

# Ravenshead U3A Magazine



Members of the Ravenshead U3A "U3Acoustic" pictured after entertaining the diners at the Portland Christmas Lunch. More pictures on pages 10 and 11

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## Welcome from the Editor

Welcome to our new issue of Ravenshead U3A magazine, the first of a new decade. We have had lots to celebrate with contributions from some of our groups that have been meeting over the festive period as well as a selection of photographs taken at the U3A Christmas meal at Portland. For the first time Terry and I were unable to attend as the 17<sup>th</sup> December was the day our son James, daughter in law Tamara and six year old twins Finnley and Zaiden were arriving from Tokyo to spend the holiday with us. Needless to say we had a great but busy couple of weeks and they are now safely back home whilst we are getting back to “normal”. We hope you have all enjoyed Christmas with family and friends and wish you a Happy New Year. Other contributions this time include the second part of Angela Senior’s account of her “Remarkable afternoon in Jasper” and Diane Rumsey’s memories of fencing for Great Britain! I know that many of you must have similar interesting tales to tell so please consider writing an article for the spring magazine.

Our next issue is planned for May 2020 so please send any contributions (preferably in word processed form) to myself through our website contact form. Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> April.

*Don't forget you can read all the back issues of the magazine on the archive page of our RU3A website.*

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

## Ravenshead U3A Committee

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## Thoughts from the Chair!

I hope all our members have had a wonderful Christmas. With the festivities behind us we will now focus on the new year. I hope many of you will let us have your feedback by completing the questionnaire sent out with the renewal notice. If you would like a hard copy please collect one at the January or February meetings. Your views are very important to us and will help inform the committee's plans for the coming years.



We are already planning our celebrations for the very first National U3A Day which will take place on Wednesday, 3rd June 2020 up and down the country. We want to raise our profile in the locality and demonstrate how the U3A movement helps third agers live well in retirement. Your committee is planning an Open Day at the Ravenshead Village Hall. All groups are invited to take part – on stage or on the dance floor or if you prefer to exhibit your arts and crafts then please book a stall. Margaret Craddock will be contacting all groups shortly. Please save the date in your diary. Members and their families, friends and guests and all local residents are invited to come along and see how we Learn, Laugh and Live!

I wish all members a Happy and Healthy 2020

**Maria Gabrielczyk, Chairman, Ravenshead U3A**

### Learn, Laugh, Live.

You may have noticed that our LOGO has been altered recently.

You will now see the tag line of LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE underneath the official U3A logo. This change was confirmed at the last national U3A AGM. It is designed to explain more clearly what the U3A movement is actually about, rather than the old tag line of UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE.

It was felt that the previous version was a problem in that people expected it to be like an actual University with courses leading to exams etc. For a lot of people in their 'third age' this was seen as a negative and prevented them from joining.

So when speaking to anyone about U3A, remember "Learn, Laugh, Live".





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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE RAVENSHEAD U3A  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
Tuesday 14 April 2020 at 10 a.m.  
at St Peter's Church, Ravenshead

## AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM on 9 April 2019
4. Matters arising
5. Chairman's Report on behalf of the Trustees
6. To receive and adopt the annual accounts for 2019 (*1 January to 31 December 2019*)
7. To approve the appointment of an Independent Examiner – proposal that local member Ralph Chapman (Principal HMRC ret'd) be appointed
8. Motions (*to be lodged with Business Secretary by 13 March 2020*)
9. Election of the Committee for 2020/21 (*Voting - by secret ballot – will only be necessary if the number of nominations exceeds the number of places on the committee*)
10. Election results
11. Date of next AGM - Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 10 a.m. (*to be confirmed in due course*)

## **RU3A review of the year: memorable moments from 2019**

**April:** the AGM and election of a new committee saw two new members and ten returning members take up their various roles. Always a popular visitor, speaker Martin Fish gave a talk on the work of a Royal Horticultural Society Judge.

**August:** we have had some interesting speakers over the year but arguably one of the most memorable was in August when Ken Heathcote brought Piper his assistance dog to demonstrate how Piper has transformed his life. Also in August the committee organised an afternoon tea at the Centre during which members were treated to entertainment including acts by soloist Chris Dean, pianist Terry

Moore and a performance by the belly dancing group led by Sue Clipson.

**September:** Our monthly meeting was designated our “Groups Showcase” when there was an opportunity for many of our groups to show what they have been doing over the year. In the church we were treated to readings from the creative writing group while Barbara Jukes presented a powerpoint looking at family history and the newly formed photography for fun group members devised a “close-ups” photographic quiz to get the audience involved. We then adjourned to the centre where there was a variety of exhibitions and presentations celebrating the diversity of activities available to us. We could have a go at various games like chess, backgammon, mah jong and scrabble, check out our knowledge of Latin and attempt a cryptic crossword before admiring the different arts and crafts on display.

Also in September we held our first evening social event at the Village Hall, a quiz night with fish and chips supper which attracted 80 members. The evening included three quizzes (based on general knowledge, music and cryptic clues) and a lucky ticket draw and everyone seemed to have a good time.

**October:** another popular speaker was Roger Browne who battled the weather conditions to travel from Salford to Ravenshead to entertain us with his musicianship as well as memorable and amusing stories from his life while giving his talk entitled “New Orleans to New York Jazz”. Roger will be visiting us again next November. He’s obviously not afraid of the winter weather!

**December:** as mentioned elsewhere the year ended with the Christmas lunch at Portland which as always was well attended. Entertainment was provided by “Bestwood Voices”, a group of singers from Bestwood Male Voice Choir, and our own U3Acoustic guitar group led the communal singing.

**Ongoing:** We have enjoyed several visits in 2019. These have included trips to Eden Camp in North Yorkshire, Birmingham Museums Archive, Mr. Straw’s House and Welbeck, Chatsworth Flower Show, Black Country Museum, Cromford Mill and NEC Creative Craft Fair. Our groups have enjoyed their own events and visits and continue to be well supported. Our teams of volunteers (and remember we are all volunteers!) continue to work hard for the benefit of all whether as group leaders, trips organisers, events organisers, committee members, welcomers or refreshment teams.

All in all 2019 has been a busy and productive year for Ravenshead U3A. We look forward to an equally interesting and successful 2020 as we continue to Learn, Laugh, Live.

**Judith Moore, editor.**

## Visit to the NEC with the U3A Craft Group

On Sunday, November 3rd the intrepid travellers set off in the village bus to go to the Creative Craft Fair and Simply Christmas shows at the NEC, hoping as it was the last day of the shows that there would be some special bargains!



As we neared the Exhibition Centre we could see the long queues of traffic waiting to go in, but as one of our members had brought her electric scooter, we headed for the disabled parking which thankfully was very near to the entrance.

The first stop was the coffee shop or even breakfast for one or two of the group as it had been an early start for them! Once coffee was consumed the group split up and all went their different ways looking for beads, threads and kits to make up when they got home, workshops to enjoy, or just to browse and see what exactly was on offer.

Elaine and Janet enjoyed their visit and Elaine later wrote “Very interesting visit to the Craft Fair where we spent a very enjoyable few hours looking at the many stalls offering amazing craft creations to make and buy. On arrival we booked to do two workshops, the first to create a wood and paper decorated bauble, the second a pearl and gold beaded angel, (see photo). Looking forward to doing more next time.” .



As lunchtime approached a pass out was obtained and the coffee shop was again visited either just for a drink or even for lunch. Some had brought their lunch with them, not really knowing what would be available, and enjoyed the reduced hustle and bustle of the outside space.

It was a great shame that all the fantastically decorated cakes on display were not for eating especially with the amount of coffee or tea that was consumed, but I don't think the cardboard cakes (which were underneath) would have been very tasty.



At around 3.30 we reconvened at the bus. Phil took over the driving to get us home safe and sound around 6pm and the journey home was thankfully uneventful.



A great day was enjoyed by all, and thanks go to all who went, and to Phil for driving us home safely.

### ALSO!

On Thursday 19th December after the morning's session members of the Craft group went to the Larch Farm public house for their Christmas celebration.



All the meals had been pre ordered and as we arrived we found the table ready prepared with Santa hats for each of us in our places. The meal from the Festive Menu was delicious and served promptly although several of us had to take our dessert home in a "doggy bag" as there was no room for any more food at the time. Chatter continued throughout the meal, covering many items but without any discussion of politics - in fact we had a non Brexit Christmas Dinner - which was very welcome.



We start again on January 9th and look forward to our whole day session on January 23rd, where some of us will do all day but others may come only for one session. We returned to The Centre to collect cars and belongings before saying our goodbyes with wishes for everyone to keep warm, well and hopefully enjoy a wonderful Christmas and New Year.



**Kate Asquith, RU3A Craft Group Leader**



# Anyone for Fencing?

Hi everyone! I'd like to tell you about my rather unusual and perhaps surprising hobby which is not often seen or talked about. It's fencing! No, not six by four and creosote but sword fencing. It all started in the late sixties when I saw an ad for an evening class at the local school. I was looking for something to do and I had always been interested in sport so fencing was something new and different to anything I had done before.

In this sport there are three weapons, sabre, epee and foil. I started with the basic weapon which is the foil and it did not take long before I was hooked. Friday evening was the highlight of my week! I bought all the equipment which was quite expensive so took careful budgeting as I was married with two small children. As I progressed the club asked me to enter competitions and I began fencing competitively for Hornchurch Ladies against other local clubs. We would fence with different weapons in teams of three and a good time was had by all.

In the sport of fencing you score by hitting the target which is the area from shoulder to hip level. If you hit any other part of the body it is called off-target and you start again. The hits are scored electronically and first to get five hits on target wins the fight. It makes me think of a combination of chess and boxing. You make your move then follow up with a different move trying to keep one step ahead of your opponent by making attacks, parries and ripostes at quite a small target.

In 1971 Havering where I lived twinned with Ludwigshafen in Germany and that is when I





started representing Great Britain in international competitions. This continued until the nineties and I am still in touch with friends that I made back then. Fencing has also taken me to France, Holland, Ireland and Austria.

Back home at club level Hornchurch Ladies came second two years running before finally coming first in the Essex Open Champions competition. As well as foil I have tried epee which not many ladies did back then. I also gave sabre a try. The target remains the same but you can cut

and thrust which the men enjoy although they could be a bit heavy handed and you can end up with bruises so back to foil again!



Diane (centre) with team mates.

As a club we also went to Stoke Mandeville Hospital to fence against wheelchair fencers which was a very different experience because as an able bodied fencer your instinct is to move your feet first whereas in a chair you have to try and move your upper body backwards. Quite a challenge!



I carried on fencing into my fifties and as a member of the Great Britain Veterans team I travelled to Austria where my highlight was fencing a lady who had represented her country in the Olympics. I did manage to get three hits on her but she won by reaching five first.

Hornchurch Fencing Club gave me lots of enjoyment, lots of friends and kept me fit. I would recommend it to anyone to have a go.

**Diane Rumsey, Ravenshead U3A member**





## Mission Improbable!

Saturday 9th December saw many of the members of Ravenshead U3A board two village buses to travel the short distance to Patchings Art Centre where they were to enjoy an evening with the Opera Dudes, called Mission Improbable. Some of the members had seen the Opera Dudes previously and were very enthusiastic about what we were about to experience, and experience is exactly what it was! A very enjoyable evening followed with both Tim and Neil moving into the limelight, with Neil being supported by a crutch and Tim scampering in using another. It transpired that Neil had fallen in the shower and had hurt his leg. This did not deter or exclude him from any of their antics of which there were a few memorable ones.



Neil played the part of a Dame from a pantomime, as well as singing operatic songs beautifully, especially one that he sang to Janet Castle who was sitting on the front row! She did very well and gazed back into his eyes as he was singing to her!

Drinks - at a price- were available before the concert started, but at the interval there was a glass of wine or a soft drink and a mince pie for everyone to enjoy! The second half of the concert was as enjoyable as the first with Tim telling us a little of his personal history and also singing a couple of songs by himself.

A thoroughly wonderful evening was enjoyed by all, and many of us were asking when the duo would be back again, so that we could enjoy another evening of both classical operatic music and more modern show tunes along with a smattering of Christmas!!

**Kate Asquith, RU3A member**



## A Remarkable Afternoon in Jasper, Alberta! (continued)

*In our last magazine Angela told us the story of her search for information about her brother in law's relative who had been killed in an avalanche in the mountains around Jasper in 1944. After visiting his grave in the local cemetery she next called into the Jasper Museum where we take up the story.....*

At the museum the receptionist directed us to a book for sale called Highland Soldiers by William C. Taylor and then went to find the Archivist to see what other information was available. We had just started to walk around the exhibits when the Archivist appeared with a folder under her arm and introduced herself as Karen Byers. She invited us downstairs to her windowless office where she opened up the folder full of random paper records of anything to do with the Lovat Scouts. I again related the story of Alexander Sandy Collie, and Karen was able to pinpoint on the map an area of the Tonquin Valley called Nigel Peak. After a few minutes thought, she took out her own copy of the book we'd just purchased and turned to page 73 where she found a first-hand account of the avalanche written in 1993 by Angus Cameron who survived the tragedy. Despite the passage of time the events of the day were evidently etched in his mind forever. You could hear a pin drop as John and I listened whilst she read aloud, unfalteringly, gently, and softly – *“Lovat Scouts morning parade at Columbia Icefield Chalet. A party of twelve set off to climb Nigel Peak. Our guide was Sgt. Peyto (Canadian Army). The weather was bright, very warm, as we were climbing the south face of the mountain. When we were near the summit the first avalanche took place. The only warning we had was a noise like the crack of a rifle shot. The force of snow carried us all downhill towards Wilcox Pass. We were preparing to move off again when another avalanche started close by, which did not affect us. As we were nearing the valley below (with a steep ridge on our left-hand side) a huge avalanche came down from above us. We moved downhill as quickly as possible. Sandy Collie was immediately behind me and we were both trapped. A count was taken – Sandy and I reported missing, so a search was organised. Cpt. Peter Nicholson noticed my gloved hand showing through the snow. He quickly dug me out, uncovered my head and resuscitated me. The search continued for Sandy Collie and some men were sent back to HQ for additional help. It was probably about an hour afterwards, while probing in the snow (a little higher up than where I was rescued), that I touched his body under about four or five feet or so of snow. We dug him out, tried artificial*

*respiration for a very long time but to no avail. It was almost dark by the time the stretcher bearers and helpers arrived so we were very late in returning to the Chalet with his remains. My injuries were slight, but Dr. Rowntree (our M.O.) kept me in his room that night with delayed shock. Sandy Collie's funeral took place on 23 January, which I attended. The service was conducted by Rev. W.E. Caskie. There certainly was a Court of Enquiry, but I do not know of the outcome. Sgt. Petyo was an excellent instructor and was not to blame for the accident. He was a champion cross country skier and ski jumper. Lake Peyto was named in honour of his father. Sandy Collie was a big strong fellow, a very good sportsman and a very popular comrade.....I think I can speak for all or many of the Lovat Scouts when I say how much we enjoyed our training in Canada – so much so that the lads trained even in their off-duty time.*

Listening to Karen reading the account was an extremely moving experience and I had quite a lump in my throat. As it wasn't written until 1993, almost fifty years after it happened, I just wondered how many of Sandy's immediate family would have known these personal details. So very sad.

Whilst Karen was reading, John's good eyes spotted a photograph on the opposing page entitled "*A section of the Lovat Scouts on the summit of Mt. Kitchener. Left to right are: J. Paton, James E Weir, unknown, unknown, Cpl Angus Cameron (who wrote the above account), L/Cpl. Sandy Collie, Photo taken four days before Collie's death.*"

And there he was! On the far right of the photograph, Sandy Collie, staring back at us from the page after 75 years, the very double of his nephew Ian, my brother in law, unmistakable and quite unnerving! The photo was taken just four days before his death in 1944, but his presence was with us in the room.

Further, on page 74 was a photograph of Sandy's grave taken in 1992. For some years, the family sent a piece of heather from the Highlands to a lady in Jasper, who placed it on Sandy's grave. Sadly, there is no-one left to ask who that lady was.

I find it astonishing that only one day earlier, we had been at the Athabasca Glacier and the Columbia Icefield Chalet (where the Scouts were billeted and Sandy's body was taken after he'd been found) taking a trip on the Ice Explorer vehicles and without realizing what I was looking at, I had probably glanced at the place where Sandy lost his life.

Our grateful thanks go to Shawnee Janes Wilson, General Manager of Jasper Inn and Suites, and her staff. Without her kind generosity I'm not certain if we could have found my sister and brother in law's Uncle Sandy. We couldn't have paid our



*A section of the Lovat Scouts on the summit of Mt. Kitchener. Left to right are: J. Paton, James Weir, unknown, unknown, Cpl Angus Cameron, L/Cpl Sandy Collie. Photo taken four days before Collie's death. ANGUS CAMERON*

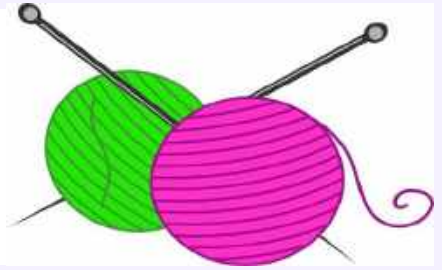
respects. We wouldn't have met Karen Byers of the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives who gave us so much information and gently broke the account of Sandy's death. "Highland Soldiers" by William C. Taylor is well worth a read giving a full history of the famous regiment from the Highlands of Scotland – the Lovat Scouts – which had first seen action in the Boer War, and a few years later fought in World War 1. The Jasper Museum has copies for sale. The Scouts trained briefly in this lovely area of Canada in 1944 to gain experience in deep snow and mountainous conditions.

I'm passing on this book to my brother-in law as it's part of his family history, though I feel in a very tiny way, John and I are a part of the story too. I know now from personal experience, it's a beautiful place where Sandy is resting, the outlook reminding me of the Scottish Highlands, and I also know the lovely people of Jasper very much took the Lovat Scouts to heart, so in a way he is as much at home there as he would have been in the Cairngorms.

**Angela Senior, Ravenshead U3A**



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP



It's always a dilemma deciding what charity project the group should undertake. We need something for all our levels of crafters, something that will use our existing stocks of wool and something that will benefit the charity.

So when a donation of lots of packets of multicoloured small balls of wool, that are given away with knitting magazines, coincided with an appeal by Rainbows Children's Hospice for help to celebrate their 25th Anniversary, we knew we could do it.

Our crochet team set to work making small flower brooches, and our knitters found that one ball of wool equalled one large flower, to be planted at the hospice to make a flower meadow on their Community Open Day.



You may have seen the pot of large flowers and the smaller pot of knitted brooches, complete with rainbow pot covers, at the September meeting. Group Leader, Liz Corner, and Carol Wright, took the completed pots of flowers to the Beeston charity shop, where they met Philip and Barry. The work attracted a number of kind comments on the tram!

We had great fun getting creative, with sunflowers, daffodils and miscellaneous flowers and Paula North, Community engagement manager at Rainbows, commented " We would like to thank Ravenshead U3A for their kind support knitting the wonderful flowers which they have donated to Rainbows. The flowers formed part of our Memory



Meadow on our Community Open Day, which will mark 25 years of care at the hospice.”

As well as the flowers, the group used the donated wool for a selection of beanie hats for Molly Bell’s shoe box appeal, knitted cardigans, hats and blankets have gone to the fundraising stall at Kings Mill Hospital, together with some ‘traffic light’ hats for vulnerable babies for the maternity unit.

The group meets on Friday afternoons, fortnightly in the winter and monthly in the summer and welcomes knitters and crocheters of all skill levels, including beginners.

## Carol Wright, Knitting and Crochet group



**RAVENSHEAD U3A – INTEREST GROUPS**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Meeting Day and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Full</b>
Angling	Lionel Castle		Please ring for details		No
Antiques	David Turner Maureen Smith		Monthly TBC	Members' Homes	No
Belly Dancing	Sue Clipson		1 <sup>st</sup> &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
Cinema/Theatre Visits	Gilly Hagen		As arranged	Various	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 <sup>st</sup> 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
Skat (Card game)	Clive Aveyard		NEW GROUP	To Be Arranged	
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 <sup>th</sup> 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.*

*Not interested in any of the above? Then suggest an interest of your own and enable a new group to start. Contact Margaret Craddock, the Groups Coordinator.*

## 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.*

### **Ravenshead U3A Questionnaire**

**We have issued a Questionnaire which we hope will be answered by all our members. We are interested to know your views!**

Electronic copies were sent out by email with the renewal notice and again by Maria with the news email. Paper copies are also available at the monthly meeting and 'Coffee and Conversation' in January and February. The closing date for completion is the end of February.

Completed copies can be sent electronically \_\_\_\_\_ and paper copies can be given to any committee member or returned direct to 36 Swinton Rise, Ravenshead NG15 9FR. Thanks for taking part!

## Dates for Your Diary

(Check the website for the latest information!)

### Monthly Meetings

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

**Feb 11th:** "Diary of a wildlife photographer" Speaker Jack Perks. See the wide range of wildlife he has encountered and learn about the TV programmes he's filmed for and the amazing behaviours he has witnessed.

**Mar 10th:** "Stormy Stories" by Fool's Gold who are an acoustic duo, consisting of Carol and Steve Robson. The show is a collection of songs and stories loosely linked by the theme 'Stormy Stories'.

**Apr 14th: AGM followed by entertainment!**

**May 12th:** "EMICS Volunteer Emergency Doctors" Speaker Dr. Tim Gray, who is a retired GP and founder of the East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme.

### Social Events

**Coffee and Conversation**, commencing 10am. Venue: Room 3, the Centre at St. Peter's (3rd MONDAY of each month) Dates: Jan 20th, Feb 17th, Mar 16th, Apr 20th, May 18th

### Occasional Visits

*Details on website 'TRIPS and VISITS' page.*

Thu Mar 19th	National Brewery Centre, Burton On Trent
Mon Apr 20th	Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum in Lichfield
Wed May 13th	Visit to the Peak Cavern
Sat Aug 8th	Kynren near Bishop Auckland. 'An Epic Tale of England'.

**Please contact Christine Dean for more information and see website.**



The Folk & Country Dancing group in festive mood at their recent Christmas dance.