

Ravenshead U3A Magazine



Ken Heathcote and Piper at the August meeting, Ken spoke about his life and Piper demonstrated assisting with everyday tasks. (Also see page 4)

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Welcome from the Editor

Welcome to our twentieth issue of Ravenshead U3A magazine. I can't believe that it was first produced in spring 2013. Like us it has seen a few changes such as the introduction of colour in winter 2014. and our regular "Spotlight " series which began in spring 2016 when the spotlight fell on the painting, pastels and creative writing groups. Don't forget you can read all the back issues of the magazine on the archive page of our RU3A website!

Some things don't change, however, and this current issue includes reports of visits and social events, items of interest arising from our monthly meetings and personal accounts from our members which I hope you will enjoy.

Our next issue is planned for January 2020 so please send any contributions (preferably in word processed form) to myself at xxxxxxxxxx or phone me on xxxxxxxx. Closing date first week of December due to Christmas and New Year closing by the printers.

**Judith Moore (editor) Barbara Jukes, David Morton (proof readers),
Terry Moore (desktop publishing).**

Apologies are due to Peter Cooper whose article on the visit of Franz Liszt in our last magazine was wrongly attributed to the mysterious Peter Walker!

Ravenshead U3A Committee

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Thoughts from the chair!

How time flies! I hope you have all enjoyed a great summer. I don't like it too hot so the record breaking heatwaves were not for me. I wasn't keen on the rain either but then it meant I didn't have to water my garden. Somewhere in between suits me best. So by the time you read this the grandchildren will be back at school and the shops will start selling Christmas - if they haven't started already.

So far this year we have enjoyed several interesting trips and thanks are due to Chris Dean for organising them. I am sure you have noticed that we are trying to use the Ravenshead Community Buses whenever possible and that is simply because small is much more manageable. It is easier to fill one or two minibuses than a full size coach and so, whilst this means numbers of participants have to be limited, we will try to repeat popular trips in order to satisfy demand. Please let Chris have ideas for destinations even if they are places that we have visited in past years.

I would like to mention our Coffee & Conversation mornings which take place every 3rd Monday of the month in Room 3 at the Centre. Please try it out, meet other members (including committee members), exchange views and share ideas. I am afraid we can only offer instant coffee but it is free and the company is good!

Maria Gabrielczyk, Chairman, Ravenshead U3A



Dear Frances,
Colin and I would like to thank you and the Ravenshead U3A Committee for the one off card you sent us to mark our 90th birthdays. We have lived in Ravenshead for more than 50 years, and obviously have made many friends, but joining the U3A, and the various groups, has given us and even wider group of like minded friends.

Julia & Colin Kibbler

WELFARE

One of the more pleasant jobs for our welfare officer is to send out cards marking special occasions for our members. Julia and Colin Kibbler recently celebrated a milestone birthday which we wished to mark. The committee appreciated the response, shown here, from Julia and Colin and we are particularly pleased to know that they are enjoying their membership of RU3A.



Colin, but not with Julia!

August Monthly Meeting

We had a good turnout in August to enjoy meeting Ken Heathcote and his assistance dog, Piper. We later received the following letter from Dogs for Good, the charity Ken represents. **Judith Moore, Speaker Finder**

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15 August 2019

Dear Mrs Owen and all at Ravenshead U3A

Re: Ravenshead U3A

We have just received details via Ken Heathcote, about his recent visit to your Group - thank you so much for giving us this opportunity to join you. We do hope you all enjoyed meeting Ken - and Piper, of course, his lovely assistance dog! And hope you found his talk about the charity both interesting and inspiring.

Ken has expressly asked that we comment on how very warm your welcome was and so we simply had to mention that in our letter to you.

Thank you also so much for your very kind donation of £100 plus with the generosity of your colleagues' personal donations (and plant sale proceeds) a further £184.08 was raised! All monies will be used to help us continue with our vital work in the community.

And to put it into perspective:

Your donation equates to funding either 9 puppy classes (average has approximately 15 pups per class) or covering the daily costs for 60 of our working dogs.

Thank you for helping us to progress

Kindest regards

Lydia Martin
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Visit to Mr Straw's House, Worksop

On Friday 19th July the village bus was duly booked and we all set off for Mr Straw's house in Blyth Grove, Worksop. This is a house which hasn't been changed at all since the 1930s as the sons of Mr and Mrs Straw did not feel they should or could! The house adjoining Mr Straw's was owned by the Straw family who were quite well-to-



do and when the last of the Straw family died they left the house to the tenants. The National Trust (who now own the property) managed to negotiate with the tenant family and bought the property so that they could open the houses together and improve the visit for the guests.

We arrived in the rain and after finding a seat we had coffee. The large group of fifteen was split into smaller groups of three or four to go around the house with the very informative guides. All the rooms were very interesting including Mrs Straw's parlour which had French windows and Nottingham lace curtains! This was very unusual for the time, but Mrs Straw must have been a forceful woman who knew how to get her own way!! There was an indoor bathroom too, which again was very innovative for the time. All the rooms were furnished as they had been left and it was interesting to see the contents of the kitchen shelves as many of us recognised some of the names like CEREBOS salt and Horlicks night drinks!!

We moved on from there to Welbeck Garden Centre for a meal and a well earned sit down, before making our way home after a great day out despite the weather!

Kate Asquith, Ravenshead U3A member

Interestingly, R U3A member Charles Clarkson lived next door to the Straw's house as a child and although he left when he was five he does have some vague memories of the time although it is more likely that his mother would have had some dealings with the family.

Recycling in Nottinghamshire

Veolia is a French owned company with headquarters in Paris operating around the globe in over 50 countries in the waste, energy and water sectors. Veolia Nottinghamshire though focuses on Recycling and Waste as we are the waste contractors for Nottinghamshire County Council. Which means we recycle, recover and dispose of household waste generated by all the residents of Nottinghamshire.

Lets touch quickly on the history of recycling. Paper started us off back in 1690 but it wasn't until the 19th century that recycling really started to become commonplace. In 2003 the household waste recycling act required 2 types of recyclable material to be collected from each household by 2010. The latest target is for the UK to recycle 50% of household waste by 2020.

As someone at an event said to me recently, one doesn't just throw things 'away' there is no 'away' - everything goes somewhere and there's been a big shift in interest about what happens to the recycling that is collected and curiosity about where general waste goes which I will hopefully clear up in the information below.

Across the county the items that can go into the recycling bin remains the same no matter which borough or district you live in (excluding the city) which often surprises people. All clean & dry cardboard, paper, cans, tins and plastic bottles, margarine tubs and yoghurt pots can go into the bin - this includes aerosol cans! These are then taken to the Materials Recovery Facility in Mansfield where they are sorted out into their individual item types and sent on to become new items.

There tends to be confusion about which plastics can be recycled especially with areas across the country doing different things. In Nottinghamshire all plastic bottles, margarine tubs and yoghurt pots can go in. That's it, nothing else, no food trays, bubble wrap, juice cartons, kids toys or plant pots (to name but a few of the things that get put into the bins by mistake.) The plastic bottles, margarine tubs and yoghurt pots that we collect all get sorted - and reprocessed in the UK.

There are though some big No-No's about what can't go in the recycling bin, and that's nappies, food waste, sanitary waste and dog poo! Yes we've seen it all, and the fantastic recycling operatives at the Materials Recovery Facility literally do see it all - and have to pull it out of the rest of the items. Not a nice job at all, please don't put it in your recycling bin.

Switching to general waste, there is a perception that it all goes to landfill, while this used to be true, it's not the case any more as the majority of Nottinghamshire's general waste goes to an Energy Recovery Facility where it's turned into electricity and district heating.

If you'd like to become a Nottinghamshire recycling pro the information can be downloaded here:

www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire/RecycleForNottinghamshire

Victoria Thacker, Veolia Nottinghamshire

Veolia Materials Recovery Facility Photos



At our July monthly meeting we welcomed Lesley Taylor, education officer from Veolia, Notts, whose talk was entitled "Lesley Taylor Talks Rubbish!"

In fact Lesley's presentation was informative, and extremely useful, incorporating visual aids and audience participation using a quiz to ascertain what we already know, don't know or think we know about recycling.



Although it should be obvious that some of the things which people dump in their recycling bins defy logic, such as carpets, dirty nappies and food waste I, like many people, hadn't realised that shredded paper should never be sent to recycling. Yes, it is paper, but in its shredded condition the fibres are not long enough to warrant the expense of recycling and in fact can block or shut down the sorting machinery. Put in a plastic bag.it should go into your general waste. .



Lesley's talk generated lots of questions and I think we all left with a greater understanding of what our green bin is for!

Judith Moore, speaker finder



SPOTLIGHT ON THE Photography for Fun! Group



There was a healthy interest in this new group start-up in June. After our initial meeting where we discussed things we could or might want to do in the group, our first ‘proper’ meeting was held on the first Wednesday in July in the Brammer room. Several members were able to bring along ‘one photo to talk about’ and we also watched a video about improving the composition of photographs.

A ‘fun’ task was set for the group to come up with some photos for the Groups Showcase where we would hold a photo quiz of everyday objects, but from an unusual angle or close-up. (As this magazine comes out on the same day as the Groups Showcase, I guess many of you will have seen it. I hope it went well!)

In August, we went on our first ‘photoshoot’ together. Mansfield might not seem the most inspiring of places to attempt this, but it is amazing what there is of interest when you take a close look. A good number of us took a walk round, guided by Judith, stopping off at different points to take photos with our various types of cameras and smartphones. This gave us an opportunity to discuss some technical issues with each other as well as to have a general chat. We called in at Mansfield Museum where there was an interesting exhibition of photographs of the town from the Old Mansfield Society before finishing with coffee. It was a good social occasion and we hope to repeat this type of activity in other places during the year. I hope to present some of the photos taken in Mansfield at some point during a general meeting too. Meanwhile if you are interested in joining the group please get in touch.

Terry Moore, Photography for Fun group leader.



Afternoon Tea



Sunday 11th August was the day of our afternoon tea. Planning started mid-May, Ann Mills agreed to cater for us and a few brave people came forward to provide the entertainment. We kept this under wraps but apparently word did get out that the Belly Dancing Group was one such act.



The food, all made by Ann, was delicious – little sandwiches, scones and fancy cakes and some members even brought their own wine.



Very many thanks to all the acts which followed. Chris Dean sang three songs (she told me she used to sing in nightclubs years ago) accompanied by Terry who also played a solo for us. And for the finale our belly dancers gave a stunning performance. Their leader, Sue, told me they would dance away the afternoon and they certainly did. For their encore they were joined by several members who got up and danced! So, Ravenshead U3A has talent – well done!

Maria Gabrielczyk, Ravenshead U3A



Local History Guided Walks

The Castle Area of Nottingham: Tuesday 11th June 2019

On a very wet and cold June day 15 members of the Local History Group, some of us having been fortified by a very nice lunch provided at the Centre by Paul and Margaret Craddock, met near Marks and Spencers for a walk, led by Peter Hammond, of the Castle area of Nottingham.

We first crossed to go up Castle Gate – stopping outside Weavers Wine Shop which carries a plaque showing that Geoffrey Trease the children’s author lived there and in fact Weavers is still owned by the Trease family. Almost the next building bears a plaque showing that D.H. Lawrence worked there for a short time when the building was a truss (medical, not building) factory. Opposite this is the Congregational Centre which started life as a Congregational Church, the present building dating back to 1864. Looking at various buildings on the way we stopped at ‘The Royal Children’ said by some to be the oldest pub in Nottingham and named after the grandchildren of James II. We then arrived at The Salutation Inn for a visit to their caves and of course a refreshment stop! Photo attached – note there were some coffees consumed to warm us up.

When we came out it had stopped raining so we crossed Maid Marian Way and continued up Castle Gate – it was good to see that the row of Georgian houses had been returned to living accommodation and were well cared for, even though it was sad that the Costume Museum had been closed and its contents are now stored at Newstead Abbey (what a pity they are not on display as before). We saw



The group with guide Peter Hammond.

the Severns Building confirmed as the oldest building in Nottingham and moved from its original site and rebuilt where it currently stands on Castle Road. We walked on past the Robin Hood Statue and saw the works that were being carried

out at the Castle, then past the site of the old General Hospital, along St James Terrace and Postern Street to the gated entrance to Nottingham Park. We completed our walk on Park Row having viewed some wonderful Georgian and Victorian buildings on the way.

Judy Walker, Local History Group Leader

Guided Walk of Newark: Tuesday 9th July 2019

It was the July meeting of our local history group and we were meeting, as usual, after the general monthly meeting. We were due to start our guided tour of Newark at 2 p.m. so there was little time to snatch a bite to eat. Fortunately, Margaret and Paul Craddock prepared a delicious sandwich lunch for 12 (at a very reasonable price) and we were able to leave in good time in the village bus and two cars (24 in total).

We met our two guides at the National Civil War Centre in Newark town centre where we split into two groups and set off on our walking tour. Our route took us along part of what is known as the National Civil War trail.

In simplistic terms what is known as the first English Civil War was a fight over many years between King Charles I and his supporters, the Royalists (Cavaliers), and the Parliamentarians (Roundheads) over the governance of England. Many fierce and bloody battles were fought. Thousands of lives were lost. The final outcome was a Parliamentary victory.

So what part did Newark play? It was of great importance strategically to both sides because two major roads crossed through the town, the Great North Way and the Fosse Way but it was of particular significance to the Royalists as the town connected their headquarters in Oxford to Royalist centres in the northeast. King Charles I visited this Royalist stronghold many times. 1646 marked the end of the first Civil War when after many months of siege by the Parliamentary forces (and the Scottish army) King Charles ordered the loyal garrison to surrender.

We saw many of the original timber framed buildings in the town centre, we visited the town hall (built in 1776 by John Carr and one of the finest Georgian town halls in the country) where we saw the magnificent ballroom on the first floor and we stopped by the church of St Mary Magdalen.

The plan is to visit again next year and discover more.

Maria Gabrielczyk, group member.

TWINKLE



Twinkle, twinkle little star
Shine down upon us from afar
You take our mind from worldly things
And give imagination wings
To hatch the most fantastic schemes
Where all is possible it seems
Forsake the here and now of care
Escape in daydreams who knows where
Become a child again somehow
Relive the wonder; relive the wow
That filled the world in every way
When childish fantasy held sway
The common round seems such a bore
Oh just to feel reborn once more
To have no care; to have no woes
To have no heed that one day those
Imperatives named **must** and **should**
Will rule our lives for ill or good
But woes and cares won't go away
We still will face them day to day
Our careworn treadmill seems so steep
Fresh demons robbing us of sleep
Yet erstwhile problems once so feared
Somehow have all now disappeared
Twinkle, twinkle little star
Though now we know just what you are
Still fabulous to us you seem
Part of the great almighty scheme
You give imagination wings
And take our mind from worldly things

Alan Kirkham
Creative writing Group

A Remarkable Afternoon in Jasper, Alberta!

Wednesday, 19th June 2019. Day Five of our Canadian Rockies trip:

We started the day in the Jasper National Park Mountains, touring the Patricia Lake (named after Queen Victoria's granddaughter) and Pyramid Lake. We were ably driven by Genesis in a Brewster motorcoach. There was light fresh snow fall on the mountain tops, 10-15cms is considered light, and the rain had cleared by the time we came back to the Jasper Inn and Suites where we were staying for one more night. We were to have a free afternoon, which was a real treat!

We kicked off our walking shoes and relaxed for a brief while, but I had high hopes of fulfilling a half promise to my sister that if we found time in Jasper, we would visit the grave of her husband's uncle who was killed in an avalanche in the mountains during the war. I had his name and knew he had been a Lovat Scout, but was otherwise ignorant of his story. I had also been told by our tour group leader Pam that there were three, yes three, cemeteries in Jasper, so my husband was not too thrilled at the prospect of trudging around searching for the grave. However, he did encourage me to go to Reception to ask for a map and directions, and I didn't wait for him to change his mind!

What happened next is almost unbelievable and has ever since filled me with a great faith in human kindness. The two Receptionist staff pricked up their ears when I asked for directions – there is apparently just the one cemetery, not three, but it was a good twenty five minute walk out of town, in the same direction we had just been on the motorcoach. I was beginning to think it wouldn't be possible to walk that far and back for John (dodgy knees etc). but the girls then started asking me who I was looking for at the cemetery and what was my connection. I mentioned the name Alexander Collie – known as Sandy, a Lovat Scout; his nephew (my brother in law Ian) and my sister Diane, and more faces started to appear around doors as I had evidently stirred up some interest in the office. Would you believe it, the General Manager came out of her office and I had to tell her again the story – and without any hesitation she offered to take me and my husband, there and then, to the cemetery in her “car”. I told her I thought it was too far for John to walk back, but she again said it wouldn't be a problem, - she would take us AND bring us back! It would be a pleasure for her! Apparently her first husband used to take her on hikes on the Lovat trail which was very strenuous and overgrown. She was fascinated by the story and wanted to know the exact location of the avalanche. As you can imagine, I virtually ran back to our room to tell John, and we gathered



Shawnee and John look for information



John and Angela at Alexander's grave

ourselves quickly, not quite sure if we were doing the right thing putting the General Manager to so much trouble. By the time we had returned to Reception, the staff had “Googled” the whole story just out of interest for themselves and they were brimming over with information and excitement.

So, Shawnee (the General Manager) put on her coat and we climbed into her huge truck vehicle (can't remember the model of it, might have been Chevrolet, but obviously a very substantial vehicle capable of shifting mountains) and we drove the five or ten minutes out of town to the most beautiful, peaceful, tidy cemetery enclosed in a low steel fence, encircled by a well-trimmed hedge. There wasn't another person or vehicle to be seen. The pedestrian gate was unlocked and we walked through onto a crushed stone path, wide enough to drive two cars side by side. The path was edged with logs or sleepers I think, and every ten feet or so, a number was written on the edge for reference. Either side of the path was lined with guardian pine trees. The cemetery was completely flat with graves on either side of the path. It was very simple, very tidy and very personal, especially to Shawnee as she knew so many of the family names. Just inside the gate was a

covered information area containing a plan of the cemetery and a book in a cupboard with laminated pages, detailing all who were laid to rest. Shawnee quickly found Alexander Collie and his grave reference: Grave 235, Row 6. As we approached, we could see a number of grave stones which looked like “War Graves”. Alexander’s grave was easy to spot – the grass all around was short but the whole cemetery had obviously been ablaze with dandelion flowers a week or two before, and had now gone to seed which gave the impression of candles everywhere. We took loads of photos, and Shawnee was just as delighted as we were to find him: 326148 L/Corporal Alexander Collie, Lovat Scouts, 20th Jan 1944. In Loving Remembrance of Dear Sandy. Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

After a few minutes, Shawnee drove us back to town and took us to the Jasper Museum as she knew there was an exhibition about the Lovat Scouts on display.

Angela Senior, Ravenshead U3A



Jasper cemetery, the view from the grave with the mountains in the background

There is much more to this story. In the next issue you can find out what Angela and John discovered at the Jasper Museum with the help of archivist Karen Byers. Ed.

Walking in Norfolk

Eleven members of the Hiking group joined John and Sue Clay for two days walking in North Norfolk. This is the second year we have walked in Norfolk and this year we were pleased to have the company of our group leader Steve Hargreaves.

Tuesday 9th July. We proceeded from Weybourne beach car park through the village of Weybourne crossing the A149 at the Weybourne windmill, built in 1850 and now a residential dwelling. We then joined the North Norfolk coastal path and headed for our destination Sheringham passing the coastguard cottages, Sheringham golf



Sheringham Promenade

course and the coastguard observation post. We ate our packed lunch on the sea front in Sheringham and returned to Weybourne via the same route. On reaching Weybourne we all retired to the Ship Inn for well earned refreshments (approx. six miles).

Wednesday 10th July. Today we set off from Cley next the Sea again on the North Norfolk coastal path in a northerly direction through Cley marshes towards the coast. On arrival at the shingle beach we proceeded to walk some distance along the beach one step forward two back. At the point where we turned inland everyone was ready for a rest and coffee break. We



Shingle beach along North Norfolk coastline

now walked inland crossing the A149 up a steep incline onto the ridge with views out to sea. At this point it started to rain, instead of lunch being a picnic we ate our sandwiches in the rain. The remainder of the walk led us along country lanes and a drovers track called Hurdle Lane. The sting in the tail was climbing Lavender hill, a short but sharp incline. Who said Norfolk was flat? We then proceeded to the Three Swallows pub for some well-deserved refreshment.(approx. seven miles).

Well done everyone. **John Clay, Ravenshead U3A**



SPOTLIGHT on our volunteer teams



Our U3A relies on our dedicated volunteers who help to ensure the smooth running of our monthly meetings, The welcomers are the first to greet members as they arrive and the refreshment team prepares and serves the drinks and biscuits during the interval.

Glenis Wyatt recently stepped down after several years as refreshment team leader, ringing round to make sure that at each meeting there were enough volunteers available. Two other long serving members of the team, Susanne Smith and Margaret Robinson have also retired. All three have been familiar faces behind the urns since the first meeting in 2011.



Refreshment team ready for action



The smiling faces of the welcomers

Our Welcomers Team, until recently led by Elaine Brumpton, meets and greets members at the beginning of each meeting and also looks out for any new members who may be unsure of the arrangements. They try to make sure that no one is left alone and do a great job in promoting our U3A as a friendly organisation.

We appreciate the commitment of all our volunteers and send them a big thankyou. We are always looking for new volunteers so if you would like to help please contact Val Ford or any committee member.

Judith Moore, Ravenshead U3A

RAVENSHEAD U3A – INTEREST GROUPS

Group Name	Leader	Phone	Meeting Day and Time	Location	Full
Angling	Lionel Castle		Please ring for details		No
Antiques	David Turner Maureen Smith		Monthly TBC	Members' Homes	No
Belly Dancing	Sue Clipson		1 st &3rd Thursday 1.00pm	The Centre	No
Bridge for Beginners	Maria Gabrielczyk		Currently inactive. Please phone if interested	At leaders' home	No
Canasta	Trevor Davy		2nd and 4th Tues 2 – 4pm	Brammer Room	No
Chess & Backgammon	Jan Fraser		1st & 3rd Mon 10 -12	Home	No
Computing Beginners	Alan Paul		On demand	Alan Paul's house	No
Craft workshops	Kate Asquith Irene Chapman		Thursday 10.00-12.00	Room 2 The Centre	No
Creative Writing	David Turner		Friday after the U3A monthly meeting.	Members' Homes	No
Cryptic Crossword	Frances Gilbert		Thursday 10.00 – 11.45	Members' Homes	No
Current Affairs	Carol Wright		3rd Wednesday 2.00 -3.30	Brammer Room	No
Family History	Barbara Jukes		4th Tuesday 10-12	Brammer Room	No
Folk Dancing	Alex Fraser		2nd & 4th Mon 2 - 4pm	Ravenshead Village Hall	No
French Conversation	Brian Machin		1st&3rd Mon 10-11.30am	Telephone leader.	Full
Gardening	Elizabeth Clarkson		Various dates and locations	See group web page	No
Guitar	John Bewick		1st & 3rd Thursday 10-12	Ravenshead Church Lounge	Full
Hikers (5-8 miles)	Steve Hargreaves		1st & 3rd Wednesday	See group web page	No
Knitting and Crochet	Anne Lovegrove Liz Corner		2pm – 4pm 1st and 3rd Friday	Brammer Room, Village Hall	No
Latin	David Morton		2nd & 4th Wed -9.30 - 12	Room 3 the Centre	Full
Local History	Judith Walker		2pm – 4pm 2nd Tuesday	Room 3 The Centre and local visits	No
Luncheon Club	Chris Dean		Various locations monthly	See group web page	No
Mah Jong	Anne Eldridge Jennifer Philby		1st & 3rd Tuesday 2-4 pm	Brammer Room, Village Hall	No
Music Appreciation	David Turner		3rd Tuesday 1.30 – 3.00	Members' Homes	No
Painting	Mary Abbott		2nd Monday 1.30 – 3.30	The Centre	No
Pastels	Wanda Parker		Gp 1 Wed.10.00 – 12.00 Gp 2 Fri. 10.00 – 12.00	Wanda's house	Full No
Play Reading Group	Alan Kirkham		2.00pm on the day after U3A monthly meeting	Members' Homes	No
Photography For Fun!	Terry & Judith Moore		1 st Wednesday 2.00 p.m.	Brammer Room, Village Hall	No
Reading Group 1	Pat Brown		3rd Tuesday 2.30pm	Members' Homes	Full
Reading Group 2	Carol Payze		3rd Tuesday 2pm	Carol's house	No
Science and Technology	Alan Paul		1st Friday in month	The Centre	No

Scrabble Cribbage Rummikub Groups 1/2	Susanne Smith	1st Tuesday 7.30p-9.30pm 3rd Tuesday 10am	Brammer Room	No
Spanish	Joyce Capps	Currently inactive	Member's Homes	No
Table Tennis	John Clay	1st&3rd Monday 2-3pm	Cornwater Leisure Centre	Full
Thursday Walks	Graham Munroe	4 th Thursday of the month	Website or contact Graham	No
Weekenders	Sue Owen Pat Van Grondelle Chris Munton	Various events and visits	For more information see the web site	No
Wine Group 1	Lionel Castle	3rd Friday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 2	Brenda Beale 01158	3rd Tuesday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 3	Michael Neville	2nd Monday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 4	Angela Senior	3rd Tuesday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 5	Sue Tidbury	1st Wednesday	Members' homes	Full
Yoga Group 1	Bob Ford	Wkly 2.00-3.30 Tuesday	The Centre at St Peters	No
Yoga Group 2	Bob Ford	Wkly 9.30-11.00 Friday.	The Centre at St Peters	No

If you are interested in joining any of the above Groups but they are showing as full, please contact the Group Leader to ask to be put on a waiting list. You will then be contacted once a place becomes available or there are enough people to form a further Group.

Notice Board



Do you have an interest that you would like to share with other members? You can use this notice board to post messages. Contact the editor.

- Following on from the Afternoon Tea we are thinking of organising some sort of talent show (not a competition) next year. So, we are calling all jugglers, singers, magicians, poets, musicians, dancers, stand-ups and others. If you have a 'talent' please don't be shy – do let us know.
- Your committee is keen to hear from you. Are there things we could do better or differently? Do you have any comments, ideas or advice? Are there any trips you would like us to investigate? Do you have any ideas for new interest groups? We would love to hear from you. Please speak to any member of your committee.

Maria Gabrielczyk, Chairman, Ravenshead U3A

Dates for Your Diary

(Check the website for the latest information!)

Monthly Meetings (10.00 a.m. St. Peter's Church, Ravenshead)

Tue Oct 8th: Spinster of no occupation; speaker Dr Rowena Edlin-White

Tue Nov 12th: New Orleans to New York Jazz; Speaker Roger Brown.

Tue Dec 10th: Nottinghamshire Police commissioner - Paddy Tipping.

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Jan 14th: Work of Derby Mountain Rescue Team Speaker Paul Barlow.

Feb 11th: Diary of a wildlife photographer Speaker Jack Perks

Social Events

Coffee and Conversation, commencing 10am. Venue: Room 3, the Centre at St. Peter's (3rd MONDAY of each month) Dates: 16th Sep, 21st Oct, 18th Nov, 16th Dec, 20th Jan.

Quiz Night: Fri Sep 20th (Sold out!)

Christmas lunch: Tue Dec 17th Portland College - details to follow.

Occasional Visits

Details on website 'TRIPS and VISITS' page.

Thu Sep 19th: Cromford Mill, Arkwright Experience, Boat trip

Fri Oct 11th: Newark Antiques Fair

Sat Dec 7th Opera Dudes

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Some Photography for Fun group members pictured on their photo walk around Mansfield