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Our Monthly General Meeting

Thursday 15th January 2026 at 10.30 Richard Herrod Centre

Please send your newsletter items and photos to Sue Warren/Assistant Editor and Graeme/Web Manager via the 'u3a Officers' page in Beacon by 5pm on the last Thursday of the month. Next deadline: **Thursday 29th January 5pm**

Five Miles and a Cup of Tea

In December, the plan was to have a short two-hour walk around Gedling Country Park before the Christmas Dinner at the Gedling Inn. However, wet blustery conditions were forecast for the morning and the walk was cancelled so that we could all dine in comfort.



This year, our travels have taken us around Shelford, Thieves Wood, Erewash Canal, Lambley, Gotham, Farnsfield, Hoveringham, Teversal Trail, Epperstone, Attenborough and Holme Pierrepont. Some walks were in glorious (but hot!) sunshine, whilst others were a little damp.

Our next walk on **Tuesday 13th January** is expected to be around Oxton, but there might be a change if heavy rain makes the walk particularly muddy!

Happy New Year To All!

David Johnson

Editor's Note

I hope you've all had a lovely festive season and a happy 2026! Our u3a list of groups and activities continues to increase - plenty of options to choose from if you're planning what to do in the New Year.

Thank you again for all your interesting newsletter contributions, please keep them coming through to Sue Warren/ Assistant Editor.

Clare Quigley

Like taking photos? Or good at editing text?

You could be just what we're looking for! We would like to expand our Newsletter team. Interested? Please do contact Clare Quigley or Sue Warren if you are interested.



u3a General Meetings

Speaker for January General Meeting: Bharat Patel



You couldn't make it up: the secret life of a TV reporter!

Award-winning reporter Bharat Patel has covered major stories both here and abroad, everything from earthquakes to plane crashes. He has also interviewed the world's oldest donkey and the parrot who spoke five languages. But behind the headlines there are dozens of absurdly comic stories which are never reported - until now! But there's one story he has never covered and that is his own.

His family's arrival in the UK was followed by a series of bizarre and comic incidents, which were often odder than anything Bharat encountered as a reporter. These are the subject of a highly entertaining book, *Indian Takeaway*, which has been turned into an audiobook on BBC Sounds. All proceeds from the book go to the Hope Against Cancer charity, which has already found several cures for cancers through the research it funds. If you would like to purchase the book for £10 please bring cash to the General Meeting, as he doesn't have a card reader.

Janet Allen



Personal Recollections of the University of the Third Age

My own recollections of the start of what is now the u3a date back to 1981, when the concept originally conceived by French academics was taken up in Britain. Envisaged by the University of Toulouse as further education in retirement, in Britain the outlook was broader emphasising learning for all over-55s, the 'university of life', and lifelong learning.

This was the philosophy of Eric Midwinter, who has died this year, one of the inspirational educators sharing their vision with like-minded members of the wider community, including mature students from developing countries based at the forward-looking London University Institute of Education. We were joined by luminaries and groundbreakers in the field of education in discussing possible ways forward for universal access to education in our various countries.



It was stimulating to be present at the beginning of something new, to learn and borrow from, take back to our countries, ours by birth or by adoption as we were working there, in my own case in Brazil. We had all arrived at the Institute of Education with a remit of researching ideas that would be practicable in teaching English as a foreign, or second language, at a time when English was seen as a passport to a better life for vast numbers of citizens with little or no formal education. The egalitarian concept put forward by Eric Midwinter and his colleagues, sharing learning and teaching, enjoying learning, helping oneself and each other, doing this as volunteers, 'spoke' to our international group.

The optimism of the u3a concept was uplifting at a time of war between Britain and Argentina: a hope for the future, attractive then, and still in today's febrile times. The vision, the values, the aspirations of Eric Midwinter and his co-founders do not change. Their original concept has developed into a world-wide movement, adapted locally, each u3a in Britain unique but all sharing the maxim: **learn, laugh, live**.

Ann Whitfield

Associate member Carlton, Gedling & District u3a, member Burton Joyce & District u3a, past member Sully Vale of Glamorgan u3a

Thank You

The Carlton & Gedling u3a relies on its volunteers, including committee members, editorial team, web editor, Beacon administrator, group convenors, secretaries and many more. You are all contributing your time and energy to make sure members can get together to have fun and learn something new. Our sincere thanks.



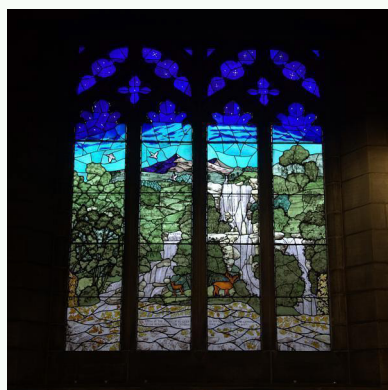
Religious Architecture



The group enjoyed learning about the history of St Giles Church, West Bridgford as well as the live music.

St. Giles is a medieval church but little of the original remains. It was restored by Thomas Chambers Hine in 1872 and again by Naylor and Sale between 1896 and 1911. It is a composite building made up of three distinct sections. The south side is obviously the old village church, while the two larger sections are modern extensions, built in an architectural style more or less similar to the original.

David Colyer



Out to Lunch Group



The Out to Lunch Group meets twice a month.

On the 2nd Monday of each month we meet from 12 at The Gedling Inn.

On the 4th Tuesday of the month we meet at the same time at Portobello on Carlton Hill. Be aware that there is a **change of venue on 27th January** as Portobello is closed. We will meet at **The Old Flower Shop at Mapperley.**

Maggie Martinez

Memories from the First Members of the u3a

I hadn't heard of the u3a until my husband, Graeme, attended a retirement seminar at work. We went along to the inaugural meeting and thought it was a great idea to get involved. There were a number of groups we fancied joining, so got stuck in.

The big one for me was the Sewing Group where like-minded sewers got together. There used to be display boards at Richard Herrod which could be used at General Meetings for groups to put up a big display about their group. We displayed all sorts of items - dresses, a denim jacket, tops, dresses for toddlers, toys and bunting etc. It generated more interest in the group with a number of members signing up to join us. Other groups we joined:

- **Wine tasting Meetings** took place in Burton Road Community Centre and Paul did his best to educate us about wine. The walk home for us to the top of Carlton Hill always took longer than the walk down (We weren't old enough to have free bus passes at the time!!)
- **Walking groups** Striders and Strollers. We did quite a few walks with both groups although I had to give up Striders as my knees would always complain when going over styles.
- **Theatre** We went to many productions at the Theatre Royal, Concert Hall and Lace Market. We went to see Tommy (the Rock Opera) and during the interval we heard someone behind us say "I thought it was Tommy Steel!" We tried not to laugh out loud.
- **Treasure Hunt** with a difference I think it was Neil and Brian who came up with the idea to have a treasure hunt around Nottingham city centre. All the clues were inside pubs which meant the two of them had to do a lot of research and also gain permission from the pubs themselves. It was great fun.
- **Local History** You think you know about Nottingham and the surrounding area and then someone arranges walks and talks and you find out a lot more. Graham and Anne introduced us to all sorts of things. From caves to workhouses; castles to stately homes; hangings to imprisonment and the darker side of Nottingham.

There are plenty of groups to join, so why not get stuck in and try something new to you. I'm certainly glad I did.

Susan Bunting

Group Convenor – Sewing Group



History Study Group

Our meeting “Down Memory Lane” was a lot of fun with group members bringing in old items from home, and giving us some general or family history such as a chess set designed for, and distributed to the blind in the 1940s/50s.

One member brought her father’s beautiful bamboo fly fishing rod and collection of flies, both hand-crafted. Another brought a file of legal documents belonging to his mother, including an Identity card. One member gave us a potted history of hot water bottles illustrated by the stone hot water “pyg” she brought with her – beautifully glazed and illustrated in art deco style.



We had a few silver items – a charm bracelet given to our member in 1951 by her German grandmother, a Polish silver spoon gifted to our member’s father by a Polish miner when they worked together in the Selston colliery, and a double Albert watch chain.

Possibly the oldest item (although not authenticated) was a worked flint stone found in our member’s north Kent garden 40 years ago. Held in the right hand, most of us happily believe it might well be a stone-age tool.

Remembering the doorstep vendors of encyclopaedias in the 50s – one member brought in 1 well-thumbed volume of 8; another a cup and saucer from a beloved Wellington China tea set that her grandmother only ever used on Christmas day, and another two Victorian samplers sewn over 150 years ago by relatives aged 6 and 10.

A 'Hussif' is a sewing kit – our member brought in the one issued to his father in 1940 in the Royal Navy. His Dad had also tucked inside a huge steel needle (and twine) used for sail making.

Two items were 21st Birthday gifts – one a large plate with a hand illustrated landscape of Shanklin old church – painted by the head of the “Dead Letter Society”. The other was a five-stranded pearl necklace originally given from father to mother on their wedding day.

Lastly but not least was a travelling writing case, in beautiful condition considering it was from our member’s grandparents.

Our next meeting is **Monday 5th January**
– English Heritage Properties.

Lynne Jaremczenko



Creative Appliqué Group

A brand new group is starting on the **7th January** entitled Creative Appliqué. Whether you're a complete beginner or experienced seamstress/sewer you are welcome to join us.

We aim to meet fortnightly to design and create some wonderful appliqué work. For your information, appliqué is ornamental needlework in which pieces or patches of fabric in different shapes and patterns are sewn or stuck onto a larger piece to form a picture or pattern. It is commonly used as decoration. The technique is accomplished either by hand stitching or machine. Appliqué is commonly practised with various fabrics and textiles.

The term appliqué is derived from French and Latin verbs *appliquer* and *applicare*, respectively, which both mean to apply or attach.

We will meet at the Loco Centre (at the back of St Georges Centre) in Netherfield, on the first and third Wednesday of the month between 10:00am and 12:00, starting **7th January 2026**.

Jacqui Taylor



Card and Board Games

Card and Board Games Group ended the year with a fuddle and beetle drive, but the Rummikub addicts still had to have a game or two. The two most played games in this group are Rummikub and Scrabble, but we do occasionally try something different. Would anyone like to play chess? Please let me know as obviously, we need at least two players. I will then let you know if there is enough interest.

This is a friendly group and you are very welcome at our meetings at the St George's Centre from **2pm** on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of the month.

Maggie Martinez

Discussion Group

The inaugural meeting of our new discussion group took place with Coleen in the chair. Several topics had been put forward initially, but we chose to discuss the effects vandalism has on society as a whole. A very interesting discussion took place with many different views. Vandalism was considered a perennial problem with no easy solutions, and could range from dropping litter to graffiti.

It was stated that vandalism costs five hundred million pounds to the country a year. We all agreed that it is anti-social behaviour and that it was difficult to stop. Speaking mainly, but solely, about teenagers we thought that many acts were a result of bravado, peer pressure and generally not pre-meditated.

A lack of respect to authority and possibly parents also contribute to the problem. The perpetrators were unaware of the long term effects of many of these acts of vandalism. Children also need to be shown respect and have to earn it. On the other hand is it character building?

Climbing onto buildings - Edmund Hillary started climbing on something.
Spraying paint, where did Banksy start?

Does it have anything to do with what we are eating, e.g. E numbers in our food?

As you can see, we covered a wide range of causes and effects and generally found more questions than answers. It was a very good and informative discussion in a safe and respectful environment.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 12th January** at **Carlton Pentecostal Church** in the cafeteria area starting at **10.00 a.m.** when we will be discussing: *Should Drugs Be Legalised?*

This is our new, regular venue and we will cover the cost of the room with a small donation, depending on numbers. There is parking at the back and room for a couple of disabled drivers on the front by the door.

If you have a burning topic you would like to discuss, please contact me and join us.

Coleen Bee

Dining Out Group



I can confidently say a very good time was had by all at our Christmas Lunch at Mapperley Golf Club. The room was decorated and the attractive table decorations made by Gwen and Mary were raffled off at the end. The catering was very good and after our meal Leanne led a 'singalong' including popular Christmas songs. Everyone had dressed in their best and some strutted their stuff dancing! These events do not organise themselves, so many thanks to Mary, Gwen, Julie and Phillis.

We now have four convenors for this group (ask a busy person), and I am very grateful to Janet Allen, Sue Bates and Brenda Wells. Sue will be collecting £5 deposits at our January meeting for the meal at **Panda Mami** on **24th February**.

Please ensure your name is on this group list as some members at the Christmas lunch were not, and we sometimes have last minute changes.

Maggie Martinez

Science and Technology Group

The Science and Technology Group started 'officially' in March 2025 and we have had some great presentations on a wide range of topics including the science of cheese making, the search for rare earth metals in Africa, contaminated land, fibre optics and the science behind a bottle of wine.

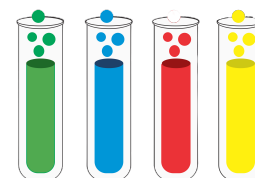
In September, we had a visit to Papplewick Pumping Station. Twenty-four enthusiastic visitors were treated to a tour of the main building and the underground reservoir.

There have been group sessions where members have told us about their favourite scientist, such as Thomas Midgley Jr. and Jean Purdy, and their favourite invention such as the printing press, Stephenson's Rocket and the Theremin.

Our next group session will be on **Tuesday 27th January**, when all members can tell us about the science behind an everyday object costing less than £5.

Happy New Year To All!

David Johnson



Bird Watching Group

We arrived on a very gloomy rainy day at Wollaton Hall to be greeted by a pair of Egyptian geese having a bath in a pot hole in the car park! Good to know pots holes have some use and instantly cheering. Made me feel positive - we might strike lucky in our spotting?



We first visited the wooded area adjacent to Derby Road where not all the birds had stayed home. I'd had a good old moan about not seeing any treecreepers for quite a few years and low'n'behold there one was! In fact we spotted another near the lake. They are fascinating little birds and, as they have long toes/claws, can walk not only up but down trees at surprising speed looking for insects and spiders in the tree bark. Bit like a squirrel!



I was also keen to see if any goldcrests might be around as we'd seen some here last time we came. Goldcrests are our tiniest bird and have a distinctive yellow flash on their head. They are never still, constantly hopping about on the hunt for insects, insect eggs and spiders on foliage and bark. In fact their movement is one of the best means to spot them and we saw a pair of them. Honestly made my day! The extra bit of cake icing was seeing a lovely family of long tail tits. The parakeets were also in the trees near the lake and the Merlin App heard nuthatches, dunnocks, wrens, robins, blue and great tits too.

We had a great day's birding in one of Nottingham's lovely parks which just goes to show you don't always need to head out very far to see some lovely birds.

If you're wondering what the pics of wood are about, one of our group found a small piece of wood that looked like something prehistoric and I thought the fallen tree was like a running doggie with its tongue out! Just thought I'd share.

Our January meet up is at the Netherfield Lagoons. Anyone wanting to have a day out with us please get in touch.

Happy New Year!

Helen Forrester

Theatre Visits

Pick up Tickets

Kiss Me, Kate, West Bridgford Operatic Society, 2.00 pm Saturday 21st February, Squire Performing Arts Centre [Girls High School], £18. **Organiser:** Janet Whitchurch

Tickets on Sale - *Please pay at the general meeting with a separate cheque for each production.*

Things I Know to be True, 2.30pm, Saturday 14th February, Lace Market Theatre, £14. Andrew Bovell's remarkable play presents us with some hard truths about family, love and the things we take for granted. With comic moments interspersed with high tragedy, this play will bring joy but also tears. **Organiser:** Janet Whitchurch *Only chance to buy!*

The Audience, National Theatre broadcast, 7pm, Thursday 26th February, Bonington Theatre, £10. Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in this hit production directed by Stephen Daldry. For 60 years, Queen Elizabeth II met with each of her 12 prime ministers in a private weekly meeting. This meeting is known as The Audience. Through these private audiences, we see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch. **Organiser:** Paul Martinez

Othello, National Theatre broadcast, 5.30 pm, Sunday 8th March, Bonington Theatre, £10. Directed by Tony Award-winner Tom Morris OBE with music by PJ Harvey, this epic story of manipulation, jealousy and toxic masculinity explores the darker side of power, rage and desire. **Organiser:** Paul Martinez

Siegfried, Royal Opera broadcast, 2pm Sunday 5th April, Bonington Theatre, £12.50. Moments of transcendent beauty and heroic triumph sparkle in the third chapter of Wagner's Ring cycle. Raised by a scheming dwarf and unaware of his true family origins, a young man embarks on an epic journey. Soon, destiny brings him face-to-face with a shattered sword, a fearsome dragon and a Valkyrie forced into enchanted slumber. **Organiser:** Paul Martinez

The Magic Flute, Royal Opera broadcast, 2pm Sunday 26th April, Bonington Theatre, £12.50. Mozart's fantastical opera glitters in David McVicar's enchanting production. Guided by a magic flute, our heroes encounter monsters, villains, and a mysterious brotherhood of men – but help, it turns out, comes when you least expect it. **Organiser:** Paul Martinez

Barnum 2.30pm Thursday 28th May, Nottingham Playhouse. £22.50. Step right up and enter the dazzling world of P.T. Barnum, where imagination and ambition know no bounds. This spectacular production directed by Jonathan O'Boyle and choreographed by Oti Mabuse will feature an extraordinary ensemble cast of over 20 actor-musicians, acrobats and amazing circus acts. Audiences are certain to delight at every sight, wonder and miracle that the name Barnum stands for! **Organiser:** Carolyn Broadhurst

Paul Martinez

Local History

December meeting

Our December meeting continued the tradition of a social with a quiz. We are fortunate to have among our number an expert on both local history and quizzes. Neil Kendrick set us a quiz of 40 questions ranging from local history, famous Nottingham faces, Nottinghamshire history and famous films and TV shows associated with Nottingham.

We then had refreshments and an opportunity to socialize, finishing with the marking of answers and the award of prizes. Working in teams, our members proved fairly closely matched but one team (the smallest) proved slightly more knowledgeable.

To start 2026 we have a talk by Alan Dawson on the boxer Bendigo Thompson at Richard Herrod on **Tuesday 20th January** at 2pm. On **17th February** Dave Needham will tell us about the Battle of the Flames which some of our older members may remember.

For details of further meetings please see the calendar on Beacon – we have an exciting range of talks and visits arranged for 2026 and would be pleased to see you.

Andy Dixon

Film Study Group

The group had fun discussing the 2 film versions of Dicken's A Christmas Carol selected by Bridget at our meeting recently. A Christmas Carol, or Scrooge, from 1951 starring Alastair Sim was enjoyed by all of us thanks to the excellent cinematography, brisk script and excellent acting. It was felt to stand the test of time well.

Scrooge, the musical adaptation from 1970 starring Albert Finney, got a more critical reception. Some felt the songs were generally not memorable or well sung, and that Finney hammed it up too much, whilst a couple of us enjoyed it immensely.

Our next films both have a historical setting, and are on BBC iPlayer:

Tea with Mussolini, 1999, directed by Franco Zeffirelli is a semi-autobiographical comedy-drama about a young Italian boy's upbringing by a circle of British and American women before and during the Second World War. **It's only on iPlayer until 17th January.**

Godland, 2022, written and directed by Hlynur Palmason, is set at the end of the 19th century when a young Danish priest is sent to a remote part of Iceland.

Our meeting to discuss these films will be on Monday 26th January at 5pm. Please contact me or Paul if you'd like to join us.

Sue Warren

Book Group

This month we brought our own choice of book to the meeting. This is something we do a couple of times a year, giving us the opportunity to share with each other books and authors we may otherwise not have come across. The books shared this time were:

The Hand That First Held Mine by Maggie O'Farrell, which looks at the bonds of love and affection and the independence of women told in 2 paralleled and believable stories with great characterisation.

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes is a poignant Sci-Fi, chronicling Charlie's transformation through experimental surgery and highlights how his relationships are changed as a result.

A Lake District farmer describes his time working in Norway caring for eider ducks in **The Place of Tides by James Rebanks**. It reflects on ancient practices still continuing in an amazing landscape.

Andrey Kurkov's Death and the Penguin however had a thin plot but gave an intriguing insight of a corrupt and unhealthy society.

A case of an illegal adoption, albeit to protect the child, leads to taking the child on the run, followed by an intriguing court case in **Barbara Kingsolver's Pigs in Heaven**.

The Herb Knot by Jane Loftus disappointed the reader with its unexplained coincidences and lack of detail.

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr is a beautifully written story of resilience and staying true to oneself in the most trying of circumstances, set in WWII.

George Elliot's Silas Marner tells the story of a weaver, wrongly accused of theft, embittered by the experience until a little girl is left in his care.

Uckfield's Railway – Triumph and Tragedy by Brian Hart depicts in words and beautiful pictures, the rise and fall of the railway system in East Sussex.

The Skylark's Secret by Fiona Valpy follows 2 parallel love stories whilst chronicling the events of the Arctic Convoys in WWII and their effects on the peaceful harbour village of Ewe. It is both informative and deeply touching.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 6th January** when we will be discussing **The Women by Kristin Hannah**.

Coleen Bee

Trips and Visits

Doddington Hall

On a very wet Friday 12th December, 53 members set off for a trip to Doddington Hall near Lincoln. Although the weather was not kind to us it was soon forgotten once we entered the Hall and experienced its magical atmosphere.



Built around 1600 and redecorated in an elegant Georgian style in 1760, the Hall is decorated every Christmas with a different theme. This year the theme was 'Fairytale Christmas'. The owner of the Hall and her team start the planning in February and as their general aim is to make the Hall a more environmentally sustainable property, trees and foliage from the Hall's estate are used throughout. Spectacular scenes are created by Doddington staff, volunteers, local artists and students from Lincoln College. They'd created a magnificent Firebird (whose feathers could be found throughout the Hall), Little Red Riding Hood complete with wolf, Sleeping Beauty and Rapunzel in her tower complete with yellow flowers representing her hair.

Unfortunately with the weather so bad there was little opportunity to take advantage of the Gardens, however a dry spot could be found in one of the two cafes (if you didn't mind the wait for a table) which provided a variety of food and drink. There was also a chance for some retail therapy including the Bauble Barn, bursting with decorations for every taste, and an impressive farm shop.

The majority of the members had not visited Doddington previously and the general consensus was that the Hall had woven its magic, and they had fallen under its spell. Hopefully many will return in future years.

Brenda Wells



Striders

November Walk

Six of us went to Belper for the November Striders walk and knew we'd definitely picked the right day - it was 14C with no rain and the ground was mainly well drained.

There was an easy walk along the valley followed by one steep climb up to a ridge with views over to the east. We followed an old sunken trackway downwards until starting a slower climb up to another ridge overlooking Belper & the River Derwent.



The Chevin ridge was lined with beech trees, with good views and a surprising wall structure which was built for target practice in the Napoleonic wars and afterwards in the Boer & First World War.

The return followed the Derwent back to the grand weir and the imposing building of Strutts Mill. An excellent day out except for Car Parking App-Rage at the end!

Kath & Chris

December Walk

Our traditional Boxing Day walk was enjoyed by 9 of us. We were fortunate to have blue skies and sunshine throughout the walk. Starting at the car park on Ranmoor Road we made our way through Gedling village to Burton Road Jubilee Park. After walking through the park, we found the path from Chandos Street to the Colwick Loop Road had reopened. We followed it before crossing the A512 and following the Willowbrook (not the Pub) to the Netherfield Lagoons which we circumnavigated. Richard then led us back to the car park through the new Rivendale development, after which some of us enjoyed refreshments at the Willowbrook pub.

January Walk

This month's walk will be a Nottinghamshire walk. Details will follow but meet in the car park at 9.00am on **Thursday 22nd January** for car sharing and bring a packed lunch.

Brian Shield

Diary : JANUARY 2026

Date		Time	Group	Meet at	Contact
12	Mon	10:00	French for Fun	Mapperley Golf Club	Brian 07724 801 115
12	Mon	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum	Andrea 07527 090 324
12	Mon	12:00	Out to Lunch	The Gedling Inn	Maggie 07554 518 444
12	Mon	14:00	Tai Chi	Colwick Community Centre	Jan 07496 999 808
13	Tue	09:30	Five Miles and a cup of tea	Meet at Ranmoor Road car park	David 07549 132 066
13	Tue	14:00	Poetry Appreciation	A member's house	Lyn 07305 144 102
14	Wed	10:00	Discussion / Debate	Carlton Pentecostal Church	Coleen 07450 938 777
14	Wed	10:00	Making Music For Fun	Loco Centre	Richard 07514 212 134
14	Wed	14:00	Bridge	Richard Herrod Centre	Mick 07749 325 315
14	Wed	14:00	French 3	St Georges Centre	Ann 07837 803 837
14	Wed	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre	Sandra 07826 039 733
15	Thu	10:30	General Meeting	Richard Herrod Centre	Mark 07826 629 063
16	Fri	09:45	Singing for Pleasure	St Georges Centre	Sheila 07703 755 906
16	Fri	10:00	Drama	Carlton Fire Station	Jane 07825 775 213
16	Fri	15:00	Ale, Lager and Cider tasting		Richard 07514 212 134
17	Sat	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Jct of Burton Rd and Conway Rd	Sue 07780 449 894
17	Sat	14:30	Theatre	Lace Market Theatre	Janet 0115 840 0733
19	Mon	10:00	Classical Music Study	A member's house	Colin 07881 289 298
19	Mon	10:00	French Conversation	Mapperley Golf Club	Annabell 07900 067 144
19	Mon	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum	Andrea 07527 090 324
19	Mon	14:00	Art Appreciation	A member's house	Christine 0115 953 6725
20	Tue	14:00	Local History	Richard Herrod Centre	Andy 07753 287 562
21	Wed	10:00	Creative Appliqué	St Georges Centre	Jackie 07708 035 311
21	Wed	10:00	Ukulele	St Georges Centre	Richard 07514 212 134
21	Wed	12:00	Grouchy Girls	The Willowbrook	Jennifer 07906 735 885
21	Wed	14:00	Bridge	Richard Herrod Centre	Mick 07749 325 315
21	Wed	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre	Sandra 07826 039 733
22	Thu	09:00	Striders Walking	Meet at Ranmoor Road car park	Brian 07814 628 190
22	Thu	10:00	Coffee Morning	Primo Cafe Bar	Cheryl 07787 427 200
22	Thu	10:00	Strollers Walking	Meet at the start of the walk	Paul 07305 071 206
22	Thu	14:00	Card & Board Games	St Georges Centre	Maggie 07554 518 444
23	Fri	14:00	Creative Writing	St Georges Centre	Coleen 07450 938 777
24	Sat	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Jct of Burton Rd and Conway Rd	Sue 07780 449 894
26	Mon	10:00	French for Fun	Mapperley Golf Club	Brian 07724 801 115
26	Mon	10:00	Sewing	Carlton Fire Station	Susan 07708 471 023
26	Mon	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum	Andrea 07527 090 324
26	Mon	14:00	Tai Chi	Colwick Community Centre	Jan 07496 999 808
26	Mon	17:00	Film Study	Zoom Meeting	Sue 07791 358 143
27	Tue	10:00	Science & Technology	Carlton Fire Station	Janet 07813 462 081
27	Tue	10:30		Manor Green Community Room	Mark 07826 629 063
27	Tue	12:00	Out to Lunch	The Old Flower Shop	Maggie 07554 518 444
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29	Thu	16:00	Newsletter Deadline		
31	Sat	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Jct of Burton Rd and Conway Rd	Sue 07780 449 894

Diary : FEBRUARY 2026

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2	Mon	10:00	French Conversation	Mapperley Golf Club	Annabell 07900 067 144
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2	Mon	10:30	Greenfingers	Gedling Road Methodist Church	Nicola 07794 368 566
2	Mon	14:00	History Study	Richard Herrod Centre	Lynne 07771 801 957
3	Tue	14:00	Book Club	Carlton Fire Station	Maggie 07951 299 113
4	Wed	10:00	Creative Appliqué	St Georges Centre	Jackie 07708 035 311
4	Wed	10:00	Opera Study	Zoom Meeting	Paul 07305 071 206
4	Wed	10:00	Singing for Pleasure	St Georges Centre	Sheila 07703 755 906
4	Wed	10:00	Ukulele	St Georges Centre	Richard 07514 212 134
4	Wed	14:00	Bonsai Beginners	A member's house	Paul 07305 071 206
4	Wed	14:00	Bridge	Richard Herrod Centre	Mick 07749 325 315
4	Wed	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre	Sandra 07826 039 733
5	Thu	14:00	Alternative Book Club	Manor Green Community Room	Gill 07802 700 852
5	Thu	16:30	Indoor Bowls	Richard Herrod Centre	Mick 0115 987 4239
6	Fri	10:00	Drama	Carlton Fire Station	Jane 07825 775 213
6	Fri	10:00	Knit & Stitch	The Bread and Bitter	Jackie 07971 973 120
6	Fri	14:00	Spanish for Fun	Carlton Fire Station	Mark 07826 629 063
7	Sat	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Jct of Burton Rd and Conway Rd	Sue 07780 449 894
9	Mon	10:00	Classical Music Study	A member's house	Colin 07881 289 298
9	Mon	10:00	French for Fun	Mapperley Golf Club	Brian 07724 801 115
9	Mon	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum	Andrea 07527 090 324
9	Mon	12:00	Out to Lunch	The Gedling Inn	Maggie 07554 518 444
9	Mon	14:00	Tai Chi	Colwick Community Centre	Jan 07496 999 808
10	Tue	09:30	Five Miles and a cup of tea	Meet at Ranmoor Road car park	David 07549 132 066
10	Tue	14:00	Poetry Appreciation	A member's house	Lyn 07305 144 102
11	Wed	10:00	Discussion / Debate	Carlton Pentecostal Church	Coleen 07450 938 777
11	Wed	10:00	Making Music For Fun	Loco Centre	Richard 07514 212 134
11	Wed	14:00	Bridge	Richard Herrod Centre	Mick 07749 325 315
11	Wed	14:00	French 3	St Georges Centre	Ann 07837 803 837
11	Wed	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre	Sandra 07826 039 733
12	Thu	10:00	Coffee Morning	Portobello	Maggie 07554 518 444
12	Thu	11:00	Ten Pin Bowling	Nottingham Bowl	Brenda 0115 962 5757
12	Thu	14:00	Card & Board Games	St Georges Centre	Maggie 07554 518 444
12	Thu	15:15	Art	Carlton Fire Station	Linda 07958 012 544
13	Fri	10:00	Bird Watching	Meet at the venue	Helen 07846 079 721
13	Fri	13:30	Craft	St Georges Centre	Pat 07918 665 322
14	Sat	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Jct of Burton Rd and Conway Rd	Sue 07780 449 894
14	Sat	14:00	Wild Weekenders	St Georges Centre	Coleen 07450938777
14	Sat	14:30	Theatre	Lace Market Theatre	Janet 0115 840 0733
16	Mon	10:00	French Conversation	Mapperley Golf Club	Annabell 07900 067 144
16	Mon	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum	Andrea 07527 090 324
16	Mon	14:00	Art Appreciation	A member's house	Christine 0115 953 6725
17	Tue	14:00	Local History	Richard Herrod Centre	Andy 07753 287 562
18	Wed	10:00	Creative Appliqué	St Georges Centre	Jackie 07708 035 311
18	Wed	10:00	Ukulele	St Georges Centre	Richard 07514 212 134
18	Wed	12:00	Grouchy Girls	The Willowbrook	Jennifer 07906 735 885
18	Wed	14:00	Bonsai Improvers	A member's house	Paul 07305 071 206
18	Wed	14:00	Bridge	Richard Herrod Centre	Mick 07749 325 315
18	Wed	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre	Sandra 07826 039 733
19	Thu	10:30	General Meeting	Carlton Pentecostal Church	Mark 07826 629 063
20	Fri	10:00	Drama	Carlton Fire Station	Jane 07825 775 213
20	Fri	15:00	Ale, Lager and Cider tasting		Richard 07514 212 134
21	Sat	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Jct of Burton Rd and Conway Rd	Sue 07780 449 894
21	Sat	14:00	Theatre	Squire Performing Arts Centre	Janet on 0115 840 0733