7 Where is the only place in the world you can select Latin on a ATM?
- 8 Which dog breed shares it’s name with a beach in Croatia?
- 9 Which USA city is nicknamed the Windy City?
- 10 The language of which country has 27 words for moustache? Greece Albania Hungary
- 11 In the USA a well known bus company is named after which dog breed?
- 12 Which 2 South American countries have no coastline?
- 13For which activity/sport is the Kawaru bridge in New Zealand famous?
- 14 Which country is made up of 7,000 islands?
- 15 Which European country was the last to give women the vote? Switzerland Monaco Luxemburgh
- 16 Machu Picchu in Peru discovered in 1911, is the lost city of which people?
- 17 Which is the largest Mediterranean island?
- 18 Which railway passes through 7 time zones?
- 19 In 1981 the pop group Ultravox released a song about which European city?
- 20 On which mountain in USA are the faces of 4 presidents carved?

## WELL I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!

There are 195 countries in the world according to the United Nations.

There are 7,164 languages spoken in the world.

The world population is 8.161.972.572 ( at time of writing)

## SEPTEMBER QUICK QUIZ All answers start with the letter N except for one.

- 1 Blue Peter presenter with a dog called Shep?
- 2 Fourth largest city in Japan?
- 3 Areas of the UK maintained as far as possible in their natural state?
- 4 USA--- home of country and western music?
- 5 Short legged toad?
- 6 Late night BBC news programme?
- 7 Landlocked country in the Himalayas?
- 8 Ball game with 7 players on a side?
- 9 27 books that make up the second half of the Bible?
- 10 Game played on ice, usually associated with Scotland?

## SEPTEMBER RIDDLES

- 1 I sometimes run but I can't walk, what am I?
- 2 It has keys but no locks, space but no room and you can enter but not go inside?
- 3 What gets broken without being held?

## ANSWERS AUGUST QUIZ All the answers are places on an original MONOPOLY board.

- 1 Who was the original presenter of Question of Sport on BBC1? David VINE ST
- 2 Where did Jack the Ripper commit his murders? WHITECHAPEL
- 3 Who wrote the Paddington Bear books? Michael BOND ST
- 4 The main shopping street in London? OXFORD ST
- 5 Where is the statue of Lord Nelson? TRAFALGAR SQUARE
- 6 The name of a London jail? PENTONVILLE
- 7 Square famous for it's theatres and cinemas? LEICESTER SQUARE
- 8 An area of London of luxury hotels and casinos? PARK LANE
- 9 A game similar to croquet? PALL MALL
- 10 Original name of policemen, the BOW STREET runners?
- 11 Named after George IV when he was Prince REGENT ST ?
- 12 Former home of National newspapers ? FLEET ST
- 13 Reputation as the high end of London? MAYFAIR
- 14 In the Harry Potter books students catch the Hogwarts express on platform nine and a half at KINGS CROSS STATION ?

15 Mentioned in a famous WWI song, saying farewell? PICADILLY

**ANSWERS AUGUST QUICK QUIZ** All the answers start with the letter M except for one.

- 1 The name of the boy in the Jungle Book? MOWGLI
- 2 South African country called Nyasaland until 1963? MALAWI
- 3 Island in the Mediterranean, popular with tourists? MALTA
- 4 Town in S Africa besieged for 217 days during the Boer War? MAFEKING
- 5 Principal Chapel of the Vatican? SISTINE
- 6 English playwright 1564-93 wrote The Jew of Malta, Tamburlaine the Great? MARLOWE
- 7 USA state on the eastern coast? MAINE
- 8 A book written by Roald Dahl? MATILDA
- 9 Politician imprisoned on Robben Island, near Cape Town? MANDELA
- 10 Technique of veneering furniture with different woods? MARQUETRY

**ANSWERS AUGUST RIDDLES**

- 1 What runs around a back yard but never moves? A FENCE
- 2 If 2 is company and 3 a crowd what are 4 and 5? NINE
- 3 What has many rings but no fingers? A PHONE

### North Notts Neighbourhood group

This means that you as a member of Warsop & District can ask to join an interest group in another U3A that is also in the NNNG, as long as the group is not oversubscribed at the time of your request you can join the group without joining the host u3a

The u3as in the NNNG are Mansfield, Sherwood, Dukeries, Rainworth, Forest Town, Ashfield, Sutton in Ashfield, Hucknall, Worksop and Warsop.

### Data Protection Rules

**Warsop & District U3A is committed to treating all people equally.**

Anyone wishing to see the [Privacy and Data Protection policies](#) may view them on the Warsop & District U3A website, [www.u3asites.org.uk](http://www.u3asites.org.uk) alternatively please ask Rob.

### **Website & Facebook**

The Warsop & District u3a website can be found at the address below. If any of the group leaders/facilitators would like to advertise/ promote any of their future activities or change the information shown, please contact Bob Thomson.

### **Facebook**

Warsop & District U3A has a Facebook Group. It is a private group which can be seen by the public but only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

What this means is that you have to be invited to join the group or have your request to join accepted. Also you need to be on Facebook which some of you may not be. As a member of the group you will be able to put your own posts on the page, please keep them relevant to the U3A and what it stands for. We would ask that you don't put anything on that is in anyway party political or anything that may be offensive to others who may be of a different creed or religion. Hopefully everyone will join, use the page and find it useful.

One of the things that puts people 'off' Facebook, is the 'bad press' some of the Social sites get. You can join Facebook, choose only to join the Warsop Facebook page and not be involved in any other site, or Friends requests (usually from people that you have never heard of!) The choice is entirely yours.

To request to join the Warsop u3a Facebook page, contact Bob Thomson.

Committee Members	Role
Jim Shervey	Chairperson
Mel Mitchell	Deputy Chairperson
Irene Clay	Business Secretary
Linda Crossley	Treasurer
	Membership Secretary
Jim Shervey	Speaker Seeker
Jennifer Thomson	Groups co-ordinator
Chris Shervey	Newsletter editor
Vacant	Social Events
Jennifer Thomson	Welfare Officer
Rob Thomson	Website & Facebook manager
Ann Ayodele	Refreshments rota /Quiz
June Whittle	Raffle
Betty Trinder	Social events assistant
Pat Magness	Co-opted member
Zena Inger	
Lynne Hutchinson	

## Warsop and District U3A

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 10.15am

Oaklands Centre, Warsop, Notts

Agenda

Open Meeting

Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

Minutes of previous AGM (18<sup>th</sup> September 2023)

Matters arising from minutes, approved, seconded and signed

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

Approval and signing of accounts

Any other reports

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Adoption of Officers and Committee Members

Welcome and Introduction of newly elected and returning committee

Announcements from the Chair

Any other business

Date and time of AGM 2025                      15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Close AGM

Refreshments/ Silent Auction/ Social