



Burton Joyce & District

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In Newline This Month:-

The minutes of January's Committee Meeting can be viewed by clicking on the image on page 3. On the same page we are giving early notification that Peter Rose will be relinquishing his position as Website Manager at this year's AGM and inviting someone to take on the role, and there are also updates about the 10th Anniversary Disco on March 17th, and the Open Day in October.

In Groups Information, details of a change of Coordinator for Book Club 2, and of a new group being formed by Trevor Wright for members interested in educational visits to Nottingham University. In Talks, Visits and Excursions the most recent trip organised by Trevor, to the University's Psycholinguistics Department, is reviewed, along with details of a visit he has arranged to GlaxoSmithKline's Laboratory of Sustainable Chemistry on the University's Jubilee Campus in April.

Note: If you would like to send in an item for inclusion in the next edition of Newline, it should be e-mailed to bj3anewline@outlook.com, to arrive no later than **5:00pm Sunday 25th February**. All items received will be acknowledged by e-mail

- Alan Comerie, Editor

Chairman's Message



At our recent committee meeting we had a demonstration of the Beacon system which we have just started to use for the membership process. For people like me who have had to be dragged screaming and kicking into the technological age, it seems a simple system designed to make life easier for those who want to use it. If you are at all familiar with Excel (I have a son who seems to spend his life analysing such spreadsheets, check me out!) you will not be frightened of it.

You may even want to use Beacon yourself if you are a group leader. Your last (and indeed this) copy of Newline was delivered by it. There, that didn't hurt. So the committee is convinced it's the way forward. I am very lucky to have the expertise within U3A to project manage this and develop it. A training session for those Coordinators who are interested will be held in April. In the meantime a smaller group of Coordinators has been set up to test the system and potentially assist with training others in the future. However there will be no imperative for them to use it if they don't wish to: whatever makes their lives easier.

As I type, tickets for the Celebration Disco on March 17th are almost sold out and after prioritising our members we are now able to allow non-members to buy them. So if you have friends who love 60's music do please let them know - or just buy them tickets! They're only £6 per person including Fish & Chips. Thanks so much to Rob and Jane Taylor for arranging this event.

Plans for the Celebratory Open Day in October are being formulated, for which I would like to thank Malcolm Littlefair and his team. Please help your Group to plan their contribution for the day. We want this to be an event to be enjoyed by as many of us as possible, celebrating what we have achieved in the ten years since we started.

-Judith

Meetings Programme

January Meeting Report

The speaker at our January meeting was William Ruff, whose talk was entitled “A Day in the World of the English Language”. A former Head of English at Nottingham High School, William loves the English language and likened it to a river, swelling with the flow from Anglo Saxon, Latin, Viking, French, African and even Japanese tributaries.

William began with the word, “Clue”, which is Anglo Saxon in origin, a Clew being a ball of thread. Having a clew proved very useful to the Athenian hero Theseus, who used a ball of thread to find his way out of the Minotaur’s labyrinth after slaying the monster. “Sarcasm” derives from the Greek “sarx”, meaning “flesh” and “sarkazein” (to tear flesh), and in French became “sarcasme”. “Explosion”, again from the French word, it used to mean to drive someone off a public stage by hissing or clapping and when gunpowder was later introduced - and sounded like a very loud clap - the word was adapted to it. “Lady” has a Germanic base meaning “knead” from someone who kneads dough, whereas “Gentleman” developed its meaning as a kind and courteous man from c.1200, when it meant a “well-born man, or man of good family or birth”.

“Dismal” came from Old French “dis mals” (the bad days) and Medieval Latin “dies mali”(evil or unlucky days). Through the Middle Ages, calendars marked two days of each month as unlucky, supposedly based on the ancient calculations of Egyptian astrologers. He also enlightened us about the origins of Disaster (ill starred), Muscle (from “Mouse), Alarm (Italian, All’arme - to take up arms), Blanket (from the French “blanc” as all blankets used to be white), Text (from the weaving industry as words were “woven together”), Awkward (the wrong way round or upside down), Hecklers, Pants, Toilet, Bulldozer, Cappuccino, Salt, and numerous others. As anticipated, it was a very interesting and well-communicated talk.

- Editor

p.s Rupert Williams wrote to the speaker to thank him for his talk. He replied, “*Many thanks for writing and also for making me so welcome yesterday. Burton Joyce has a style all of its own - and it is delightful. I'm glad people were interested in what I had to say - and I appreciated the thoughtful questions which came from the audience and later over a cup of tea.*”

Thank you to everyone who helped with the refreshments at the January meeting.

- Christine Sheath



Future Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and start promptly at 1:45pm.

Please be seated in good time as late arrivals make it difficult for those sitting near the entrance to hear the announcements, and latecomers disrupt proceedings whilst taking their seats.

Next Monthly Meeting 13th February:- Geoffrey Harris - “Class in a Coat”.

Geoffrey Harris, Toastmaster, compere and Master of Ceremonies. Fellow of the National Association of Toastmasters. Geoffrey Harris is one of the country's leading Toastmasters, providing a service with flair, style and more than just a touch of class. He is quite simply, Class In A Coat.

The programme for future meetings is as follows:-

March 13th - Retired Master Mariner Glen Turner - The real story of the mutiny on “The Bounty”.

April 10th - Vince Eager - “All aboard the 6.5 special” - The early days of Rock ‘n Roll (part 1).

May 8th - Dr Ketan Jethwa - Dementia and Dementia Research

June 12th Goff Gleadle - “My Father - The Big Head Illustrator”

July 12th - TBC

September 11th - Cal Warren - Nottingham Castle Project

October 9th - 10th Anniversary Celebration Open Day

November 13th - David Yates - End of one war, OR the prelude to another?

-Rupert Williams, Speaker Finder

Committee Notices



Peter Rose will be standing down from his position as Website Manager at the 2018 AGM so if you are interested and would like to know more about what's involved, please contact Peter on 07936 417500 or email web_admin@bju3a.co.uk



Committee Meetings

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 16th January can be viewed by clicking on the image to the right. A printed copy can be made available on request.



The next Committee Meeting will be held on March 20th 2018.

New Members' Coffee Morning - Change of Venue

We like to welcome all our new members and introduce them to the activities available in our U3A groups by inviting them to a coffee morning. **The next New Members' Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday February 6th 2018 at 10:30 a.m. However, as St Helens' Church Centre is now needed for a funeral service, the venue for the coffee morning will be the back room in the Village Hall.** Coffee and cake will be served on arrival.

If you have never been to one of our new members' coffee mornings you won't have seen the very comprehensive video introduction produced by the National Office. Although it is several years old now, it really is a comprehensive run through of all that our marvellous organisation can offer. I have a couple of copies if anyone wants to borrow one. It is available on our website and can also be viewed by clicking on this link:- http://www.bju3a.co.uk/files/U3A_small.mp4

-Judith Wright

10th Anniversary Spectacular 60's Disco - Saturday 17th March

There are still a few Disco tickets left and as we appear to have satisfied the demand for members we can now open up sales to non-members.

The remaining tickets will be on sale at the February meeting, so if you want to bring a guest they will be on a first come, first served basis. If you can't make the meeting they will be available by phone after the meeting.

-Rob Taylor



10th Anniversary Open Day - Tuesday 9th October

The initial response from Co-ordinators has been encouraging and we are negotiating for extra time and space in the village hall, before and after our normal meeting opening times. The Celebration will be mainly for members to enjoy, have fun, and learn what other groups do, but it will be open to friends and local people. There will be an interesting programme arranged as well.

We have about 50 Interest Groups - too many for a separate stand for each - and so our small Event Committee has grouped similar ones together, so we now have only 15 larger groups with a "Main Leader Co-ordinator" for each of them, to simplify organisation. We will now be asking the "Main leaders" to indicate their intention to have a table stand, small or large, or if they wish to be part of a film showing their activities. After taking a film of say 15 minutes, it will be edited to fit in with others of no more than 10 minutes. The final film will be shown continuously in a separate room, walk in walk out.

-Malcolm Littlefair - Event Committee. (0115 931 2225)

Beacon Update

Thanks to a great team effort good progress has been made to-date!

Membership - The Membership Secretary now issues new joiners a welcome pack via the system. In addition membership renewal notices, a link to the monthly Newslines and invitations to new members' coffee mornings are also issued via Beacon. Annual subscriptions' information is also entered by the Secretary and provides a good audit trail.

Finance - The financial area is complex and requires careful set up and data entry. The Treasurer will begin live data entry from February onwards whilst still maintaining manual records as a back-up. Records and reports have to comply with the Charity Commission requirements and provide a clear audit trail of accounts.

Groups – A few Group Co-ordinators have indicated their desire to use the system to assist with regular group notifications. To this effect a training session for those Coordinators who are interested will be held in April. In the meantime a smaller group of co-ordinators has been set up to test the system and potentially assist with training others in the future.

For further information please contact Anna Moore e-mail address Beacon002@bju3a.co.uk

Membership News

The New Year has seen a high number of new joins in January. They are: John Hollis, Angie Hardie, Kate Nixon, Brenda Reed, Bob Blane, Joy Yates, David Yates, Ginny Gould, Kathie Richards, Jillian Tinkler, Robert Clark and Ann Froggatt. We have a total of 401 members.

There are a few members who did not renew their membership in 2017. It is still not too late so please do contact me if you wish to continue being a member of the U3A.

If you do have any queries about your membership then please don't hesitate to contact me. Also, if you change your email address please advise me by emailing membershipsecretary@bju3a.co.uk. Please do likewise if you are not sure that the correct email address is on the membership database.

-Caroline Roberts

Groups News

This section of Newslines contains the Groups Facilitator's updates on recent changes to our Groups. It also has reports from the Groups themselves on their activities and any changes to their normal meeting programme. Group Information is listed alphabetically on the last three pages of Newslines, and fuller details on individual Groups are given on the "Our Groups" page on the web site <http://www.bju3a.co.uk/groups.html>

General Group Information



Roz Burdus is now the Group Coordinator for **Book Club 2**. Roz can be contacted on 0115 7831342 or by email at rozzie59@hotmail.com

-David Falkner



Beer and Cider Tasting Group - Thursday January 18th

A most enjoyable trip to Sneinton this month. Best turn-out to date, 22 in total; 20 on the bus inbound and a couple of others who joined us in Sneinton. The first pub visited was the King William IV (the "King Billy"...), a fine early Victorian public house, it is named for the monarch on the throne at the time of the 1830 Beer House Act, which allowed anyone to buy a licence for just two guineas to make and sell beer. The pub is deceptively spacious (as the estate agents like to say...) and there was no shortage of seating accommodation for all 22 of our group members. As expected at one of the most respected old-style real ale venues in Nottingham, the choice of beers and ciders was excellent and extensive.

At about nine-o'clock, we moved on to The Fox & Grapes. This is another long established Sneinton pub, recently refurbished and reopened by Castle Rock. It was known in the past as "The Pretty Windows", presumably because it had nice windows (Duh...), and became infamous in the sixties, following a gruesome murder. Happily though, all bloodstains appear to have disappeared over the past fifty-odd years. As expected at a Castle Rock establishment, The Fox & Grapes also had a good selection of their own brews and several "guest" beers.

Both pubs were very welcoming to our large party and everyone appeared to be happy with service and seating, etc; however, I think the King Billy emerged as the winner in terms of "atmosphere"... There follows the usual, wildly unscientific, summary of some of the brews sampled...

At The King Billy...

Springhead – Blind Tiger - ABV 4.5%

Pale golden beer, with whole oranges added to the brew to give a slight citrus flavour - 3.5/5

Oakham Ales - Green Devil IPA - ABV 6.0%

Pale gold, contemporary IPA. Strong, hoppy, slightly sweeter citrus taste. Crisp and refreshing - 4/5

Symonds Founder's Reserve Cider - ABV 4.5%

Fruity, medium dry cider, quite strong at ABV 4.5% but not over the top. – 4/5

(N.B. It can sometimes be difficult to find a cider of a reasonable strength these days, alas; many are about 6.0%, and some have a much higher gravity. Not everyone wants to be floored after a couple of glasses.)

At The Fox & Grapes...

Castle Rock - Elsie Mo - ABV 4.7%

The name is derived from the Low Colour Maris Otter (LCMO) malt from which the beer is brewed. Strong pale golden beer, hoppy and refreshing. Very well kept in the Fox & Grapes, indeed, it "went down like a diver's boot..." - 5/5

If you'd like to join the group, put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the monthly U3A meeting or e-mail me at robjos6@ntlworld.com

-Rob Johnson

Bird Watching



Our December visit was to Vicar Water Country Park. Dorothy Burton led the walk on a bright day ideal for bird watching. We had a good viewing of woodland species including bull finches and tree creeper. Following the bird watching we enjoyed a coffee and scone in the visitors centre.

Our next outing on Friday 23rd February is to the Netherfield Lagoons. Meet at 10 a.m. by the footpath near the car auctions.

-Keith Stafford

Tree creeper - Certhia familiaris

Chordless Choir



The February date for CHORDLESS CHOIR has been cancelled due to holidays and technical difficulties.

We will hopefully resume in March.

-Dil Vowles

Film 4 Fun

In February I have picked three films:-

Monday 5th February at 13.45 PHANTOM THREAD

Daniel Day-Lewis is renowned society dressmaker Reynolds Woodcock working at the centre of British fashion in glamorous 1950's London, dressing royalty, movie stars and high society. Women drift in and out of his bachelor life until he encounters Alma a waitress, who quickly becomes his muse and lover. Lesley Manville stars as Woodcock's sister Cyril and partner in the fashion house. "A luxurious love story."



Monday 12th February at 15.30 THE MERCY

An extraordinary true story of amateur sailor Donald Crowhurst (Colin Firth) and his attempt to win the first non stop single handed round the world yacht race in 1968. The epic journey is one of the most enduring mysteries of recent times.

Monday 26th February at 2.45pm THE SHAPE OF WATER

A magical and thrilling fairytale set in 1960's Baltimore at the height of the Cold War. Whilst working as a caretaker at a government research facility, the mute and isolated Elisa finds her life changed forever when she discovers the lab's classified secret experiment – a mysterious, scaled creature from South America living in a water tank.

-Peter Price-Horne

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International Dining Goup

I suggested to the 19 of us who had accepted the invitation to have a Polish meal, we should meet at "Ania's" Polish restaurant in Sherwood at 6:45, anticipating this would preempt any "late comers" for our reservation at 7 o'clock. However, it was not so, as when I duly arrived at 6:50, all were present and correct, nibbling on bread rolls, in anticipation of their pre-ordered meal.

This was our second visit to Ania's, and again we all enjoyed a most convivial atmosphere, as well as appreciating the delicious "different" courses from the varied menu. The evening was pleasantly rounded off with a fruity raspberry vodka shot - on the house! I'm sure that Ania will see some of us again during this year.

This group is open to all U3A members to join us any month when you fancy a meal with a difference. Moroccan and French being cuisines for the next venues.

-David Falkner

Photography

November's topic was "Lines", Margaret Hutchby caught this early morning fisherman at BJ; further along the river Janice Lambert took the line of flying birds, and Michael Stone went to Bakewell for the line of locks on the bridge. For his monthly "choice", George Harper used the shot of the ancient urn.

- Keith Hucknall



Theatre Group 2

We have had 2 outings so far, both to the lovely intimate Lace Market Theatre. The first was to see "The Widowing of Mrs Holroyd" by D H Lawrence and the second was "The Haunting", based on several ghost stories by Charles Dickens. Quite different plays which would be challenging for any theatre group never mind an amateur one. However both were enjoyable in diverse ways.

The Lawrence play showed the traumas faced by the mining community on a regular basis and retold the familiar tale of a strong woman in an unhappy and unequal marriage which is depicted in other stories and plays by him. *(Continued on page 8)*

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“The Haunting” was exceptionally well acted and had echoes of The Woman in Black ghost story. The audience was transported to an isolated house on the moors where there were rumours of ghostly happenings and it wasn’t long before we were jumping out of our seats. The staging and sound effects were both effective and believable and we were all quite pleased that it was still light when we left the matinee performance.



We are planning to see “Our Country’s Good” and “The House” during the next couple of months. Do join us if you are interested.

-Judith

University Interest Group

Over the last 6 months I have arranged three visits to various research groups at the University and there seems to be a high level of interest with all visits being sold out. The plan for **this new group** is to develop a core group of people who are interested in university related activities including visits, talks and possibly acting as research participants. It will also provide a dissemination list for a large number of other events at the University that are available to the general public without any special arrangements being made. Recent examples are the public lectures by a Rolls Royce test pilot and a forthcoming Red Arrows pilot talk. I will arrange for this information to be sent out to the group.

The group would get priority booking for any arranged visits but if there were not enough takers I would then move to advertising in Newline and Monthly meetings. I also plan to have an initial meeting of the group when it is set up to gather ideas and thoughts members may have. One discussion point may be if/how our U3A develops more formal links with the local universities. No-one should be put off thinking they are not academic enough for this type of activity - the universities have a remit and obligation to explain to the general public what it is they do. The test is on them - not us!

To join the group please contact me by email at tgawright@ntlworld.com , telephone 0115 931 2805 or use the sign-up sheet at the Monthly meeting. Please note these arrangements will not apply to the next University visit in April.

-Trevor Wright

Would you like to promote or showcase your Group?

Any Group has the opportunity to publicise what it does in a brief slot before we introduce our monthly speaker.

If you would like to address the BJ U3A audience - usually 100 + members - please contact me via the e-mail address indicated in this Newline.

- Rupert WilliamsSpeaker Finder.



If you have any questions about our Groups, would like to start a new Group, or are willing to be the Co-ordinator for a new or existing Group, please have a word with me, David Falkner, at the monthly meeting, or contact me via e-mail at Groups@BJU3A.co.uk or by phone on 01636 918973.

-David Falkner.

Talks, Visits & Excursions News

This section of Newsline contains updates on talks, visits, excursions and similar events being planned by members, or by the Outings Support Team, in which all members of our U3A can participate, as well as information about organising outings, progress updates on events, and reports on past events. Events being planned by Groups for their own members will still be covered in Groups News. If you have ideas for a talk, visit, excursion or one-off event, or would like advice or help on organising such an activity for our U3A, please contact the Outings Support Team at Outings@BJU3A.co.uk. They will be very pleased to hear from you. There is a list, with contact details, of all events being organised on the final page of Newsline.

Report of Visit to University of Nottingham, School of English 10th January 2018

An enthusiastic group from U3A visited the Psycholinguistic Department of Nottingham University, where Professor Dr. Kathy Conklin explained some of her Department's current research into how our minds process language. Everyone has their own personal lexicon of words and phrases. Formulaic language - that is, familiar phrases like "fish and chips", make up between a quarter and a half of total spontaneous speech. These phrases can be processed up to 7 milliseconds faster than non-formulaic phrases as they are stored in the long term memory. This has the advantage of freeing up capacity in the smaller "working memory".

Their current research involved testing the speed of reading of formulaic phrases when they are reversed - For example, chips and fish instead of the usual fish and chips. On average only 4 repeats of the reversed phrase is enough to increase the reading speed to that of the original phrase in their pool of university student subjects, when tested in their laboratories. They also tested non-native English speakers, when the reversed phrases were learnt more slowly. As their participant pool is very narrow, they would welcome a wider range of test subjects and anyone prepared to volunteer could find details of joining it by using the following link - <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/cral/psp-form.aspx>

We were also told that after a stroke or other brain damage causing aphasia, formulaic language often remains, suggesting that it must be processed differently in the brain. In similar circumstances, music and singing also often remain accessible, possibly because they are processed in the right hemisphere, while language is usually processed in the left. The basic research this department is doing into the word learning process may also have practical uses, for example in the design of EFL (English as a foreign language) textbooks when the patterns should be as close to spoken English as possible and four repeats of a new phrase are necessary to "fix" the memory. This tactic could also assist children to learn to read and also to help brain damaged patients to retrieve old language memories.

The lecture and the demonstrations by the Phd students in the labs were fascinating and we all had numerous questions afterwards, limited only by shortage of time. It was a great opportunity to see some of the work being done at Nottingham University and we are very grateful to Trevor Wright for organising the visit for us.
-Christine Foster

Visit to the GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Laboratory of Sustainable Chemistry at the University of Nottingham (Jubilee Campus), Tuesday April 17th, 10.15 a.m. to lunch (provided).

Chemistry is used to make a vast range of everyday items that we take for granted from pharmaceuticals to washing powder to plastics to tyres to components for mobile phones. However, as oil reserves diminish and natural resources such as precious metals become harder to extract, we cannot continue to make and consume these items at the rate we do without fundamental changes to the way they are developed and manufactured. Join us on a visit to the ground-breaking GSK Carbon Neutral Laboratory for Sustainable Chemistry, the world's first carbon neutral laboratory, to find out how scientists are developing the next generation of chemical processes and products that use less energy, reduce chemical waste, use plant based feedstocks and use alternatives to precious metal catalysts. We will be honoured by no less than three eminent professors.

Places limited to 30 only and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To reserve a place please contact Trevor Wright by email tgawright@ntlworld.com, telephone 0115 931 2805 or use the sign-up sheet at the Monthly meeting.

Members' Corner

Members' Corner is an occasional feature containing articles of general interest sent in by members. Any views, comments or opinions expressed are those of the individual concerned and should not be taken as a reflection of the views or opinions of the Committee, or of Burton Joyce & District U3A. If you have an item for inclusion in this section, please e-mail it to bju3anewsline@outlook.com

Burton Joyce Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has announced that a Draft Neighbourhood Plan is now finalised and almost ready to submit to the Gedling Borough Council (GBC) and, if approval is given, to the government appointed independent examiner. Before this can happen they are legally obliged to seek out residents' views about the Draft Plan via a 6-week consultation process. The Draft Plan is a very detailed 82 page evidentially based document and can be viewed on the web site here: [Pre-Submission-Plan-V6.pdf](#)

A small number of hard copies are held in the library and parish office. The proposed Plan draws out 9 key policy proposals for the village (pages 32 -58). These statements will help shape the future of the village and are summarised the policy statements in a questionnaire. Residents are invited to view each of the 9 policies and either agree or disagree citing reasons if applicable. The Pre Submission Survey is available on the Neighbourhood Plan website, and can be seen by clicking [here](#)

Link to Newsline not working?

A member stopped me in the street a few days ago and told me that when she clicks on the link in the email I issue inviting her to view Newsline, she just gets "a screen full of gobbledygook". As far as I know - because no-one else has flagged up this issue - this isn't generally a problem. I have Googled it, but frankly I'm no wiser; apparently there could be a number of reasons - fonts, security settings, over-sensitive antivirus programs to name a few. If anyone does know of a reason and has a solution, please let me know.

However, if you have any problems like this, the easiest way to view Newsline is to go to our website www.bju3a.co.uk and click on the Newsline "button" at top left. A fresh page will then open and - on the right this time - there is a another button that says, "**Press here to read Newsline**". Click, or tap, on that and Newsline will appear.

-Editor

Third Age Trust Notices

Information on the items listed below will be displayed at our monthly meetings, or you can visit the Third Age Trust web site (<http://www.u3a.org.uk>) for further details and a wealth of other information about U3A and its operations. Much of the information is only available in the Members Only area. To get maximum benefit you will need to register on the Third Age Trust web site and obtain a user name and password. Members wishing to use the Resource Centre also need to apply for an Identification Number to borrow items

Nottinghamshire Network of U3A's

The Nottinghamshire Network of U3As was established to enable cooperation between U3As and the provision of support across the county and also to enable the launch of new U3As. Since it began in 2009 many new U3As have been started and more are planned. There have also been workshops held for committee members to learn from one another's experience and expertise and another to establish a group of mentors who are available to work with officers in new U3As and anyone else in need of support. The Network produces a monthly newsletter, "News Bites", the latest edition of which can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Full details of the Nottinghamshire Network, recent events, and its 3-year plan can be found at <http://www.nottsu3anetwork.org/>

Diary Dates & External Events

Diary Dates and External Events provides information about events organised by members of BJU3A, or in which they are participating. If you have an item for inclusion in this section, please e-mail the details to bju3anewsline@outlook.com

“Rhythm & Booze” at the Old Coach House, Southwell, Saturday 13th January

Rob Johnson wrote on January 14th-

“Many thanks to all of you who journeyed to Southwell last night to see my R&B band, New Tricks, at The Old Coach House. You really livened up the place, particularly when you all started dancing, and it was great to have a "home crowd" for the gig.

On the subject of dancing, I think you will agree that the "Strictly Bar-room" award must go to Vic Wightman for his spirited, and very original, performance. I hope you aren't feeling too much pain this morning Vic.

If any of you fancy another "Rhythm & Booze" trip to Southwell, New Tricks are playing at The Hearty Goodfellow on Friday March 9th. The "Hearty" is also well served by the Pathfinder 100 bus; we had a Group outing there a couple of months ago.

Once again, thanks to everyone that came along to The Coach House last night, to drive away those winter blues...”

If you would like a bit more info, including some demo recordings, please visit the band’s website at

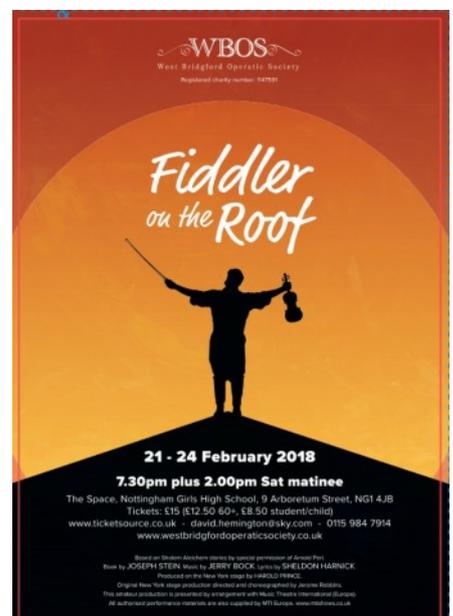


Fiddler on the Roof - 21st to 24th February 2018

West Bridgford Operatic Society (established in 1945) will be performing Fiddler on the Roof February 21st– 24th 2018 in the brand new theatre The Space at Nottingham Girls High School, Arboretum Street, Nottingham. This state of the art facility has a large free car park and is easily accessible by bus or tram.

Fiddler on the Roof is set in a small town in Tsarist Russia in 1905 where Jews and Russians live in delicate balance. Time honoured traditions are both embraced and challenged by Tevye and his community as his daughters grow up and fall in love in a time of extraordinary change. Join us to hear iconic songs such as Sunrise, Sunset, If I were a Rich Man and Matchmaker, Matchmaker.

Tickets, priced from £8.50, are available by calling 0115 9847914 or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-bridgford-operatic-society



Click on the poster above for details

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Group Information

Details of Group meeting times and venues are also published on our web site, www.bju3a.co.uk/groups.html. New Groups, or Groups with changed details and the changes themselves, are highlighted in red. *Groups which are full when this edition of Newsline was published are shown in italics*. The letter (C) after a Group indicates that there are sufficient members interested in this activity for a new Group to be formed, and that a Co-ordinator is required for the Group. If you have a query regarding a Group, please contact that Group's Co-ordinator, or the Groups Facilitator, David Falkner, on 07860 502479, e-mail: Groups@BJU3A.co.uk.

Group	Co-ordinator	Telephone	Time	Normal Meeting Days
Aerobics for the Young at Heart	Jan Smith Contact: Jackie Spencer	07932 417318 jskeepfit@outlook.com	09:30	Every Wednesday
<i>Antiques & C20th Collectables 1</i>	<i>Jane Taylor</i>	<i>0115 931 2087</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>2nd Monday</i>
<i>Antiques & C20th Collectables 2</i>	<i>Angela Mallett</i>	<i>0115 9663799</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>4th Monday</i>
<i>Antiques & C20th Collectables 3</i>	<i>Pat Holmes</i>	<i>0115 8911735</i>	<i>10:30</i>	<i>2nd Monday</i>
Art Appreciation	Julie Smith	07597 330160	Varies	Varies Monthly
Art Expression	Julie Smith	07597 330160	19:00	2nd Wednesday
Beer and Cider Tasting	Rob Johnson	robjos6@ntlworld.com	19:00	3rd Thursday
Bird Watching	Keith Stafford	0115 931 2657	10:00	Alternate Thursdays and Fridays
Blues	Angie Hardy	0115 966 4212	19:30	1st Monday
Board Games	Dorothy Pinkett	0115 931 4576	14:00	1st and 3rd Thursday
Boccia	Dil Vowles	07879 425643	09:45	1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays
<i>Book Club 1</i>	Judith Wright	0115 931 2805	14:00	<i>3rd Wednesday</i>
Book Club 2	Roz Burdus	0115 783 1342	14:00	3rd Monday
Bridge 1	Dorothy Burton	†	14:00	1st, 3rd, 4th Tuesday, 2nd Monday
Bridge 2 (Beginners)	Dorothy Burton	†	14:00	Every Thursday
<i>Canasta 1</i>	Colin Simm	07850 553 133	19:30	<i>1st & 3rd Wednesday</i>
<i>Canasta 2</i>	Barrie Tyson	0115 931 4149	18:30	<i>2nd & 4th Monday</i>
Canasta 3	Sally Wightman	07760 866 178	19:30	2nd & 4th Wednesday

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Chordless Choir	Dil Vowles	07879 425643	19:00	2nd Tuesday (Oct-Apr)
Computer Studies	Graham Spiby	0776 1479608	14:30	3rd Wednesday
Country Walks	Cowan Jamieson	0783 5715545	10:30	3rd Monday
Craft 1	Christine Sheath	0115 931 3260	10:00	2nd Friday
Cribbage	Caroline Roberts	0115 931 3679	19:30	1st & 3rd Wednesday
<i>Croquet 1</i>	<i>Vic Wightman</i>	<i>07767 752963</i>	<i>14:00</i>	<i>Suspended until Spring 2018</i>
Croquet 2	Sally Wightman	07760 866 178	13:30	Suspended until Spring 2018
Darts	Sharon Bennett	0115 931 4290	19:30	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Discussion	Charles Bushell	0115 966 4032	14:00	Usually 1st Monday
<i>Family History 1 (Beginners)</i>	<i>Sue Clifford</i>	<i>0115 931 3937</i>	<i>14:30</i>	<i>3rd Tuesday</i>
Family History 2 (Improvers)	Sue Clifford	0115 931 3937	14:30	4th Tuesday
Film 4 Fun	Peter Price-Horne	07791 752585	Varies	Varies - contact Co-ordinator
<i>French 1</i>	<i>Sue Clifford</i>	<i>0115 931 3937</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Every Friday</i>
<i>French 2 (Beginners)</i>	<i>Sarah Hervey</i>	<i>07950 556 201</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Every Thursday</i>
French 3 (C)	Groups@bju3a.co.uk			
Garden Group 1	Karen Taylor	0115 841 9099	10:00	1st Wednesday
<i>Garden Group 2</i>	<i>Alwyn Foster</i>	<i>0115 931 2571</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>1st Monday</i>
Garden Group 3	Christine Shepherd	0115 961 8840	14:00	4th Wednesday
Garden Group 4	Alwyn Foster	0115 931 2571	10:00	3rd Monday
Guitar 1	Tony Kirk	0115 961 4587	19:00	Monday - Fortnightly
Hikers	Paul Geeson	07969 068214	10:00	2nd Wednesday
History 1	Viv Bushell	0115 966 4032	10:30	2nd Monday
History 2	Jean Lewis	0115 911 9166	14:00	1st Tuesday
Information Exchange	Maggie Gaborak	0115 998 5798	N/A	N/A
International Dinner	David Falkner	07860 502479	18:45	Various
Italian Intermediates	Mary Simm	0115 841 3605	14:30	Every Friday
Kurling	Paul Geeson	07969 068214	10:00	2nd & 4th Thursday
<i>Luncheon Group</i>	<i>Margaret Robinson</i>	<i>0115 9663793</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>4th Tuesday</i>
<i>Mah-Jong</i>	<i>Sandra Giles</i>	<i>0115 966 5144</i>	<i>10:30</i>	<i>2nd & 4th Wednesday</i>
Mathematics	Rob Taylor	0115 9312087	10:45	Suspended during summer 2017
Meditation	Tricia Blanco-White	0115 9663563	14:30	1st Monday
Music Appreciation	Groups@bju3a.co.uk			
Nature Walks	John Edwards	0115 926 2239	10:00	1st Friday
Patchwork & Quilting	Christine Webb	0115 931 2103	10:00	4th Friday
Petanque 1 (Apr - Sept)	Dil Vowles	0115 931 2300	10:00	1st & 3rd Thursday
Petanque 2 (Apr - Sept)	Dil Vowles	0115 931 2300	12:00	1st & 3rd Thursday
Petanque 3 (Apr - Sept)	Linda Elston	†	10:00	1st & 3rd Monday
Photography	Keith Hucknall	0115 931 3446	14:00	3rd Wednesday & 1 ad hoc/month
Photography for Fun	Bob Clifford	0115 931 3937	10:00	1st Thursday
<i>Pills, Poisons & Potions</i>	<i>Jack Tweed</i>	<i>0115 931 4268</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>1st Wednesday</i>
<i>Ramblers 1</i>	<i>David Falkner</i>	<i>07860 502479</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Last Wednesday</i>

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Ramblers 2	Paul Geeson	07969 068214	10:00	3rd Wednesday
Rambles - Plus	Peter Rose	07936 417500	TBC	1st Wednesday
Relaxation for Wellbeing	Karen McLean	0116 931 3940	10:00	1st & 3rd Thursday
<i>Spanish 1</i>	<i>Paul Beard</i>	<i>0115 931 3601</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Tuesday - Fortnightly</i>
<i>Spanish 2</i>	<i>Mike Chapman</i>	<i>0115 965 2489</i>	<i>10:30</i>	<i>2nd and 4th Thursday</i>
Spanish 3	Groups@bju3a.co.uk			
<i>Sunday Lunch 1</i>	<i>Eileen Frier-Kelsey</i>	<i>07970 712433</i>	<i>12:15</i>	<i>3rd Sunday</i>
Sunday Lunch 2	Cynthia Julians	0115 9113169	12:30	4th Sunday
<i>Table Tennis 1</i>	<i>Tony Simpson</i>	<i>0115 845 8142</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Every Monday</i>
Table Tennis 2	Brenda Draper	†	19:00	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Table Tennis 3 (C)	Groups@bju3a.co.uk			
<i>Theatre 1</i>	<i>Christine Smith</i>	<i>0115 952 6559</i>	<i>10:30</i>	<i>1st Friday</i>
Theatre 2 (C)	Brenda Chapman	0115 9652489		Usually Wednesdays but may vary
Tea Shop Appreciation	Jan Smith	0115 966 5020	14:00	1st Monday (W)
Ukulele	Keith Stafford	0115 9312657	14:30	1st & 3rd Wednesday
<i>Water Colour Painting</i>	<i>Yvonne Kirk</i>	<i>0115 961 4587</i>	<i>9:30</i>	<i>1st & 3rd Wednesday</i>
<i>Wine Tasting</i>	<i>Patrick McDonough</i>	<i>0115 931 4139</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Usually 4th Thursday but may vary</i>
Winter Petanque (Oct - Mar)	Dil Vowles	0115 931 2300	13:00	Every Friday

Notes:

- † Please contact via David Falkner on 07860 502479.
- (C) Indicates a Group formed from members on the waiting list for an existing Group with the same interest. The Group needs a volunteer to become the Co-ordinator for the Group so that it can then start to meet.
- (S) Meetings normally take place during the late Spring, Summer and early Autumn months. Contact the Group's Co-ordinator for more details.
- (T) Temporary or time limited Group, which anticipates holding a set number of meetings and then dissolve. The Co-ordinator for the Group concerned, or our groups Facilitator, can provide more information, or see the sign-up sheet for the particular Group.
- (W) Meetings normally take place during the late Autumn, Winter, and early Spring months. Contact the Group's Co-ordinator for more details.

A timetable, showing on which days in the month each Group meets, has been prepared and is available from our web site, <http://www.bju3a.co.uk/timetable.html> and is also displayed on the notice boards at our monthly meetings.

If any of the above information is incomplete, incorrect, or out of date for your Group, please e-mail the correction to David Falkner at Groups@BJU3A.co.uk, with a copy to Alan Comerie at bju3anewsline@outlook.com. - Alan Comerie.

Talk, Visit & Excursion Information

The talks, visits and excursions currently planned are listed below in date order, showing contact details and the date of the event. New items or changes to information are shown in **red**. Activities shown in *italics* were advised as being fully subscribed at the time of publication of Newsline, but do have reserve list available.

Activity	Contact	Telephone	Date of Event
Tour of Thorntons Chocolate Factory	Alwyn Foster	0115 931 2571	TBA
Visit to Keukenhof Gardens and Amsterdam	Alwyn Foster	0115 931 2571	13th - 16th April 2018
Visit to the GlaxoSmithKline Laboratory of Sustainable Chemistry at the University of Nottingham (Jubilee Campus)	Trevor Wright	0115 931 2805	17th April 2018