



Cotgrave & District u3a

APRIL 2024 Newsletter and diary

Welcome to another edition of your newsletter and diary. It will soon be April and Spring is in the air. The clocks go forward on the 31st of March and then it will officially be British Summer Time. Let's hope we have some nice Spring weather.

March monthly meeting. Again, there were a record number of attendees at the open meeting on the 12th March even though it was pouring with rain. The speaker was Dr Stephen Walker with his talk 'From Marylebone to Massachusetts: the life and times of Henry Leonard'. It was not only the story of Henry Leonard who was recruited as an apprentice from Marylebone workhouse into one of the silk bleaching mills of Papplewick and Linby and who with his family eventually ended up in Massachusetts, but also a dive into workhouses of the Victorian age and conditions for child workers in the cotton industry and the rise and fall of that industry in Nottinghamshire.

At the next open meeting we have Roger Brown with 'The golden age of the radio and his presentation will include a keyboard and music.

TAM (Third age matters magazine) When members have finished reading this magazine it would be useful if you could bring it to the monthly meeting for others to read.

Committee meetings. The executive committee of the Cotgrave and District u3a would like to invite any members to attend a committee meeting as an observer and see how we work. We meet the third Friday morning monthly so if you'd like to attend, please let me know or any other committee member and it can be arranged.

Portsmouth trip

Just a reminder that some lucky members are going to Portsmouth in April so would those that are, stay behind after the open meeting on the 9th April and Elaine Parker will go through final arrangements. Any further questions you can contact Elaine elaineparker27955@gmail.com 07852 985688

Cotgrave and District u3a history.

Last month I asked members particularly ones who were involved in the formation of our u3a 10 years ago or simply were early members to share their memories and experiences of people and places as it's important that we make a record of this and keep it in our archives. The response hasn't been huge, in fact only one person responded. I understand it's a bit of a bind actually having to put pen to paper and we're all busy, much busier in retirement than we ever dreamt we would be. I would be quite happy to interview anybody that would be

happy to share memories and then we'll put it into some sort of format. Please email me if you would be happy to do this.

Silver screen at the Broadway cinema for Thursdays in April. Price is £5

Thursday 4th April 10.15 and 13.15 **Mother's instinct.**

Thursday 11th April 10.15 and 13.15 **Seize them.**

Thursday 18th April 10.15 and 13.15 **Back to Black.**

Thursday 25th April 10.15 and 13.15 **The Lavender Hill Mob.**

News from the groups.

Jim Benn Science and Technology group. The next meeting of the Science and Technology group is on the 18th of April, as usual at 2.00pm in the Methodist Hall. This month we have a talk about Metallurgy by Paul James. Metallurgy is the science of metals and neatly bridges science and engineering and it should be good'.

Line Dancing

Just a reminder re the next quarters subs of £5 for three whole months of line dancing. Due from the 1st of April. Cash please as usual.

History Group

The history group will not be on the 8th of April...the second Monday...but on the 15th April. this is a temporary change. John Orton will be speaking on the Scrimshire family of Cotgrave. Welfare at 2.00 as usual. Members will as usual be notified on the Facebook page and by e mail.

Computer Group

The date for the next meeting is not available at the moment but will be confirmed to the members of the group shortly.

Knit and Natter

There will be no knit and natter group meeting on Monday 1st April as it is Easter Monday.

Tai Chi

No Tai Chi on either 4th or 11th April

Group Leaders meeting.

This will be at the Manvers on 30th April at 10.30 . Invitations will be sent by email.

Just a last word about groups

We have lots of wonderful groups in our u3a made possible by the creative ideas and commitment and hard work of our group leaders. They are just members of the u3a like everybody else but if it wasn't for them there would be no groups for us to join and attend. Remember if we are a member of a group, however large or small, we all have responsibilities to that group. If you can't attend a meeting of the group, it's so important you let the group leader know. It's such a little thing to ask compared to the benefits of being in a group but it is something that sadly we continue to have problems with. Let's all do our bit to keep our u3a great.

Diary

Day	Date	Time	Group	Venue	Leader
Monday	1st	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Mah Jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
Tuesday	2nd	09.30	Yoga	Welfare	Carol Harris
		14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
Wednesday	3rd	10.00	Art	Welfare	Ann Berry
		10.30	Garden group.	Manvers	Sandra Morton
		14.00	Snooker and darts	Welfare	Michael O'Connor
Thursday	4th	11.00	Line dancing	Methodist church	Sue Hillyard
		14.00	Badminton	Leisure centre	Clive Watterson
Friday	5th	10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder
		10.00	Craft group.	Methodist church	Sue Mellor
		12.30	Real Ale	The Cross Keys, Byard Lane.	Chris Soar
Monday	8th	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Mah jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
Tuesday	9th	09.30	Open meeting	Welfare	Peter Shreyhane
		14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
		15.00	Genealogy	Library	Peter Shreyhane
Wednesday	10th	10.00	Art	Welfare	Ann Berry
		14.00	Singing for pleasure	Scout and Guide hall	SueChilds/Mic Roblins
		14.00	Card and Board games 2	Leader's home	Sue Hillyard
Thursday	11th	14.00	Table tennis	Leisure Centre	Paul Childs
		15.30	Spanish	Manvers	Maureen Burrell
		19.00	Card and board games 1	Leader's home	Sue Hillyard
Friday	12th	10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder
Monday	15th	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Mah jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
		14.00	Book group 2	Library	Heather Whatnall
		14.00	History	Welfare	Michael O'Connor
Tuesday	16th	09.30	Yoga	Welfare	Carol Harris
		13.00	Lunch group	Riverside Farndon	John Haskell
Wednesday	17th	14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
		10.00	Creative writing group	Leader's home	Chris Tomblin
		10.00	Art	Welfare	Ann Berry
		10.00	Snooker and Darts	Welfare	Michael O'Connor
		14.00	Croquet	Leader's home	Chris Soar

Thursday	18th	09.15	Tai chi	Welfare	Liz Manning
		11.00	Line dancing	Methodist church	Sue Hillyard
		14.00	Science and Technology	Methodist church	Jim Benn
		14.00	Badminton	Leisure centre	Clive WattersomN
Friday	19th	10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder
		09:30	Committee meeting	Welfare	Peter Shreyhane
		12.30	Real ale	The Cross Keys, Byard Lane.	Chris Soar
Monday	22nd	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Art history	Leaders home	Carole Pimblett
		14.00	Mah jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
Tuesday	23rd	09.30	Yoga	Welfare	Carol Harris
		13.00	Lunch group	The Riverside Farndon	John Haskell
		14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
		14.00	Book group 1	Library	Sue Childs
Wednesday	24th	10.00	Art	Welfare	Ann Berry
		10.00	Coffee and chat	Manvers	Barbara Bullin
		14.00	Singing for pleasure	Scout and guide hall	Sue Childs/Mic Robins
		14.45	French	Leader's home	Yvonne Harriss
Thursday	25th	09.15	Tai chi	Welfare	Liz Manning
		14.00	Table tennis	Leisure Centre	Paul Childs
		15.30	Spanish	Manvers	Maureen Burrell
		19.00	Card and board games 1	Leader's home	Sue Hillyard
Friday	26th	10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder
		10am	Stroller's walk	TBC	Peter Shreyhane
Monday	29th	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Mah jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
Tuesday	30th	09.30	Yoga	Welfare	Carol Harris
		14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
		10.30	Group Leaders meeting	Manvers	Pat Baxter

