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September 2019 Newsletter Melton Mowbray U3A

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At the meeting this month on Thursday 19th September 2019

Speaker	Nick Blunton- "Confessions of a Coach Driver"
Display	Maths For Fun
Catering	Muriel McNeill, Jean Draper, Linda Foulston, Vera Mowbray, Barbara Guntrip
Meet/Greet	Pauline Posey, Maureen Carruthers

Committee Notices

U3A Diaries

U3A Diaries for 2020 can be ordered from the Treasurer at the September and October monthly meetings at a cost of £3.25 each.

Payment with order please.

Diaries will be available for collection at the November meeting.

MISSING ITEMS

Two items are missing from the U3A store- a ring binding kit (for binding books) and a 50m red extension cable. If you can help us track them down please contact the Chairman on chairman@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you become aware of a member becoming seriously ill or experiencing other life changing events please do let Winifred Maine know, even if you think someone else may have notified her. We would rather be notified more than once than not at all. Winifred organises the sending of one of the lovely cards produced by the Parchment Craft group to let them know we are thinking of them

General Notices

DID YOU KNOW - - - that the Salvation Army charity shop in the Bell Centre collects washed, plastic tops (of any colour) from milk bottles? They are sold by Dove Cottage for recycling. The shop also collects empty crisp packets for recycling.

FRIENDS AGAINST SCAMS

A SCAM is a trick, deceit, fraud making the victim part with money and/or personal details by intimidation or enticement with illusory promises of cash, prizes, services, high returns on investment or romance. In the UK the average age of a scam victim is 75. Almost all of us have been targeted by scammers. It is estimated only 5% of successful scams are actually reported, most victims due to shame or intimidation suffer in silence.

A scam is a CRIME. Scammers are criminals - organised, sophisticated and predatory. Merciless and unrelenting - your details will be bought and sold on a "sucker" list. In extreme cases individuals have inundated with mail (200+ a day, every day), endless phone calls, emails, texts, knocks at the door, unordered packages. Those of us defrauded in our homes are more likely to die or move to residential care in the next year. The most common criminal approaches are:

POSTAL - Lottery or Prize Draw (You have won...); Catalogues promoting worthless, misleading, harmful products, Clairvoyant claiming they have received a message, Inheritance money. The correspondence may look authentic, look for any tiny errors. Ask Why Me? I didn't buy a ticket. Too good to be true? Pressure to respond immediately???

TELEPHONE - are they after private information, pretending to be a company or organisation you know, is it an investment opportunity, do they want you to cash in your pension and invest it with them, is there a problem with your computer, broadband, or something they can fix with access to your computer?

ONLINE - emails requesting information, passwords, directing you to a fake website, romance, official needing information so they can get a refund, or make an urgent payment. An email address you recognise may still be fake. NEVER OPEN AN ATTACHMENT OR CLICK A LINK. Read the email slowly, look for inconsistencies. Any concerns - DELETE. Has your provider suggested it is junk email - be extra suspicious.

DOORSTEP - ROGUE TRADERS - never buy anything from a doorstep caller. And BURGLARS seeking to get in your house and rob you by either DISTRACTING you, or violence. They may well work in pairs - someone at the front door keeping you there while an accomplice gains entry elsewhere, or a passing uniformed "policeman" who will help you, and in turn gain entry.

Is someone we know is a victim suffering in silence? Financial hardship, neglect, too much mail, too many packages, phone calls, new 'friends' who call/email/text frequently, or helped fix a computer or bank issue, new investments, prizes, lotteries, inheritances, poor quality, unnecessary work, large cash withdrawals. Remember, we are all being targeted. If you are clever, you may be MORE likely to be scammed. Why? Because you consider yourself smarter than the criminal. NONE OF US ARE.

NEVER DISCLOSE SECURITY DETAILS. DON'T ASSUME EVERYONE IS GENUINE. DON'T BE RUSHED. LISTEN TO YOUR INSTINCTS. STAY IN CONTROL.

We thank Nigel Plant for his excellent talk at our monthly meeting and urge as many members as possible to take his advice and go to the **Friends against Scams** website. Become a Friend Against Scams and help all of us tackle this scourge.

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RADIO 103 THE EYE

Recently, your Chairman was invited to talk on the Melton Mowbray radio station, 103 The Eye, about our U3A. Afterwards, the station manager talked about a programme that they are trying to get off the ground which will involve long-time residents of Melton Mowbray

talking about their memories of Melton during the 1960's, interspersed with music of the period. This would, no doubt, include memories of people, places and occurrences of note. The programme format has yet to be determined and may be done on an individual basis or as part of a group. If any members would like to be involved in such a programme please contact the Chairman to discuss it.

The station manager also confirmed that they now have a mobile recording studio and they would happily put together a programme featuring a group, or groups, from the U3A. This could involve, for example, the various music groups putting together a programme, or, perhaps, our literature groups creating a programme, either separately, or in conjunction with each other. Again, if any groups are interested in such a venture, please contact the Chairman.

Alan Barton, chairman@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

WOOLSTHORPE MANOR, COLSTERWORTH, HOME OF SIR ISAAC NEWTON.

The National Trust are looking for volunteers to join the House team, talking about Woolsthorpe Manor, Sir Isaac Newton and his influence and importance. Full training is given and it is such a wonderful place to work, with a lovely group of people.

Jennie Johns, House Steward, Woolsthorpe Manor, tel 01476 862821



Group Activities



AMERICAN STUDIES

The next meeting will be at 2.30pm on Thursday 19 September at Tesco

New members welcome

Please bring your own topic

Contact: Chris Lawman

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

Meetings of the group

4th September- Warren 25th September Arriaga 2nd October Radecke

Contact John Playfer: composer@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

HISTORY

There is no meeting of the group in September.

The next meeting at Sage Cross Church at 2pm will be on October 18th.

The Speaker will be John Haden and his subject will be Celebrating Mayflower 400.

Anne Purvis, Committee Member

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

The re-introduction of Scottish Country Dancing starts with the first autumn session for the group on Wednesday 11th September at Burton Lazars village hall from 2 pm until 4 pm. I hope everyone will enjoy getting back to dancing or, for some, starting this as a new activity.

Paul Woolston, Group Leader

STRING PLAYERS

Have you ever played violin/viola/cello? Do you still play, or would like to but are worried about being too out of practice?

Would you like to spend 1 or 2 afternoons a month playing chamber music (to suit abilities) in a relaxed convivial setting?
If the idea appeals to you please contact Alison Sparks for more information and a chat.

TAI CHI

The group starts again after the summer break on Friday 27th September at 1245 in the Samworth Centre, and weekly thereafter until 6th December.

Peter Karran

LUNCHEON GROUP GK

Our next lunch will be on Thursday Sept 19th, at The Mountain Restaurant, The Grange, Asfordby Hill. The meal will be at the usual time of 12.30. please arrive by 12.15. I shall not be attending, so if there are any queries, or cancellations, please contact Penny Housden. Also, a £5 deposit will be required at September's meeting for our Christmas lunch at Sysonby Knoll.

Gillian Kilpatrick, Group Leader

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OUTINGS GROUP

Ironbridge - 9th October: The coach is fully booked. Please park your cars in the Bowling Club car park and not on the approach road or in the church car park. Please note that the coach will leave at 8.00 a.m.

Lincoln Christmas Market - 6th December: There are only a few remaining places on this trip. The price is £10 which is payable up front either by cash or cheque made payable to Melton Mowbray U3A.

*******IMPORTANT NOTICE*******

This year we have had problems with names being put down on outings lists but not being followed up with payments despite monthly reminders in the newsletter and occasionally announcements at monthly meetings. This has caused the organisers major problems when reserving coaches, places at venues etc. and cannot continue.

We have therefore had to change the procedure for reserving places on trips. From now on any member wishing to secure a place on a given outing will only be able to do so if they pay 'up front' either by cash or cheque. On receipt of full payment their name(s) will then be added to the outing list. The outings will be advertised months in advance so there is ample opportunity for members to budget accordingly. Payments made will be non-refundable.

We apologise for this but we are confident that you will understand the necessity for the change of policies.

Outing leaders: Frances Waite, Debbie Adams, Jean Pearson

email: outings@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

THEATRE GROUP email: theatre@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

Saturday Matinees at the Little Theatre

The Autumn/Winter 2019/20 programme is now available on the Theatre Desk

Cabaret - Wednesday, 11th September 2019, Theatre Royal, Nottingham at 2.00 p.m.

The coach will depart at 11.00 a.m. from the road adjacent to the Bowls Club. Parking should be at the Bowls Club – far right-hand corner. Please **DO NOT** park at the Church or on the road. Any problems please contact Anne Dyster,

Matthew Bourne ballet – ‘Romeo and Juliet’. Music by Prokofiev. **Theatre Royal, Nottingham.** **Matinee** performance **Thursday 3rd October** tickets are 30.80. Please come to the Theatre Desk to arrange transport. **Lynda Middleton**

Music of the Night -Royal Albert Hall, London, Wednesday 6th November 2019, 7.30pm.

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra plus singers perform music from all of the big Broadway shows.

I hope to have tickets available at the September meeting.

Parking will be at Melton Baptist Church. Please DO NOT park at the Bowls Club or you will be locked in, or on the road. We have paid for parking.

The coach will depart promptly at 12.45pm travelling via Brent Cross arriving for the performance commencing 7.30pm. It is expected to finish at around 10.00pm and we should be home soon after 1.00am. Any problems please contact Anne Dyster,

Phantom of the Opera

Curve theatre, Leicester. Evening performance Wednesday 11th March 2020.

Tickets are £52.00 and final numbers are to be confirmed by 16th December when full payment will be required. A deposit will secure a booking. Transport will be provided at an extra cost. Please visit the Theatre Desk or email if you think you might be interested in this. **Closing date: 30th November**



Walking Groups



1st THURSDAY WALKING GROUP

Thursday 3rd October 2019, Beacon Hill, approx. 6 miles.

Please meet at the Old Bulls Head PH, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RZ ready to walk for 10am.

A provisional group booking has been made for anyone requiring lunch.

Walk Leaders: Wendy and Stuart Posnett

Group Co-ordinators: Wendy & Stuart Posnett

2nd MONDAY WALKING GROUP

9th September 2019 - Meet at the "Flying Childers" Kirby Bellars. 10-15 for 10-30 start

14th October 2019 - Meet at the "Star Inn" Melton Lane, West Leake. LE12 5RQ 10-15 for 10-30 start. (A new walk)

Group Co-ordinator: Geoff Harris

3RD WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP - 5 miles

The September walk will be from South Witham on the 18th September 2019. Meet at the Blue Cow, High St, South Witham (NG33 5QB) 10-10:15am for a 10:30 start. Many thanks to David Jackson for suggesting this walk.

The October walk will be from Barkby on the 16th October 2019. Meet at the Malt Shovel PH, Barkby (LE7 3QG) 10:15am for a 10:30 start.

Walk Leader Bob McLellan

Group Co-ordinator Rob Issitt,

walkingwednesday3@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

4th MONDAY WALKING GROUP - 23rd September 2019, Bradgate Park

Please meet at 10 am for a 10.15 am start, at the Hallgates car park (Cropston) Bradgate Park (LE7 7HQ). Please note there is a £3 parking charge. Pub lunch at The Badgers Sett.

Walk Leaders: Vaughan & Jennifer Gregory
Group co-ordinator: Jennifer Gregory



Annual Group Reports



Play Reading Groups 1 & 2

The first play reading group was started in 1998 by Shirley Cornfield. Some 21 years later we now have two groups, one group meeting on the second Thursday each month and the other group on the third Tuesday. Both groups read the same play and we still read comedies only, usually deriving much enjoyment from the humour contained within the script (and, sometimes, from our own interpretations of same!!). One group has eight members, the other has nine. Due to the size of the venue and the number of roles that a typical play has to offer, we currently cannot take on any new members but assistance is always available should anyone wish to start up a new group. Over the last year we have read plays by such writers as Kenneth Horne, Anthony Schaffer and Norman Robbins, and we particularly enjoyed re-visiting the famous play "Outside Edge" by Richard Harris. Here's to the next 21 years!

Alan Barton, Group Leader



Final Notices

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE FOR THE OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER:

Reading Group 1, Dawson, Young, Pre-Lunch and Jenny
Scottish Country Dancing
Scrabble
Singing

Contributions to the October 2019 newsletter to be received no later than 30th September. Items should be emailed to editor@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk or posted to 20 Gartree Drive, Melton Mowbray LE13 0AE

At the meeting next month on Thursday 17th October 2019

Speaker	Peter Armour- Amber Autumn, Golden Glen
Display	Wood-carving
Catering	Jenny Petchey, Joyce Burton, Wendy Varley, Margaret Spencer, Lynette Wareing
Meet/Greet	Jennifer Gregory, Rosemary Barton

