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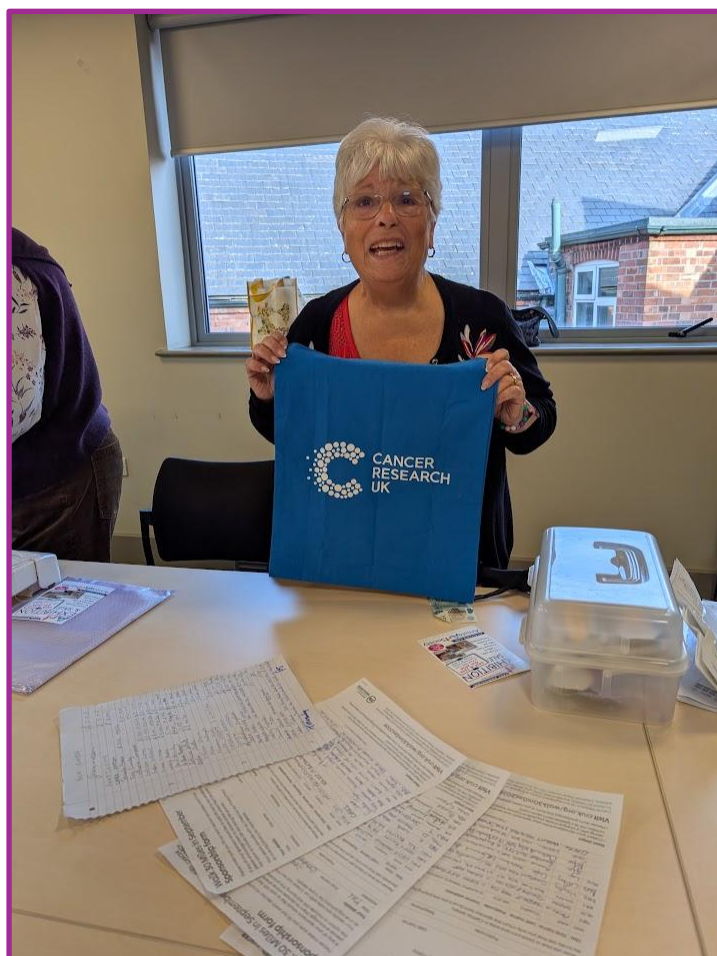
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Our Monthly General Meeting

Thursday 15th October at 10:30am, Carlton Pentecostal Church

Group Convenors: Please send your news items and photos to Sue Warren (Assistant Newsletter Editor) and Graeme Bunting (Web Manager) via the *u3a Officers* page in Beacon by 5pm on the last Thursday of the month. Also make sure that your meeting schedule in Beacon is up to date for the next few months. **Next deadline: Thursday 29th October**

Charity Corner



Congratulations to Rosa Rhodes who has raised £510 for Cancer Research by walking 30 miles on a sponsored walk using a treadmill. What an achievement, and she lost weight doing it too.

Well done, Rosa!

Editor's Note

"Happy Halloween Ghostly Greetings"

Thank you again for all your interesting contributions, please keep them coming through to Sue Warren for the Newsletter and Graeme Bunting for the Website. There is comprehensive guidance on submitting news items and photos in **Section 4.8** of the **Convenors Support Pack** on the [Convenors Page in the website](#).

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September's Speaker - Paul Lillie

Paul entertained us with his unique talk on Elvis Presley the King of Rock and Roll.

At the same time as we listened to the life story of Elvis, Paul painted a very recognisable image of The King which we saw on the big screen, and when he paused his painting, he took up his guitar and sang well known songs, to which the audience were more than happy to sing along. We heard about the King's rise to fame from his birth in 1935 in Tupelo Mississippi. He grew up in poverty, mixing and learning folk music from poor Blacks and Whites around him. Slowly gaining recognition on the world's stage he became a superstar.



He was drafted into the Army, married Priscilla, made several films and was offered several prestigious acting parts which his manager Tom Parker encouraged him to turn down for more lucrative work. His reliance on prescription drugs gradually caused his health to break down and he died in 1977. His home Graceland in Memphis remains a pilgrimage site.

Marianne White

Speaker for the October General Meeting

Michael Burton: Talk on River Trent - from Source to Sea

Join Mike as he traces the story of the River Trent in the Heart of England.

England's prosperity was built along the waterway which, since ancient times, has been a great border – the country's north-south dividing line. Great men, great queens, and great innovation mark the Trent's history. Yet it is, for all that, a mysterious river; silently and secretly doing its own thing and not fully known or understood.



Mike is a former journalist and teacher and here presents one of his fascinating illustrated talks.

Janet Allen

Trips and Visits

Trip to Bletchley Park

Well, how lucky were the u3a members who travelled to Bletchley Park?!

The weather was lovely for walking between the various interesting buildings and looking at the amazing Intelligence work carried out secretly by the Code and Cypher School (GC&CS).

In 1919 the GC&CS was established in London drawing men and women with a background in mathematics, Wrens and other service personnel who had signed the Official Secrets Act. The Government knew that if there was another war London would be a target so a safe estate in the country would be useful.

The Mansion and Park at Bletchley had been purchased in 1937 by Admiral Hugh Sinclair on behalf of the Government, so, as to maintain secrecy. On the day after war was declared there were 180 people at Bletchley, including Alan Turing and Gordon Welchman, but by 1945 there were around 9,000 people, so many extra huts had had to be erected.

In 1939 Polish Cryptographers were already deciphering codes, having intercepted an Enigma machine on its way to Germany, dismantling it, building their own, then re-assembling the German one.

As Germany was invading Poland, the Polish shared their knowledge of code-breaking with their machine with Britain and France before escaping to safety. We further and continuously developed the machine such that by May 1945, we had broken 21,971 Enigma keys which enabled the Allies to know every move the Germans were making.

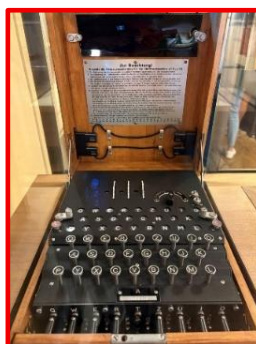
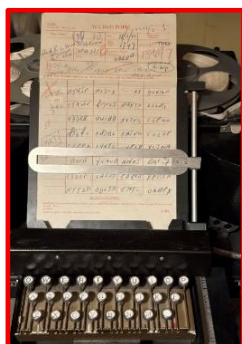
Pigeons were used as reliable, secret messengers during the war with many 'recruited' from privately owned lofts for use by all the Forces. More than 200,000 were provided along with 50,000 bred by the United States army. One pigeon, Winkie, became a hero, having been instrumental in the rescue of an air crew.

It wasn't all 'boring' facts about Enigma machines and codes, but also many fun, interactive activities for young, and old visitors to enjoy.

So much to see, read and digest but ultimately enjoy on this day trip. We may repeat it!!

Teresa Storey

Bletchley Park Gallery



November Trip – Chatsworth House

We are arranging a trip to Chatsworth House on Tuesday 10th November for the bargain price of £40. This will include entry to the house, garden and farmyard as well as the extensive Christmas market.



Photography Group

Great time had, by all members of the photography group on our visit to Hardwick Hall. Wonderful buildings; interesting grounds, sunny weather, all inspired us on our picture safari.

Hardwick Hall Gallery



Paul Martinez

Bird Watching

Trip to Straws Bridge

It was wonderful to return to Straws Bridge, affectionately known as 'Swan Lake' in Ilkeston, for our first bird-watching event following the long summer break. We even started the morning with another visit to The Bottle Kiln, well worth a visit.

Though our gathering was quite small - consisting of Jean Taylor, Paul Martinez, John Kennedy, Robert Downing and Sally Lord - the intimate size of the group in no way reflected the sheer abundance of feathered wildlife waiting for us.

The nature reserve felt beautifully alive as we set out along the waterside paths to both spot and listen. Over the course of the morning, we encountered an impressive variety of birds, some observed closely in person as they drifted on the lake, and others identified by their distinct, familiar calls echoing through the surrounding trees.

The absolute highlight of the trip, however, was witnessing a spectacular flock of Canada geese gracefully gliding into land right before us. The sights and sounds of them sweeping over the water perfectly captured the spirit of the season. The Mandarin ducks were a highlight too.

It proved to be a thoroughly rewarding Friday morning excursion, reminding us all how much we missed these peaceful outdoor outings. It was truly the perfect way to kick off our brand-new season of bird watching adventures together.

Sally Lord



Five Miles and a Cup of Tea

September Walk: Colwick Woods

In contrast to August's very warm walk in Wollaton Park, September brought us cooler, wetter conditions and it was pleasant to see the return of green grass.

Colwick Woods has a rich history spanning over 600 years. It was once part of the Colwick Hall estate owned by the Byron family and managed as a deer park. Part of the woodland is classed as 'ancient woodland' defined nationally as having continuous woodland since at least 1600 AD



The Colwick Woods area was used during the First World War for camping and anti-aircraft guns, and a searchlight was erected on the hill in the woodland. During the Second World War, the Woods were used as a prison of war camp firstly for Germans and later for Italians. When the war ended, prisoners were repatriated to Italy, and the Nissan huts were converted in 1949 to be used by families in need. Allotments were located on the northern edge of the woodland from the 1940s and decommissioned in 2017.

Lunch afterwards was at The Starting Gate pub which served delicious hot food and cold drinks.

A BIG THANK YOU to RANJIT for leading this easy going walk.

Our next walk is on **Tuesday 13th October** and will be in the **Sutton Bonington** area.

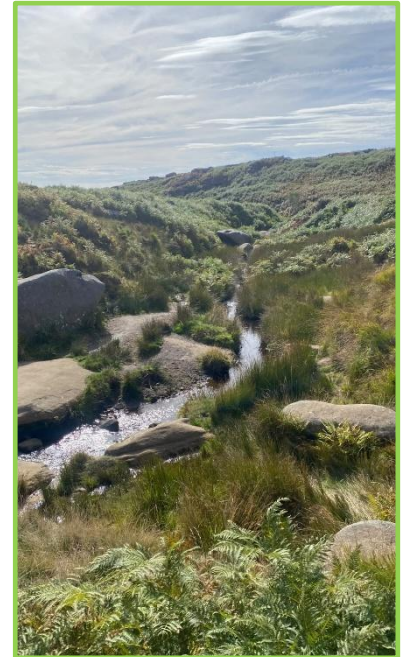


David Johnson

Striders Walking

September Walk: Longshaw Estate

Having had to cancel 2 recent walks because of extreme weather conditions, a select group of us enjoyed a splendid walk in perfect conditions. The sun shone and the temperatures which were in the upper teens made it ideal for our walk. We started from the main car park on the Longshaw Estate and made our way up to Burbage Edge where we had views across to the Hope Valley and Mam Tor beyond. We walked up to Burbage Bridge then crossed the burn and climbed Higger Tor. After a short scramble down, we walked across to Carl Wark which was the site of Iron Age and Roman Hill forts before returning to the road and crossing to follow Burbage Brook for a short distance before climbing back into the Longshaw Estate where refreshments were enjoyed at the National Trust Café before returning to the car park.



October Walk: Derbyshire

We are hoping to get one last walk in Derbyshire before the clocks go back, however depending on the weather we may have to change our plans depending on the weather and the amount of daylight. Check your emails nearer the time for further details.

Meet in the car park on Ranmoor Road at 9.00am on Thursday 22nd October. Have a good breakfast and bring a packed lunch.

Brian Shield

Strollers Walking

September Walk: Burton Joyce to Lambley

We strolled some paths less travelled in September, featuring woodland, streams, someone's garden (!) and some wide-open spaces. Great fun.

Sign up via our u3a web group page or Beacon, if you haven't already.



Paul Martinez

Sewing Group

Making Earbud Pouches

September saw us back at the fire station and making some earbud pouches. These pouches are useful for keeping all sorts of things in: hearing aid batteries; jewellery when you go away on holiday and need to store earrings or other items; small quantities of pills; a little change.

Having a pouch means no scrabbling through your handbag to find what you are looking for. There can be secure in a zipped pocket inside your bag, but there's probably other stuff in there too! It's another great way to use up scraps of fabric.

Also, another one of our members Davina, made this lovely bag. It has lots of pockets which come in handy for keeping sewing items – scissors, thread, that sort of thing.

Susan Bunting



Creative Appliqué

The beautiful Oriental design door hanging was designed and made by one of our ladies Cathy Cope.

She has designed a few other items, such as her portrait on the back of a jacket to name a few, this door hanging is her latest project.



Appliqué is a technique whereas you layer fabric, to create a piece of work that is pleasing and enjoyable to do.

You can apply Appliqué to jeans, table mats, pictures, wall hangings in fact the ideas are endless.

No experience is necessary. We have plenty of fabric scraps and materials to start you off.

If you think you would like to try this craft, please come along to our group. We meet once a month at the Pentecostal Church on the first Wednesday, 10am – 12.

Below is a quilt I made a few years ago, every square has an Appliqué design in it



Jackie Taylor, Tutor



Religious Architecture

Visit to Leicester Cathedral



The Religious Architecture group had a trip to Leicester for a guided tour of the Cathedral, whose full title is the Cathedral Church of Saint Martin, Leicester.

The building started life as St Martin's church – one of five surviving medieval churches in the centre of the city. Building commenced in 1086 and has continued up to the present day, with much of the current building being Victorian. In 1927 it was made a Cathedral following the creation of the diocese of Leicester.

It is quite small for a cathedral so built on a modest scale. The High Altar has been brought forward to the front of the nave and is made from four types of stone. The original Cathedra (Bishop's throne) is displayed. It is an impressively high, carved wooden throne in gothic style dating from 1927. The current Cathedra is made from American Black Walnut with a coloured leather seat.

There are several chapels at the east end containing an arrangement of modern stained-glass windows. One window contains a small football marking Leicester City winning the English Premier League in 2015-16.



Richard III was killed at Bosworth Field in 1485, and his remains roughly interred in the Greyfriars, close to St Martin's.

In 2012 his grave was discovered and his remains exhumed. In 2015 he was re-interred in the Cathedral, and his tomb is covered with a single piece of Swaledale fossil stone.

Embedded in the plinth is his coat of arms in pietra dura formed of 350 individual stones.

The newest part of the Cathedral is the Heritage and Learning Centre, opened last year. This contains several artifacts including the pall which covered Richard's coffin whilst lying in state.



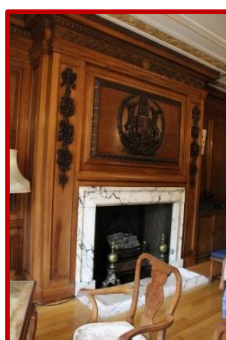
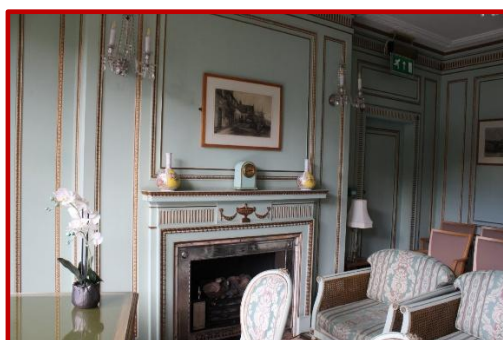
Andy Dixon

Local History

Visit to Nottingham Council House

For our September meeting, a group of us had a guided tour of the Nottingham Council House. Our guides were three honorary aldermen of the city – one had been Lord Mayor a few years ago.

Most people know the external view of the Council House, however fewer have visited the interior. Designed by T C Howitt in the late 1920s, it was opened by the Prince of Wales in 1929 – the key is on display in the foyer. Since the Council offices relocated to Loxley House in 2010, the building is no longer used for regular administrative functions but is still used for ceremonial and other duties. On the day of our visit there was a Coroner's Court in operation and a Citizenship Ceremony.



Despite the architect having little experience of anything bigger than domestic dwellings, he produced a very impressive building. Built on a steel framework, the exterior is stone clad, with the Portland quarry being reopened to provide front columns to match St Paul's Cathedral. Inside marble cladding was used for stairs and corridors, whilst many rooms are splendidly panelled in wood.

We were able to see a range of rooms including the Lord Mayor's and Sheriff's parlours. There were also glass cabinets housing a range of silverware including the mayoral and sheriffs' maces. The walls are lined with charcoal scenes around Nottingham drawn by Thomas Hammond, a lace designer as well as an artist.

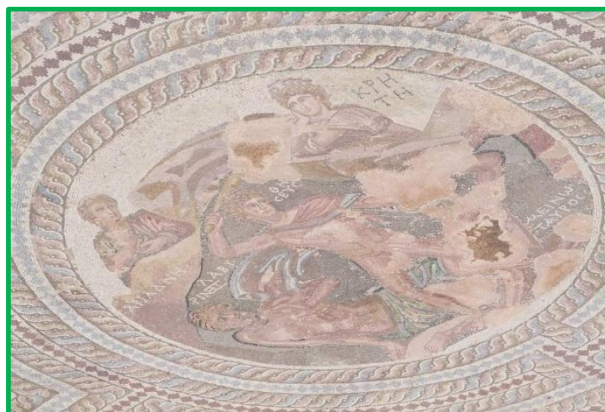
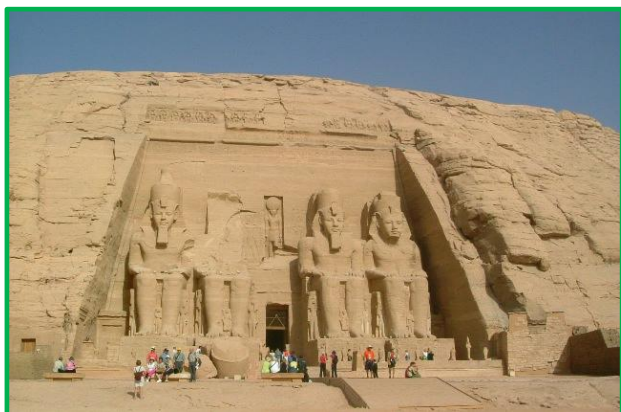
For details of further meetings in 2026 please see the calendar on Beacon – we have an exciting range of talks and visits arranged and would be pleased to see you.

Andy Dixon

History Study

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Our meeting took us around Europe visiting UNESCO World Heritage sites. To set the scene, we had a presentation on the origins of the scheme. The first site that UNESCO was involved with was the rescue of Abu Simbel Temple in Egypt in 1960. This was followed by several Conventions covering both cultural and natural criteria for listing sites throughout the world. In Britain alone there are about 20 sites.



We then heard about the Antonine Wall built by the Romans between the Rivers Clyde and Forth in Scotland. Built of turf on a stone base with a ditch on the north side, it was only in use for a few years before the Romans withdrew south. Later they built the better-known Hadrian's Wall.

Remaining with the Romans, we learned about the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, both of which were destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius. Much of the ruins have been uncovered and give an insight into Roman life.

Our next visit was to Durham where the cathedral was founded by the monks of Lindisfarne. The current building was constructed shortly after the Norman invasion and is an excellent example of Norman architecture. The Normans strategically appointed the Bishop of Durham as Prince Bishop and so the castle was built soon after.

In France, the Chateau Chambord is a huge building with many towers of varying designs. Apparently, it could accommodate 2000 guests.

We finished in Cyprus where the Paphos region was, according to the myth, the birthplace of Aphrodite, leading to a temple being built. The Romans built a new town of Paphos with several high-status villas which have been excavated over the last 150 years. Nearby is an ancient necropolis called the Tombs of the Kings the tombs of high-status residents rather than Kings.

Andy Dixon

Discussion Group

E-scooters: Fun-sized freedom or flaming nuisance?



E-scooters are a common sight in Nottingham. Many are rented under the government pilot scheme, and their use is legal in the city. The use of other e-scooters, except on private land, is not legal.

Critics point out that they are dangerous and can injure pedestrians, the law is contradictory, the hired ones are often left in heaps on pavements, they can go up to 40 mph and are sometimes used by more than one rider. There is no conclusion after 6 years of trials, scant data on seizures or prosecution for illegal use, and there is a lack of debate about what should be done.

Others note that they are popular, easy to use and maintain, there are plenty of charging stations, they generate only low noise and emit no harmful gases.

A recent survey revealed that most users are urban, male, young, and well-educated. Attitudes varied by age, with 69% of over 50s deeming them dangerous, compared to 50% of under 50s. Nearly half of over 50s said they should be legalised compared to 29% of under 50s.

E-scooters are used more abroad, with the highest take-up rate in Norway, where they are used by almost a quarter of the population. The regulations are clear; the maximum speed is 12 mph, helmets are mandatory for under 15s and recommended for all users, they cannot be used by under 12s and must follow the same traffic rules as bicycles. They're commonly used in major cities, where commuters use them for the first and last mile of their journeys.

The group concluded that the current situation in the UK was unsatisfactory but that it would be possible to legalise their use within appropriate rules.

We next meet on Wednesday 14th October to discuss Japan.

Transport Group

Hucknall Flight Test Museum



In September, a group of members visited the Hucknall Flight Test Museum. This is a museum of Rolls-Royce aeronautical history, located in some of the old Rolls-Royce hangars and staffed by very knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers.

The visit started with a short video detailing the history of the site. Initially used as a grass aerodrome in the First World War, the RAF took control again in 1928 and continued there until 1957. In 1934 Rolls-Royce moved their Flight Test Establishment from Tollerton into two spare hangars on the site.

New engines were tested on the ground and in aircraft prior to production and regular use. Two of the early engines used extensively during the war were the Merlin and the Griffon. Many thousands were built during the war, and aircraft would be brought to the site to have engines modified.

The first jet engines for the RAF were developed during this period and the Welland was used in the first jet fighters. Post war saw the development of engines for commercial airliners as well as military aircraft culminating in the RB211.

The group was then taken round the Wing Hangars which were built to test engines in aircraft wings. The tests were monitored from a control room situated between the two hangars where instruments gave readouts of test parameters and the engines could be observed through a window. These were recorded by pen and paper then transcribed onto charts – computers arrived much later to record parameters.

In one hangar were examples of each type of engine with cutaways to reveal their inner workings. The volunteers then explained how each one worked and the developments that lead to the next engine. One engine had been installed in the Thrust Measurement Rig – known as the 'Flying Bedstead' – which was the initial stage in developing the Harrier aircraft.

Andy Dixon

Grumpy Old Men

We Grumpies met for our fortnightly Friday lunch at St George's Centre to chat, and to consider contemporary issues.

This month's 'Candidate to be put on the bus' is Councillor Jason Zadrozny, the leader of Ashfield District Council in Nottinghamshire, who was convicted of nine counts of fraud and four counts of fraudulent evasion of income tax.

Topics from random newspaper cuttings for discussion included:

- policy research to end the UK's dire Eurovision results
- a war museum that says it has nothing to do with war
- breastfeeding babies can prevent their future obesity
- the 2032 Olympic rowing course in Australia which has 500 crocodiles
- traffic signs that are hidden by overgrown hedges and trees
- Mackerel in a tin may not be the real thing
- how to impress your date with pre-emptive charity donations
- climate change results in champagne going from strength to strength
- Generation Zzzz: one in three 15-year-olds say they hardly ever leave their bedroom
- conspiracy theorists are targeting traffic scanners
- President Trump's triumphal arch in Washington will also be a top-grade military complex, housing drones and snipers.
- the country's longest running rewilding project has become embroiled in a dispute about whether storks reintroduced actually belong in Britain at all
- Citizens Advice say service providers should offer right to talk to a human
- €1.00 student meal deal sends French canteen staff to the barricades
- eating alone is worse for your health
- male bosses hire more women after having their first daughter
- a 14th century gold ring found by metal detectorists on April fool's day is set to fetch up to £12,000.



As always, the conversation was genial, informative, varied, and amusing.

David Colyer

Science & Technology

Trip to Woolsthorpe Manor

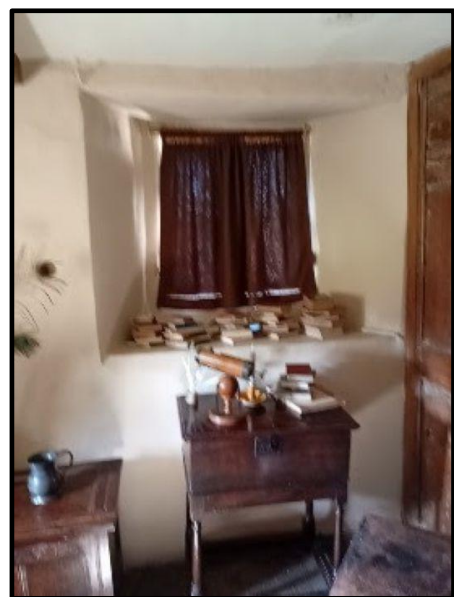
A group of enthusiastic scientist/technologists travelled to Woolsthorpe Manor to explore the building where Sir Isaac Newton made his numerous famous discoveries. As an English polymath, he was a mathematician, physicist, astronomer, alchemist, theologian, author and inventor.

Without Isaac Newton this small manor would be just another Lincolnshire farmhouse - but in 1665 the plague sent him back from Cambridge University to the place where he was born. For 18 months Newton worked in solitude, experimenting obsessively, laying foundations for the science of today.

The National Trust managed house tells the story of Newton's time there from his birth and childhood to the discoveries of his 'Year of Wonders'. We stood in the room where he used a prism to split sunlight into the colours of the rainbow, exploring the nature of light. From the window we could see the Flower of Kent apple tree in the orchard which inspired his theory of gravity.

A useful addition to the manor is the hands-on Science Centre, where we could observe, experiment and discover Isaac Newton's theories on gravity, motion, optics and light.

The next meeting of the Science and Technology Group is on **Tuesday 27th October**, when we welcome back Prof. Reg Dennick.



David Johnson

Wine Tasting – A Taste of Italy

We tasted Italian wines this month and started with a Prosecco from the Veneto region in the north east of the country (10.5%, £9.00, M&S), described as sparkling, lively, crisp and refreshing (tasting notes – lemon, apple, pear and floral hints).

Next, we had a 'cheap as chips' Frascati from the Lazio region in the central belt (11%, £6.75, Tesco), described as a light and refreshing wine with hints of green apple and citrus. with notes of slightly bitter almond on the finish.

The final white was a Classics Gavi (11.5%, £10, M&S) from Piemonte in the northwest. This wine is made from the Cortese grape and is described as floral, unoaked and refreshing with the taste of pear, fennel and stone fruit.

The trio of reds started with Valpolicella Reserva (12.5%, £9, Tesco) from the Veneto region, with a bouquet that is 'rich' with ripe cherry and notes of blueberry and vanilla.

The next wine was Chianti Reserva (12.5%, £10, M&S) from the Tuscan region in the central region, described as an intense fresh aromatic oaked red, with a taste of cherries, roasted spices and vanilla.

The final red was Marzemino (11.5%, £8, M&S) from the Veneto region described as a juicy, fruity, medium bodied red, tasting of red cherry, redcurrants and Italian herbs. Marzemino is a red Italian wine grape variety that is primarily grown around Isera, south of Trentino. The wine is most noted for its mention in Mozart's opera Don Giovanni, ("Versa il vino! Eccellente Marzimino!")

Once again, a pleasant evening with the usual bread and cheeses and..... chocolate, which goes extremely well with red wine

David Johnson



Dining Out



This group meets every two months in restaurants that are easy to travel to by car or bus. We find places that are reasonably priced and usually arrange a fixed price that includes a tip. If you find it difficult to come alone, please let us know, as we make new members welcome.

Last month we enjoyed Cantonese food at Chungs, and in October we are going to Amore Italian restaurant.

Find our table at the general meetings if you have any queries.

Maggie, Sue, Brenda and Janet

Out To Lunch



We meet at The Gedling Inn on the 2nd Monday of the month. On the 4th Tuesday of the month, we were meeting at Portobello, but for the last two months we have been to Leoon Polish café in Netherfield. I'm pleased to say that things went more smoothly than last time as we had a set menu of goulash, with a vegetarian option. Members brought the exact amount or paid by card, which helped prevent long waiting time. Everybody is welcome to attend these events.

Maggie Martinez

Theatre

Pick up Tickets

Verdi's **Macbeth**, Broadcast Met Opera, 6pm Tuesday 20th October, Bonington Theatre, Organiser: Paul Martinez

Bizet's **Carmen**, Broadcast Royal Opera, 2pm Sunday 15th November, Bonington Theatre, Organiser: Paul Martinez

Fences, 2.30pm, Saturday 14th November, Nottingham Playhouse, Organiser Carolyn Broadhurst

Agnes of God, 2.30pm Saturday 21st November, Lace Market Theatre Studio, £13, Organiser: Janet Whitchurch

Funny Money, 2.30pm Saturday 12th December, Lace Market Theatre, £14, Organiser: Janet Whitchurch

Tickets on Sale



Family Carol Concert, Royal Concert Hall, 5pm Saturday 19th December, £23.50. The Nottingham Harmonic Choir returns to the Royal Concert Hall with its well-loved Carol Concert, joined by Thoresby Colliery Band. Add some sparkle to your festive season and enjoy the very best of traditional and popular music...and join in the singing!

Organiser: Linda Spencer

Aladdin, 2pm Monday 28th December, Nottingham Playhouse, £23.10, u3a members only please.

Join us on a wild ride to a magical far-off land, for the astounding adventure of **Aladdin**! With the help of a hilarious genie and some panto magic, anything is possible!

Organiser Carolyn Broadhurst



Reviews



Bette and Joan - Lace Market Theatre Once grand dames of Hollywood, Bette Davis and Joan Crawford were in danger of becoming 'has-beens' but when an opportunity comes along to appear together in a new movie called "Whatever happened to Baby Jane", war breaks out in the dressing room. In this play we were given a taster. They both take turns to explain parts of their lives and explode when one or the other enters the other one's dressing room. Bette comes across as the most spiteful and malicious character and enjoys winding Joan up. Two very different characters: Joan totally fastidious and Bette coarse, loud and bullish. Totally convincing and what performances! To hold an audience for that length of time, word perfect, and portraying face to face absolute anger was astonishing, but then the Lace Market players always do. Well done yet again.

Janet Whitchurch



Till the Stars Come Down - Nottingham Playhouse. This is very much a play of two halves. The first light and comic, as three sisters and their extended family prepare for the marriage of the youngest. There are dark tensions, however, which explode in violent emotion and bloodshed in the second act. This is a sort of modern retelling of a Greek tragedy where characters are destroyed by their flaws. Well-acted and staged, I left the theatre feeling a bit shocked.

Paul Martinez

Calendar: October 2026

Note: you can view the most up to date Calendar details on the [C&G u3a website](#)

Date	Time	Group	Meet at	Details	Contact
Mo 12	10:00	Classical Music Study	A member's house		Colin 07881 289 298
Mo 12	10:00	French for Fun	Mapperley Golf Club		Brian 07724 801 115
Mo 12	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum		Andrea 07527 090 324
Mo 12	12:00	Out to Lunch	The Gedling Inn		Maggie 07554 518 444
Mo 12	18:30	Wine Tasting	Burton Road Comm.		Chris 07879 696 712
Tu 13	09:30	Five Miles Walking	Ranmoor Road CP	Sutton Bonington walk	David 07549 132 066
Tu 13	14:00	Poetry Appreciation	A member's house		Lyn 07305 144 102
We 14	10:00	Discussion	Carlton Pentecostal		John 07851 989 623
We 14	10:00	Making Music FF	Loco Centre		Richard 07514 212 134
We 14	10:00	Transport	The Bread and Bitter		Ken 07584 835 479
We 14	14:00	Bridge	The Gedling Inn		Anne 07969 459 767
We 14	14:00	French 3	The Willowbrook		Ann 07837 803 837
We 14	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre		Sandra 07826 039 733
Th 15	10:30	General Meeting	Carlton Pentecostal	Talk on the River Trent	Jenni 07711 643 674
Fr 16	09:45	Singing Friday	St Georges Centre		Sheila 07703 755 906
Fr 16	10:00	Drama	Carlton Fire Station		Jane 07825 775 213
Fr 16	14:00	Canasta	The Gedling Inn		Lynne 07771 801 957
Fr 16	15:00	Ale, Lager and Cider Tasting			Richard 07514 212 134
Sa 17	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Junction of Burton Road and Conway Road		Sue 07780 449 894

Mo 19	10:00	French Conversation	Mapperley Golf Club		Annabell 07900 067144
Mo 19	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum		Andrea 07527 090 324
Mo 19	14:00	Art Appreciation	A member's house		Christine 0115 953 6725
Mo 19	14:00	Tai Chi	Colwick Comm. Cen.	Meeting Cancelled	Jan 07496 999 808
Tu 20	14:00	Local History	Loco Centre	Talk on the Home Brewery	Andy 07753 287 562
Tu 20	14:00	Rummikub	The Gedling Inn		Lynne 07771 801 957
Tu 20	18:00	Theatre	Bonington Theatre	Verdi's Macbeth	Paul 07305 071 206
We 21	10:00	Ukulele	St Georges Centre		Richard 07514 212 134
We 21	12:00	Grouchy Girls	The Willowbrook		Jennifer 07906 735 885
We 21	14:00	Bonsai Improvers	A member's house		Paul 07305 071 206
We 21	14:00	Bridge	The Gedling Inn		Anne 07969 459 767
We 21	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre		Sandra 07826 039 733
Th 22	09:00	Striders Walking	Ranmoor Road CP	October Walk T.B.A.	Brian 07814 628 190
Th 22	10:00	Coffee Morning	Portobello	and New Members meeting	Cheryl 07787 427 200
Th 22	10:00	Strollers Walking	Meet at the start of the walk		Paul 07305 071 206
Th 22	14:00	Card & Board Games	St Georges Centre		Maggie 07554 518 444
Th 22	17:00	Pickleball	Carlton Forum		Coleen 07450 938 777
Fr 23	11:30	Family History	Nottingham University Archives, Lenton Lane		Sandra 07826 039 733
Fr 23	12:00	Grumpy Old Men	St Georges Centre		Ian 0115 911 4681
Fr 23	14:00	Canasta	The Gedling Inn		Lynne 07771 801 957
Fr 23	14:00	Creative Writing	St Georges Centre		Ayaz 07440 323 485

Sa 24	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Junction of Burton Road and Conway Road	Sue 07780 449 894
Mo 26	10:00	French for Fun	Mapperley Golf Club	Brian 07724 801 115
Mo 26	10:00	Sewing	Carlton Fire Station	Susan 07708 471 023
Mo 26	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum	Andrea 07527 090 324
Mo 26	17:00	Film Study	Zoom Meeting	Sue 07791 358 143
Tu 27	10:00	Science & Technology	Carlton Fire Station	Prof Reg Dennick TBA
Tu 27	18:00	Dining Out	Amores restaurant	Maggie 07554 518 444
We 28	10:00	Making Music FF	Loco Centre	Richard 07514 212 134
We 28	14:00	Bridge	The Gedling Inn	Anne 07969 459 767
We 28	14:00	French 3	The Willowbrook	Ann 07837 803 837
We 28	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre	Sandra 07826 039 733
Th 29	16:00	Newsletter Deadline	<i>Deadline for November Newsletter submissions</i>	
Fr 30	14:00	Canasta	The Gedling Inn	Lynne 07771 801 957
Sa 31	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Junction of Burton Road and Conway Road	Sue 07780 449 894

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Mo 2	10:00	French Conversation	Mapperley Golf Club		Annabell 07900 067 144
Mo 2	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum		Andrea 07527 090 324
Mo 2	10:30	Greenfingers	Gedling Road Meth.	to be confirmed	Nicola 07794 368 566
Mo 2	14:00	History Study	Loco Centre	Castles of Spain or Italy	Andy 07753 287 562
Mo 2	14:00	Tai Chi	Colwick Comm. Cen.		Jan 07496 999 808
Tu 3	10:00	Photography	Carlton Fire Station	The Years Photos	Mike 07762 182 898
Tu 3	14:00	Book Club	Carlton Fire Station	A book by Dickens	Maggie 07951 299 113
We 4	10:00	Creative Applique	Carlton Pentecostal		Jackie 07708 035 311
We 4	10:00	Opera Study	Zoom Meeting		Paul 07305 071 206
We 4	10:00	Singing Wednesday	St Georges Centre		Sheila 07703 755 906
We 4	10:00	Ukulele	St Georges Centre		Richard 07514 212 134
We 4	14:00	Bonsai Beginners	A member's house		Paul 07305 071 206
We 4	14:00	Bridge	The Gedling Inn		Anne 07969 459 767
We 4	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre		Sandra 07826 039 733
Th 5	14:00	Alternative Book Club	Manor Green Comm.		Gill 07802 700 852
Fr 6	10:00	Drama	Carlton Fire Station		Jane 07825 775 213
Fr 6	10:00	Knit & Stitch	The Bread and Bitter		Jackie 07971 973 120
Fr 6	14:00	Canasta	The Gedling Inn		Lynne 07771 801 957
Fr 6	14:00	Spanish for Fun	Carlton Fire Station		Mark 07826 629 063
Sa 7	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Junction of Burton Road and Conway Road		Sue 07780 449 894

Mo 9	10:00	Classical Music Study	A member's house		Colin 07881 289 298
Mo 9	10:00	French for Fun	Mapperley Golf Club		Brian 07724 801 115
Mo 9	10:00	Table Tennis	Netherfield Forum		Andrea 07527 090 324
Mo 9	18:30	Wine Tasting	Burton Road Comm.		Chris 07879 696 712
Tu 10	09:30	Five Miles Walking	Ranmoor Road CP		David 07549 132 066
Tu 10	09:30	Trips and Visits	Carlton Forum CP	Chatsworth House	Coleen 07450 938 777
Tu 10	14:00	Poetry Appreciation	A member's house		Lyn 07305 144 102

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We 11	10:00	Discussion	Carlton Pentecostal		John 07851 989623
We 11	10:00	Making Music FF	Loco Centre		Richard 07514 212 134
We 11	10:10	Transport	The Bread and Bitter		Ken 07584 835 479
We 11	14:00	Bridge	The Gedling Inn		Anne 07969 459 767
We 11	14:00	French 3	The Willowbrook		Ann 07837 803 837
We 11	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre		Sandra 07826 039 733
Th 12	10:00	Coffee Morning	Portobello	and New Members meeting	Cheryl 07787 427 200
Th 12	11:00	Ten Pin Bowling	Nottingham Bowl		Brenda 0115 962 5757
Th 12	13:30	Art	Carlton Fire Station		Linda 07958 012 544
Th 12	14:00	Card & Board Games	St Georges Centre		Maggie 07554 518 444
Fr 13	10:00	Bird Watching	Meet at the venue		Helen 07846 079 721
Fr 13	12:00	Grumpy Old Men	St Georges Centre		Ian 0115 911 4681
Fr 13	13:30	Craft	Loco Centre	Christmas Decorations	Pat 07918 665 322
Fr 13	14:00	Canasta	The Gedling Inn		Lynne 07771 801 957
Sa 14	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Junction of Burton Road and Conway Road		Sue 07780 449 894
Sa 14	13:00	Wild Weekenders	Venue to be advised		Coleen 07450 938 777
Sa 14	14:30	Theatre	Nottm. Playhouse	<i>Fences</i>	Carolyn 0115 676 267
Su 15	14:00	Theatre	Bonington Theatre	<i>Carmen</i>	Paul 07305 071 206

Mo 16	10:00	French Conversation	Mapperley Golf Club		Annabell 07900 067 144
Mo 16	14:00	Art Appreciation	A member's house		Christine 0115 953 6725
Mo 16	14:00	Tai Chi	Colwick Comm. Cen.		Jan 07496 999 808
Tu 17	14:00	Local History	Loco Centre	Night the Zeppelins came	Andy 07753 287 562
Tu 17	14:00	Rummikub	The Gedling Inn		Lynne 07771 801 957
We 18	10:00	Ukulele	St Georges Centre		Richard 07514 212 134
We 18	12:00	Grouchy Girls	The Willowbrook		Jennifer 07906 735 885
We 18	14:00	Bonsai Improvers	A member's house		Paul 07305 071 206
We 18	14:00	Bridge	The Gedling Inn		Anne 07969 459 767
We 18	14:00	Walk Fit - To Music	St Georges Centre		Sandra 07826 039 733
Th 19	10:30	General Meeting	Carlton Pentecostal	Talk on Scam prevention	Jenni 07711 643 674
Fri 20	09:45	Singing Friday	St Georges Centre		Sheila 07703 755 906
Fri 20	10:00	Drama	Carlton Fire Station		Jane 07825 775 213
Fri 20	14:00	Canasta	The Gedling Inn		Lynne 07771 801 957
Fri 20	15:00	Ale, Lager and Cider tasting			Richard 07514 212 134
Sat 21	10:00	Cycling For Fun	Junction of Burton Road and Conway Road		Sue 07780 449 894
Sat 21	14:30	Theatre	Lace Market Theatre	<i>Agnes of God</i>	Janet 0115 840 0733