

## Workshop and District u3a

# ***NEWSLETTER – MAY 2026***

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By 31<sup>st</sup> May**

## **COMMITTEE**

### **November 2025 – November 2026**

#### **Officers**

##### **CHAIR**

**Alison Morton**

Vice-chair

Chris Coldwell

Business Secretary

Linda Butterfield

Treasurer

Liz Short

##### **Members**

Membership Secretary Shirley Parkin

Minuting Secretary Claire Culpan

Speaker Finder John Dixon

Accessibility Officer Carol Bower

Groups Coordinator Steve Dobson

Nigel Carpino

Vin Hooton

Jenny Moss

Lynn Ridley

### **Committee vacancy**

We are currently looking for a member to take on the role of Business Secretary after the next AGM in November. You will be able to shadow me (the current Business Secretary) until then. The u3a is not allowed to run without a Business Secretary.

The role includes:

- Putting together agendas for the committee meetings.
- Taking any actions needed after committee meetings.
- Dealing with any emails and correspondence.
- Maintaining full and accurate files of committee minutes, etc.
- Prepare information for the AGM.

The role is not arduous – I look at emails a couple of times each week and probably spend a couple of hours each week on tasks related to my role.

Committee meetings are held once a month and last around 2 hours.

If you would be interested in taking on this role please contact me.

Linda Butterfield ([lindabut39@gmail.com](mailto:lindabut39@gmail.com))

# Chair's Chat: May 2026

How is it May already?! It really is true - time seems to fly faster the older you get! At our April Committee Meeting, we were chatting about some changes coming up in November. It feels like ages away right now, but we all know it'll be here before we know it.

Because committee roles are time-limited, we're always on the lookout for new members to bring fresh ideas and energy. That's what keeps things interesting and moving forward. This November, we'll need to fill the roles of Business Secretary and Speaker Finder, so if either of those sounds like something you'd enjoy, we'd love to hear from you. Feel free to reach out to me or any of the committee for more details. If you've ever thought about getting involved, please do consider it. Everyone I know who's joined the committee has really enjoyed the experience. And if you're not quite sure, you're very welcome to sit in on a meeting and see what it's like - just get in touch for a chat.

As I have said before, we are a members organisation run by the members, so we need your help and input.

Come and get involved - you'll be made very welcome!

*Best wishes*  
*Alison*



# u3a Festival in Sherwood Forest

Wednesday June 17 2026

Visitors Centre,  
Edwinstowe, NG21 9RN

10.30am–3.00pm

A free event open to all.  
Join us for games, musical performances  
and guided walks.

Cafe on site or bring your own picnic.

For a fun filled day of entertainment,  
great company and plenty of spaces to unwind and  
enjoy the beauty of nature together

Please visit the Arts and Crafts Centre  
and RSPB Gift Shop

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North Notts Neighbourhood Group

Ashfield Bolsover Dukeries Forest Town Mansfield Rainworth  
Retford Sherwood Sutton Warsop Worksop

Enquiries: [slhu3a@gmail.com](mailto:slhu3a@gmail.com) [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)



All Day Car Parking £7  
Free to RSPB Members



Please note: there is a bus (Sherwood Arrow) direct from  
Worksop to Sherwood Visitor Centre.



**We've got a couple of events coming up this summer and would really appreciate your help.**

First up, on **Wednesday June 17th**, the u3a North Notts Network Group is hosting a "Festival in the Forest" at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre (see Poster above). It's been organised by all 11 u3as in the group, and we're looking for someone (or a small team) to represent Worksop & District u3a.

We'll provide the gazebo, banners and balloons – we just need a few volunteers to help decorate the gazebo and hand out cards. The event runs from 10am to 3pm, with set-up starting at 8:45am. If you're planning to come along and can spare a bit of time, we'd really appreciate it. Obviously you don't have to remain with the gazebo all day, but are free to walk around and enjoy the games and entertainment. We just ask that you are available at 3pm to take everything down.

The second event is the Bassetlaw Multicultural Festival **on Wednesday July 11th**, held at Bracebridge Recreation Ground on Priorswell Road, from 11am to 5pm.

We've booked a space there, and are looking for someone to take the lead with the gazebo and arrange a rota of volunteers to help by handing out cards and having a friendly chat about the u3a with the festival-goers. Again we need someone who will also be available to help pack up at the end of the afternoon.

If you can help with either of the above events we would love to hear from you.

**amorton9@btinternet.com**

# Worksop & District u3a Speaker Programme 2026

**June 18th**

**Astronomy - James Ince**

An Introduction to Astronomy. Illustrated talk about the wonderful objects visible to beginners using binoculars or small telescopes.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**You'll Fly Laughing - Kenneth Moore**

A humorous account of my 34 years as a Navigator in the RAF. Involving burials at sea, working with our colonial friends and showing how 'old age and treachery will triumph over youth and skill'. Also includes an appearance by a well-known TV personality!

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sand between the Toes - Ann Featherstone**

Join me to remember sunshine, sea and sand. Childhood holidays. Albert and his stick with the 'orse's 'ead 'andle (the finest that Woolworth's could sell). Enjoy a monologue, poems and recollections of a '60s family holiday in good old Skeggy.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Worksop Manor - Mike Tagg (title to be confirmed)**

Details awaited

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Steel Band Concert – Steelpantastic**

A return visit from our favourite steel band with music to suit all tastes

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Ambuicopter - East Midlands Air Ambulance Service**

Over 1,724 missions, the crews transported patients to 26 different hospitals including Hull Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Northern General and Nottingham's Queen's Medical Centre.

**Your MAY Meeting  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
1.30 – 3.30  
Carlton Civic Centre  
Mike Ogden: Hotels in the sky**

**Hotels in the Sky – Mike Ogden**

This presentation celebrates a lost technology and a lost way of travelling the world. It contains a wealth of information about this remarkable part of aviation history, when aeroplanes were slow, unreliable, uncomfortable and short-range, and the future of air travel seemed to belong to the airship. The talk is richly illustrated with photographs and original newsreel footage. Audiences can savour the unique pleasure of travelling by Zeppelin and experience the awful moment when the Zeppelin Years came to a sudden, violent end.



**PLUS Refreshments  
PLUS New friends  
PLUS Raffle**

# GROUPS NEWS

To have YOUR Group featured in Groups News, just send in a short article, together with a photo if possible, to the Newsletter Editor by the end of the month.

It would be lovely to hear from more of our groups about what they get up to. It is good to share information here on the Newsletter, as members may not be aware of all the activities that are available in our u3a.

## Sketching/Painting for Fun 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 2pm – 4pm St Luke's Church Langold



The first meeting of this new Group saw 10 members pick up a pencil and DRAW, some for the first time ever! It was absorbing, and one of the quietest groups I have attended! Suitable for all levels of ability, there are some more experienced members available to offer advice, and everyone produced a pleasing result.

The opportunity to devote a couple of hours to a relaxing activity doesn't come along often, and it is a delightful way to make new friends with a shared interest. The time passed very quickly.

The Group's aim is to remain flexible in subject matter and media, allowing members to pursue whatever type of artistic endeavour they wish, whether they are new to drawing and painting or have a particular talent they are willing to share with others. Each session will begin with a fun exercise for all, expanding our skills and learning new things.

Why not come along to the next session on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April and see how you get on? Paper, pencils and basic equipment is available, though you may wish to equip yourself with a sturdy eraser! Also available will be items and photographs to inspire your sketching

Contact:

Carol Bower [caz@kittymail.com](mailto:caz@kittymail.com)

Lynn Ridley [lynnridley@aol.com](mailto:lynnridley@aol.com)



**NEW GROUP\*\*\*NEW GROUP\*\*\*NEW  
GROUP  
STROLL-FIT  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Carlton Civic Centre**

NEW! u3a INDOOR GROUP

**STROLL-FIT**

STARTS FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Fancy a new way of keeping fit?  
It's a great way to get your steps in  
with easy to follow moves & routines  
all to music from over the decades

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**11 - 12 £3**

At Carlton Civic Centre  
Carlton In Lindrick  
S81 9RE

**Come along and have fun!**



For any further information please  
email: [janelkelk@icloud.com](mailto:janelkelk@icloud.com)

Jane Kelk & Jan Clayton very much look forward to meeting you all on the day for a session that's Active, Social & Fun!  
Please wear comfy flat shoes and bring your own drink. It is very important that you wear your membership lanyard showing your ICE details in case you are taken ill or have an accident.  
For any further enquiries please contact Jane 07857 302632  
See you all on Friday 10th April x

# FILM GROUP

## Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May The Sheep Detectives

**Venue:- Savoy Cinema**

**Date:- Thursday 14**

**Time:- Film starts 2pm Doors open 1pm**

**Admission £5.15**

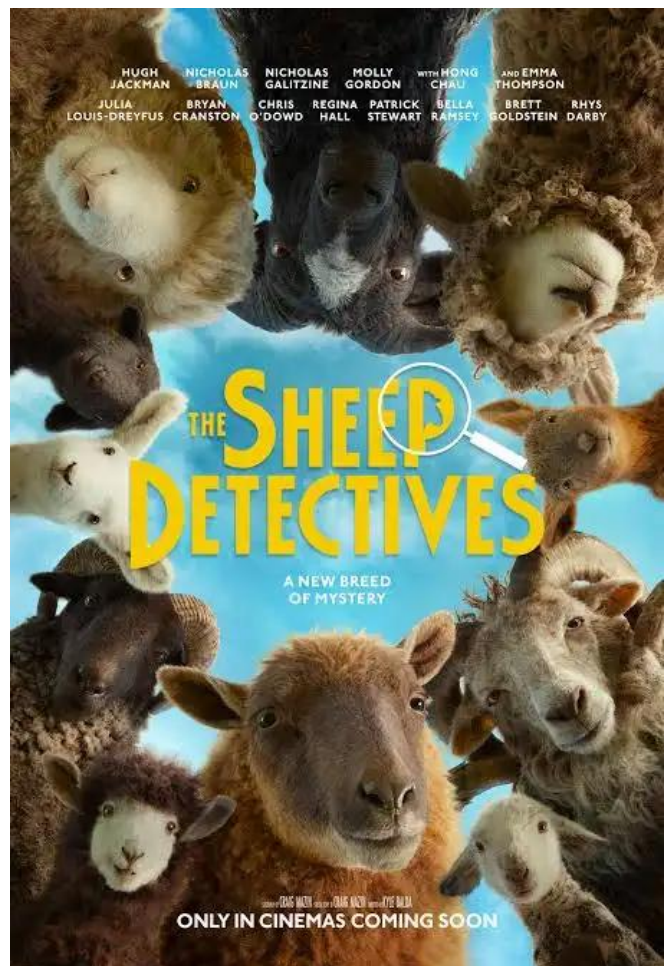
**Duration:- 1hr 33mins**

**Optional complimentary tea/coffee**

**Car park charge refunded**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR u3a MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU**

*In this witty, new breed of mystery, George (Hugh Jackman) is a shepherd who reads detective novels to his beloved sheep every night, assuming they can't possibly understand. But when a mysterious incident disrupts life on the farm, the sheep realize they must become the detectives. As they follow the clues and investigate human suspects, they prove that even sheep can be brilliant crime-solvers.*



# TRAVEL GROUP

Mick Heathcote - 01909 732300 (theheathcotes@gmail.com)

Jenny Moss - (Mobile 07814713803)

## Whitby - North Yorkshire

Thursday 4th June 2026

£20 pp

We still have seats available for the trip to Whitby, so if you want to go, please

get in touch (see below for contacts)

We will also be at the next monthly meeting in May.

Departure times:

Please be at the Lock Keepers for no later than 7.50am so we can make an 8.00am start, and for the second pickup point at the Cannon at 8.10am

We expect to arrive at Whitby around 10.30am

We will return home at 4.30pm and arrive back in Worksop around 6.40pm

Tickets will be on sale at the next Monthly Meeting (Thursday 16th April).

If you want to go but can't make the meeting, please contact either Mick Heathcote or Jenny Moss (Phone contact at top of page) or send email to Mick at: theheathcotes@gmail.com, so that we can arrange method of payment.

Seats are only secured on payment.

Costs

Please pay a total of £20.00 pp by cash or cheque (cheques to be made payable to 'Johnson Bros Tours')

**Thank you.**

**The Travel Group**

# Quirky Quizzers

St Joseph's Community Hall, Wingfield Avenue, S81 0SF

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

2.00 – 4.00



Take your seats for quiz fun and games

- Give your little grey cells their monthly workout
- Make new friends
- Enjoy tea/coffee and the 'good biscuits'
- Prizes for winning team

Teams of 4 formed on the day.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

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## Table Top Games

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May (and every first Tuesday)

Balmoral Centre (off Valley Road)

1.30 – 4.00

Table Top Games has a wide variety of board games available to choose from. Just turn up and have fun!

Contact [janjoneeny@me.com](mailto:janjoneeny@me.com) for more information

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# Day Trip to York with *Steelpantastic*

Thursday 2nd July 2026 – Spare Coach Seats Available

**Travel cost: £15.00 per person**

*Steelpantastic*, your own U3A steel band, are heading to York on Thursday, 2nd July 2026, to perform at the u3a Festival, and we have spare coach seats to fill!

**Sadly, the Festival is fully sold out**, but this is a great chance for u3a members, friends, family and non-members to enjoy a full day out in York for just £15.00, travelling in good company and enjoying a fun, lively journey with the band.

## Travel Details

**Cost:** £15.00 each return

**Departure:** 8.00 am from The Lock Keeper Public House, Worksop

**Dropoff:** Leeman Road Coach Park, York

**Return pickup:** 4.30 pm from Leeming Coach Park

You'll have several hours of free time in York to explore however you like.

## Make a Day of It in York!

York offers an amazing range of attractions, including:

- York Minster – magnificent architecture and stunning views
- The Shambles – historic streets filled with unique shops and cosy cafés
- City Walls – take a scenic walk around the ancient defences
- Jorvik Viking Centre – an immersive journey into Viking York
- National Railway Museum – free entry and worldclass exhibits
- River Ouse – riverside walks, boat trips and great photo spots
- Plus, plenty of museums, galleries, independent shops and eateries to enjoy.



**Book Your Seat NOW!**

**Seats are limited, so please book early**

**Contact:**

**Kate Gosling – 07958 360184 | [Kathryngosling6@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryngosling6@gmail.com)**

**Jenny Andrew – 07443 116822 | [jennyandrew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennyandrew@hotmail.co.uk)**

**OR Get your ticket at the April monthly meeting**

Everyone is welcome, u3a members and non-members alike, so why not bring a friend and enjoy a fabulous day out in York with *Steelpantastic*?

## **FREE TO GOOD HOME**

I am having a bit of a clear-out and have a load of ink cartridges for a printer I no longer have. I wonder if any one in the u3a has a printer that might use them rather than dumping them?

They are **not** Canon originals but are compatible with the **551 cartridges**

I have the full range of colours magenta, cyan, yellow and black

I think they are compatible with the following canon printers:

- PIXMA iX6850
- PIXMA MX925
- PIXMA MG6650
- PIXMA iP7250
- PIXMA MX725
- PIXMA MG6450
- PIXMA MG5450
- PIXMA MG5550
- PIXMA MG5650
- PIXMA iP8750
- PIXMA MG6350
- PIXMA MG7150
- PIXMA MG755

***Roger Hancocks***

***roger.hancocks@outlook.com***

*Roger has suggested that the 'Free To Good Home' page might be a useful regular addition to the Newsletter. Save waste, landfill, and might save someone some money.*

*Do you have any items which you no longer need but think someone could make use of? If so, please contact me.*

*Sheila*

*sheilamassey123@btinternet.com*

## Don't forget to visit our website.

It has all the latest information about our u3a.

Want to find out about a group? When and where they meet? Want to ask a group leader a question? It's all available via the website.

We have information about our trips out, with links to the venues' own websites too.

You can find out how we operate and can contact the committee.

And now you can see what the Third Age Trust (the national u3a) has to offer as we have listed all their online events. Fancy Laughter Yoga, Exploring World Faiths, or Aviation History the range is enormous. Check it out.

You can find us at <https://worksop.u3asite.uk>

Or scan the QR Code



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Why not follow your u3a on Facebook too. Search for us on Facebook or scan this QR code to go to our page.

Please Follow Us and Like our posts. This will help promote the u3a to a wider audience.



### Data Protection – Use of Photographs

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Members should be informed that photographs may be taken during u3a events and given the chance to step out of the frame if they prefer.

Before any photographs are published, such as in the monthly Newsletter, verbal consent should be obtained.

If you do not wish to grant permission, please contact your Group Coordinator or the individual taking the photographs.

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